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We have focused a lot on the Bois Forte Tribal Council elections, but now that the new council has been seated, we'd like to shift our focus on news that is important to you.

If you have an item you'd like included in the September newspaper, please send it by August 20th.

Thank you very much for your time and please call Brian at 218-753-7882 if you want to discuss your ideas—have a great month ahead!

Brodeen's success story continues to evolve

In a perfect world, Bois Forte band member Phil Brodeen would set up shop in his cabin overlooking Pike Bay on Lake Vermilion.

It is here where the President of the National Native American Bar Association feels most comfortable and most at peace with himself.

"I think a part of me is still up there," said Brodeen, a founding member of his law firm called Brodeen & Paulson PLLP, which is located in the Twin Cities. "A big part of me still wants to live up there and reside on the reservation, but I have to be down here for work and my family."

That's not to say that the 2005 graduate of Tower Soudan High School and University of Minnesota graduate doesn't come home when the mood strikes him or his wife, Cheyenne, and two young children, Lake and Case. He has the best of both worlds in his eyes as his job in the big city is only four hours away from his paradise.

"During the weekend, we grab the kids and head up north on a moment's notice," said Brodeen, the son of Barb and Darrell Brodeen and grandson of the late Gene Boshey, who was the tribal chairman for Bois Forte back in the late 1980s.

For Brodeen, staying connected to his past is essential

for him. After all, his grandfather was the one who instilled many of the great qualities that enabled him to be the successful businessman he is today.

"He was one of my main mentors," said Brodeen of his grandfather, who passed away in 2012. "He taught me how to remain calm and not get too worked up about things in a personal manner. That is something I want to try to embody. My other grandfather, Irving Brodeen, showed me the virtues of hard work and keeping your nose to the grindstone."

His parents also played an instrumental part in laying the foundation for his chosen path. Going through high school, he wasn't 100% sure where that path would take him as he was trying to determine how he could best give back to the Bois Forte Band.

"I was torn between the medical field or the direction I ultimately chose as I felt I was more suited to law school," said Brodeen, who received his degree in sociology and American Indian studies from the University of Minnesota and ultimately passed the bar exam after another three years of schooling at the University of Minnesota Law School.

Brodeen started to practice law in October of 2012 and received guidance and



HAPPY FAMILY!— Phil Brodeen is flanked by his wife, Cheyenne, and two children, Case, left, and Lake, right. Brodeen credits his wife for being the one to keep their family on track, focused and organized. Submitted photo.

mentorship from renowned Indian Country Attorney Kurt Blue Dog's law firm.

Brodeen said Blue Dog took him under his wings and taught him invaluable lessons along the way.

"He was a phenomenal Indian attorney, who was well regarded, and he showed me the practice of Indian law specifically," recalled Brodeen of Blue Dog, who unfortunately passed away in May 2020. "He

taught me that it is important to be able to be relatable to your clients."

However, the gregarious Brodeen was already a natural at putting clients at ease. After all, his personality is infectious, and he is very charismatic—whether working on an important case or just holding court at a social function with people from all walks of life.

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Chairwoman Cathy Chavers



Ahneen Boozhoo

There has been a lot that has happened since my last article.

I would like to welcome Tara Geshick, Secretary-Treasurer, and Robert Moyer Jr., District II Representative along with Shane Drift, newly re-elected District I Representative to the Bois Forte Tribal Government.

I would also like to say Chi Miigwech to David Morrison Sr. for his 32 years of service to the band and also to Peter (Chief) Boney for his service to the band as well. I wish them well in

their future endeavors.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) held its first meetings on July 11 in Grand Portage and the council members will sit on the following committees under the MCT: Shane Drift -Chair of the Human Services Subcommittee, Tara Geshick- Legislative Subcommittee and Tribal Executive Committee, and Robert Moyer Jr – Natural Resources.

I was appointed President of the Tribal Executive Committee along with Faron Jackson, Chairman, Leech Lake as Vice-President, April McCormick, Secretary-Treasurer, Grand Portage at Secretary, and Lenny Fineday, Secretary-Treasurer, Leech Lake as Treasurer. The next MCT meetings will be held in October 2022. I will get the meeting information out soon.

Also, Gary Frazier announced that he will be retiring as Executive Director of the MCT. It will be a huge loss with all of Gary's knowledge in his many years of service to the tribes. The job description will be posted soon on the MCT website, and we will post it on Bois Forte's website also.

With the tribal elections past us, we now need to focus on the upcoming local, state, and federal elections. Within Bois Forte's area, our long-time Senator Tom Bakk is retiring and there are new candidates out there. The same is true with the St. Louis County Sheriff as Ross Littman is retiring.

I want to stress the importance of voting in all elections and not just the tribal elections. For Bois Forte, it is extremely important that we vote as our issues in funding, legislation, and making positive changes for the future rely on who gets into office. We need to support the people we feel would be our allies and friends that will help us in our efforts. So please remember, you can make a difference with your vote. It does matter regardless of what election you are voting in.

I also had the honor and opportunity to testify before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs with Senator Tina Smith, Assistant Interior Secretary Bryan Newland, I.H.S., and energy officials along with the other tribal leaders on the Infrastructure Bill and funding at Mystic Lake. There was also a working session after the meeting at the Indian Center in Minneapolis. It was a great opportunity for the tribes to get our voices, concerns and issues brought to the forefront.

Fall is coming too fast and the pandemic is still lingering on.

We still need to be diligent in our efforts even though this has been ongoing for two plus years and people are really getting tired of it. We are seeing our numbers rise again and the hospitals in our area are full again. Please be safe— and take care of your family and elders.

Chi Miigwech

Bois Forte Purchased/Referred Care Re-Enrollment

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Open Enrollment is August 1st through September 30th

Applications will be sent in the mail shortly. In order to get your card before the new fiscal year starting October 1st, please have your application turned in as soon as possible.

2022 – 2023 applications can also be found on boisforte.com

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In the matter of the application of S.B.I. on behalf of current minor, H.L.J., for a change of name to H.L.S., State of Minnesota in the County of Saint Louis. The minor child has lived in the State of Minnesota for at least six months. S.B.I. is the legal guardian of the minor child, H.L.J., DOB 5/31/2017. The non-applicant parents, S.L.J. and D.B.M., their address is unknown.

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While Blue Dog's passing was tragic, it also played a role in fast-tracking Brodeen's professional career as he decided to venture out onto his own to create his law firm with a colleague. Brodeen said he has no doubt that the decision to branch out on his own was the right one, and he credits the final push coming from some excellent advice he received along the way.

"I was told that at some point in your life, you need to gamble on yourself and get out of your comfort zone," said Brodeen. "I was told to try something and see if I can make a go of it, and it worked out perfectly."

Brodeen, who was born in Virginia and has two sisters, Brianne Brodeen and Gina Boshey, believes his upbringing played a huge part in the success he enjoyed at a young age.

"I think heritage, culture, and family are intertwined," explained Brodeen. "I always look at Indian culture as very multifaceted. Some people have interests in drumming and craft making, making regalia, or going to powwows, but that's unfortunately not something I grew up in. I want my kids to be involved in those activities, but I feel I have different things to teach them."

Brodeen's upbringing had more to do with hunting, fishing, gathering resources, and being outdoors.

"It's important to pass along the teachings about setting net, hunting moose, trapping beaver, and harvesting wild rice to young kids on the reservation," said Brodeen, who fondly remembers as a youngster going moose hunting with his mom, Barb, and grandfather, Gene.

True to his giving self, Brodeen has continued to honor the memories of his grandfathers by giving back to Indian Country. He has accomplished that by staying involved with the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association as a current board member and past president. He is also the current president of the National Native American Bar Association.

For the former, he likes to stay actively engaged as it helps him keep his finger on the pulse of how native attorneys are doing in the state and the issues they face in their profession.

As for the latter, Brodeen gets to serve as the spokesperson and figurehead of the National Bar Association.

"Our main goals are advancing justice for Native Americans..." said Brodeen of his role as president. "We represent citizens of tribal nations who are attorneys, and a big part of our job is to effect change on a broad range of topics."

From his practice, Brodeen said 20% of his time is involved in litigation. In comparison, the remaining 80% of his workload involves tribal governance, which includes drafting tribal laws, offering general legal advice, and working on business or land transactions.

He fondly talked about how many Bois Forters have chosen to be attorneys and finds it inspiring that he and two others near his parent's home and his cabin on Lake Vermilion are practicing law. The other two are Ariel Wagner and Gewadin Dunkley.

"There must have been something in the water," said Brodeen with a smile. "But it is very cool that we have three young attorneys in our little area on the reservation."

Brodeen added he finds it inspiring that Bois Forte has produced so many quality attorneys who have made names for themselves with the end goal of making a difference for Indian Country.

"We have a long and storied tradition of attorneys," said Brodeen. "It's not a scientific study, but per capita, I would say Bois Forte has the most tribal attorneys of any other tribe in Minnesota."

Like the other attorneys, Brodeen wants to leave a legacy—one that young Bois Forte children can follow when they venture out onto their journey through life.

"I think one of my favorite projects was a land transaction in the Black



PASSING DOWN HIS LOVE FOR HUNTING— Phil Brodeen loves getting out into the woods with his children, Lake, left and Case, right. Submitted photo.

Hills," said Brodeen. "It was for Dakota/Lakota tribes who came together and bought a large portion of sacred land in the Black Hills that was put into trust."

He went on to explain that before the transaction, neither tribe had any trust land in the Black Hills, but now they have over 2,000 acres.

"That land is not going anywhere," said Brodeen. "It's protected in perpetuity for the Great Sioux Nation."

That is just one success story Brodeen has had since becoming an attorney some 10 years ago. He prides himself on working for fellow Native Americans and encourages young Bois Forters to follow their dreams, no matter what those dreams entail.

"Just go and do it—go outside your comfort zone," said Brodeen about advice he'd give when asked. "I would encourage them to expand their horizons and to think big and dream big."

New chapter begins for Tribal Council

With family and friends looking on, not to mention dignitaries and fellow peers, Tara Geshick, Robert Moyer, Jr. and Shane Drift were sworn in as incoming members of the Bois Forte Tribal Council on Friday, July 8th.

The day marked Drift's second term in office, while Geshick and Moyer, Jr. officially began their political careers.

"Being a tribal leader is not easy. We all know that, and it is very difficult at times," said Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers to the estimated 200 people on hand for the event, which took place in The Woodlands Ballroom at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. "We have a lot of work to do at the local, state, and federal level on issues affecting Bois Forte and all of Indian Country. I look forward to working with the three individuals on board."

Chavers said she was thankful people could gather in person for such a historic day.

"This is a very special moment. I welcome our dignitaries and family members of all three candidates," said Chavers of such dignitaries as Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Executive Director Gary Frazier, who handled the ceremony, and former Bois Forte Tribal Chair Gary Donald. "Tara, Robert, and Shane have a lot of support, and that's what they need—I appreciate everyone coming here today."

Drift reiterated many messages he shared with Bois Forte band members throughout the primary and general elections. Those messages included talking about how he will work on behalf of all band members and the wisdom he gleaned from the likes of the late Gene Goodsky. He also downplayed the talk he heard from some voters who said those running for office only come around when looking for votes. Simply put, Drift said he'll continue to be there as an advocate for all band members and employees.

"Thank you for placing your trust in me," said Drift, who also thanked



TAKING THEIR OATHS TO OFFICE— Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Executive Director Gary Frazier is shown swearing in the newest members of the Bois Forte Tribal Council, including Secretary-Treasurer Tara Geshick, left, District II Representative Robert Moyer, Jr., center, and District I Representative Shane Drift, right, who was re-elected to his second term in office. Geshick and Moyer, Jr. are first-term Bois Forte Tribal Council members.

his girlfriend, Christina Premo, and his children for their support during the election process, as well as other family members and the election board for the work they did. "I will honor your trust by sticking up for band members and our employees."

Drift also paid tribute to David Morrison, Sr., who served 32 years on the tribal council before losing to Geshick in the 2022 election.

"I'd like to give David a special thank you for his many years of dedication and service to our tribe and also to Pete Boney," said Drift of Boney, who served one term in office. "It was an honor and privilege to serve alongside you. Congratulations to Tara and Robert. I look forward to working with you, Cathy (Chavers), and Travis (Mor-

risson). We have a lot to do and a lot of accomplishments to achieve for our band members."

Meanwhile, Geshick talked about how honored she was to be sworn in as the new secretary-treasurer for the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

"It is incredibly difficult to express the feelings I have for this honor," said Geshick, who defeated long-time Secretary-Treasurer David Morrison, Sr., to win a seat on the tribal council. "I have pure excitement, a tinge of fear, an unwavering relentlessness, and most importantly—the excitement of where you and I can lead the band."

Geshick told the crowd that she came from a humble background and was painfully quiet as a child. She admitted to making mistakes in life, as we

all tend to do, but promised that she had learned from those mistakes.

She talked fondly about fellow women leaders from whom she learned much from her time spent on many different boards and committees. These include the Nett Lake School Board, Local Indian Education Committee, Pow Wow Committee, and her experience as a senior management director while working for Bois Forte's Department of Natural Resources.

"Watching these ladies work has inspired me to serve the people and be a great leader," said Geshick. "...I will fight for our band and protect our sovereignty...I have continued to learn throughout my career, and I have immersed myself in my work, and I will

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continue to do so.”

She talked about her goals of making Anishinabemowin (Ojibway language) a top priority while also promoting educational opportunities and supporting band members by giving them experiences to serve and work for the band.

“We need to help the ones who are struggling and to provide programs to assist them to become our next leaders,” said Geshick. “I believe as a Bois Forte leader, you should always do your best to make more Bois Forte leaders—that’s empowerment.”

The third goal Geshick talked about was to provide an open government by making it more transparent. She real-

izes that transparency is an overused word, but she stressed that it is something that needs to be at the forefront. She talked about the progress already being made but added that more needs to be done.

“We, the band, need to improve and provide an opportunity for audience feedback in real-time,” said Geshick. “...I plan to bring that transparency, fairness, and equality to our band members. My leadership will be to support you and allow your voices to be heard and foremost to provide you with more insight into the band’s financial matters.”

Moyer, Jr. also took time to thank the voters who put him into office and to those who helped him win his seat

on the tribal council.

“Together we will make a difference,” said Moyer, Jr., who became emotional thanking his family and friends for their unwavering support during the election. “I have high hopes of making a positive change for Bois Forte and I encourage each of you to reach out to me with your questions and concerns.”

Moyer, Jr. said that as band members, each of us have a responsibility to keep our communities healthy and safe. He added that Bois Forte elders need support, and our children deserve a bright future.

“There are projects that have already been set into motion that I would like to see fulfilled,” said Moyer, Jr. of the convenience store being planned

in Eveleth as well as the maintenance garage in the Vermilion sector. “We need more housing opportunities for our elders and have to have a succession plan of band members within Bois Forte government and our enterprises.”

While Moyer, Jr. is new to politics, he said that he will do his best to make a difference on the Bois Forte Tribal Council.

“My promise is to work hard and be a strong voice for Vermilion,” said Moyer, Jr.

Geshick, Drift, and Moyer, Jr. will serve four-year terms, while Chavers and Travis Morrison have two years left in their terms.

Blood Memory Documentary Film Screening and Panel Discussion

featuring **Sandy White Hawk** and the drum group **Nut Hill**



Join us in-person or virtually
Tuesday, August 2

Indigenous community members and Children's Mental Health and Family Services Collaboratives' partners are encouraged to attend!

In-Person Event

Location: Itasca Community College
1851 E. Hwy 169, Grand Rapids, MN

Schedule:

- 10am - 12pm: Welcome by Nut Hill, followed by film screening
- 12pm - 12:30pm: Lunch
- 12:30pm - 2pm: Panel Discussion

Including panelists Sandy White Hawk and Itasca County Judge Wahwassuck

Virtual Event

Location: Virtual

Schedule:

- 10am - 12pm: Welcome by Nut Hill, followed by film screening
- 12:30pm - 2pm: Panel Discussion



Click **HERE** or use the **QR code to REGISTER** for the in-person or virtual event

About the Film

This film highlights the untold history of America’s Indian Adoption Era - a time when nearly one-third of children were removed from tribal communities nationwide. As political scrutiny over Indian child welfare intensifies, an adoption survivor helps others find their way home through song and ceremony.

FamilyWise Services is hosting this event, with support from the Itasca County Family Services Collaborative, Itasca Campus - Minnesota North College Indigenous Studies Program, the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Department of Human Services. This event is being co-sponsored by the Tribal NEAR Community Wisdom project and More Resilient Minnesota.



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General Questions: Ashley Goodsky 218-248-0780
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Bois Forte Health and Human Services Department needs your help!

The Bois Forte Health and Human Services staff is currently working with Blue Stone Strategic Partners to help identify the current and future needs for the Bois Forte Health and Human Services Department. The information we are gathering will help us better serve you by identifying program and services.

Over 2,900 copies of the survey were recently mailed out with self-addressed stamped return envelope. However, the survey can also be filled out online by visiting <https://boisforte.com/community-health-input-survey/> — those who fill out the survey will be eligible to win a Visa gift card!

The survey will take about 15 min-

utes to complete. Anything you share on the survey will be kept confidential. This means it can't be linked to you as a person. You can skip any question you wish. Your participation is voluntary. You have a choice about whether to take this survey. It will not impact your current or future health care in the community. Please only complete the survey one time.

You must be 18 years or older to take this survey. Please do not continue if you are not 18 yet. We would like to have the surveys back by August 15th.

Thank you for taking the time assisting Health and Human Services with this project!



DOING THEIR CIVIC DUTY— Beverly Steel helps her mother, Cecilia Gonier, at the Bois Forte Tribal Government Offices, which served as a polling place for the June 14th General Election. Looking on is Election Judge Davelle Jones and in the background is Election Judge Ryan Isham. When one of the election judges commented that Cecilia was the oldest voter that had come through, Cecilia joked that she was 16-years-old, but then corrected herself and said she was 94-years-old. How cool is that?! Thanks to everyone who came out to vote and congratulations to the winners.

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Thurs & Fridays

COVID-19 VACCINES:

Please find the following UPDATED information regarding COVID-19 Vaccines.

- 1st & 2nd Boosters for ages 50 years and older
- Primary vaccine series for children 6 months – 5 years
- Primary vaccine series & Boosters for 5/6 years of age thru 12 years of age
- Primary vaccine series & Boosters for 12+ years and 18+ years

The clinics currently have all Pfizer-BioNTech & Moderna Vaccines

You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines when you received ALL doses in the primary series AND all boosters recommended for you, when eligible.

Vaccine recommendations are different depending on your age, the vaccine you first received, and time since your last dose.

You can log onto the CDC website at [cdc.gov/corpnavirus/2019/](https://www.cdc.gov/corpnavirus/2019/) and search COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters to enter your information to see if you are due for your booster and if you are up to date.

It is recommended by the CDC that **everyone ages 6 months and older** get vaccinated, and everyone 5 years and older should also get a COVID-19 booster, if eligible.

COVID-19 Vaccine dosage is based on AGE on the day of vaccination, not on size or weight. Children receive a smaller dose of the COVID-19 vaccine than teens and adults based on their age group.

Children and teens who have already had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated for added protection. Children who have been infected with COVID-19 should receive their next dose 3 months from when symptoms started, or if they did not have symptoms, when they received a positive test. This delay can happen with a primary dose or a booster dose.

COVID-19 primary series vaccination for children and teens

Child's Age	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna
6 months – 4 years old	3-dose primary series	2-dose primary series
5 – 17 years old	2-dose primary series	2-dose primary series

COVID-19 Vaccines and Other Vaccines can be given at the SAME VISIT

Boney has no regrets as District II Representative

Looks forward to staying involved in the community

Although Pete “Chief” Boney came up short in his bid for a second term as District II Representative, he has no regrets about the work he did while serving the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

He knew he was always there to answer a phone call, email, or text no matter what time it was, and deep down, he knows he kept all Bois Forte Band members close to his heart as he worked on their behalf to make a difference.

“It was an enjoyable experience,” said Boney from his home on Duffy Point Road on the Lake Vermilion Reservation. “I liked doing what I could to help band members who needed it.”

Boney said there were many success stories he and his fellow tribal council members played a part in. He is confident that would continue with the new council members, including Robert Moyer, Jr. and Tara Geshick, and with the re-election of Shane Drift. Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers and District I Representative Travis Morrison, both of whom have two more years to serve in their respective positions.

“I’m glad we got things accomplished,” said Boney, who is married and the father of three boys. “I’m grateful for the people, the band members, the employees, directors, and executive director. Without them, we couldn’t accomplish what we did—there was no way we could have done what we have done.”

During his nearly four years in office, there were plenty of projects worthy of mention. These include this past June’s land reacquisition which saw the return of over 28,000 acres of land to Bois Forte. It also includes a push for elder housing in both sectors; a \$4.2 million renovation project at Fortune Bay; a new food shelf in Nett Lake, a new garage in Nett Lake, and a planned one for Vermilion. However, Boney is also proud of the lesser-known un-

dertakings he played a part in. One of which includes providing weekend meals to elders.

“We feed our elders Monday through Friday, but apparently they don’t eat on weekends,” said Boney in jest. “So, I started working with KK (Kirstie Kern, executive chef) at Fortune Bay to provide meals on weekends. That went over pretty well as we started with 16 elders and ended up with 38 elders receiving weekend meals.”

While not one to boast, Boney said the meals were provided by him.

“I just started paying out of my pocket,” said Boney, who commended Kern for giving him a discount on the meals. “This was just something I wanted to do as there was a need for it.”

Now that Boney is out of office, he said he plans on taking care of his health. He said he has some issues with his heart but is working on getting better. So, in the grand scheme of things, not getting re-elected had a silver lining for Boney.

“Serving on the council is a stressful job,” said Boney. “There isn’t much downtime as you are always doing what you can to help out.”

And while Boney made sure he was accessible, he admitted that it was daunting at times as even when he was out grocery shopping or spending time with his family, he would be approached to resolve an issue on the spot. Having said that, Boney would like for band members to follow a chain of command.

“We require that of our employees and I would like to see that with our band members,” said Boney. “Again, I always wanted to help if I could, but there is a process we all need to follow. Give the person a chance to resolve an issue before getting the tribal council involved.”

He added that the aforementioned

is why he’d like the chief executive officer to oversee all band businesses, along with an executive board. He would also like someone to come in to oversee both clinics. Given how many meetings or training the council must attend, he feels this would enable the tribal council to tackle larger issues together as a team.

“For us to see why the C Store is \$200 short every month isn’t something we should have to address,” said Boney. “We need to hand our businesses over to the CEO and an executive board so that we can focus on improving our reservations for our band members.”

And at the end of the day, Boney said that is what it is all about. He said he’ll miss serving on the council, but added that he will still stay involved in the Vermilion sector.

“That might include passing down my knowledge of netting and ricing to the youth of our community,” said Boney. “I also want to continue to give



back and once I get my health back to where it needs to be, that is what I’ll do. I’d just like to thank everyone for giving me a chance to serve them and who knows, maybe I’ll run for the tribal council again someday.

Legal Notice

In the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Children’s Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of: W.P.J, DOB: 12/22/2010, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Melissa Lightfeather and Robert Gibbs III, Court File No. 17 720JV

To: Robert Gibbs III, and any man coming forth as the father of W.P.J., Minor Child

It is Ordered and Notice is Hereby Given that a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in the Bois Forte Tribal Court on May 23, 2022. A hearing on the above petition will be held on August 2, 2022 at 10:20 a.m. and September 6, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard via Zoom, at the Bois Forte Children’s Court, Bois Forte Reservation, 12907 Palmquist Road, Nett Lake, MN 55772.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED BY THIS SUMMONS AND NOTICE THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING AT THE ABOVE DATE, TIME AND PLACE. YOUR FAILURE TO ATTEND THIS HEARING MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT JUDGMENT BEING GRANTED FOR THE PETITIONER.

By the Court Megan Treuer, Chief Judge
Janell Smith, Clerk of Court
Attorney for Petitioner, Rebecca McConkey-Greene
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Nett Lake, MN 55772
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GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE—Charles Raisch IV, left, is going through the TERO Cement Mason Training. Pictured next to Charles are Marissa Goodsky, who is training Raisch, and Rachel Day, who went through the training in 2015. Submitted photo.

TERO program is alive and well!

Charles Raisch IV, who is currently going through the Tribal Employment Rights Organization (TERO) Cement Mason Training, stands alongside Marissa Goodsky and Rachel Day at a completed job site in St. Paul.

Marissa Goodsky and Rachel Day, who went through the training in 2015, are currently working as Journeyman finishers with Local 633. Goodsky is also a first-time instructor in the Tribal/MnDOT 10-week training.

The TERO program was

established by tribal law, enacted by the Bois Forte Tribal Council, to promote and require Indian Preference in employment, training, and contracting. The TERO Ordinance, revised and adopted on July 20, 2005, covers all non-governmental employers and projects located on or near the Nett Lake Indian Reservation.

The Nett Lake Band of Chippewa Indians has a sovereign right to employment opportunities on and near their land. These rights are

protected through your local TERO Ordinance enacted by the Bois Forte Tribal Council.

Tribal members should register with the TERO office to ensure they are listed by job skills and qualifications, in the event a job opening occurs for which they are qualified.

For more information about the TERO program, please call 218-757-3261. Be sure to follow the Nett Lake Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance Facebook page for latest updates and offerings!

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By the Court Megan Treuer, Chief Judge

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In the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Children's Court

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To: Gewedinodin Lightfeather, father

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MCT eliminates 25% blood quantum requirement

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Written by Dan Kraker

Members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe have voted in a historic advisory referendum to eliminate a requirement that enrolled members must have 25 percent tribal blood.

Out of nearly 7,800 ballots cast, 64 percent of voters said the “blood quantum” requirement should be removed from the tribe’s constitution, which was adopted under pressure from the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs in the early 1960s.

In a second referendum question, 57 percent said individual bands or reservations should be able to determine their own membership requirements. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is made up of six Ojibwe or Chippewa bands in northern Minnesota. Red Lake Nation is not part of the MCT.

The advisory vote does not change the tribe’s constitution, but it does provide guidance to the Tribe’s executive committee as it decides how to proceed.

“The main issue is they [tribal members] want something done. It’s just a matter of where do we go from here,”

said Bois Forte Tribal Chairwoman Cathy Chavers, who’s also the current President of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

The tribe has been debating the blood quantum issue for years. Since it was adopted in the 1960s the tribe’s population has dwindled as tribal members marry non-members. Many parents who are members have children who don’t qualify, even though they often grow up learning and participating in the culture.

“What [blood quantum reform] does for us is it strengthens our families and our communities,” said Cheryl Edwards, a Fond du Lac Band member who is one of the band’s delegates on the Chippewa Tribe’s constitution reform committee. “By removing blood quantum, it’s allowing our traditions and our culture to be passed on to our children to keep it alive.”

But some argue that expanding membership would stretch already scarce resources for housing and other services. Others are concerned that regular payments from casino revenues that some bands distribute to members, known as per

capita payments, could be reduced if membership grows.

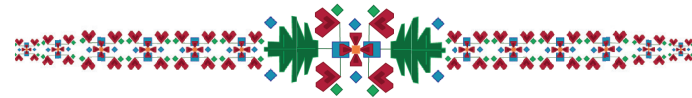
Edwards argues the vote results direct the tribal executive committee to hold an election to amend the tribe’s constitution to eliminate the blood quantum requirement.

Chavers said the tribe’s constitution reform committee will present a report on the vote to the tribe’s executive committee at its next meeting in October. That group, which is made up of 12 elected leaders from the six

Bands, will decide what steps to take next.

“For many years enrollment has been on the table. And nothing’s really been done,” Chavers said. “I think we’re on the right track.”

"Wisdom of Trauma" Event



University of Minnesota Extension's American Indian Resource and Resiliency Team is hosting **four upcoming viewings of the "Wisdom of Trauma" documentary**. At each viewing, participants will learn how trauma impacts individuals and communities and take part in a series of activities that can help support healing.

The viewings will be held on the following dates:

- Aug. 16 (11am-2pm) at Nett Lake Government Center
- Aug. 16 (5pm-8pm) at Fortune Bay Casino
- Aug. 24th (5pm-8pm) at Grand Casino Hinkley
- Aug. 25 (5pm-8pm) at Grand Casino Mille Lacs

Register for a viewing today!



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PER CAPITA UPDATE

The 2022 Per Capita payments are expected to be delivered Friday, August 12th. However, that delivery date is subject to the United States Postal Service.

This year's amount is \$895.00—thank you!

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Obituary



Boshey was born on March 11, 1981 in Virginia, Minnesota.

She is survived by her parents, Gary Boshey and Dawn Norton; her children: Travis Boshey, Maleena Boshey, Eriven "Tay-Tay" Peques, Kiara Robinson, Elijah Boshey, Aliciara Boshey, Aleah Davis and LaMonte Davis; grandchildren, CeciliAna, Astraea and Zaylius; siblings, Thomas Boshey, Nikole Boshey and Casey Chosa. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

The Spiritual Advisor for Boshey's services was Vernon Adams. Interment was at the Bois Forte Vermilion Cemetery.

Family services were entrusted to Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower, Minnesota.

RAVEN MARIE BOSHEY - Tribal rites were held at the Vermilion Wellness Center on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, for Raven Marie Boshey, 41, who died in an automobile accident on July 22, 2022.



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Hunting permits and tags are available at RTC reception desk at Nett Lake, or at Vermilion center.

For deer hunt information in 1854 Ceded Territory, please consult 1854 Treaty Authority website <https://www.1854treatyauthority.org>. Information is listed under Treaty Harvest tab.

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The 2022 Legislature passed, and Governor Walz signed the first-ever Veterans Omnibus Bill that included funding for a service bonus payable to eligible Veterans who served from 9/11/01 to 8/30/21. MDVA is honored

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Application Process

The application opened July 7, 2022 and will run until June 30, 2024, or until funds have been exhausted.

Visit the application portal, review, and answer the initial pre-screening questions to assist in determining your eligibility (<https://vetservicebonus.mdva.mn.gov/Home>)

If it is determined that you may be eligible for the bonus, you will be directed to the application.

If you have previously applied for the Minnesota GI Bill or Veteran

Owned Business Certification, you will login with your existing username and password.

If you have never applied for the Minnesota GI Bill or Veteran Owned Business certification, you will be prompted to create an account.

If it is determined through the pre-screening questions that you may not be eligible for the Post-9/11 Veteran Service Bonus, then you will be directed to your County Veteran Ser-

vice Office for additional assistance or guidance.

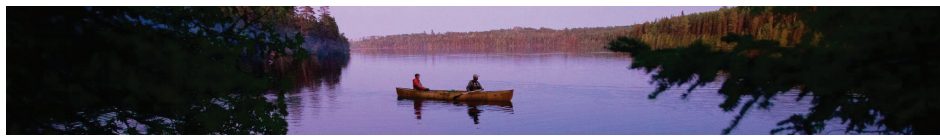
If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Ernest Steel

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Bois Forte Girls Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Adventure

August 30 - September 3, 2022

Professionally guided and outfitted, travel & equipment cost covered for participants
Apply by August 5 at tinyurl.com/canocamp

Ely-based organization Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness is sponsoring a Boundary Waters Wilderness canoe trip for Bois Forte youth this summer!



This 5-night wilderness canoe and camping trip is open to **Bois Forte young women age 14-18 within Minnesota**



Paddle pristine lakes, experience stillness, silence and solitude among the pines, birch, and cedar. Bond with peers while catching glimpses of loons, beavers, and maybe even a moose! A beautiful backdrop for transformative adventures, insightful observations about the natural world around us, teamwork, and the chance to make unforgettable memories.

All needed canoeing, camping, and cooking equipment provided, as well as instruction.



No prior camping/paddling experience necessary. Must be able to hike on challenging terrain, help carry heavy packs and canoes, and paddle a canoe - with help and instruction in all these areas. Must have up-to-date vaccination (including booster as eligible) against COVID-19.

Apply now!

Limited space available, sign up ASAP/by Friday, August 5, 2022. Use your smartphone camera to scan this QR code or access the sign-up form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/canocamp>

If sign-ups exceed available spots on the trip, we will use a lottery system to select participants.



Questions? contact Samantha Chadwick

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Here is the August Elder Nutrition Program's menu for the month of August. Services offered include nutritious meals served daily, Monday through Friday at the Nett Lake and Vermilion Community Centers from 11am-1pm with home-delivered meals available to Elders who are unable to get to the ENP sites.

August 1: Shepherd's Pie, Hot Spinach, Fruit

August 2: Chili, Cornbread, Fruit

August 3: Sliced Beef w/Au Jus, Baked Potato

August 4: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Garden Salad, Fruit

August 5: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit

August 8: Hamburger, Potato Wedges, Fruit

August 9: Beef Barley Soup, Salad, Breadstick, Fruit

August 10: BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit

August 11: Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Cauliflower, Fruit

August 12: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit

August 15: Burrito Bowl, Fruit

August 16: Chef's Choice

August 17: Chef Salad, Garlic Breadstick, Fruit

August 18: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Capri Vegetables, Fruit

August 19: Chicken Salad Croissant, Carrot Sticks, Fruit

August 22: Pork Stew, Tossed Salad, Roll, Fruit

August 23: Chicken Penne Alfredo, Broccoli, Fruit

August 24: Sloppy Joe, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit

August 25: Split Pea and Ham Soup, Broccoli Salad, Fruit

August 26: Pork Loin, Rice Pilaf, Veggie, Fruit

August 29: Baked Pork Chops, Wild Rice, Green Beans, Fruit

August 30: Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit

August 31: Brat Burger, Coleslaw, Fruit

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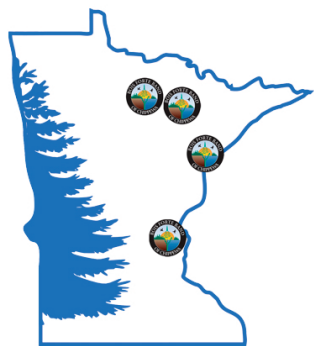


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From the archives... A look back at the August 1996 edition of the Bois Forte News



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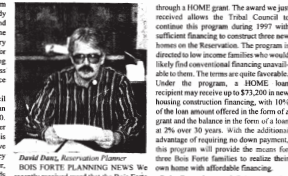
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Doris w/R.T.C. news.....



Doris Aham, R.T.C. Representative
 At the meeting held June 21st, the Tribal Council voted to aggressively pursue funding through HUD - CDBG for an Elderly Assisted Living Complex. A small group of interested staff and elderly people have been meeting their past few months and visiting commitment facilities in an attempt to identify what type of facility would be appropriate for Bois Forte. We would be open to the idea of a small facility that didn't take long to realize that an all-out nursing home was not the answer at this point due to the high maintenance of such a facility. So the group decided on the 24-hour nursing assistance level care facility with plans to expand in the future. I

News from the Planners.....



David Hans, Reservation Planner
 BOIS FORTE PLANNING NEWS
 We recently received word that the Bois Forte application for funding through the U.S. Department of HUD HOME Program has been awarded. The way HUD handles notifications of successful awards is through our elected Congressional representatives. Knowing this, I am pleased to announce that a message I had from Senator Paul Wellstone's office a couple weeks ago just may be news of such an award. Sure enough, Senator Wellstone's staff contacted us so that we have been awarded \$200,000 in HOME funding based upon the application we submitted in May '96! About two years ago Bois Forte established an Elderly Assisted Living new housing construction loan program

300,000 INDIANS SUE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MISMANAGING THEIR MONEY

Class Action to Address Largest Financial Scandal Ever Involving Federal Government -- Billions of Dollars Potentially at Stake -- We must work together to stop the federal government's unconscionable gross mismanagement of billions of dollars belonging to over 300,000 individual Indians and 200 tribes and their members. The price of this government mismanagement and government wrongdoing is being paid by some of the poorest citizens of this great country - by the First Americans whose assets and interests the federal government is required by law to protect.

Introduction
 The Native American Rights Fund, along with other citizens, filed a class action lawsuit on June 12, 1996 against the federal government. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of 300,000 Indians, to seek redress for government mismanagement of trust funds through which billions of dollars in Indian money has flowed over the years. The trust charges forewarned the Interior Bruce Babbitt, Assistant Interior Secretary for Indian Affairs, Adm. Dore, and Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin that they could not honor the trust monies, and that most essential financial would be provided even a basic, regular statement to Indian account holders. Every day the system remains broken, hundreds of thousands of Indians are losing their money.
 Individual Indian account holders are particularly distressed at what they view as a deliberate concealment by the executive branch and Congress that the federal government had failed to account for their trust monies, yet the federal government routinely refused to make the necessary steps to fix the system. Through this lawsuit, the 300,000 individual Indian class plaintiffs hope to force the federal government to determine what has happened to their money.

...both Republican and Democrat--have admitted that there are serious problems and shortcomings which unequivocally amount to gross mismanagement of Indian trust monies. Responsibility for the problem is unequivocally to be placed in statute, and neither the executive branch nor Congress has honorably accepted accountability. Nevertheless, each successive Administration--including the current one--has justly refused to seriously address or even attempt to resolve the problem. There has been no attempt by any Administration to even attempt to investigate the problem, fix the system--and Congress has consistently and repeatedly refused to take the Administration's inaction into account. It is because we have been unable to persuade the executive and legislative branches of government to have the United States' solemn trust and legal obligation to 300,000 individual



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