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Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan visited with youth from the Boys & Girls Club of Bois Forte.

Governor Walz visits Nett Lake reservation for the first time

Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan recently visited Nett Lake. It was Governor Walz's first visit to the reservation, and it was safe to say that he and Lt. Gov. Flanagan thoroughly enjoyed making the trip up north.

Throughout the afternoon, they toured the reservation, enjoyed a lunch of wild rice and venison, attended a ceremony, and even parched some wild rice themselves.

Chairwoman Cathy Chavers met Governor Walz at the Government Center. They were flanked by press and security as they walked across

the lawn, respectfully observing the Veteran's Memorial. Community members welcomed the guests to a ceremony on the Pow-Wow grounds, led by Bois Forte Spiritual Advisor Gene Goodsky.

"Not many officials have come to Nett Lake and Vermilion in the past," said Chavers. "With tribal consultation now, this has changed. It's better for tribes."

Walz said that he intends to visit each reservation, meet with tribal councils, and see the communities.

Flanagan is a member of the White Earth Nation. She *(continued on page 2)*



Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, Director of Career Development Travis Vake, Chairwoman Cathy Chavers and Governor Tim Walz at the Nett Lake Clinic.



Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan try their hands at parching wild rice under the watchful eye of David "Squidg" Morrison Jr. and David Morrison Sr.

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was eager to take home some frybread, which was served as a part of lunch along with other local fares.

The council showed the Governor and Lt. Governor around the community and paid visits to the Government Center, Clinic and the Nett Lake School.

Walz met with representatives of the Boys & Girls Club, who were out of school to parch wild rice and greet Walz and Flanagan. They were thrilled to see Walz and Flanagan, but possibly even more delighted to see Channel 3 News reporter Kristen Vake, who they knew from TV. They were also excited to see members of the Tribal Council.

Band members explained how the parching and harvesting process works while they pushed the rice with long paddles across the hot pan, careful not to burn the grain.

Walz and Flanagan took up the paddles themselves, mirroring the same motions with the encouragement of the children and adults alike. If you buy hand-parched rice this year, there's a good chance some of it was parched by the Governor.



Governor Walz, Gene Goodsky, Ayasha Goodsky, Lt. Governor Flanagan and Ashley Goodsky pose for a photo at the ceremony held in honor of the Governor's visit.



Angelo Kingbird and Kristen Strong demonstrate how to parch wild rice as Governor Walz and others look on.



VETERANS head out for the annual Take A Vet fishing event held in August on Lake Vermilion.

Sixth annual Take A Vet Fishing event held on Lake Vermilion

TOWER—Despite heavy smoke from the Greenwood Fire permeating the air on Lake Vermilion in late August, nothing could dissuade local fishing guides and boat operators from bringing nearly 70 veterans out onto the lake for the 6th annual Take A Vet Fishing event.

“These guys are used to adverse conditions,” said Lake Vermilion Guide’s League President Lonnie Johnson a few hours into the event. “They are having a great time fishing, telling stories, and just enjoying one another’s company.”

The day’s festivities started with a guide’s breakfast, followed by a continental breakfast at the lakeside tent and several hours of fishing, before moving to The Woodlands Ballroom for a shoreline walleye lunch, music, and a cash bar.

Take A Vet Chairman Phil Bakken was thrust into the role of pastor as a bout with COVID-19 kept the real pas-

tor from giving the invocation.

“Today, we honor our men and women who gave their best when called upon.... Bless these men and women for the hardships they faced and the many sacrifices they made...” said Bakken during the invocation. “We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, and pray that you will watch over these special people.”

Bakken’s words were spoken prior to the Cook Honor Guard VFW Post 1757 presentation of the colors, Mary Jo Ralston’s singing of the National Anthem, and the retiring of the colors.

Mixed in with all of those activities was a chance for veterans to get together to reminisce about years gone by and to reconnect on friendships that were formed many years, even decades ago, after their service to their country officially ended.

“It is great getting together to give each other shi*...” said 91-year-old U.S. Army Veteran Bob Roskoski of the

word that ends with a t. ‘I can say shi*’ right?”

The Korean War Vet is a spry 91-year-old, who is looking forward to his 92nd birthday in October. While the adverse weather conditions were an inconvenience, Roskoski was in a jovial mood as he moved from table to table to talk with his buddies, not only the ones who served in the same war as he, but ones that he met at previous Take A Vet Fishing events.

“If I don’t see them here, I get to see other vets every morning when I have coffee with the boys at the club,” said the Purple Heart recipient of his daily trip to downtown Virginia to the VFW. “But this is a special day for us and we thank everyone involved in putting this on.”

However, for Bakken, all of the thanks should be directed at the veterans who show up year after year to this event. He finds it heartbreaking to see the number of World War II Vets

dwindle, but he also appreciates the fact that there is still a small contingency of the Greatest Generation attending the event.

“These World War II vets are special people,” said Bakken. “When they came home from the war, very few of them shared their experiences with their family, but when they come here and get together with other vets, they swap stories. It’s because other veterans can relate to what they’ve gone through.”

Bakken said the World War II veterans more than live up to their moniker of the Greatest Generation.

“Whenever I tell people that we have World War II vets participate in this event, they are like, ‘Wow!’” exclaimed Bakken. “They are truly amazed that we still get them to show up for this event and celebrate them for the sacrifices they’ve made.”

One such World War II Veteran on hand for Thursday’s event was Eveleth’s Ed Mayasich, who is 93-years-old, but still moves around quite well and has a zest for life.

“I went to World War II on my 17th birthday,” recalled Mayasich. “I still remember my mom asking me why I didn’t go to work that day... I told her I didn’t feel very good, but when my Navy recruiter came to my home later that night, she knew what I did and she started crying. That night was the first time I ever saw my dad with tears in his eyes, too.”

As it turned out Mayasich’s decision was one he never regretted, even though it meant he lost a lot of innocence when he signed up that fateful day.

“But it was something I wanted to do,” said Mayasich, who had quit school leading up to his ultimate decision to help out his country.

It’s little snippets like that, that make Bakken and all of the other volunteers glad they sign up to give a little something back to our heroes.

“It’s such a pleasure for us to do this because we respect and honor these veterans,” said Bakken. “I don’t

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Veterans Bill King and Ray Hawk at the annual Take A Vet fishing event.

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think we do enough for them, but this is just our way of giving them a special day for what they've done and what they continue to do."

Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers and Secretary/Treasurer Dave Morrison were two others who took the time to thank the veterans and express much gratitude and respect to the veterans gathered in The Woodlands Ballroom after their morning fishing excursion ended.

"I am a daughter of two veterans as my mom and dad served in the Navy in World War II," said Chavers, who has been the tribal chair since 2016 and is the first female to serve as President of the Minnesota Chipewewa Tribe. "I am proud of their service and very honored and grateful for everyone's service who is here today. We all sacrifice something... but your families also deserve a round of applause for the sacrifices they made. I am proud and honored to be with you



Secretary/Treasurer Dave Morrison Sr. and Chairwoman Cathy Chavers spoke to the participants of the Take A Vet fishing event.

today."

While the day had its somber moments because the veterans never know when there might be an empty seat at a future Take A Vet Fishing event, there were also some lighter moments.

And one of those lighter moments takes place every year when Bakken reminds all veterans, sans the Navy, to take their "seasick" pills before hitting the lake.

"It's going to be a little choppy on the lake today, so make sure to take them," said Bakken prior to the group taking off.

His comments drew some laughs, but when he did an update later in the day, some of the Army, Marines, and Air Force veterans might have thrown out a few hisses or light boos when Bakken gave another roast.

"We had a record number of fish caught today, but we also broke another record, so it looks like some of

you veterans forgot to take your seasick pills as we had eight Army, 10 Marines, and four Air Force veterans that got sick in those big waves out there," joked Bakken.

Once the shore lunch was served, the veterans enjoyed some additional times telling each other how great it was to see one another again. There were plenty of laughs, some tears, and emotions as they bid farewell until they meet again.

For Johnson, that is what the event is all about.

"I was in the dentist's office once waiting to be seen and an old fellow was looking at me and recognized me from a past Take A Vet Fishing event," said Johnson. "He wheeled himself over to me and thanked me and told me how awesome it is that we do this. That really touched me and it's stories like that, that keeps us coming back to do this for our veterans."

**Bois Forte Tribal Court
August 25, 2021**

CHOSA, ROSE MARIE, Endangerment/neglect of child, dismissed, possession of controlled substance, plead guilty

CONNOR, PRESTON MATTHEW, criminal damage to property, dismissed, disorderly conduct and aggravated assault amended to simple assault, plead guilty, disobedience of a lawful court order, plead guilty, disobedience of a lawful court order, dismissed, domestic abuse, terroristic threats, interfere with a 911 call, dismissed, domestic abuse amended to aggravated assault, plead guilty

ISHAM, WILLIAM LYNN, disorderly conduct, plead guilty

**Bois Forte Tribal Court
September 8, 2021**

BONEY, BENJAMIN PHILLIP, driving under influence, plead guilty

VILLEBRUN, DYLAN EARL, disorderly conduct, dismissed, disorderly conduct, dismissed, public nuisance, dismissed, disorderly conduct, plead guilty

JENKINS, VANESSA ANN, disorderly conduct, plead guilty, obstruction of legal process, dismissed, public nuisance, dismissed, disobedience of a lawful court order and trespass amended to disorderly conduct, plead guilty, criminal damage to property, dismissed, disobedience of a lawful court order, dismissed, disorderly conduct, guilty, domestic abuse, dismissed

What Are “Breakthrough Cases?” Does The Vaccine Really Help?



A “Breakthrough Case” is when someone who HAS been fully vaccinated tests positive for Covid-19.

Breakthrough cases are uncommon, but not unexpected. No vaccine is 100% effective. However, vaccination dramatically increases your chances of surviving the disease, avoiding hospitalization, and experiencing mild symptoms or no symptoms.

According to a study by Center for Disease Control, unvaccinated people are 10 times more likely to be hospitalized and 11 times more likely to die of Covid-19 than vaccinated people. The vaccine is extremely effective, even considering breakout cases.

The Delta Variant of Covid-19 may contribute to severe breakthrough cases, as well as cases in general. Even if you have been vaccinated, it is important to practice social distancing and to mask up in public.

The vaccine is the most powerful thing we have in our toolbox to combat the virus, but we should also keep each other safe by practicing excellent hygiene, wearing masks, social distancing, and staying home & getting tested if you feel sick.

Vaccines are available at the Nett Lake & Vermillion Clinics.



Chairwoman Cathy Chavers



Boozhoo!

I would like to take this opportunity to say “Chi Miigwech” to Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan for their visit to Nett Lake. This was the first time since the pandemic began that the Governor and Lt. Governor have been together and it was a very great day! We want to thank everyone who helped out and everyone that attended the event.

We are currently seeing an increase in the COVID-19 Delta Variant at Bois Forte.

Therefore, we have closed our Tribal Government Buildings to the public. However, anyone can call and make an

appointment if they need to see someone. We are also mandating vaccines for all employees of the Bois Forte Reservation to include the tribal government and our businesses. The Head Start program and CMS are making it mandatory for those under Head Start and also those that received Medical Assistance/Medicare reimbursement, along with the President’s order. Our RTC meetings have gone to Zoom also. This pandemic is not over yet so please be safe everyone.

The sentencing case against Ms. Boutto, who stole \$300,000+ from Fortune Bay, had to be rescheduled. Fortune Bay Resort Casino has along with

all other casinos, insurance to cover losses like this and we have received reimbursement for the theft from our insurance company, minus the deductible. The insurance company will then go after Boutto for the money. Bois Forte will be having a Victim Impact Statement at the sentencing hearing.

And finally, we have had interviews for the general manager position at Fortune Bay and interviewed six candidates. We received 21 applications and had to downsize the number of interviews. We hope to have a general manager selected soon.

Miigwech!

Keep this a safe space for our children

Take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 in your daily life and help protect our children, staff, and communities.



Get vaccinated if eligible.



Stay home if you feel sick or have been close to someone with COVID-19.



Wear a mask indoors and when outdoors in large crowds.



Get tested for COVID-19 if you feel sick, were close to someone with COVID-19, or have participated in a high-risk activity.



Skip high-risk activities. This includes large gatherings and crowded places, and indoors where people are not masked.



Keep distance between you and others who do not live with you.



Wash your hands often, especially after touching shared objects.

The more actions we all take, the safer our children and communities will be.

The new Purchased/Referred Care year is beginning on October 1st.



If you have not done so, please turn in your application as soon as possible to avoid delay in coverage.

Applications and questions can be turned into

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Pictured here are TJohn Connor and Rocky King. "Together, we are 130 years old and we've been ricing for a total of 110 years," said King.



Levi Villebrun and Gene Goodsky show off their wild rice harvest.

Manoomin is ripe for harvest

Rice season peaked early this year. Canoes went out onto Nett Lake starting August 15 and returned full of fresh manoomin, as well as pairs of exhausted and hard-working ricers who paddled through tall grasses brimming with spiders to harvest the grain.

Opinions among the ricers differed on whether this year's drought had a significant positive or negative impact on the rice's growth, but it was agreed that the low water level made it difficult, if not impossible, to get to areas where the rice grows. Wild rice prefers shallow water with muddy substrate, and dry years sometimes benefit the plant by perpetuating these conditions. However, this season's low rainfall and dry heat has rendered some of these areas impassable by canoe.

Despite this, the community members who ventured out to collect the rice remained determined and op-

timistic.

Wild rice has sustained Native nations for thousands of years. Since it ripens unevenly and gradually, the same wild rice bed may be harvested several times in the same year. Rice is collected by using long cedar rods to bend the plants toward the canoe, sweeping it into the boat. Ripe rice will naturally shatter off of the stem, while unripe rice will stay in place. These traditional methods, which allow much of the rice to fall into the water, ensure that the rice re-seeds itself and comes back for future years.

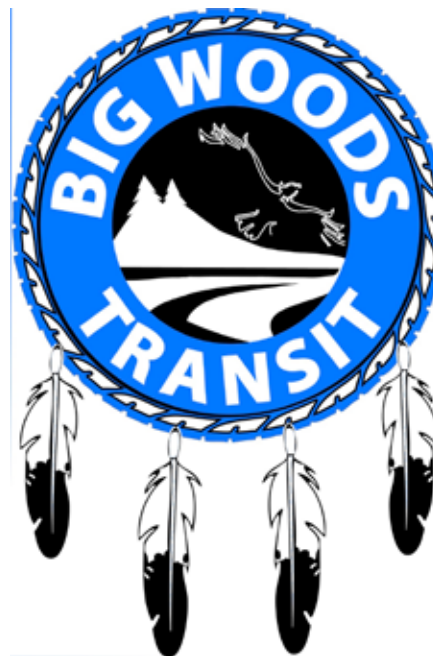
Nett Lake produces thousands of pounds of wild rice a year, about 200 pounds per acre.

Some out on the lake have been harvesting for many years, such as Gene Goodsky, who describes himself as the "oldest ricer" on the lake. Others are new to the scene, ricing for the first

time this season.

Despite all of the upheaval and difficulties of this past year, traditions

such as these carry on. Nett Lake wild rice can be bought at the C-Store, or on the C-Store website.



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WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

We are seeking warm clothing donations of clean, gently used winter clothing such as winter jackets, snow pants, boots, gloves/mittens, hats, scarves etc for adults and children

DONATIONS ACCEPTED during the *month of September*
Drop off at Bois Forte Behavioral Health office in Nett Lake Human Services Building (Upstairs) or contact any Behavioral Health Staff 218-757-3295 to coordinate a pickup

PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION DATES:

If you are in need of any winter apparel please attend one of the distribution dates!

VERMILION Thursday October 7th 2021
at the Vermilion Boys and Girls Club from 12:30pm-2:30pm

NETT LAKE Thursday October 14th, 21st, 28th 2021
at the Nett Lake Food Shelf Building 1:00pm-3:00pm

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University Research Team is seeking tribal members' input

Hazelnuts (bagaanag) are a culturally important crop for native communities in Minnesota's Northern Woods area. Not only do they provide abundant healthy food, but they also provide many environmental benefits due to their perenniality. Their deep roots hold soil in place, build soil organic matter, sequester carbon, and make them more drought tolerant than annuals, while their bush above-ground structure blocks the wind and provides wildlife habitat.

Researchers at the Universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin and sustainable agriculture organizations in Wisconsin (Savanna Institute) and Iowa (Trees Forever) are seeking to introduce hazelnuts as a farm crop in the Upper Midwest to harness those environmental qualities. They see hazelnuts as a protein and oil crop that can alleviate many negative impacts of annual tillage while providing land managers a new source of income.

This research team is utilizing conventional breeding methods to develop improved hazelnut varieties that will produce commercially desirable hazelnuts similar to those commonly grown in the Western United States but that retain the Eastern Filbert Blight resistance and winter-hardiness which are characteristic of midwest American hazelnuts. These breeding methods do not utilize transgenic genetic engineering and would be suitable for organic cropping systems.

The project team encourages tribal leaders and members to stay informed and provide feedback. Please feel free to reach out to provide input, comments, and ask any questions you may have. Those interested in learning more about this hazelnut research can visit <https://www.forevergreen.umn.edu/> or contact project team members directly.

In coming months, research team members will plan to conduct

in-person conversations with tribal members in Northern Minnesota should pandemic conditions allow. Those with an interest in attending an in-person meeting can contact Greg Schweser via email or phone to receive updates.

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Obituaries



VERNON K. CONNOR, 57, passed away on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at his home. Vernon was born to Leslie and Marcella (Morrison) Connor on June 23, 1964 in Cook, MN. He attended Rainy Lake College and Bemidji college, earning his Vo Tech degree in carpentry.

Vernon enjoyed carpentry and woodworking. He also enjoyed fishing, playing cards and popping wild rice. Vernon had a great sense of humor, which he used to handle many circumstances. He was a carefree guy who was always joking and friend-

ly. His family remembers his "burley laugh". You didn't need to see Vernon in the room; you just knew from hearing his laugh.

Vernon was preceded in death by his father Leslie; his brother Leslie John Jr.; a baby sister Angela Louise; maternal grandparents: John and Angeline Morrison; and paternal grandparents: Lafayette and Ruth Connor.

Vernon is survived by his mother Marcella Connor; sister Janice Connor; brothers: Marty Connor (Char Jordan); Mike (Tonya) Connor; and Allen "Buzz" Connor; aunts: Edith

Villebrun and Carol Chico; uncle Floyd Morrison; nephews Jordan, Michael John and Tate; nieces: Joy, Sharla, Nazhoni and Rhienna; and many other relatives and friends.

A Wake was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at the Nett Lake Baptist Church, Nett Lake, MN. The Funeral Service was held the next day on Wednesday, September 22, also at the Nett Lake Baptist Church. To leave an online condolence visit www.mlakerfuneralhome.com



ALICIA ANN IVERSEN, 101, died on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at Barross Cottages.

Alice was born April 21, 1920, to Peter and Alice (McCoy) Gallant, in Duluth, MN, where she grew up and graduated from Central High School in 1938. Moving to Two Harbors, she was employed at the New Life Café and the National Tea Grocery store.

After Alice lost her fiancé at the Battle of Tarawa during WWII, Alice enlisted in the US Marine's Women's Reserve, serving at Camp Lejuene, NC. There she learned bookkeeping skills which served her well professionally and in volunteer pursuits.

Upon returning to Two Harbors, Alice worked at the Two Harbors Co-op Store and the Two Harbors Feder-



al Credit Union. She married Harry Iversen on September 13, 1947.

Alice was a member of Bois Forte Ojibwe and was the last remaining WWII veteran of the tribe. She was very proud of her Native American ancestry.

A strong advocate for single payer health care, Alice was very involved in the creation of the Two Harbors Community Health Center, as a Guild member, fundraiser and board member. Alice was a volunteer bookkeeper for the Lake County Day Activity Center, active in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary at the local and 8th District levels and in the Sons of Norway. She was a member of UFCW 1116, and thankful for its' benefits.

Alice enjoyed traveling, especially

to Norway with Harry, gambling, volunteering with community organizations and being with friends and family. She was a huge Twins and Vikings fan.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harry, son John, two sisters and three brothers. She is survived by son, Paul, niece, Marjorie "Tinky" Laiti, and several grand and great grand nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank long time caregiver, Bonnie Timo, Louise's Coffee Shop, the Meals on Wheels staff, Community Partners, Dr.'s Joseph and Han Han, and many others for helping keep Alice healthy and in her home over the last 15 years. Also, thanks to the Barross Cottages II staff.

We would also like to thank Commander Jim Latvala and the Anderson-Claffy Post 109 of the American Legion, Tribal Chairwoman Cathy Chavers and Bois Forte, as well as Pastor Paula and the United Church for

honoring Alice over the past few years. As Alice would say "Thank goodness for small towns!"

In lieu of flowers or memorials, please send a donation to any one of Alice's favorite organizations; Save Lake Superior Association, Lake County Day Activity Center, Silver Bay Veteran's Home, VFW National Home for Children or one of your own favorite organizations.

Honorary Pallbearers included Eileen Walker, Ernest Hall, Kenneth Hall, LuAnne (Laiti) Anderson, Connie Laiti, Mark Laiti, Mary Laiti, Joy Gretsche, and Kristine Betcher.

Visitation was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at the United Church in Two Harbors. Burial took place at the Lakeview Cemetery in Two Harbors.

To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavalinfuneralhome.com.

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Recipe Corner

"Chi-Miigwech to Dee King for this recipe. Dee writes, 'My late husband, Richard King, loved this dish. We always would receive Nett Lake hand-parched rice from family and friends. I miss the "real" wild rice and I miss him asking me to make this dish. Enjoy!'"

WILD RICE WITH MUSHROOMS AND ALMONDS

Wild rice is not really rice, but the grain of a native American grass that grows in swampy, shallow water and is still harvested by Indians in boats.

1 cup uncooked wild rice	1 can (8 oz.) mushroom stems and pieces, drained
¼ cup butter or margarine	3 cups chicken broth*
½ cup slivered almonds	
2 tsp. snipped chives or chopped green onions	

Wash and drain rice. Melt butter in large skillet. Add rice, almonds, chives and mushrooms; cook and stir until almonds are golden brown, about 20 minutes.

Heat oven to 325°. Pour rice mixture into ungreased 1½-quart casserole. Heat chicken broth to boiling; stir into rice mixture. Cover tightly; bake about 1½ hours or until all liquid is absorbed and rice is tender and fluffy. **6 to 8 servings.**

*Chicken broth can be made by dissolving 3 chicken bouillon cubes in 3 cups boiling water, or use canned chicken broth.

If you have a recipe you would like to share, email it to: news@boisforte-nsn.gov

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2021 BOIS FORTE WATERFOWL

GUIDING SEASON

As with every year, if a band member would like to guide non-Band Members, the Band Member and their Non-Band Members will have to follow Minnesota's rules, regulations, and bag limits.

Minnesota has a few changes this year regarding start dates and hours.

*Waterfowl season dates: Saturday, Sept. 25, to Tuesday, Nov. 23.

*Hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset except early teal season, when shooting cannot begin until sunrise.

*Extending legal shooting hours to sunset for the entire season, eliminating the 4 p.m. early season closure.

*Implementing a five-day early teal season (Sept. 4 - Sept. 8). Cannot shoot until sunrise.

*Increasing the bag limit for Canada, white-fronted or Brant geese in any combination from three to five birds per day for the entire season.

*Motorized spinning-wing decoys may be used statewide during the early teal season and throughout the entire waterfowl season, including on wildlife management areas.

The Band member must have a valid Bois Forte hunting license. A Band member may take up to 3 persons (non-band member) in which each hunter must have a daily hunting permit, (\$10 per hunter), on their persons before the hunt.

Daily permits are to be picked up at the DNR office by an authorized signer.

All hunters must have a Duck stamp and small game/ waterfowl license.

The Band member is responsible for their hunters at all times. Guiding Band member will follow state bag limits.

Any Questions, please contact one of our Conservation Officers.

Josh Sherman: 218-404-5761

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From the archives... A look back at the October 2001 edition of the Bois Forte News



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The Chairman's corner.... New holiday to be observed!



Gary Donald
 RTC Chairman

The morning of September 11, I was driving to a meeting with Bobbie Whitefeather in Red Lake. I was thinking what a beautiful morning it was. The sky was clear and the sun shining, but I had a funny feeling. I turned on the radio for some country music and heard the reporters talking frantically about what was happening. "One had a tape of a woman yelling, 'Oh my God, Oh my God,'" I thought, "Is this someone's idea of a joke?"

tape of the second plane crashing and then the towers collapsing. The next morning I was in Cass Lake for the funeral of former Leech Lake Secretary Treasurer, Dan Brown. It was then that I thought to call Gene Goodsky and suggest we have a ceremony for our people in Nett Lake to help deal with the attack against our country.

The gathering that Gene organized was very good. About 150 people came together for our Healing Ceremony on September 13 at the Nett Lake School and Reslin Groggoye of Leech Lake and Gene led our service.

At the ceremony, members of the RTC spoke about their intentions for bringing everyone together and the traditional drums sang our songs and the pipes were lit. Then Reslin made offerings of tobacco, blankets, hand held tools, wild rice and moosey.

After Reslin made all the offerings he went back to the tragedy that was happening. There is not much that we can do with these people and their hatred. We can track them down, we can follow them and bring them here and bring them into confinement. But then, where do we go from there?

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The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council has set a new holiday to be observed on the second Friday of October as a day of remembrance to honor our ancestors who suffered so greatly as a result of the so-called "discovery" of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492. The Tribal Council passed a resolution to that effect at a special meeting held on May 13, 2001.

WHEREAS, the Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and prior to the Reorganization Act of 1934 was known as the Nett Lake Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council hereby designates the second Friday in October 2001 and each year after a holiday in honor of our ancestors by a day of remembrance to mark our 500th year of the most brutal genocide and forced assimilation the world has ever seen through a systematic mass murder of Indian people by the U.S. Government; and

WHEREAS, the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council believes that it is in the best interest of the Band and its members to support and start the long-overdue healing of our heritage through a day of remembrance; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council supports the proposed designated Friday as a commemoration of a day of remembrance to honor our ancestors from the great loss of Native People.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and passed upon by a vote of 8-0-0. Approved by the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, a quorum being present, held on 09/20/2001 at _____, Minnesota.

Gary W. Donald
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RTC Moves Ahead on Financing for new Golf Course

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On September 5, Bois Forte Band leaders met in Minneapolis with banking and financial officials to set up financing for the new Fortune Bay golf course, which is expected to open in the spring of 2003 and generate millions of dollars for the Band.

RTC Chairman Gary Donald, Secretary-Treasurer David Morrison, Sr., and Representatives Gordy Adams, Jr. and Ray Villebrun were accompanied at the meeting by Fortune Bay Board of Enterprises President Gary Gotschalk and Board Member Roger Tuteloff, as well as

their spouses and kids when they visit us," said Morrison. And, according to Villebrun, "It is an important way to make Fortune Bay an even more popular destination for conventions."

The group met with Bill Spang, president of Mountain Iron State Bank, officials of the financial investment corporation Marshall, Miller & Schroeder and attorneys from the law firm of Faegre and Benson. During the meeting, Band leaders signed papers to set up the financing for the new golf course. The Band is borrowing the money for the project at a "good tax-exempt rate," according to one of Marshall, Miller & Schroeder officials. Band officials also heard presentations from two golf

management companies that are vying to manage the new course.

By adding a golf course to the Band's resort and gaming facilities, the RTC plans to make Fortune Bay an even stronger draw among tourists and families, according to RTC officials.

"I know that gaming could grow and provide us with an opportunity for spin off into other things," said Donald. "We went from a simple bingo hall to more gaming and slots, then a hotel, an RV park, a marina, our museum and cultural center, and now the golf course."

This kind of long-term planning has won praise from the financial professionals who are helping the Band create the golf course. "Some band have build casinos and added on, but Bois Forte has build a resort that happens to have gaming," Spang pointed out. "The Band continues to enhance Fortune Bay as a major destination for Northern Minnesota and our Band is proud to partner with them on these efforts."

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