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WILD RICE UPDATE

Bois Forte DNR anticipates that wild rice will be ready to harvest in the second week of September. That timing may change, depending on weather conditions. Bois Forte DNR reports rice conditions and status to the Bois Forte Conservation Committee. The Bois Forte Conservation Committee will set harvesting dates and times. Several rice bed areas currently do show advanced plant development and should have good kernel production, weather conditions permitting. BFDNR will create a map showing those rice areas and will post that coverage map soon. For the latest updates on the 2022 wild rice harvest, please visit Bois Forte's website (www.boisforte.com)

U of MN invests in Bois Forte Elders New blood test being created to diagnose Alzheimer's

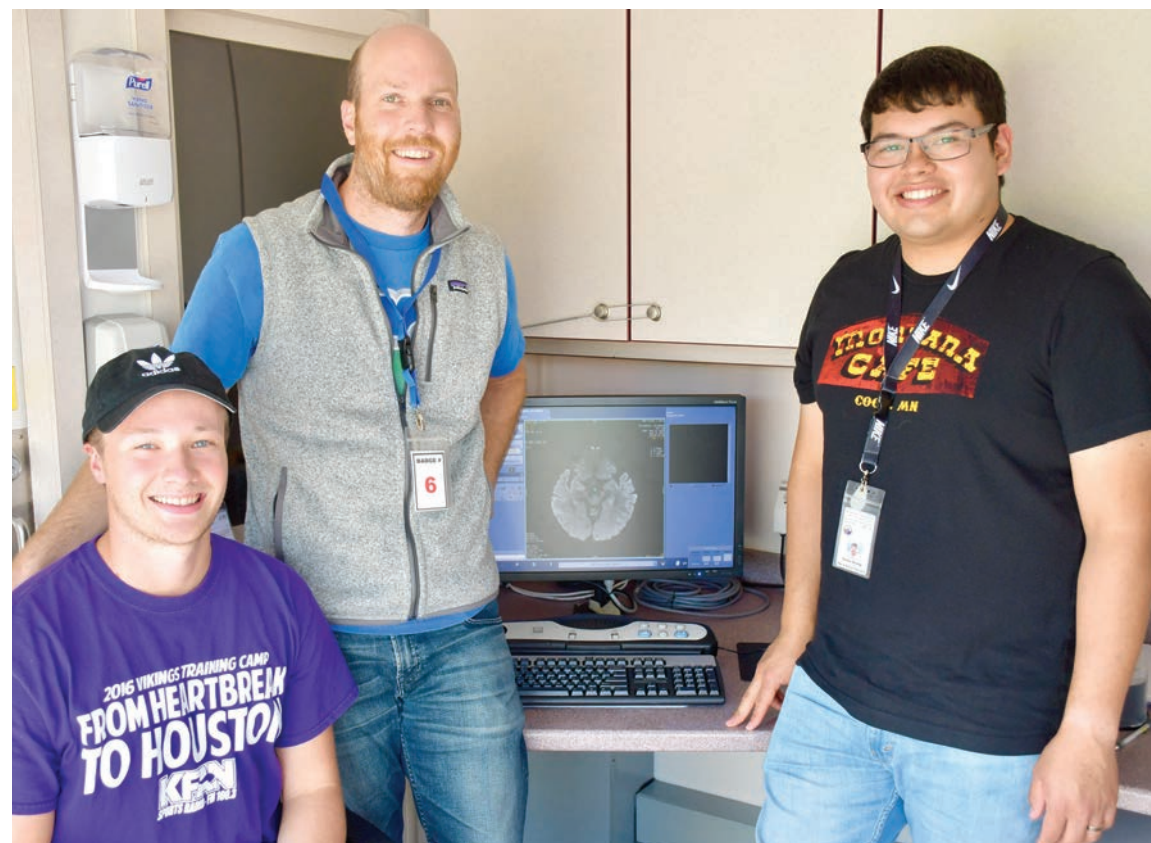
NETT LAKE—While many Alzheimer's studies have been conducted over the years, Native Americans have always been woefully underrepresented.

However, that tide is now changing thanks to a concerted effort by the University of Minnesota to include more Native Americans in these all-important studies.

"Last year, we had a total of 24 band members that participated," said Dr. William Mantyh from the University of Minnesota. "We were grateful that Bois Forte welcomed us with open arms and broadened our reach to include Native Americans in this study."

As of August 24th, an additional 15 band members had gone through the evaluation, which included a blood test, memory test, and MRI of the participant's brain. Those who partook in the study received \$150 for completing all three tests.

"I think it's a great opportunity for Bois Forte to be a part of a study like this," said Bois Forte Health and Human Services Patient Benefits Case Manager Corey Strong, Jr. "Mainly because this is more of a nationwide study helping Native Americans as a whole. It's not just affecting



MAKING A DIFFERENCE— Dr. William Mantyh, center, is grateful for the assistance he has received from his fellow staffer, Adam Block, left and Corey Strong, Jr., right. This trio has been working on a study aimed to diagnose Alzheimer's disease in Native Americans.

Bois Forte or Chippewa tribes in Minnesota—this is helping all Native Americans across the country."

Strong said there were a few days without any activity, but he added other time slots leading up to the August 26th deadline were filling up fast.

And for Mantyh, that was great news as prior to this

study on the Bois Forte Reservation, the number of Native Americans tested was minuscule.

"In developing this Alzheimer's blood test, tens of thousands of people were studied, but only two were Native Americans," said Mantyh from the Nett Lake Clinic on a recent day. "We're dealing with a

10-fold rise this year based on the study conducted last fall."

He added that those numbers would probably be doubled again this year, which helps create a larger sample size for the overall study. He said that Bois Forte Elders are included in the study, and both those with no memory

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CHECKING THINGS OUT— Dr. William Mantyh looks at an MRI of a Bois Forte band member who recently participated in a study aimed at diagnosing signs of Alzheimer's in Native Americans.

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problems and those with dementia are taking part in the study.

“The more data we have, the more confident we can be in our conclusions, which provides better instructions on how to calibrate this test so that it will work in everyone,” said Mantyh of the blood test, which involves drawing four samples from a participant.

Mantyh said there are two components of the blood test. The first is a genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's disease that changes depending on a participant's ancestry, and the second is connected to other health conditions that might cause Alzheimer's. He said that based on the limited number of Native Americans studied, there is not much data seeing how ancestry can play a role in determining whether a subject will develop Alzheimer's.

“The blood test right now is designed almost to disregard diverse ancestries because it has been studied

predominately with people of Northern European descent,” explained Mantyh. “So, we are trying to make sure when this blood test does come out, it takes into consideration these diverse ancestries such as Native Americans who have been overwhelmingly underrepresented in these studies.”

The other part of the blood test is designed to look at the proteins of Alzheimer's disease, which is caused by a toxic buildup of proteins in the brain. Mantyh said those brain proteins actually leak into the bloodstream and can be detected with the super advanced laboratory techniques being used for this study.

“The accurate detection of the proteins in the blood can be affected by diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and smoking,” said Mantyh. “Kidney disease is also a huge factor that can influence protein levels. If a person is obese, it actually switches the volume that those proteins have

to dissolve into, which can also switch the levels.”

To date, Mantyh said studies that have been done mostly include patients who come from relatively wealthy backgrounds. He said that most of those patients typically have few health conditions other than possibly developing Alzheimer's later in life.

“We have to factor in those other health conditions so that we can calibrate the test properly so that it will be accurate in anyone that is tested,” said Mantyh.

Another critical element of the study is Mantyh meeting one-on-one with the participant to do a memory test that involves a Q and A session on the subjects' background and lifestyle habits. It also includes a dexterity test, having the subject perform tasks such as drawing images they are shown, finding objects hidden in the room, and recalling key words introduced by Mantyh and later being asked to repeat those exact words.

The MRI is done in a large trailer set up near the Nett Lake Clinic. This is perhaps the most intense part of the study as the subject goes through a series of tests where brain activity is measured. The MRI takes roughly 30 minutes to complete, and the technician, Dwayne Sevier, then brings a CD of the MRI images to Dr. Mantyh.

Mantyh then thoroughly reviews the CD with the subject and points out any abnormalities that are present. The MRI can examine many different causes for brain disease, including strokes, brain trauma, tumors, or autoimmune diseases of the brain.

“We can also tell a subject if they are at risk for developing MS or other diseases,” said Mantyh.

Given how thorough the study can be, the question begged to be asked is, why wouldn't you want to partake in the study?

The answer, Mantyh suggested, is because Native Americans have a lack of trust in medical studies in general.

“There have been several high-pro-

file historical abuses with research institutions in Native American communities and others across the nation,” said Mantyh. “The trust needs to be there, and you are trusting the researcher will use your information and not sell it to the highest bidder or use it for their own personal gain. They want to make sure the study they are partaking in will eventually do something that will benefit that person's society.”

Given the number of Bois Forte band members participating in the study thus far, Mantyh is confident that trust is being solidified. He and his assistant, Adam Block, feel a lot of headway has been made since they came to the village.

“It has been a great experience both times,” said Block, who helps compile data for the study. “Everyone has been accommodating and the turnout has been great.”

Mantyh is hopeful that the U of MN study, which has received federal funding to keep it going for at least five years, will ultimately be expanded to include Bois Forte's Urban offices in Minneapolis and Duluth.

“We're also looking at being able to go directly to a patient's home to conduct the study,” said Mantyh, who added that they are hoping to acquire a van equipped with all the necessary tools to administer the tests needed. “This would be very helpful, especially for those who already have dementia.”

While Mantyh's time in Nett Lake was fairly short, he looks forward to returning next summer to continue with this study. Like Block, he, too, feels the time spent in Nett Lake has been very rewarding.

“I'm thankful that the U of MN has allowed me to be here for three weeks this summer and five weeks last fall,” said Mantyh. “They are basically losing money so that we can advance this mission in the long term. To me, that speaks volumes in trying to repair this historical trust issue. Chi-Miigwech to Bois Forte for allowing us to do this study.”

Paying it forward in a big way!

At the recently held 2022 Indian Summer Classic, the Bois Forte Scholarship Fund received a generous gift from a donor who has never even set foot on the reservation, nor has ties to our tribe.

“The money came from Edward Adams, who through research found out he has Indian blood,” said Reid LeBeau, a lobbyist for Bois Forte, who works with the Jacobson Law Group in Minneapolis. “He wanted to honor his culture, so he began raising money as a teenager to help American Indian students go to college.”

Lebeau, whose firm has always been a staunch supporter of the Indian Summer Classic, was impressed with Edwards’ lofty goal of helping others.

“He did it for over two years, and now that he is going to college, he won’t have time to do it anymore, so he generously gave his proceeds to the Bois Forte Scholarship Fund,” said LeBeau of the whopping \$10,000 donation. “He wanted to make sure the money he raised was used for his intended purposes, and that is what he did.”

The Indian Summer Classic rotates raising money between the Bois Forte Scholarship Fund and the Bois Forte Boys and Girls Club.

“I chose to help Bois Forte because I wanted to start with a local community and because I have a connection to them through my mentor and the person who made this all possible, Professor and Attorney Reid Lebeau,” said Adams on why he chose to give so generously to Bois Forte.

Adams said he did various jobs and fundraising to raise the \$10,000. He said that getting started was the most challenging part because few people outside his family were willing to give money to such a new cause before he could show them some traction.

“I worked a number of odd jobs like carpentry, mowing a few lawns, and asking relatives to donate instead of giving me birthday gifts,” said Ad-

ams. “It became much easier after I raised the first \$1,000, and the work quickly switched to identifying potential donors and convincing them to give to the cause.”

Adams said the start-up process was very intimidating for him as there were so many factors to consider, like how to set up a charity, a website, and creating a bank account for a nonprofit. However, he didn’t let himself get frustrated along the way.

“Now, doing any of those things feels like second nature,” Adams said. “You can’t be afraid to take on a challenge because whether it ends in triumph or something less, you’ll walk away from the experience wiser.”

He added that it might sound like a cliché, but the world is an incredibly big place, and there’s so much wisdom to soak up.

“You learn the most by putting yourself in situations where you have very little knowledge to begin with,” said Adams, who is entering his sophomore year of college.

Adams reiterated that the lessons he learned from his family and his mentors are what made the biggest impact on him thus far.

“I’ve been lucky to have a few incredible mentors in my life, and while I can’t claim I’m nearly as wise as them, I still know how much of a difference a mentor can make, and I want to help,” said Adams.

While Adams may be too humble to realize how much wisdom he has already amassed, that wisdom is not lost on Bois Forte’s leadership.

“The band appreciates this extremely generous gift from someone we have yet to meet,” said Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers. “Indian Country is alive and well when young people like Edward Adams take it on themselves to make sure other Indian youths throughout the country have future educational opportunities.”



THANK YOU, EDWARD!— Bois Forte District I Representative Travis Morrison, left, and Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers, center, are all smiles as they accept a \$10,000 check from Lobbyist Reid Lebeau, right. The \$10,000 was donated to the Bois Forte Scholarship Fund by Edward Adams. On behalf of all Bois Forte band members—thank you ever so much, Edward, for your generosity and willingness to make a difference for others!



WISE BEYOND HIS YEARS— Edward Adams will be entering his sophomore year at Stanford University. He is undecided on a major yet.

Big Woods Transit receives a grant of \$739,000



GOOD REASON TO BE SMILING!— Big Woods Transit Dispatcher Toni Wakemup is all smiles as she shows off the program's newest bus. Now that Big Woods Transit received a grant for \$739,000, plans call for the program to install a propane fueling station and to purchase six propane-fueled buses to replace older gasoline buses to improve the efficiency of its fleet and minimize negative environmental impacts in the Arrowhead region of northern Minnesota.

Thanks in part to the grant writing efforts of Big Woods Transit Dispatcher Toni Wakemup, Big Woods Transit has been awarded \$739,000 by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration's FY2022 Low or No Emission Program.

"I am ecstatic that the grant has been awarded to Bois Forte," said Wakemup. "Chi-Miigwech to Jennie Rowland (Big Woods Transportation Manager) for giving me the opportunity to apply for the grant in the late spring of 2022. This has been a rewarding experience for me."

According to a press release by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration, the funds received are a part of a whopping \$1.66 billion in grants to transit agencies, territories, and states across the country to invest in 150 bus fleets and facilities. Funded by the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, more than 1,100 of those vehicles will use zero-emissions technology, which reduces air pollution and helps meet the President's goal of net-zero emissions

by 2050. This year's funding alone will nearly double the number of no-emission transit buses on America's roadways. For the first time, five percent of low- and no-emission bus funding will be used to train transit workers on maintaining and operating new clean bus technology.

"With today's awards, we're helping communities across America – in cities, suburbs, and rural areas alike – purchase more than 1,800 new buses, and most of them are zero-emission," said U.S. Transportation

Secretary Pete Buttigieg in the press release. "Funded through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this announcement means more good jobs for people across the country, cleaner air in our communities, and more affordable and reliable options to help people get to where they need to go."

The bus grant awards – made under FTA's Buses and Bus Facilities and Low- and No-Emission Vehicle programs – are FTA's first competitive grant selections under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The programs support the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to expand our nation's transportation infrastructure, create and maintain good-paying jobs, and fight climate change.

Big Woods Transit will install a propane fueling station and purchase six propane-fueled buses to replace gasoline buses to improve the efficien-

cy of its fleet and minimize negative environmental impacts in the Arrowhead region of northern Minnesota. According to Wakemup, the buses will lessen idle time in cold weather, reduce fuel costs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by emitting less carbon dioxide than gasoline.

All told, more than \$5.9 million from this program and FTA's Bus for Bus Facilities has been awarded to three Tribes in Minnesota with the assistance of Senators Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar.

"We are very grateful to have been one of the recipients for this program that will help our environment by reducing emissions," said Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers of the grant monies received. "We can't thank Senators Smith and Klobuchar enough for their assistance and continued support."



FRIDAY FUN DAY — Big Woods Transit employees Toni Wakemup, left, and Meliya Lyons, right, share a laugh as they finish out another busy work week up in Nett Lake.

2022 Indian Summer Classic was a big success!

Despite a gloomy and rainy forecast, the 2022 Indian Summer Classic went off as planned and the unexpected, nice weather was an added bonus.

“Thank you to all of the sponsors who made this possible,” said Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers to the 144 golfers that showed up to support the 18th annual event. “The money we raise goes toward the Bois Forte Scholarship program, which helps students continue their educational dreams.”

Here is a list of sponsors that stepped up to the plate to make a difference in the lives of Bois Forte students—thank you all again!

Title sponsors (\$4,000 investment):

- BlueLink TPA
- The Jacobson Law Group
- Reinhart Food Services
- Konami Gaming

Event sponsors (\$2,500 investment):

- Aristocrat
- Twin Metals, Inc.
- Coca Cola

Corporate sponsors (\$2,000 investment):

- Slotco
- RSM
- Park State Bank

- Northern State Bank
- Fortune Bay Resort Casino
- Light & Wonder
- Polymet Mining Company
- Interblock USA
- Everi
- Nordic Group
- IGT

BBQ lunch sponsor (\$1,000 investment):

- TPI

Hole sponsors (\$250 investment):

- Kemper Sports
- Range Reliable Agency
- Mark It Smart
- In memory of Mark Anderson (Jacobson Law Group)
- Small Lot

Misc. Donations:

- Edward Adams (\$10,000)—Please see related story on page three.
- Electrical Workers Local 292 (\$60)

The grand total of sponsorship dollars brought in is \$57,810. However, expenses such as tee-times, lunch and dinner are not included in that figure. Expenses are being tallied and a check presentation to the Bois Forte Scholarship fund will appear in the October 2022 Bois Forte News.



SPECIAL GUEST! — Former Bois Forte Tribal Chair Gary Donald made an appearance at the 2022 Indian Summer Classic. Donald, who is spry and sharp as a tack, enjoyed saying hello to the many people who still remember him from his days on the tribal council. Donald is pictured with current Bois Forte Chair Cathy Chavers, who thoroughly enjoyed her visit with Donald. Gary recently celebrated his 90th birthday with friends and family at his home on Lake Vermilion. Happy belated birthday Gary and thank you for stopping out to brighten our day!



GOING OVER SOME LAST-MINUTE STRATEGY — Shown here are members of one of the Bois Forte teams that came out to support the 2022 Indian Summer Classic. Pictured, left to right, are Dave Villebrun, Dave Anderson, Kevin Strong and Lance Kingbird.

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Nett Lake, MN
SAVE THE DATE
SEPT 9TH, 10TH, 11TH 2022

COVID cases continue to be problematic for Bois Forte and FBRC

Raise your hand if the never-ending COVID-19 pandemic makes every day feel like Ground Hog Day.

This scenario is playing out for both the Nett Lake and Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation and Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

According to Lead Community Nurse Teri Morrison, there were 12 active cases of COVID-19 as of August 21st. That included six cases each in both sectors with a breakdown of seven adults, three children, and two elders.

The breakdown for the weekly period is as follows:

- August 1-7— 5 new cases, 1 in Vermilion and 4 in Nett Lake.

cases, 2 in Vermilion and 10 in Nett Lake.

- August 15-21—11 new cases, 5 in Vermilion and 6 in Nett Lake.

“Bois Forte has had a total of 382 active and recovered positive cases of COVID-19, 222 in Nett Lake and 160 in Vermilion,” wrote Morrison in her weekly update to Bois Forte. “Recovered means they are no longer contagious and have been released from Isolation.”

Meanwhile, Fortune Bay Director of Human Resources Beth Adams reported that as of August 22nd, 24 employees had tested positive for COVID-19.

As is the standard procedure for Fortune Bay, Adams

said that the employees who tested positive were requested to comply with isolation recommendations and were/are currently on an approved leave of absence.

“The employees who tested positive were/will be required to fulfill certain guidelines before returning to work for their own safety and the safety of other employees,” wrote Adams in an email to staff. “We thank all employees for their cooperation and understanding during these times.”

While the bad news from COVID-19 continues to linger, the good news is that those testing positive are experiencing far less severe symptoms.

Bois Forte and Fortune

Bay are now abiding by the latest CDC exposure recommendations, which now include:

- Put a MASK on as soon as you find out you were exposed, if you are around people outside of your household. You will be asked to wear the mask for 10 days after the date of exposure with ALL contacts with people outside of your household. You will need to avoid any activity when you cannot stay masked, including eating in a public place or with others during the entire 10 days.

- TEST AT DAY 5 AFTER EXPOSURE, SOONER IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS. If you are positive, you will need to IMMEDIATELY ISOLATE AT

HOME and call Teri Morrison, 218-750-2227, your workplace, or your medical provider for directions. If you are negative, you will be required to continue wearing the mask through day 10 after exposure.

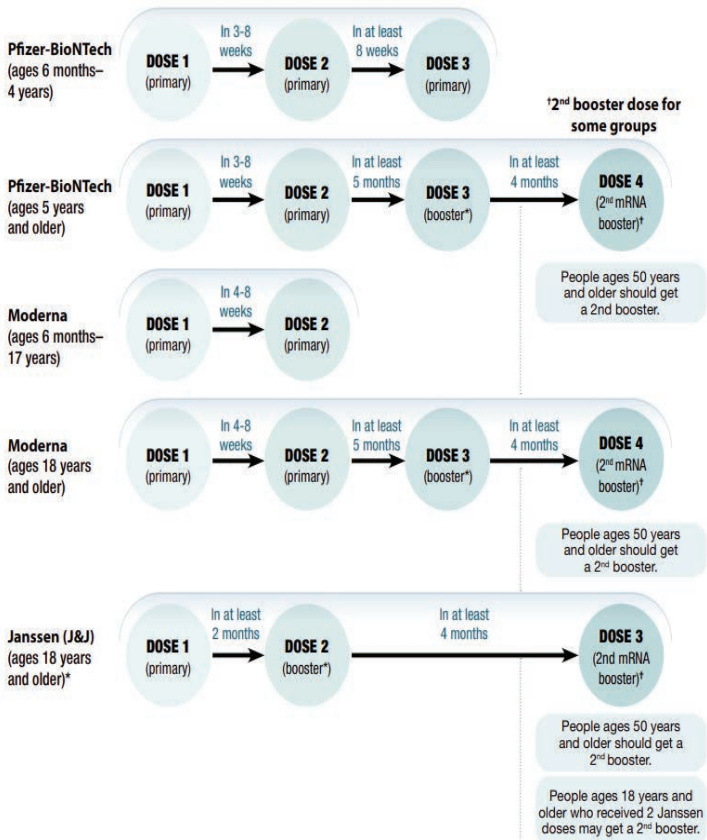
“This is good news, but this will only stop the spread of COVID-19 if people who are exposed wear a mask as directed for the full 10 days,” wrote Morrison. “Please continue to keep our highest risk populations safe. If you have questions, please feel free to call or email me. Miigwech and be safe!”

This is the link to the info on the CDC site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>

As an important reminder to Bois Forte RTG staff, BFDC staff, and Fortune Bay staff, COVID-19 Leave pay, which had covered up to 80 hours of Paid Time Off (PTO), is ending September 30th. If you miss work due to COVID-19 beginning October 1st, you would have to use PTO.

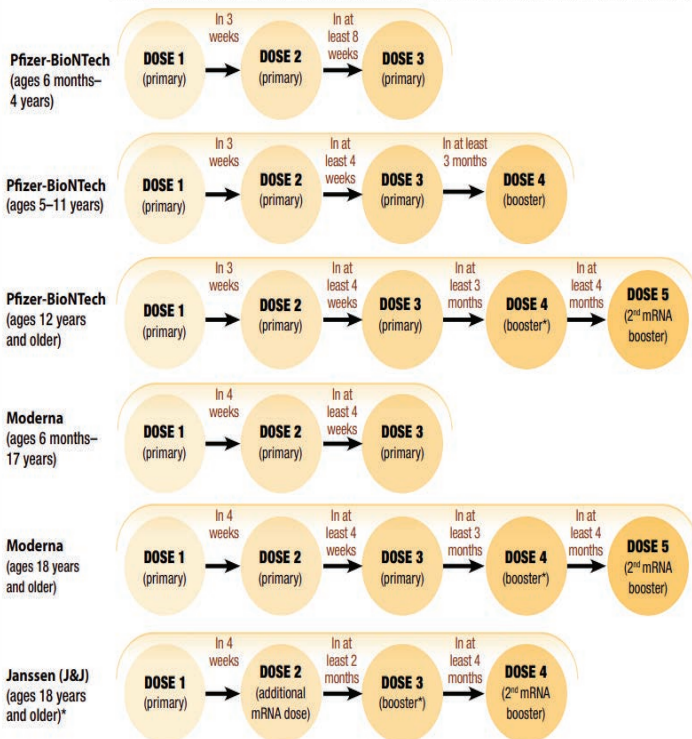
COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule for Most People

Number and intervals of COVID-19 vaccine doses



COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule for People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

Number and intervals of COVID-19 vaccine doses



REMINDER OF DEER HUNTING DATES

Bois Forte’s 2022 whitetail deer season hunting dates for Nett Lake area are July 1 to December 31, bucks only; buck or doe season is September 1 to December 31.

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

Johnson named to University of Minnesota's Board of Regents

News release from the Offices Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

ST. PAUL—Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan announced the appointment of Tadd Johnson to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. Regent Johnson will fill a vacancy for a member from the Eighth Congressional District created following the resignation of Regent David McMillan.

"I am proud to appoint Regent Tadd Johnson – the first Native person ever appointed to this board," said Governor Walz in making the announcement in mid-July. "With a background in leadership, education, and deep understanding of government on all levels, he brings a wealth of higher education expertise to this group."

"Regent Tadd Johnson

will give a voice to the many Native students who have been underrepresented for too long," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "This historic appointment is made possible by the continued advocacy from tribes, community members, and leaders across the state to see representation at every level. As a University of Minnesota alum, I couldn't be more proud of this appointment."

"I am honored to be appointed as a Regent to the University of Minnesota, and thank Governor Walz for his confidence in my ability to serve the entire Eighth Congressional District," said Regent Tadd Johnson. "My father was an auto mechanic from Ely with a high school diploma who worked in the mines and my mother was a Native American whose dream of graduating from the Universi-

ty in the 1940's was cut short because there was no help for Native Americans. As a retired professor, I have first-hand knowledge of the struggles students face on a day-to-day basis, along with the faculty and staff who are devoted to teaching and nurturing them during their educational journey. I want to speak for the voices that are not heard often enough by the Regents; the students, the educators, Native Americans, rural Minnesotans and the working class. That's where I come from and that's who I am."

Johnson recently retired from the University of Minnesota system after serving as the first Senior Director of American Indian Tribal Nations Relations for the University of Minnesota, a full Professor, and the Director of Graduate Studies for the University of Minnesota – Du-

luth's Department of American Indian Studies. He is currently serving as a senior advisor on government affairs for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians. An enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Johnson is a licensed attorney and graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School.

Johnson previously served as a tribal court judge for the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians, the Prairie Island Indian Community, the 1854 Authority, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and Leech Lake Appellate Courts. He also has served as the Solicitor General (General Counsel) and the Director



of Government Affairs for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, and he was appointed by President Clinton to serve as Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, the federal agency which regulates Indian gaming nationwide. Johnson was the creator, co-host, and co-producer of PBS "Native Report" for ten years; the founding senior partner for Johnson, Hamilton, Quigley, Twait and Foley law firm; and, from 1990-95, the Staff Director and Counsel for the U.S. House of Representative's Subcommittee on Native American Affairs. In 2017, he was appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Udall Foundation.

Established in 1851, the Board of Regents is the University of Minnesota's governing board. Regents articulate a vision for the University and work to ensure the University fulfills its mission of education, research, and outreach for the benefit of Minnesota, the nation, and the world.



Bois Forte news briefs

Here is a quick update on projects that Bois Forte is currently working on.

•WELY—End of the Road Radio: The three-month extension is set to expire on September 1st. However, CEO Mayan Beltran was expected to recommend to the Tribal Council Wednesday, August 31st, to extend that deadline to give additional time for a deal to be made with potential buyers. There have been 7-8 potential buyers and we are extending a 30-day first right of refusal to those interested parties before advertising to the general public. Plans still on the ta-

ble include just selling the radio station and the tower, while keeping the building and either to sell that or convert into other business opportunities. The other option is to find a buyer to buy everything, including the radio station, tower, and building.

•New C Store South— This is a proposed new convenience store that band members voted to OK last winter. It will be built just off Highway 53 as you take Highway 37 toward Gilbert, just past the Iron Range Visitor Convention Bureau. The City of Eveleth is currently reviewing the site plans and design. Once they approve it, the Tribal Council will sign a letter of intent to build the station. No

timeline has been given as to when construction will begin.

•Nett Lake C Store— Beltran continues to work on this project to reduce the monthly operational loss, which continues to exceed \$20,000+ per month. Beltran is working on a plan to streamline goods the store offers and to pull items that historically do not sell. He is also having staff work on making the store more efficient with a basic remodel (i.e., removing an aisle) to make it easier for customers to utilize the store. He is also implementing training through Cenex to help better verse the staff on operating our convenience stores optimally.

2022-2023 NETT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR STUDENT/STAFF

Nett Lake Elementary School
Soaring to Excellence



ISD #707
Nett Lake Public School
(218) 757-3102
www.nettlakeschool.org/

School Day Schedule

	Start	Dismiss
M, T, Th, Fri.	8:30 AM	3:00 PM
NL Elementary		
Wed	8:30 AM	2:00 PM
NL Elementary		

August					September				
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Teacher Days 29-31					Teacher Day 1st 9/5 Labor Day				
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Winter Break 12/22-1/2					1/16 MLK Day				
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June					5/29 Memorial Day				
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12	13	14	15	16	Holiday / No School				
5/25 - last day for students									
5/26 - last day for teachers					End of Quarter				
					Teacher Inservice/Workshop-No School				
Student Days					*Teacher Days				
Qtr 1:	42		46	Conferences - Early Release Days 12pm					
Qtr 2:	43		45						
Qtr 3:	43		44	Early Release					
Qtr 4:	42		43						
	170		178						

Important news from Superintendent Hardy

Dear parents/guardians:
The 2022-2023 school year for our students is rapidly approaching! The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Please take note of the following events and dates that are pertinent to the start of school.

As we prepare for a new year, we will continue to prioritize protecting the health and safety of staff and students and monitor any impact of COVID-19 variants on school operations. We will begin the school year without masking. If you desire to have your child wear a mask, that's fine too.

School Day - Start: 8:30am
Dismissal: 3:00pm M,T,Th,F
Start: 8:30am Dismissal: 2:00pm Wed

LUNCH INFORMATION
- Informational letter will be sent home regarding the free/reduced lunch application. Please fill out and return to the Elementary School Office.

Picture Day - October 3, 2022. Retakes on November 8.

Campus Messenger - Nett Lake Elementary School will use Campus Messenger exclusively to send important messages and information.

Cell Phones/Personal Electronic Devices - Many

families wish to have contact with their students before and after school via cell phone or personal electronic devices. If a student has a cell phone at school it must not become a distraction or disruption to the learning process; therefore, students' cell phones must be powered off and kept in their backpacks during the school day. Nett Lake Elementary will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

E-Learning Days - Information will be forthcoming

Early Release Days for Professional Learning - Students will be dismissed at 2pm every Wednesday so that teachers can collaborate as a group to examine instructional practices.

Secured Entry During School Days - Our main entrance will remain secured during school hours. Please ring the doorbell to gain entrance.

Please contact the school office at 218-757-3102 if you have any questions concerning the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mr. Peter Hardy
Superintendent/Principal
Nett Lake School

Wishing Our
Students & Teachers a
**SAFE & SUCCESSFUL
SCHOOL YEAR**

Employee shortages lead to water and sewer billing oversight

Due to unforeseen issues in Bois Forte's Accounts Receivable Department, Bois Forte band members will soon be playing catch up with their water and sewer bills.

The Department is now working with an accounting firm to get caught up in billing.

Typically, statements go out monthly; however, notices have not been mailed out since November 2021. That means band members who use the service will have to catch up on their water and sewer bills for eight months. The standard rate is \$85.00 per month, per household.

"As with many things in accounting, it must be worked on in date order," explained Bois Forte CFO Kim Greiner in a letter sent out to band members

during the middle of July. "Our goal is to have all statements up to date by September 30, 2022."

Greiner said the billing delay was caused by several factors, including being understaffed, having staff out due to COVID protocols, and increased workloads for staff due to all the CARES Act programs, ARPA programs, and Infrastructure Program.

For those who utilize services to help offset the water and sewer bills, Greiner said the new Accounts Receivable staff member will be more than happy to assist. She added that as of late August, staff was in the process of sending out February statements.

"If you are in need of assistance verifications or statement copies to submit to an agency, please contact

Bridget Villebrun, and she will manually make an updated statement for you," wrote Greiner.

Villebrun can be reached via email at Bridget.Villebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov or by phone 218-757-3261, Ext. 1130.

Scenes from the Nett Lake Village



IT'S GOING TO BE DELICIOUS!— Nett Lake C Store employee Ray Villebrun was busy prepping pizzas in the deli on a recent Friday afternoon. "I've been working here on and off for a long time, but I've been at the deli for a year and a half," said Villebrun.



HARD AT IT!— Bois Forte's Lance Kingbird was a busy man mowing the lawn near the Bois Forte RTG Building. Great job Lance!



Nett Lake Clinic
(218) 757-3650

Vermilion Clinic
(218) 753-2182

Vaccines: Tues & Wednesdays 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/coronavirus/2019](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/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
6 months – 4 years old
5 – 17 years old

Pfizer-BioNTech
3-dose primary series
2-dose primary series

Moderna
2-dose primary series
2-dose primary series

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

Obituaries

BABAAMADIZI GESHIGIKWE (TERRY ROSE STRONG) passed on Wednesday, August 10th around 7pm after a 28-day hospital stay at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. She succumbed to her bodily condition surrounded by her immediate family and children, as she began her journey to our relatives who have moved on before her. Terry is preceded in the afterlife by her father Terrence J Strong; her sister Rojean L Strong; two nephews: Boy Keezer & Isaiah Sargent; her grandparents Roy Mexican Sr. & Ella T Mexican (Tohannie), and John Strong & Alice Whiteman-Strong (Brown).

She is survived by her mother Rosemary Mexican Strong; her children Michael John Connor Jr. and Rhianna Mae Connor; (Michael L Connor Sr., father); and Terrence Joseph Strong-Boshey (Eugene Boshey Sr., father); brothers: George Joseph Strong, George Roy Strong and Anthony Nichols; numerous uncles and aunts; many cousins, nieces and neph-

DANIEL JAY LUMBAR SR., "Maa Noo Mini Ke Zhe" (Wild Rice Bird), age 66 of Minneapolis, Minnesota passed into the Spiritual World on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at his residence. He was born on September 5, 1955 in Cook, Minnesota the son of Richard Lumbar and Alma Goodsky.

Dan liked to go up north and wild rice with his brother Norm. Daniel loved spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He was always messing around and teasing his family and friends, always making them laugh. Retiring from Operating Engineers Local #

NANCY JUNE WINDER, 82, passed away the evening of November 23rd, 2021 at Edgewood Vista while holding the hand of her daughter.

Nancy was born in Ely on August 17th, 1939, the daughter of Andrew and Eleanor (Maki) Toutloff. She was the fourth of seven children and was a member of the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe. She graduated from Ely High School in 1957 and played the flute in the Drum and Bugle Corps. After high school, Nancy trained to be a medical technician at the Duluth Clinic and worked at the Virginia Hospital and Adam's Clinic in Hibbing. Nancy married Wayne Meyer in December of 1967 and a year later, they

ews, great nieces and nephews

Terry was an enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. She was born in Virginia MN May 3rd, 1970. Her father (1946 - 1996) was Anishinaabe from Bois Forte and her mother Rosemary (1944) is Dine' from the Tonalea/Red Lake/Western Agency area of the Navajo Nation.

Terry graduated from Orr High School in 1988. Professionally she made career choices that focused on helping others. She especially enjoyed working in her last job as a Chemical Dependency Prevention Specialist. Terry was a compassionate advocate for youth, elders and community. She had a very loving positive heart and always seen the glass half full. She carried self-respect and understanding with high regard in her professional, personal and family affairs. She had a sharp wit and always had a knife-like comeback or joke to ease tension and an unforgettable laugh/cackle to sig-

49 as a crane operator. His co-workers always said he was the best crane operator around. He loved his fast cars, music, Cajun Fests and the Casino. Daniel loved his wife's cooking and was always telling her thank you. He gave away a lot of his wild rice to friends and family. He was a giving man, a dad to many, also an uncle, a brother, and a friend. his family will forever miss him deeply.

Survived by his wife: Debra Lumbar; sons: Daniel Lumbar Jr., Byron Lumbar, Travis Lumbar Sr. (Megan), Joseph Lumbar and Duane Lumbar (Kachine); brother: Richard Lumbar; sisters: Au-

welcomed their daughter Kim into their family. Two years later they built their home and farm and raised Kim in rural Hibbing, MN. Nancy later discovered her passion for golf and was a member of Mesaba Country Club.

Nancy moved to Arizona in 1991, and on April 6th, 1992 married Jay Winder. They lived on the golf course at Happy Trails Resort in Surprise, AZ and enjoyed golfing several days a week along with bowling, bocce ball, entertaining friends and traveling around the country during the summer months. Nancy also enjoyed reading and painting beautiful art with water colors. Nancy and Jay had 24 wonderful years together. She spent the last 3

nify great time was being had or a "good one" was being told.

Though she would never complain or let it be known to even family at times she suffered long with Sjogren's Syndrome and the long-term complications from Lupus as an adult since her early 20s. She always carried a silent strength that commanded respect and admiration. She was humble and lived by example. She had many life-long friends. So much so she was a fortunate to need more fingers to count them all.

Terry enjoyed spending time with her family. She made it a point to go that extra mile to create lasting memories especially during the last year as her ER visits increased, and the ailments she managed tightened its grip on her body, she made it a point to spend quality time with her youngest nieces and nephews. She was an avid Pow Wow dancer when she was able and traveled all around the Midwest US and Central Canada through

drey Lumbar, Debbie Lumbar and Denise Strong; 21 grandchildren; two great grandchildren and many other loving relatives and friends.

Daniel is preceded in death by his mother: Alma; father: Richard; brother: Brian Lumbar Sr.; son: Shawn; daughter: Tracy and cousin: Norm

An all-night wake was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at Bois Forte Urban Office, Minneapolis. An additional all-night wake was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at the Bois Forte Tribal Government Building, Nett Lake.

A funeral service for Daniel Jay Lum-

years back in Minnesota living at Edgewood Vista and enjoyed the friends she made along with visits, licks and snuggles from her four grand puppies.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jay; her brother-in-law, Elden Milbridge and her brother-in-law, David Baxter.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Kim (Dean) Forsythe; siblings, Andrew (Kuni) Toutloff, Roger (Gloria) Toutloff, Sharon Milbridge, Patti (Robert) Annette, Ray (Victoria) Toutloff, Debra Baxter; sister-in-law Sharon (Jim) Postance; step-grandson Ken (Heidi) Zinn; step-granddaughter Jerre (Ben) Mauer; step-great grandsons, Dallas and Drake

the 80s, 90s and 2000s.

She enjoyed outdoor activities and being outside and she loved being part of our community and lending a helping hand or a shoulder to those in need.

A wake for Babaamadizi Geshigikwe (Terry) was held at the Tribal Government Building in Nett Lake, Saturday evening on August 13, 2022. Traditional funeral rites were conducted at the Tribal Government Building in Nett Lake, Sunday, August 14th, 2022. Interment at the Nett Lake Village Cemetery.

George Boshkaykin, Spiritual Advisor from Seine River Reserve, Ontario, Canada performed and advised the family and attendees on Traditional rites. Pall Bearers were Aidan J Strong, George R Strong, Keenin B Sargent, Alex T Dufault, Kevin A Strong, Tommy R Nicolas. Honorary Pall Bearers were Harlen Welsh (UT) Ansem Mexican (UT), Ambrose Mexican (UT), Bert Mexican (WY) Roy Mexican (AZ)

bar was held on Thursday, August 4, 2022 beginning at the Bois Forte Tribal Government Building.

The Spiritual Advisors were Allen Hardy and Mike Bunker. Honorary Casket Bearers were all his relatives. Casket Bearers were Conrad King, Richard Lumbar, Leon Goodsky, Jayson Lumbar, Kenneth Rice, Byron Lumbar Jr., Dean Guenther, and Travis Lumbar Jr.

Interment was held at the Sugar Bush Cemetery in Orr, Minnesota.

On-line condolences can be directed to www.thechilsonfuneralhome.com

Zinn, and Walker and Sawyer Mauer; numerous nieces and nephews and of course her beloved grand puppies Lucy, Faith, Jersey and Teddi Forsythe.

Nancy made many wonderful friends during her lifetime as she had a truly special spark that drew people to her. Her family would like to thank the wonderful caring staff of Essentia Hospice and Edgewood Vista for everything.

A Celebration of Nancy's life and her Heavenly 83rd birthday party was held on August 17th, 2022 at Pike Lake Golf Course.

Bois Forte Substance Use program and New Moon Supportive Housing host special Meet & Greet

The Bois Forte Substance Use Program and New Moon Supportive Housing hosted a special Meet & Greet with Quannah Chasinghorse and D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai in The Woodlands Ballroom on August 10th.

Chasinghorse, who is a Native American model and land protector, was featured on the July 2022 cover of National Geographic.

Woon-A-Tai, who is a well-known actor on the hit Hulu series Reservation Dogs, was recently featured on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Show and Good Morning America.

Over 100 were in attendance for the event, in which Chasinghorse and Woon-A-Tai, talked about what it's like to break down barriers in their re-

spective professions. Their words and messages inspired Bois Forte's youth and their parents. The stars were presented with unique gifts from Pam Hughes, who gave an inspiring message of hope to those struggling with substance use.

Following a lengthy question and answer session, Chasinghorse and Woon-A-Tai, stayed around to sign autographs and take pictures with their adoring fans.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Meet & Greet, and a special thank you to Chasinghorse and Woon-A-Tai for so graciously giving time out of your busy schedules to visit our property and reservation!

Here is the Elder Nutrition Program's menu for the month of September. 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.

September 1: Grilled Chicken Breast, Wild Rice, Zucchini, Fruit

September 2: BBQ Pork Riblette Hoagie, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli Salad, Fruit

September 6: Beef Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit

September 7: Cabbage Beef Soup, Ham and Cheese Sandwich on Wheat, Three Bean Salad, Fruit

September 8: Stir Fry Beef, Steamed Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Fruit

September 9: Herb Chicken Breast, Hashbrowns, Broccoli, Fruit

September 12: Breakfast Casserole, Corned Beef Hash, Fruit

September 13: Beef Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit

September 14: Cabbage Beef Soup,

Ham and Cheese Sandwich on Wheat, Three Bean Salad, Fruit
September 15: Stir Fry Beef, Steamed Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Fruit

September 16: Herb Chicken Breast, Hashbrowns, Broccoli, Fruit
September 19: Shepherd's Pie, Biscuit, Hot Spinach, Fruit

September 20: Chili with Beans, Cornbread, Fruit

September 21: Sliced Beef w/Au Jus, Baby Bakers Potatoes, Corn, Fruit

September 22: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Tossed Garden Salad, Fruit

September 23: Meatloaf, Baked Sweet Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit

September 26: Hamburger, Potato Wedges, Fruit

September 27: Beef Barley Soup, Chef Salad, Breadstick, Fruit

September 28: BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit

September 29: Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Cauliflower, Berry Yogurt Parfait

September 30: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit



WOW FACTOR!— D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai, left, and Quannah Chasinghorse, right, anxiously look on as Bois Forte's Pam Hughes presents them with gifts during a special Meet & Greet in The Woodlands Ballroom.



ENJOYING THE MOMENT!—Bois Forte Tracy Peters and her family were thrilled to have their photo taken with D'Pharaoh Woon-A-Tai, far left, and Quannah Chasinghorse, far right, after the Meet & Greet in The Woodlands Ballroom. Pictured in the front row is Adrien J. Peters and Tracy Peters, pictured in the back row, left to right, are Tracy's nieces, Sherry Peters and Delya Adams.

Bois Forte NEWS



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Send to:
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