



Bois Forte NEWS

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RTG NOVEMBER HOLIDAY HOURS

The Bois Forte Tribal Government Buildings in Nett Lake and Vermilion will be closed Friday, November 10th for Veteran's Day.

The office will also be closed Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving and Friday, November 25th for Native American Heritage Day.

Bois Forte featured in MN 2035 Plan

Video highlights the success story of health and human services teams

NETT LAKE— It was lights, camera, and action for members of Bois Forte's Health and Human Services team as they were recently featured in a YouTube video as part of the Minnesota Department of Health's MN 2035 Plan.

"I think the staff really liked the finished product, and it turned out well," said Bois Forte's Community Health Program Manager Teri Morrison. "It's hard to toot your own horn, but our staff did an excellent job relaying the messages we wanted to get out there."

Those messages included giving a quick overview of Bois Forte's history while also touching on the importance of eating healthy and leading a healthier lifestyle. The nearly 11-minute-long video can be seen by going to YouTube on your mobile device, computer, or Smart TV and typing in Bois Forte Success story.

Morrison said the Minnesota Department of Health reached out to her nearly a year ago to start plans to create the YouTube video, but more importantly, to incorporate Bois Forte into the MN 2035 Plan.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, the goal of the MN 2035 Plan is to save lives and improve health and well-being, especially in those communities throughout Minnesota currently experiencing the greatest negative health

outcomes.

The success stories that the Minnesota Department of Health highlighted in the plan, including Bois Forte's work, are designed to show others the innovative ways Minnesotans and Minnesota organizations are working to reduce the impacts of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes in real-time.

"The work you are doing is having a truly positive impact on that effort and will serve as an example for others who want to do the same. To say that you should be proud of that fact is an understatement," wrote Minnesota Department of Health's Teresa Ambroz in an email to Morrison and her staff in announcing the completion of the YouTube video. "I am so grateful I had the opportunity to visit you all last fall. You are doing amazing work!"

One key feature in the video was covered by Bois Forte's Melissa Hawk, who talked about how vital Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) devices were to band members struggling with diabetes.

She said that roughly 70 band members are using the devices, which are attached to one's arm and then provide immediate results to the users' cell phone and give readings to the clinic so they can monitor patients. Hawk talked about two success stories where one band member dropped their

AC1 down 6% over four months and lost 13 pounds in one year, while another band member dropped their AC1 by 8%.

"Those devices are life savers," said Morrison of the CGMs. "They are so much more convenient than having to come into the clinic to get your readers, and the feedback is immediate, which is very important. CGMs are very effective, and it

is encouraging to see our band members take that extra step to protect themselves."

Other staff members, like Amber Zapata and Jennalee Porter, talked about the importance of eating healthy and taking steps to stay healthy and to pass that way of life down to the next generation.

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Enjoying another community gathering!



HAVING A GOOD TIME!— Crystal Goggeley, left, Tahlia Strait, center, and Landin Strait, right, get ready to sit down for a meal at the Bois Forte Sobriety Feast, which took place in The Woodlands Ballroom at Fortune Bay in early October.

Chairwoman Cathy Chavers



Boozhoo Ahneen!

November is now upon us. It is a busy month for us as we celebrate Na-

tive American Heritage Month, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving.

Make sure to pause and thank our Ogichidaas (warriors) who have done so much for our country and reflect on celebrating our culture as we commemorate Native American Heritage Month.

November also means colder weather will soon be here, so we must prepare for winter. Please check your batteries in your smoke alarms, and if you have them, check your carbon monoxide detectors as well.

Each month, the Tribal Council attends the Bois Forte Development Corporation meeting at Fortune Bay. This is the meeting of all the businesses: Fortune Bay Resort Casino, the Wilderness,

C Store in Nett Lake, and the Y store.

We look at the financials for each of these from the previous month and band member employment numbers, the health account, and any other items needing approval. Those can vary from revisions to personnel policies, etc.

We met on October 16 and were made aware by Joe Wisocki, manager of The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, that of all the properties with casinos and golf courses, The Wilderness at Fortune Bay was ranked 7th in the country. What an honor!!!!!! This honor was the work of all the managers and employees. You are all very much appreciated!

Also, we have talked about developing the Bois Forte Economic Development Board (this used to be the Fortune Bay Board of Directors in the past). At our next Development Corporation meeting, we will be looking at a budget for this board, as the guidelines and board composition have already been sent to the Tribal Council for their review. We will be getting more information out after our next meeting, as decisions should be made then so we can move forward.

The second week of October was Tribal State Relations Training for legislators, Commissioners, Asst. Commissioners and state employees. This event took place at Treasure Island. It was the 10th anniversary of this event, and they have now trained over 6,000 people.

This training was an excellent opportunity to talk with various Commissioners on issues important to Bois Forte. One issue was the first right of refusal for tax-forfeited land within the reservation boundaries. Currently, there is nothing in law to address this for the tribes. I also had the opportunity to sit on the Education Panel and the Indian Child Welfare Act/Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act. Many issues were presented to the people who attended this training by the tribes, such as Cannabis, etc. Overall, it was an excellent way to connect with those departments and individuals to ensure they included tribes in their work.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving with their families and friends!

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BOIS FORTE

DOES YOUR CHILD ATTEND ROCK RIDGE NORTHWOODS TOWER OR NORTH EAST RANGE SCHOOL?

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGES 5-18.

Boys & Girls Club Parent Portal

You can sign up by following the steps below or if you need assistance, please call-in advance for an appointment and staff can help you.

Jessi Lambert at 218-753-8934 or 218-404-8070 in Vermilion

Wendy Deatherage at 218-404-8174 in Nett Lake

How to sign up using our parent portal

Step 1: Go to our BGC website - <https://www.bgcboisforte.com/s/>

Step Two - Click Parent Portal

Step 3 - Click Need a login and create an account

Step 4 - Verify your email, Log in

Step 5 - Click the membership tab (Browse membership)

Step 6 - Select a membership category, membership type

Step 7 - Select each child or add a child to sign up

Step 8 - Fill out all the questions and make sure to submit when done!

If your child is not signed up in the parent portal your child/children will not be able to attend the BGC until they are signed up. Please call with any additional questions.

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Staying physically fit by utilizing the Native Hearts Fitness Center and Vermilion Wellness Center was a message Dave "Squidg" Morrison discussed in the YouTube video.

He talked about programs offered to get our youth and adults involved in putting in a concerted effort to get active and do their part in making staying fit a priority.

"Our common goal is trying to bring our community together to reverse the cycle of diabetes," said Morrison in the

video.

For more information on the Minnesota Department of Health's MN 2025 Plan, please visit MN 2035 Plan Update - MN Dept. of Health (state.mn.us).

"I would like to say thank you for them recognizing the work that our employees do," said Teri Morrison. "This project was a collaboration from a lot of different departments, and it was nice for us to be recognized for the work that is being done on behalf of the Bois Forte band members."

BOIS FORTE JOB OPENINGS:

The following jobs are currently open:

- Nett Lake Tribal Police Officer, closes November 14, 2023
- Bus Driver in Nett Lake, will remain open until filled.
- Head Star Early Head Start Teacher Aid Substitute, both in Nett Lake and Vermilion, closes December 15, 2023.

Please visit www.boisforte-nsn.gov for more information and for the latest updates on current job openings, thank you!

Catching up with Bois Forte Leasing Manager Lance Hill

Let's start by you telling our readers about you. Tell us where you grew up, where you went to school, your family background, and where you live now.

My name is Lance Hill. I am from Bois Forte and have spent most of my life in the area. I was born in St. Paul, MN. My father is Raymond Hill from the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, and my mother is Margaret Whiteman of Nett Lake. I graduated from Orr High School and am currently continuing my studies at Concordia-St Paul. I currently live in Cook with my two children, Leytyn (10) and Kielyn (9), who attend Nett Lake Elementary.

How do you like to spend your free time when you aren't working?

My free time is usually filled with studying and catching up with family needs (cooking, laundry, kids' activities, etc). But since I took this semester off, I spend a lot of time engaging in my children's hobbies (martial arts, soccer, gaming, cooking lessons, and being a YOUTUBE cameraman). But I have hobbies of my own as well. I like to sharpen kitchen knives until you can shave with them. I like to watch sports, play X-Box, and read in my spare time.

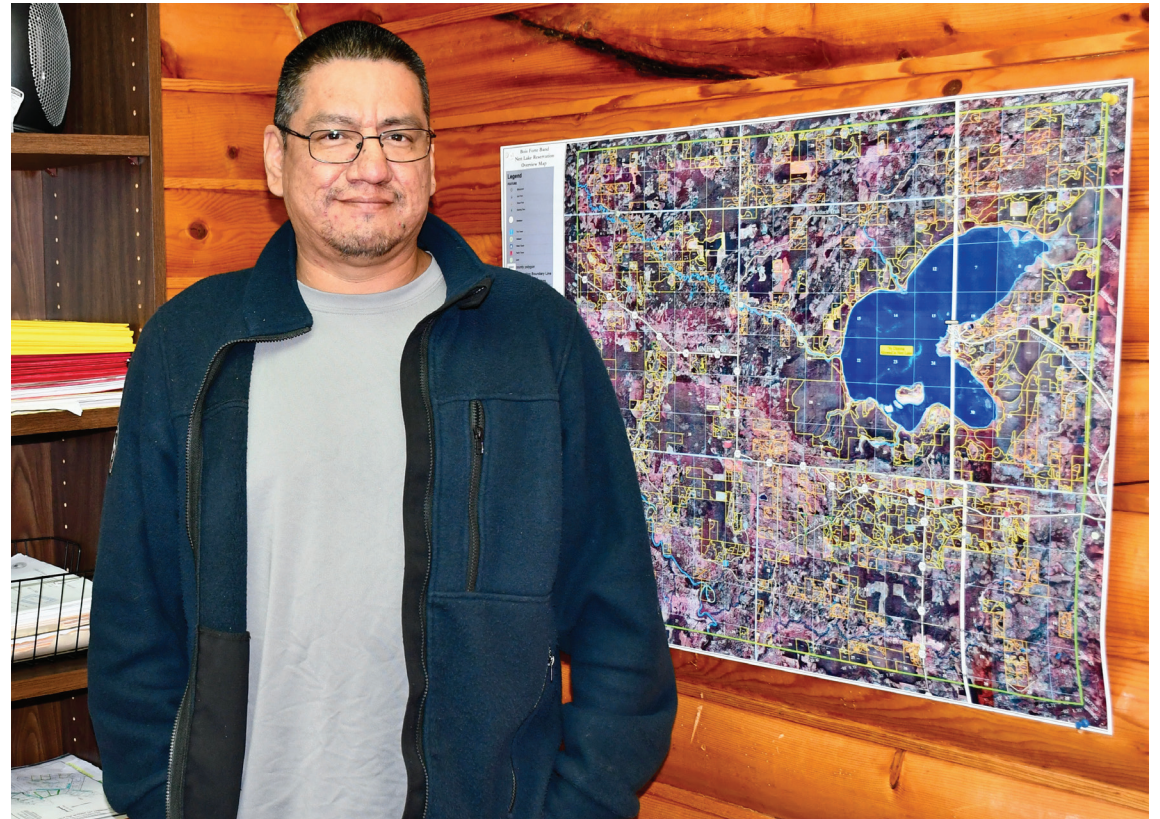
Please give us a summary of your work history before landing your most recent position.

My work history was a little of everything prior to 10 years back. I did not focus too much on any single career path. But eventually, I realized that I had to focus and join the adult world. So, I began working at Bois Forte Forestry as a seasonal wildland firefighter, which is something that I have been doing on and off since 1996. Eventually, I was offered a full-time

position as a forestry technician and began learning forest management by taking field measurements for the tribal foresters on staff. I picked their brains for the entire four years I was in that position. I briefly transferred to our DNR Environmental Services Department but found that my passion still sat in forest management. The recently hired Forest Program Manager took a chance on me and offered me an opportunity to try and fill the allotment forester's duties. I survived that first year and was off and running at Bois Forte Forestry. My supervisor had a Master's Degree in Math and Forestry and had zero issues sharing any and all of his knowledge with anyone who wished to learn. Just as I got really good at my job, my boss accepted another job outside Bois Forte, so I took on the new challenge of managing the forestry department. I could write pages on that position alone, but I will note that the job required a huge commitment. It is actually three positions (Fire Management Officer, Tribal Forester, and Program Manager). I eventually found that I needed a job that allowed me time to spend more weekends with my family. My hat's off to the guys out there now. But that position requires fresh legs every now and again, and mine were exhausted.

What are some of your daily duties that you need to do to be successful in your new career as Leasing Manager for Bois Forte?

I deal with a significant backlog of leases that need attention. I also study policy and regulations, looking for opportunities to make the program more efficient whenever our local policy needs to be updated as part of our trust responsibilities. In a nutshell, I spend



my days taking calls, fielding questions, reading, studying, and typing. That may sound like it could be more exciting, but I look at it as a giant puzzle that needs attention.

Have you given time to think about short-term and long-term goals for yourself? If so, what are those goals?

I have. My short-term goal is to complete an audit on all of our current lease files and then find an efficient method to process them and keep them compliant without some of the redundancies I am recognizing. A second short-term goal would be to secure funding to enhance my department's ability to create spatial data for my work. I wish to have all of our current leases on a GIS Data layer so I can speed up my work output. Being able to click on a map and find all of the data you need is a huge benefit.

In the long term, I wish to

integrate our files into an automated database to help with our record-keeping. We won't remove ourselves from paper. However, the data from the paper files can be stored in an interactive database. That will allow a program of one staffer to keep up with the workload comfortably. I think it is a reachable goal.

I know you are coming into this next topic fairly late in the game, but did the Bois Forte Leasing Program ever get updated after input was received from band members and elders?

The question was referencing the "Bois Forte Leasing Policy" comment session. The document that is being proposed was planned to be a document that fills in some of the space that is not specifically covered in the "Department of Interior's Code of Federal Regulations (hereafter as CFR) and the Bureau of

Indian Affairs' (BIA) "Business Leasing on Indian Lands Handbook" which have historically been the governing documents for Bois Forte's Leasing Program since self-determination. Now, those are two very vast documents covering a lot of ground. So, creating a Bois Forte Leasing Policy that matches that type of space is a huge task for anyone willing to try to accomplish that goal. However, anything that is not covered in our local policy will be managed through our adherence to CFR and the BIA Handbook. So, with all of that said, our Tribal Council and pertinent staff are still discussing the document, which is not yet approved. But this will not be an earth-moving policy document. It will have a lot of Bois Forte-specific items within, but I don't plan to see too much change in how I perform my daily duties.

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Bois Forte amongst 14 tribes to be selected for TAP program

The Justice Department has selected 14 federally recognized Tribes to participate in the continued expansion of the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP), a program that provides Tribal governments with means to access, enter, and exchange data with national crime information systems, including those maintained by the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division.

The Bois Forte Band of

Chippewa was the only Minnesota tribe selected.

This announcement follows Attorney General Merrick B. Garland's trip to Alaska last month, during which he visited Anchorage and the village of Galena. Attorney General Garland met with Tribal leaders and advocates to discuss the public safety challenges that Alaska Native individuals and communities face.

"Meeting the most urgent public safety challenges in

Tribal communities requires strengthening cooperation and collaboration between Tribal and federal law enforcement," said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland.

The following Tribes have been selected for participation in TAP:

1. Pauma Band of Luiseño Mission Indians
2. Chickaloon Native Village
3. Nez Perce Tribe
4. Mashpee Wampanoag

Tribe

5. Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
 6. Quechan Tribe
 7. Pueblo of Isleta
 8. Pala Band of Mission Indians
 9. Lovelock Paiute Tribe
 10. Tonto Apache Tribe
 11. Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
 12. Yakutat Tlingit Tribe
 13. Ho-Chunk Nation
 14. Comanche Nation
- TAP is managed by the Jus-

stice Department's Office of the Chief Information Officer and the Office of Tribal Justice. It is funded by the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

For more information on TAP, visit www.justice.gov/tribal/tribal-access-program-tap.

BOIS FORTE

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contact: [jill.schuchard 218-410-3293](mailto:jill.schuchard@boisforte.gov)

Bois Forte Tribal Justice teams work on strategic plan

NETT LAKE— For two days in October, members of the Tribal justice team met to review data and work on the tribal justice system strategic plan to help improve departments within the Tribal Justice System at Bois Forte.

These departments include: Tribal Court, Substance Use, Mental Health, ICWA and Victim Services, and the Nett Lake Police Department.

Data collected through depart-

mental stakeholder interviews and focus groups, as well as the Tribal Justice Community Service Survey that was sent out over the summer is being utilized to help develop the strategic plan.

Miigwech to all that took time to complete our Tribal Justice Community survey. The data collected was very helpful and will be used to guide our goals and objectives in our Tribal Justice Strategic Plan.



TEAMWORK!— Pictured here are members of the Tribal Justice Team at Bois Forte. Pictured left to right are: Erin Danielson (Mental Health), Melissa Wright (Judicial Services), John Gudahl (Substance Use), Janell Smith (Probation), Kristina Isham (Judicial Services), and Chief Judge Megan Treuer. Not pictured who also participated: Jamie Burdick (Chief of Police), Angela Wright (ICWA/VS), and Donna Hoffer (Police Department). Submitted photo.

Bois Forte's DNR and Conservation Departments continue busy fall season

NETT LAKE— With the hustle and bustle of summer over, one would think Bois Forte's DNR and Conservation Departments would have a chance to sit back and enjoy some down time.

However, that's not the case as there is always something going on for the likes of Chris Holm and Tony Mason.

For Mason, one of his many tasks is overseeing the 2023 waterfowl season, which has gone pretty well.

"It's not great, but the guides for Bois Forte are able to get the hunters on the ducks with a great deal of consistency," said Mason from his office in mid-October. "Hopefully the lake will not freeze, and we will be able to have some great

hunts for the bigger northern ducks."

Moose season is underway as well, but the warm weather has kept activity fairly slow. Mason said he is hopeful the upcoming cool down predicted for the end of October will result in the moose being more active.

As of press time, 1854 Treaty Authority Wildlife Biologist Morgan Swingen said only one moose had been taken. She reported that 24 permits were issued, but only 15 bull moose could be taken before the 2023 hunt would be called off to protect the population.

"The low number isn't necessarily indicative that there aren't a lot of moose," she said. "I just don't think the

warm weather has helped."

Resource Management Division Director Darren Vogt said that fact, coupled with the rain the region has received, hasn't helped either.

"It's also hard to know the hunters' efforts," said Vogt. "People tend to get busy and might not have the opportunity to get out and hunt (for an extended period of time)."

Holm also reported that deer season is also off to a sluggish start on the Bois Forte Reservation. When asked why it was off to a slow start, Holm opined that there are theories, but they are not supported by data. He said the prevalent one here is that wolves are preying and reducing the deer herd.

"That could be true, but we don't have data yet to support that," said Holm. "Bears also predate young deer, and as you know we also have a lot of bears. Perhaps they are influencing new recruitment."

Holm added that there have not been any significant changes in forest cover types or food resources to point to as a cause for the slow start to the deer season.

As Vogt alluded to earlier, Holm said there could also be less people hunting.

"We have seen reductions in waterfowl hunting this year, a little different because there was lots of feed rice and a good duck population out there," said Holm of band members getting out to hunt. "Perhaps when people start hearing that there are 'No deer,' they are less inclined to gear up and go out."

The fall season also means band members will take to the woods to harvest boughs for ornamental picking. Mason reported that he's already encountered some instances where boughs have not been properly harvested.

"Let's keep in mind that at no time when picking boughs will the picker cut a tree down to harvest boughs," cautioned Mason. "If there are any questions regarding bough picking, contact the Conservation Officers or Cody Swanson at the Forestry. It's important to note that there isn't any Spruce top picking within the boundaries of Bois Forte. Cody will be able to direct you to any questions re-



SUCCESS!— Bois Forte band member Phil Brodeen had a successful 2023 moose hunt as he took down this bull moose near Isabella. Congratulations Phil!

garding spruce tops."

Swanson, who is a Forestry Technician & Wild Land Firefighter, can be reached at 218-757-3177 or via email at cody.swanson@boisforte-nsn.gov

While a lot of the work Mason does is non-office related, he did report that a CTAS grant was procured for the Conservation Department.

The acronym stands for Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation and is a grant program through the Department of Justice for building law enforcement and court infrastructure that is open to all law enforcement at local, state and tribal levels.

"A lot of hard work and time was put into this grant and it was nice to see those efforts pay off," said Mason. "This grant will go a long way in helping the Conservation Department get to where we would like to see it go."

Once more details are finalized as to how the grant monies will be expended, the *Bois Forte News* will do an update on the CTAS.

"The DNR has been in the hunt to get a CTAS for a long time," said Holm. "It's a highly competitive grant and a tough one to get."

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2023 RECAP OF WILD RICE HARVEST SEASON

NETT LAKE—The Bois Forte Rice Committee determined Nett Lake open for picking on September 7. On September 7 it rained, so first picks happened on September 8.

According to DNR Manager Chris Holm, bed acreage extent and production was exceptional. He said weather conditions were generally mild.

"A few storm events created some intermittent rain, no hail, and so no substantial damaging impact," said Holm. "Rice kernels kept longer on the plants."

Holm added that GIS mapping showed bed

extent of 5000 acres and stem density was heavy across all rice beds, and plants reached full height and maturity by time of harvest.

"Heavy density and good growing conditions led to slow ripening, which gave harvesters a long season opportunity to pick rice," said Holm. "Water levels remained low but navigable throughout the season. Transition from rice to duck season occurred smoothly. Most persons appeared to be done harvesting rice by the time waterfowl season started."

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What are some of the main changes people will see resulting from that input, and when will those changes be made?

I can't really speak to any timelines because my position is about ensuring compliance. I am not an authorizing figure. Others draft the policies, and I navigate through the waters that are created. So, it's hard to say what sort of changes people can expect. But I will say that this draft is well written, and it covers a lot of valuable ground that I see in my daily duties and is specific to Bois Forte leases.

How can band members help you do your job as Bois Forte's Leading Manager more effectively and efficiently?

I'll have a better answer after a year or more of experience. But for now, I would like them to know that my department is just one guy and dozens of file cabinets, paper maps, and a computer. So, with that said, Realty is not yet built for speed and agility. I am currently working on 47 leases, which are guaranteed to get larger. But eventually, we will be able to process everything in a timely manner. I would not have accepted the

position if I didn't believe that.

And finally, tell our readers the best advice you were ever given and how do you use that advice to make you a better person on a day-in and day-out basis?

Recently, an instructor told me, "If it's your goal, nobody can want it more." That one really sat well with me. There is a lot of self-reflection in that quote, and I also like its versatility. It can be a question or a statement to one's self. It helps one reassess where their passions lie.

NOVEMBER 2023

Clinic Closure Dates

Friday Nov. 10

Veterans Day

Thursday Nov. 23

Thanksgiving Day

Friday Nov. 24

Native American Heritage Day

Nett Lake Clinic
(218) 757-3650

Vermilion Clinic
(218) 753-2182

Hours: Mon – Fri
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

FALL IS HERE

Along with the change of seasons comes Respiratory Illness

These illnesses are caused by germs (viruses & bacteria) that can infect the respiratory system. These germs are frequently spread through mucus and saliva (respiratory secretions) when a person coughs, sneezes, talks or laughs.

Prevention

Ways to reduce transmission of these illness's is by taking precautions.

- Get your Flu/Covid/RSV vaccine.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Minimize close contact with sick people.
- Stay home when you are ill and if you have a fever of 100.0 or greater, sore throat or productive cough.

SAVE THE DATE: November is Diabetes Awareness Month

November 17th, 2023 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Please join us for the Diabetes Conference

At the RTG building – Eagle Room
5344 Lakeshore Drive
Nett Lake, MN 55772



**** Speakers, booths, prizes, portion control lunchboxes, and lunch provided! Watch for flyers with more information as we get closer to the date of the conference ****

SAVE THE DATE

Bois Forte



Veteran's Day

Event

Fortune Bay-Woodlands

Ballroom

November 6, 2023

Doors open at 10 a.m.



Thank you for your service.

Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the program

Bois Forte Heritage Center Updates

By Jaylen Strong

Boozhoo Indinawemaaganag:

Here are some updates for the Heritage Center.

Events: We have a weekly language class in Nett Lake on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. at the RTG. Keep an eye out on the websites, social media, and posters around the community for the Social Round Dance (end of November) and our holiday sale starting in December!

Museum: We have been searching for funding to help with some needed repairs. We have identified a few places that should be able to cover most, if not all, of the project costs. None of the funding sources will be any loan, so it shouldn't cost any funds towards the tribe.

We look forward to hearing from these tribes and organizations and appreciate their help.

We are also applying for funds to attend a repatriation conference in Oklahoma City. This information is to learn more about international repatri-

ations, which will be used in our efforts to find and repatriate the following items. Birch Bark Scrolls – Mrs. Farmer John's family's in around 1910 and the Strongville Medicine Polls around the 1930s. If anyone has any additional information about these items, please contact Jaylen or Perry at the Heritage Center.

Language: We have weekly language classes on Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m. at the RTG. We can start classes in Vermilion if there is enough interest. Please get in touch with Perry if you would like to sign up for either side. There has been an update for the Rosetta Stone application.

We automatically received the 2nd phase of the app, so there are now 24 units (topics) that are covered. We still have accounts to hand out. If you already signed up, the new units should be there, and if you want to sign up, please get in touch with us via phone (218-753-6017), thank you!

Visit Bois Forte Band of Chippewa on these social media outlets.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians Tribal Court Civil Division Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

In the matter of Tara Grace Wagner, petitioner vs Raymond Alan Boshey, Sr., respondent.

TO: The above-named respondent, Raymond Alan Boshey, Sr.

You are hereby notified, and notice is hereby given a Zoom hearing will be held on the 15th day of November 2023, at 10:50 a.m. CST, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, at the Bois Forte Tribal Court, Bois Forte Indian Reservation, 12907 Palmquist Road, Suite B, Orr MN 55771, on the Order for Protection Petition filed in this court on October 12, 2023. This hearing is to determine if the order for protection should be granted or denied.

You have a right to attend this hearing to either agree or disagree, failure to appear will result in a default against you and the order for protection being granted.

By The Court
Megan Treuer, Chief Judge
Kristina Isham, Clerk of Court
12907 Palmquist Road, Suite B
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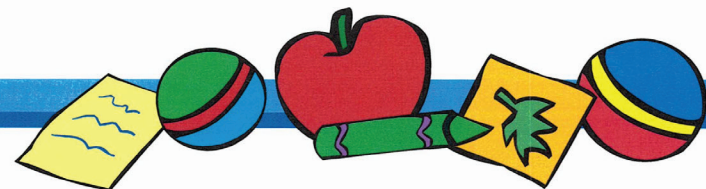
Bois Forte Early Childhood Programs

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Vermilion & Nett Lake Centers

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@ 218-757-3261 option 3.



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Obituaries

TERRIE LYNN MORRISON, 71, of Virginia, MN passed away on Monday, October 23, 2023 at Chestnut Grove Assisted Living. Terrie was born in Cook, MN to Daniel Sr. and Priscilla (Donald) Morrison on October 14, 1952. Terrie attended Orr High School and graduated in 1970. Terrie worked road construction as a flag person for numerous years. She also worked as a HeadStart Assistant for Bois Forte, and worked on the Bois Forte Housing Maintenance Department cleaning units in preparation for occupancy. She worked in the Post Office in Nett Lake; she was a maintenance worker at the old Nett Lake Store. She was one of the first shuttle drivers for Fortune Bay. Upon leaving employment, she retired to take care of her mother, Priscilla. She always loved taking care of her grandchildren, her nieces and nephews, great-nieces, and nephews. She enjoyed building fires in the backyard and sitting around enjoying her beer. She was an excellent knocker of wild rice, she also enjoyed cooking and inviting people over to eat. She made the best popcorn and fried chicken.

The family would like to thank everyone who had a part in taking care of her and the Mlaker Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her

parents, Daniel Sr. and Priscilla Morrison, brothers, Daniel Jr., Jim, and Jon Morrison, two nieces, Denise and Chris Marie, Brother In-Law, Leonard Thompson Jr. and Sister In-Law Teresa Morrison, and nephew Eric Strong.

Terrie is survived by her daughter Aimee (Peter) Drift, her grandchildren Danessa, Vic, Peter, and Isabella, of Mahnomen, MN her sister Wendy Morrison-Thompson, of Nett Lake, her brother David Morrison Sr, of Nett Lake, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A wake was held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Bois Forte Tribal Government Center, Nett Lake, MN. The Funeral Service was held the next day, on Sunday, October 29, 2023, also at the center, with Pastor Steven Yatcoske officiating. Burial and Lunch followed immediately after the service. Casket Bearers: Bryan "Toogie" Porter, Lewis Strong III, Jaylen Strong, Corey A. Strong, David "Squidgy" Morrison Jr., Darian Morrison, Trevor Morrison, Sean Morrison. Honorary Casket Bearers: Grandchildren Danessa, Vic, Peter III, and Isabella Drift, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and nephews. Internment: Nett Lake Cemetery. Online condolences to www.mlakerfuneralhome.com

CATHY MARJORIE JOHNSON, 61, of Tower, MN passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Cathy was born in Cook, MN to Frank and Evelyn (Porter) Dupree.

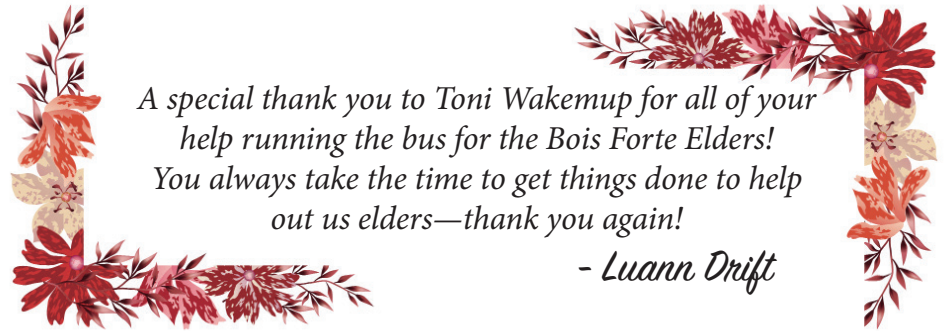
Cathy lived in Vermilion most of her life. She was married at a young age and enjoyed staying home and taking care of her children. She worked as a custodian at the Vermilion Center for numerous years. She liked to garden and watch football. She enjoyed socializing and bringing family and friends together for barbeques, football parties and card games. She was an awesome cribbage player. Cathy loved to spend time with family, but especially loved picking blueberries with her grandchildren.

Cathy is survived by her children: Renee Johnson (Antone), Tara Taylor (Carlos), James (Adriana) Johnson, Rob-

ert Johnson, Richard Johnson (Emma); numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Also survived by her significant other Dennis Hilmas and father of her children, Robert Johnson Sr.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents; son Jerome Johnson Sr; sisters: Vivian Buckanaga, Geraldine Hanks, and Donna Dupree; brothers: Francis Dupree, Alvin Dupree, and Terry Dupree; and grandson WhiteCloud Johnson.

A Traditional Wake was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the Vermilion Wellness Center, Tower, MN. The Traditional Service was held the next day, Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Onigum Community Center in Walker MN. Burial followed at the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery.



A special thank you to Toni Wakemup for all of your help running the bus for the Bois Forte Elders! You always take the time to get things done to help out us elders—thank you again!

- Luann Drift

The Bois Forte Enrollment Office is looking for the following individuals:

BECK III, JOHN D	NEVITT, DIANE V
BOSHEY, MALEENA M	PASCUAL, ELIZABETH F
CALDER, LUCILLE A	PETE, STEVEN B
CALICO, BILLIE S	PORTER III, HARRY D
CLOUD, RONIN B	RABBITT, BLY D
DAY, STANLEY	ROY, CONRAD C
DAYDODGE, CLARENCE R	RUSZCZEWSKI, DOROTHY
GATZ, TONY E	SAM, TERESA L
GESHICK, DENNIS W	SAMM, ALEXANDER O N
GOODRIDGE, AIYANNA L	SMITH, SKYLER J
GRUENHAGEN, STEVEN A	STRONG, APRIL
HARDING, ALTON	STRONG, JULIAN M
HUSMANN, VANESSA R	STRONG, ROBERTA A
ISHAM, WILLIAM L	SWAN III, VICTOR J
JENKINS, SUSAN	TAYLOR, CARA P
JOHNSON, CANDICE M	THOMPSON, DOROTHY G
JOHNSON JR, JAMES D	THOMPSON JR, DARRYL D
JORDAN, KRISTINA L	THOMPSON-ETTER JR, DAITYN
KEPHART, BONNIE J	TILDEN, DANIELLE P
KING, TERRANCE J	VILLEBRUN, LESLIE M
KNOWLTON, DEBORAH L	VILLEBRUN, VINESSA D
LITTLEWOLF, AMAYAH J	WAGNER, LE ANNE J
MCKENZIE, VALERIE E R	WALLACE, JOSEPH L
MYHRE JR, CHARLES W	WEBB, AMANDA D

Please contact the Bois Forte Enrollment Department at 218-757-3261 ext. 1162., or email kathie.holman@boisforte-nsn.gov

Address Updates can be hand delivered or mailed to:

Bois Forte Tribal Government

Attn: Enrollment

5344 Lakeshore Drive

Nett Lake, MN 55772

All written address updates must contain the following information:

Name, Address, DOB, Signature, Date

It's that time of year for your flu shot and booster!

Just a friendly reminder with spikes in COVID-19 cases, the Nett Lake and Vermilion Clinics have the Updated Bivalent Boosters available.

The updated boosters are to protect against the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variants currently circulating (BA.4 and BA.5). Updated COVID-19 boosters can both help restore protection that has decreased since previous vaccination and provide broader protection against newer variants.

Vaccination days of the week will continue to be Tuesday and Wednesday in Nett Lake and Thursday and Friday at Vermilion. Appointments are available from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

You can receive both the flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine at the same visit.

When you call to schedule your appointment, please let the registration staff know if you would like BOTH the Flu and Covid-19 vaccine.

If you have questions or concerns regarding these vaccines, please call either clinic. The Nett Lake Clinic's number is 218-757-3650, while the Vermilion Clinic's number is 218-753-2182.

Stay home if you are sick! With the holidays soon upon us, Bois Forte's Health and Human Services are reminding people to stay home if they are sick.

"We are still following the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) recommendations as it relates to dealing with COVID-19," said Bois Forte's Community Health Program Manager Teri Morrison. "We've noticed a spike in cases, but luckily they seem pretty mild."

Even so, Morrison cautions people to stay home if they are not feeling well so they do not cause an even bigger uptick in cases.

"If you feel sick, come to the clinic to get tested or test yourself at home," said Morrison. "I encourage people to come in and get the booster and their flu shot as it can be done on the same day."

Here are the MDH's recommendations that Morrison shared with Bois Forte Tribal Government staff and Fortune Bay Resort Casino staff, plus other Bois Forte Development Corporation businesses.

- Positive cases —5 days out from the start of symptoms or until symptoms are improving and fever free for 24 hours before returning to work. Wear a mask for another 5 days.

- Exposed —Test at day 5 after exposure, sooner if symptomatic.

For those who test positive and have severe symptoms, there is a resource available. Call Cue Health (1-844-609-2415) and answer a few questions and a nurse will call back with instructions for a prescription.

Morrison said the main message she and her staff want to get out is for people to get the booster and flu shot as it not only protects them, but also others as well.

"While they might not be 100% effective, they will still lessen the severity if you do happen to get sick," said Morrison. "But the biggest message is to stay home if you are sick or not feeling well. We want to protect our community, especially our elders and those at risk."

Cathy Chavers announces re-election bid



Boozhoo everyone! I am announcing my re-election bid for the upcoming election in 2024 for Tribal Chairperson.

I know people will be wondering why so early? First, everyone should vote, no

matter who they decide to vote for. It is crucial to have your voice heard and counted.

I have been your Tribal Chairwoman since 2016, and I hope you will decide who you will vote for based on experience and accomplishments made for Bois Forte.

My intention for beginning this process early is to give you a monthly article (which I will pay for the space in the Bois Forte News on my own) to show and tell you about the path from the beginning to today and also what I see for the future of Bois Forte.

Every election, beginning sometimes in 2024, you will see candidates mail out flyers, letters, use social media, etc., regarding their ideas and why they are running for office or what their campaign is about. To me, it is a rather rushed process, but by starting now, I will allow you to see our progress, what didn't work, and the work that still needs to be completed.

I would also love to hear from all of you about your ideas and concerns. We, as elected officials, represent you, the people. There are quite a few people who don't know what tribal leaders do. Some think we sit all day in our offices collecting a paycheck.

However, the Bois Forte Tribal Council has to abide by Ordinance No. 56-99 by-laws. This ordinance supersedes Ordinance No 1-65, which was enacted on July 28, 1964. Article II of the Ordinance is "Duties of the Members of the Bois Forte Reservation Council." Section 1 has five areas:

1. Act at all times in the public interest and protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the whole band;
2. Protect and promote Tribal Sovereign-

ty and Self Determination;

3. Uphold these Bylaws, the Revised Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution and Bylaws, and the laws, customs, and traditions of the Bois Forte Band;

4. Expend funds of the band or under control of the band only if authorized as provided in these Bylaws and if a satisfactory bond is in place;

5. Promptly report any violations of the band's fiscal policies or procedures and any unauthorized use or deposition of the band's funds and property.

The chairperson under this ordinance is to:

- 1) Preside at meetings of the RTC;
- 2) Represent the band in its dealings with other governments consistent with the policies of the RTC and these Bylaws;
- 3) Act as an agent of the RTC to administer the policies, ordinances, and instructions of the RTC and to conduct its correspondence;
- 4) On instruction of the RTC and with the Secretary-Treasurer, sign, execute and deliver official documents, including warrants drawn against funds of the band;
- 5) Report to RTC on affairs and interests of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Executive Committee Meeting and finally, Vote in Meetings of the RTC only in case of a tie.

Please note there is more to this ordinance; if anyone wants to see the entire ordinance, please let me know.

The job of the chairperson is to meet with state, federal, and local governments; help amend laws that need to include tribes for funding opportunities; use our sovereignty and self-determination at all times, the way it should be done, and much more. Things will never change if I do not get outside the office to make sure Bois Forte is always at the table and is being heard.

I just wanted to give you all an idea of the chairperson's duties and responsibilities to the band.

My next article will be about what has transpired for Bois Forte since I became your chairperson in 2016.

You can contact me by calling 218-780-2898 or via my personal email (cchavers07@yahoo.com)

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Here's your chance to make a dreamcatcher

COOK— Join American Indian educator, Stacy Palmer, and make your own contemporary dreamcatcher on Saturday, Nov. 18th at 2 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook, MN. During November the gallery is featuring a very special exhibit called "Native American Art: Past and Present".

Ethnographers now believe dream catchers originated from the Ojibwa Chippewa tribe, an Anishinaabe people from the area that is currently southern Canada and the northern Midwestern United States.

The Ojibwa tribe believe that the night air is filled with dreams, both good and bad. The dream catcher attracts and catches all sorts of dreams, nightmares and thoughts into its protective woven spider web. Good dreams can pass through the sacred hoop and

gently slide down the feathers to comfort the sleeper below. Bad dreams, however, are

Ojibwa tribe was inspired by spiders, believed to be their guardians and protectors.

Native Americans believed in a mystical Spider Woman whose mission was to protect babies and children as well as other members of the tribe while they were vulnerable in sleep. As the tribe grew and migrated around the country, she was no longer capable of

caught up in its net and destroyed, burned up in the light of day. For this reason, dreamcatchers traditionally must be hung above the bed in a place where morning sunlight can reach it.

Authentic dreamcatchers are made of spiritual sacred objects: a wooden hoop, sinew, strips of leather, feathers, beads and other objects. Some objects hang below the center of the "Sacred Hoop". The

protecting the entire tribe. As a result, she created the dream catcher as a way of protecting the growing tribe. Because of this belief, mothers and grandmothers began recreating the dreamcatcher and it evolved into a maternal memento.

NWFA so appreciates Stacy Palmer for teaching this class. Stacy teaches native culture at North Woods Elementary School, Cook/Orr, St. Louis County, Minnesota. She

is also a member of the Bois Forte Chippewa band. In this class, students will create a contemporary 10 inch diameter Dreamcatcher in Cook at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery at 210 S. River St. located adjacent to the Dreamweaver Day Spa and Salon. Students must pre-register for the class by calling Alberta at 218 666-2153. As a non-profit NWFA charges minimal fees for classes. This class fee is \$15 for NWFA members and \$20 for non-members. There is a supply fee of \$30. NWFA membership is \$25.

"Native American Art: Past and Present" is the title of NWFA's November exhibit beginning Nov. 2nd and concluding Nov. 23rd. A reception

honoring the exhibiting Native American artists will be held on Friday, November 3rd at NWFA Gallery from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.. View the exhibits during open Winter hours in November from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thurs. (Except Thanksgiving) and Fri. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Seek information about NWFA art classes and events on FaceBook and Instagram as well as the website:

www.nwfamn.org. Or, email questions to nwfamn.org@gmail.com. NWFA, supporting 30 to 40 artists winter and summer by inspiring, nurturing and celebrating the arts in the region of Cook, MN.



Financial Education Event

Tribal Government Center

November 9, 2023

10:00 AM- 11:30 AM

Speakers

Light Snacks

Door Prizes

Join Us!

Join Us!

Everyone welcome!

Contact Vonda Carr @ 218-757-3261 with questions.

Workshop sponsored by



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From the Bois Forte Tribal Council



Public Health Vending Machine is operational!



READY FOR USE! —Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers, left, Dr. Laura Polombi, center, and Pam Hughes, right, were all smiles as they stand next to the Public Health Vending Machine at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. The machine, which is free to use, officially went into use on Friday, October 6. The PHVM in Nett Lake, which is located at the C Store, also went live that day. Congratulations again to Dr. Polombi and Hughes for their work in putting Bois Forte on the map as a trend setter in helping protect our communities!

Bois Forte Nutrition Education Program news

Check out this nice picture of Okosimaan (Squash) that Bois Forte Nutrition Education Manager Amber Zapata submitted.

Zapata said there are many nutritional benefits of Okosimaan, including:

- Good sources of vitamin A, C, and B vitamins.
- High in antioxidants such as beta-carotene.
- Rich in minerals such as potassium, magnesium, and manganese .
- Rich in fiber.

Zapata added that there are also several health benefits associated with eating Okosimaan, including:

- Help lower blood pressure.
- Reduce inflammation.
- Balance blood sugar levels.

Community Garden

Zapata said they planted



four squash varieties —butternut, crookneck, yellow summer squash, and zucchini.

The summer and zucchini squash were harvested throughout the summer, and we waited for the butternut and crookneck to ripen before harvesting them.

FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT BOIS FORTE'S WOOD PROGRAM!

Please contact Elder's Activity's Coordinator Raymond Thompson to update your Bois Forte's Wood program application. Thompson can be reached at 218-757-3261 and ask for the ENP—thank you!



There is hope.



If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text **988** or chat **988lifeline.org**



Whiteman joins Bois Forte's Conservation Department



FULFILLING A DREAM!— Brian Whiteman, Jr. recently began his career as a Conservation Officer for Bois Forte. He will officially be sworn in next April.

NETT LAKE— It's not that often when a ninth grader charts out his career path and then gets to follow that path before he graduates from college.

However, that is precisely what 21-year-old Brian Whiteman, Jr. has done.

"That was really the year that I realized I wanted to get into law enforcement, and I attribute that to my mom," said Whiteman of his mom, Panda Whiteman. "She has worked with police officers in her field, and I knew law enforcement was what I wanted to pursue."

The desire to take a fast track to his dream wasn't as easy as the engaging and personable Whiteman, Jr. had to bide his time to achieve that goal. He began working for Big Woods Transit right out of high school but found himself constantly looking for an opportunity to get his foot in the door with law enforcement.

"Last year, this position opened up,

but I didn't meet the minimum age requirement because I was only 20," he said. "It was frustrating, but then Tony (Mason, Conservation Officer) came up to me this year to tell me this position was opening up."

That was welcome news for Whiteman, who eagerly told Mason he was now 21 and thus could apply for the job.

"I was really excited to get in here," said Whiteman, Jr. "I'm having lots of fun. Tony is teaching me a lot—he's a good guy to have around, and I'm grateful to have him watch over me as I adjust to my new job."

Whiteman, who is a Bois Forte Band member and is enrolled with the Couchiching First Nation tribe in southern Ontario, is currently working on his law enforcement degree from Fond du Lac Tribal Community College in Duluth. He is taking classes online so he

can work with the Conservation Department while he finishes his degree next summer. He will be officially sworn in as a Conservation Officer in April.

"All I have left are my firearm and defensive tactic skills," said Whiteman. "Right now, I'm just trying to learn as much as possible from Tony. I'm learning a bunch of stuff from Tony, and he has been great to work with as he shares everything he knows with me."

For Mason, hiring Whiteman, Jr., to his department has been a welcome relief.

"It's great to have someone else in here," said Mason of Whiteman, Jr., who grew up in the Nett Lake Village and previously worked for Big Woods Transit. "He's anxious to learn. He works hard and has been putting in the time needed to fully understand our operations."

Whiteman, Jr. would not have it anyway, as he wants to get up to speed

as quickly as possible by learning all the ins and outs of the Conservation Department, including getting to know codes and how to enforce those codes while fostering relationships with the Bois Forte community.

"Fortunately, we do not have as many codes to follow as the state of Minnesota, but he still has to know what they are," said Mason. "He needs to be able to write thorough reports and get them to Prosecutor Benjamin Pachito so he can present a case when needed."

Whiteman, Jr. is hopeful he can establish solid relationships with the Bois

Forte Community so that he can help them, and they can help him as he begins this new journey in life. He understands there will be bumps in the road when he has to reprimand someone or issue a ticket.

"I just ask that people follow the rules and be respectful," said Whiteman, Jr. "Be mindful of what you are doing, and if you need any help, just contact me or Tony. We'll gladly help out. Let's just be nice to everybody and look out for one another."



Native American Natural Resource Research Scholarship



The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC), in partnership with the USDA Forest Service Research and Development is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for Native American students who are planning or currently conducting tribally relevant research in a natural resource issue.

Deadline: December 1, 2023, 5:00 p.m. PST

Award: Varies, not to exceed \$5,000

Purpose: The ITC Research Scholarship is designed to support tribally relevant, natural resource-based research being conducted by Native American scholars enrolled in a graduate program.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: The ITC Education Selection Committee will review and rank only those applications that completely address the following criteria:

- Letter of Application:** The letter must include your name, permanent mailing address, email address and phone number. Discuss your current educational program and how the tribally relevant proposed research fits into both your degree in natural resources and your future.
- Resume**
- Evidence of validated enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation,** as established by the U.S. Government. A photocopy of your enrollment card, front and back, or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) is sufficient.
- Mini Research Proposal:** Please keep this concise, 4 page maximum not counting budget and justification. Required elements include:
 - Abstract stating research merit and explaining how this research is relevant to tribal natural resource interests.
 - Timeline and methodology.
 - Dissemination plan, including a tribal component.
 - Budget and budget justification.
- Letters of Reference/Support.** Letters of reference are not accepted directly from referrals, submit with your completed application.
 - A letter of reference/support from an academic advisor or committee member is required.
 - A second letter of support from a tribal resource manager or a tribal representative with tribal approval of the project or the relevancy of the project to the tribe is required.

DELIVERY OF APPLICATION: Create one email attaching all required documents and submit to intertribaltimbercouncil@gmail.com up until the close of business (5:00 p.m. PT) on **December 1, 2023**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. PDF attachment(s) preferred, [download free Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view and print PDF documents. Google docs are not accepted.

Questions can be submitted to ITC by phone 503-282-4296 or email intertribaltimbercouncil@gmail.com.