



# Bois Forte News

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Robert T. Anderson and his grandmother Mary Toutloff Anderson, 94, who lives at Burntside Lake near Ely.

## Bois Forte Band Member appointed Associate Solicitor

Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt recently announced the appointment of Robert T. Anderson as Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs.

Anderson, a member of the Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, has been an attorney in the Native American Rights Fund office in Anchorage, Alaska, since 1984.

"Robert Anderson has extensive experience in legal issues involving both Alaska Natives and American Indian Tribes," Babbitt said. "His experience is especially important during this time when we are making strides in strengthening the government-to-government relationship with the tribes."

Anderson was one of two attorneys responsible for opening NARF's Alaska office and developing the organization's substantive role in Alaska Native rights issues during the past 11 years. He has served as counsel for Natives in a number of landmark cases.

In addition, Anderson also has worked with tribes in the Lower 48 on water rights and other issues.

Anderson earned his B.A. Summa Cum Laude at Bemidji State University and his J.D. Cum Laude at the University of Minnesota Law School. He is licensed to practice in Minnesota, Colorado and Alaska, and before the United States Supreme Court; Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and District of Columbia Courts of Appeals, and the Federal District Court for the District of Alaska.

As Associate Solicitor, Anderson is the Interior Department's leading lawyer for Indian affairs. He supervises a team of attorneys advising the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and works with tribes to assert and protect their legal rights.

Bois Forte Tribal Chairman Gary W. Donald said, "The Bois Forte Band is proud that one of our members has been appointed to this prestigious post."

Donald added, "I know Bob will use his education and training for the betterment of all Indian people."

## Reservation Tribal Council minutes...

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held March 31, 1995, council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.  
Members Present: Gary W. Donald; David Morrison Sr.; Doris Isham; Jerome Whiteman.

Members Absent: Phyllis Boshey.  
Others: Ken Badboy; Vicki Holmes; Andy Datko; Rick Anderson.

Chairman Donald Dispenses with minutes of last meeting.

Andy Datko informs the Council that the resolution in regard to the water and sewer system for Vermilion that was adopted in December 1994 needs to be separated into two resolutions.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #154-95, loan resolution for Vermilion water system. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #155-95, loan resolution for Vermilion sewer system. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to adopt resolution #156-95, non-discrimination in access to water/sewer system. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #157-95, authorizing Bois Forte Enterprises to manage the water and wastewater project and serve as its fiscal agent. Carried 3-0-0.

Chairman Donald states that because of timelines these resolutions were brought to the Council before being presented to the Fortune Bay Board of Directors.

Andy Datko and Rick Anderson will do a press release on the water/sewer project.

Rick Anderson informs the Council that the article in the Mesabi Daily News was incorrect. He did not say construction would start in May. He told the reporter that any information would come in the form of a press release approved by the Council.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve a consultant agreement with ESJ Consulting Services (Emily Segar-Johnson), relative to Self-Governance. Carried 3-0-0.

Carried 3-0-0.

Rick Anderson informs the Council that Rocky King wants to buy some of the cedar from the Fortune Bay expansion. Rick is to inform Rocky that he is to see Chuck Whitmore, BIA Forester.

Discussion was held on various incidents involving police officers and their families. They are stopped by police officers but not charged other people are. Jerome Whiteman is to get the incidents in writing from complaining individuals and discuss these with legal counsel, then these are to be sent to the Agency Superintendent.

Chairman Donald informs the Council that due to health problems Bill King will be resigning as Consultation/Lobbyist for the Bois Forte Reservation.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to adjourn meeting at 10:42 a.m. Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held March 23, 1995, council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.  
Members Present: Gary W. Donald; David Morrison Sr.; Jerome Whiteman.

Members Absent: Doris Isham; Phyllis Boshey.

Others: Ken Badboy; Vicki Holmes; Joanne Donald; Ray Villebrun; Andy Datko; Jackie Villebrun; Dave Danz; Chuck Whitmore; Milo Villebrun Sr.; Jeneal Goggeley; Donna Hoffer.

Moment of silence.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held on March 9, 1995, Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of an executive session held on March 9, 1995, Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #147-95, property placed in trust - economic development. Carried 2-0-0.

Doris Isham enters meeting at 9:07 a.m.  
Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by

Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #148-95, property placed in trust - land holdings. Carried 3-0-0.

Council inquires about the land that was given to the Band from Potlatch. Jackie Villebrun is to start working on this. A thank you letter is to be sent to Potlatch. Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to adopt resolution #149-95, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs land use and economic development plan for the Vermilion sector. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #150-95, free use timber permit for Fortune Bay. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #151-95, MCT Housing Corporation support resolution. Carried 3-0-0.

Joanne Donald explains the Fortune Bay Casino Educational Special Needs Fund Program.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve the Fortune Bay Casino Educational Special Needs Fund Program guidelines with correction to first paragraph, third line - instead of "parents" it is "enrolled members parent, and #1 - insert "Bois Forte enrolled" before parent. Carried 3-0-0.

Joanne Donald informs the council that at a later meeting she will be submitting an amendment to the guidelines that the money given to students out of this program fund will turn into a loan if they drop out and they will not be considered for future requests. She will be discussing this with legal counsel first.

Joanne Donald submits a Student List report of who had requested financial aid from the Bois Forte Post-Secondary Education fund.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to approve out of state travel for Ramona Villebrun, TERO/JTPA officer, to attend the National Indian and Native American Employment and Training conference on May 14-20, 1995 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by

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## Commentary

# Gaming Act Allows States to Steamroll Tribes

by Tom Giago

Did Nevada and New Jersey have to negotiate a compact with the federal government in order to have legalized gambling within their borders?

When Nevada and New Jersey proceeded to build gaming casinos within their boundaries, did the United States government decide it was time to initiate a State Gaming Regulatory Act?

The answer to both questions is no.

Why not? Because the federal government considered both states to be sovereign entities perfectly capable of operating and regulating gaming.

Why then did the federal government believe it necessary to create an Indian

Gaming Regulatory Act when several Indian nations decided to install gaming establishments on their lands? The answer is probably more simple than most bureaucrats and politicians would have you believe. The feds, with a strong lobby from state governments, decided Indian tribes were children and therefore incapable of handling the responsibility of gaming. By creating an Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the feds effectively gave state governments jurisdiction over Indian nations where it did not exist before. For the past 40 years, Indian tribes have gained strength in their status as sovereign nations.

The United States Constitution, Article I, Sec. 8, paragraph 3, refers to Indian

nations on an equal footing with state governments.

Suddenly, with the stroke of a bureaucratic pen, aided by some Indian tribes so eager to get into gaming they sold out the other tribes, the states were given the power to sign — or not sign — compacts with the sovereign nations.

The federal government failed to consider that many tribes in the United States are not subject to Public Law 280, which gives state governments judicial and law enforcement jurisdiction. South Dakota, at least the South Dakota west of the Missouri River, does not have jurisdiction on Indian lands.

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# Orr High School Graduation — May 31, 1995



Orr High School graduates.

## CONGRATULATIONS!! TO THE BOIS FORTE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1995.

**Class Motto:** Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.

**Class Flower:** Purple Iris.

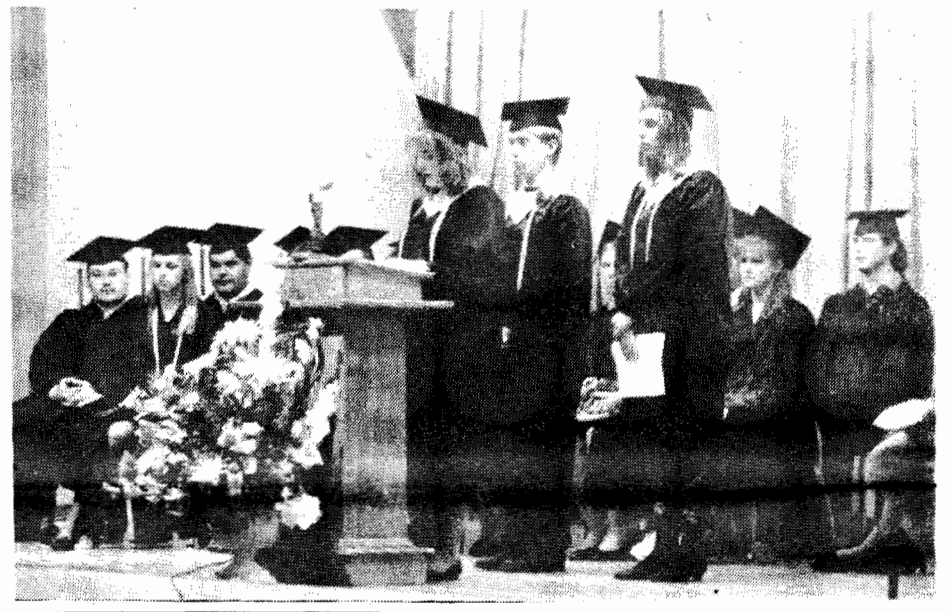
**Class Song:** "Today" by Smashing Pumpkins

**Class Colors:** Purple, Teal and Silver.

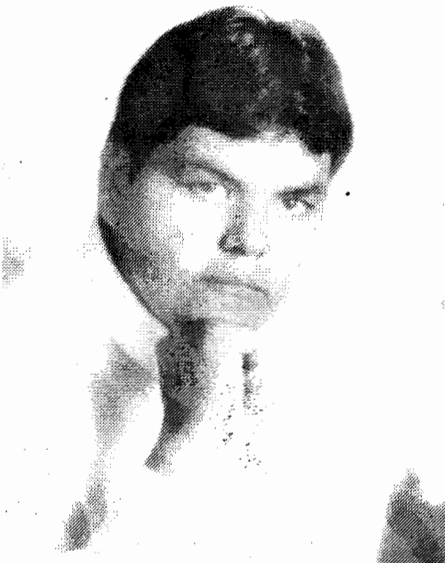
**Class Officers:** Josh Wurst - President, Angie Villebrun - Vice President, Georgene Kec - Secretary/Treasurer.

**Student Council Representatives:** Jason Crain, Jamie Olson.

At the Awards Banquet of Wednesday, May 24, 1995, Senior Letter Winners were: Angie Villebrun and Marty Connor.



ANGELA VILLEBRUN



MARTY CONNOR



DAVID MORRISON JR.



RONALD LaROQUE

## College Students

Kelly Dagen, daughter of Larry and Mary Dagen of Lake Vermilion Reservation, graduated with honors from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, on May 20. She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in nursing with a final grade point average of 3.51 on a four-point scale. She volunteered for many activities during her four years at Scholastica. Her honors and professional affiliations include Indian Health Service Scholar - Section 437 and she's a member of the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing.

Her future plans are to complete a six-week internship at the Fond Du Lac Center for American Resources, will work for the Indian Health Services after passing her licensure exam. She will return to school in two or three years to earn a master's degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council congratulates you on your high achievements. We are proud of you!

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Mattie M. Harper, enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band, daughter of Colin and Janice Harper of Bemidji, is the 1995 recipient of the \$500 Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council's Tribal Academic Scholarship. She is a 1995 graduate of Bemidji High School. Mattie qualified for this award because of her high grade point average over her junior and senior years in high school through the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option. She will be attending Hamline University this fall and her major will be English, as she is going to pursue a

career in photo-journalism.



Rosemary Jensen

Congratulations to Rosemary Jensen, who is this year's recipient of the Miigiizisug Scholarship at Mesabi Community College. Miigiizisug (Little Eagles Indian Club) was established in April of 1985 at the college in order to help provide support to Indian students and also to inform the non-Indian population about American Indian culture. The Miigiizisug Scholarship is given out annually to a club member who meets the criteria for the award. Rosemary not only met the academic criteria, but has also been a very active member of the Indian Student Club.

Rosemary lives in Virginia, Minn., and

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## • RTC minutes

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Doris Isham; to approve out of state travel for Ray Villebrun, chief conservation officer, and Matt Anders, environmental specialist, to attend the Multi-Media Training on April 4-6, 1995 in Chicago, Illinois. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve out of state travel for Dave Danz and Andy Datko, to attend the HUD Community Development Block Grant consultation and training on March 28-29, 1995 in Chicago, Illinois. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to table the offer from Jack Luecken to purchase his land. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to appoint Joanne Donald as Bois Forte representative to the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Committee. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to accept the resignation of Joanne Donald from the Donations Committee. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to appoint Eugene Boshey Sr. to the Alternate position on the Bois Forte Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve the request from the Activity Committee that activity fund participants be excused from job sites to attend activity fund activities. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to amend resolution #126-95 to change the NIGA dues figure from \$1,200.00 to \$3,000.00. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to approve John Villebrun as Bois Forte representative to the Water Resources Technician Training Program and Lance Hill as Bois Forte representative to the Surveyors Technician Training Program. Carried 3-0-0.

Discussion was held on the road damage from the school project. Council is informed that the BIA Roads is handling this, that the contractors are repairing it. Ken is to get it in writing that this is happening. Discussion was held on the payment for the MSC oil spill clean up (STS). Ken will discuss the bill when he meets with Gordon Warrick.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to approve March 28, 1995 as the last date for the clinic to go to International Falls to provide services due to budget cuts. Carried 3-0-0.

Jeneal asks the Council if Bois Forte will be administering the Chemical Dependency Program in International Falls. She is informed that there are no commitments at this point. There will be a meeting in International Falls to discuss this issue. Jerome Whiteman will be attending. Gary Adams is to attend that meeting also.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to hire William (Bill) King as a consultant/lobbyist effective March

27, 1995 at the rate of \$1.00 per year plus his travel mileage expenses. Carried 3-0-0. Joanne Donald will take William King to Cass Lake to introduce him to Mr. Wolfe. Jerome Whiteman informs the Council that he and Gene Goodsky are collecting information on all veterans so their names can be put on a plaque to hang in the community center.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 1, 1995, Fortune Bay, Tower, Minnesota. Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Members Present: Gary W. Donald; David Morrison Sr.; Doris Isham; Phyllis Boshey. Members Absent: Jerome Whiteman. Others: Ken Badboy; Vicki Holmes; Andy Datko; Jeneal Goggleye; Dave Danz; Rick Anderson; Gary Adams; Chris Holm; Rocky King; Dave Anderson; Joanne Donald. Chairman dispenses with minutes of last meeting.

moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the submission of a grant application to the Community Development Block Grant, for the construction of a Head Start/Family Resource Center. Fortune Bay will operate and maintain the building. The Reservation Tribal Council will commit \$79,200 towards the project. Carried 3-0-0.

Discussion was held on the site of the new food distribution center if the grant is approved. Andy Datko is to look at the equipment storage yard and see if it is suitable for water and sewer.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #159-95, the submission of a NADO Partnership Proposal (data digitizing) with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission as a partnet. Carried 3-0-0.

The other water resource technicians are to be trained with the data digitizing equipment.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve a service contract between Bois Forte and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to provide a pollution prevention staff person. Carried 3-0-0.

Chairman Donald informs the Council of the meeting he had just attended in Washington with the presidential staff. Chair-



Believe it or not, these are rabbit tracks. Rev. Harvey Rabbitt, that is.

man Donald was dissatisfied with the way the tribal chairmen were treated. He issues a directive that a position be created for a writer, a person who can write letters and news articles, etc. Ken Badboy and Rick Anderson are to work on this. This salary will be shared between the Council and Fortune Bay.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to direct RTC staff and Fortune Bay staff to do a feasibility study to see if its geasible to put a casino at Indian Point. There is a time frame o 60 days to do the study. Carried 3-0-0.

Jeneal Goggleye informs the Council that her department received a phone call from the Department of Human Services - Chemical Dependency Program Division requesting a resolution that Bois Forte will be administering the Chemical Dependency Program located in International Falls. Jeneal is informed that no decision has been made on whether or not Bois Forte will administer the program. Ken Badboy is to write a letter to the Department of Human Services and also to Gary Frazer telling them that no decision has been made yet and that the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is still the fiscal agent. Executive session at 11:47 a.m.

## Project Grow



Kelly Rutar, Project Grow Director

The Bois Forte Project Grow has got off to a good start. This year we have 28 gardens within the community and Tower. The Community Garden located behind the Reservation Tribal Council chambers is planted, but needs rain. We have basically the same crops as last year, Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, Cucumbers, Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Corn on the cob, Beans, Beets, Celery, Lettuce, Peas, Spinach, Asparagus, Cantaloupe, Peppers, Radishes, Rutabagas, Squash and Tomatoes. For something new this season we have planted Plum trees and Apple trees, Watermelons, Celery and Pumpkins.

The garden worker is Bill Light, he is assisted by Vern Connor. If you need help in your garden you can call for an appointment, 757-3261. Due to the fact that the growing season has started we will not be accepting any more applications for gardens.

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: CAREER DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

LOCATION: Duluth, Minnesota

SALARY: \$24,189 Base

OPENING DATE: June 12, 1995

CLOSING DATE: June 23, 1995

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provide career counseling and higher education information to Indian students in target schools regdring college and vocational school admissions, financial aid, scholarships, grants, registration, housing, etc.

Identify and recruit eligible American Indian students in assigned areas.

Maintain files on individual students including reports of activities and student progress, and submit written reports to supervisor as requested.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Four-year college degree and related training and work experience desired. Education requirement may be waived in lieu of training and experience in caseload management and skill in human relations. Experience in counseling and working with middle and secondary public school students preferred. Significant area travel is required.

### SEND RESUME TO:

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER  
THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE  
P.O. BOX 217  
CASS LAKE, MN 56633

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• College students

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attends Mesabi College fulltime. She returned to college, after raising her family, to pursue a degree in education, concentrating her studies on the Ojibwe language and culture. She hopes to be able to somehow help her own people when she graduates. Rosemary already donates much of her time to helping with club activities.

Congratulations and best wishes to Rosemary Jensen!



Sue Bushey

This year's recipient of the Patsy Schlaepfer Memorial Scholarship is Sue Bushey of Virginia, Minn. Sue is a full-time student at Mesabi Community College who has maintained a 4.00 GPA, and has also been very active in the Miigiiziisug Club. (Miigiiziisug is the Little Eagles Indian Student Club at Mesabi.) This award is especially meaningful to Sue since it is given to honor her sister, Patsy Schlaepfer, who had been a student at Mesabi also. Below are Sue's thoughts about her sister Patsy.

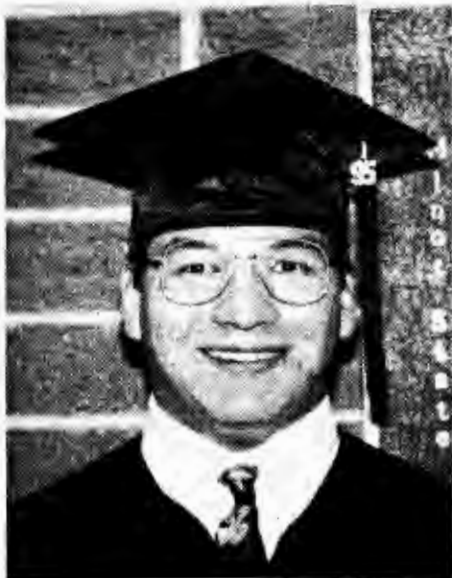
"My sister Patsy was more than my sister, she was truly the best friend I have ever had. There was nothing we would not do for each other. Our relationship was not always like this. We developed our friendship as we grew up and became adults, which made the intimacy and closeness stronger. In fact, it is 10 years to the day, May 21, 1985, as I write this, that she left on her greatest and final journey to a new land filled with perfect peace and love. I still miss her and love her very much. Every day I wish that she was still here, with her smile and her heart full of love.

"It is with great honor that I receive my sister Patsy's scholarship, the Patsy Schlaepfer Memorial Scholarship, which was dedicated to her life as a student, and as a friend to anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. It is my hope, that as I

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Study and experience the traditional making of pottery. Learn Native American designs and shapes, culture and history associated with the making of traditional native woodland pottery. Classes begin July 10-21, 1995, at the Head Start building in Nett Lake. The instructor will be Frank Porter. For information call Rita Vidal 218 757-3663 or Native Arts Circle 1-800 598-3308.

walk my journey through college, that I will bring honor to Patsy's name and fulfill her dream of graduating. Sis, I will make you proud."



Charles Holmes

Charles Dale Curtis Holmes graduated from the University of Minot on Saturday, May 13th. He received his 4-year Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Previously he had received a two-year Associate of Arts degree from the United Tribes Technical College of Bismarck, N.D.

During his years of study, Charles took the time to win the North Dakota State Golden Gloves Championship in the 165 pound weight division.

He plans to work in Criminal Justice as a Law Enforcement Officer.



His diploma only minutes away, Charlie makes his entry with classmates. Charlie is second in line.

**On dean's list**

The following students from Bois Forte and Vermilion were on the dean's list at Mesabi Community College for maintaining a high grade point average (above a 3.0): Ira Isham, Billie Mason, Anthony Mason, Isabelle Strong.

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I fear three newspapers more than a hundred thousand bayonets.

—Napoleon

**Notice of Public Meeting!**  
**Child Care Development Block Grant**  
**Monday, June 19, 1995**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**at Nett Lake Head Start Center**  
**This hearing is required to provide the public an opportunity to comment on Child Care Services provided under the Block Grant**



**School News**



1995 Head Start Graduates



Head Start graduate Rachel Howe displays her certificate of graduation.



Judy Anderson, Head Start Director

Another year has flown by and summer's here! It will be very busy at the Nett Lake Center. By the end of June, we must get four (4) grants written and sent in to keep the money coming. Then comes sorting and tossing, etc. for the BIG MOVE to the new building. Moving is always hectic, but the sorting, inventorying and moving of our home of almost fifteen years will be a giant task. Then we must get ready for implementing our new component/records management system in anticipation of our next OSPRI (federal assessment of our program).

Graduation was held at Nett Lake Center

for both Center and Home Based children on May 17th. Graduation was held for Vermilion Center on May 25th. In all, 35 children are going on to Kindergarten from our programs.

**Graduates**

Nett Lake Center: Dale Boshey, Jr./, Rachel Day, Alanna Drift, Cole Potter, Steven Roy, Jr., Aidan Strong, Ryne Villebrun.

Vermilion Center: Bradley Anderson, Salina Berggren, Katrina Broten, Kayila DeCent, Mark Geshick, Harvey Goodskiy, Jr., Taylor Husbands, Ryan Indihar, Jordyn Lakoskey, Emma LaRoque, Tiffany Mattila, Trevor Nelson, Melinda Oja, Michelle Salo, Jolynda Sams, Shawna Wellander.

Home Based: Paige Bixby, Samantha Erickson, Dustin Finner, Zakarie Fultz, Racheal Howe, Rebecca Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Jonathan Lossing, Jeremy Luecken, Destinee Runde, Desiree Yourczek, Alan Zakrajshak.

There is much to be excited about. We will be in our new facilities at Nett Lake this fall, we are working on a possible new center for Vermilion, we will have 2 new buses.

Thank you to all parents, staff, volunteers, and community members for helping to make this another successful year for Head Start and Day Care.



**Harvey & Marilyn Rabbitt**

Why do Christian men and women go to remote and lonely places around the world and also here within our own country to tell people about God? Have you wondered by they dedicate their entire lives, give up jobs, homes, say good-bye to friends and family and all that is pleasant and comfortable to them, to tell strangers about how much God loves them and cares for them?

Christians are compelled to go out and share the wonderful things of God that they have experienced themselves. God commanded His people to go out and tell everyone who will listen to the good news of the gospel before time comes to an end on this earth and we can no longer tell people.

The Christians know what the future holds for those who reject that good news. Hebrew 10:26-31.

Why do people portray such strong emotions when someone talks to them about Jesus? (anger, fear, discomfort). I've noticed people have no problem listening to or talking about other religions of the World. They feel comfortable and at ease. Is it because all other religions are lifeless and dead and do not require us to look within ourselves. They do not expose our sin nature. Romans 3:9-12.

There is only one God, creator of the heavens and the earth and all that is within them. Genesis 1:1. God is spirit and we must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24.

We were created with the ability to choose. God did not make us his robots, to come and go as He chooses. He made us individuals with the power to think and choose. We can choose to do good or to do evil, to love or to hate, to obey or to disobey.

Have you noticed that we have an ego problem? We build ourselves up thinking we are much more than we are and when we do this-we look down on others, seeing all the little blemishes other people have and missing the huge one we have. We have become selfish, self-centered and self-pleasers, full of all ungodliness. Romans 1:18-32. Romans 2:1-16.

We are not by nature, good people. We are all sinners in need of a savior and that's why we get angry and upset and uncomfortable when someone tells us about Jesus. Romans 3:23 tells us all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Not some or most, but all! Jesus is the living word and the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin when we hear that word.

We don't want to admit we are sinners in need of a savior, we want to believe we are self sufficient good people who are actually getting better and better and in reality, we are helpless and getting worse and worse.

Take a look at what's going on just in our own country. Open your eyes and take a good long honest look at what is really happening. It's what happens when man turns his back on God.

God's word never changes, it's a sure thing, events prophesied hundreds of years before they happened took place exactly as the Holy Word of God said it would.

One of these events was Jesus Christ, Son of God coming to earth fully God and fully Man, to live among us for a time. He left His home in heaven and come to earth for one purpose and that was to redeem mankind. He was to be the ultimate and final sacrifice.

He also had a choice-even though He knew what was coming-the horrible agony he would endure on the cross taking upon himself the sins of the world. The pain and suffering and shame-even though he could have called all the angels of heaven to get him out of that situation, he endured it for us because he loved us so much and does not want one soul to perish in hell. John 3:16 says "for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him, should not perish but have everlasting life."

I am so thankful to God that because of him I am a whosoever.

Because there is no other way to heaven but by the son, now the choice becomes ours. Acts 4:12 says "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which he must be saved."

When we make that choice we choose life in Christ or we choose death which is eternal separation from God. There is something much worse than physical death and that is spiritual death.

Every person who has ever lived or ever will live has to decide what they will do about Jesus. Joshua 24:15.

Why not choose the life giver, the peace and joy giver. Satan is the thief, the destroyer and father of lies. Choose truth and life.

If you want to hear more about God's great love to mankind you are welcome to worship with us at Nett Lake Assembly of God. Sunday's at 1:00 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m.

If you need to talk to someone, you can call Pastor Harvey Rabbitt at 757-0048.

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Truth often suffers more by the heat of its defenders than from the arguments of its opposers.

—William Penn

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My method is to take the utmost trouble to find the right thing to say. And then say it with the utmost levity.

—George Bernard Shaw

## June Birthdays....

01 - John L Arbuckle, Luanne Drift, Conrad A King, Verna L King, John R Maurus III, Kyle J Morrison, Linda L Pete

02 - Marcella Drift, Mavis L Drift, Tyler J Fuller, Lecia G Mesabe, Edna E Whiteman

03 - Burton B Day, John W Grauman, Charles E Mohler

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. David Steel of Nett Lake are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jeanine Faye Steel to Mr. John Steven Whiteman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Whiteman, also of Nett Lake.

The wedding will take place at the Kahler Motel in Hibbing, MN. on Saturday, June 24, 1995.

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# \* Health News

## Community Health news



**Barbara Richards, R.N., CHN**

Busy as usual..... I would like to take this opportunity to let all of you know about staff changes in our department. Len Thompson has been working as a CHR since the end of April. Although it has been a very confusing time - Len continues to come to work every day, thank goodness!

Karey Lyon R.N., has been working for Community Health since May 15th. Karey is from International Falls, is a Bois Forte Band member and has worked with Bois Forte Health in the past. She helped us with the clinic we had at the Native American Indian Fellowship Center in the Falls. Her position is a temporary one. She will be providing CHR training to our new CHR's. She will also be doing some work with grant writing and other duties as assigned.

Cecile Warren starts work today, June 5th, as a CHR. She will be replacing Florene LaRoque (Punkin). Punkin will be done working June 9th and will be pursuing a nursing career. She has been an asset to Community Health and we sure hope she will be back to work for us as a nurse sometime. Best of Luck and Good Wishes.

Our transport days will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday but we are willing to drive or arrange transportation at other times if necessary. Please call Community Health if you need help with medical appointments and/or picking up prescriptions.

### BOIS FORTE HEALTH SERVICES

Elderly Health Promotion Project  
Week of June 5, 1995

The Bois Forte Health Services will be sponsoring a series of Health Promotion sessions for the elderly beginning in June 1995 and ending in August 1995. These sessions will be held at the Community Center in Nett Lake and will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Our first session will be "Medication education and Old Med round-up." On Thursday, June 8, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Ray Hawk, Physician Assistant will be conducting medication education to the elders. Also, we ask all elders to bring in any out-dated, old medications that they may have at home. Please bring these "old meds" in with you on Thursday, June 8, 1995. The elder with the most "old meds" will win a prize!

Any questions, contact Effie Drift - 757-3790 or Cathy Chavers - 757-3295

Bois Forte Ambulance



**Marcella Connor, Ambulance Director**  
May 14-20th was National EMS Week. It is a week to honor approximately 750,000 EMS providers nationwide who deliver life saving emergency care. The Reservation Tribal Council hosted the Bois Forte Ambulance Service and the Bois Forte Volunteer Fire Department with a picnic lunch on Monday, May 15th. All Health and RTC Employees were invited.

The Ambulance Service has had 20 runs during the first 4 months of this year. These were actual runs to the hospital. There were some call outs that were taken by private vehicles or they refused to be transported by Ambulance.

It is the policy of the service that non life threatening situations be taken by private vehicle. If you feel that you need to ask someone before calling 911, the EMT's are there to help. The Bois Forte Ambulance Service has 17 remarkable persons that are always there in time of need. They are exceptional in knowledge and experience.

The Fire Department has 14 members that respond to emergencies on the reservation. There was a recent fire set by a person(s) unknown near the Don Glende and Pete Isham residence. If not for the volunteer fire department it might have been disastrous for those two (2) households. The fire had spread into the woods and started to get into the tree tops. If this would have happened it would have spread very quickly. The U.S. Forestry also responded to this fire. So thanks again guys for your help and thanks to the Tribal Council for their support of these two volunteer departments.

### NOTICE!!

*If your child is going to be attending Head Start this fall please call and make an appointment for their physical and dental screening appointments as soon as possible.*

*Call the clinic at 757-3650 of dental at 757-3431.*

*Thank you*

### NOTICE !!

*The AUDIOLOGIST will be in Nett Lake on Wednesday, July 12, 1995.*

*Please call the clinic at 757-3650 to make an appointment.*

## Joni Whiteman's column...



**Joni Whiteman**

Well people-June 30 is coming along much quicker than I had expected- Reality is setting in and time seems so short. I've been busy tying up loose ends and completing paperwork for various situations. I am also planning 2 events for June.

On June 7th, a community awareness session will be held at the Community Center beginning at 10:00 entitled "The Struggling Family." This is open to all community members and lunch will be served to those attending the session. Then on June 14th, a Young Families Appreciation Luncheon will be held. All young families who fit the criteria for this program are invited. You will receive an invitation to this sometime next week so watch your mail. This event will be a happy one yet sad as it is the finale of our Young Families Program. The program was not refunded for the additional two years we applied for. We missed the boat by just one vote. Hey-I'm a poet and I didn't even know it!

Anyway-in case anyone is wondering what I'm going to be doing after June 30 - I'm being "laid off"-not fired, I'm not resigning, and definitely not RETIRING! I know that various stories are going around-but the truth is my program ends due to lack of funding-because I was full time Teen Parent Aide I can not just slide back into ICW advocate as I was labeled for 4 years. I could apply for my old position but I feel it's time to move on and do something new. I've enrolled at Mesabi Community College to work toward a degree in Human Services. My goal right now is to complete 2 years and get my A.A.S. Degree- then I'll decide from there if I'll go on for more schooling or if I'll seek employment. I have been working the Bethany Range Shelter for about 2 months now on a part-time basis-Supervising visits on weekends and will continue there while going to college. although I am looking forward the change from working to attending school, it's also scary. I've been out of the school setting for 21 years so lets talk about culture shock! I really am excited about it though. I've always hoped I could go to school and receive a degree, and now is my chance. I'm going to miss everyone at the Health Bldg. and the community but it's not like I'll never be back to see people. It just won't be daily anymore. Most of all, I'll miss helping the people I've been able to help. I like people as I'm sure many of you already know-that's why I'm going into the Human Service field. Someday I hope to be back at Nett Lake working with and for the people again. Have a nice, safe summer and take care.

### PARENTS AND CHILDREN DO TALK

\*Teens would like to communicate more about sex with their parents. Half of the teens in a 1988 survey said that their parents have not provided enough information (or in some cases, no information) about

sex, and that they want more discussion about sex with their parents.

\*Ninety-eight percent of parents report that they need help in talking to their adolescent children about sex.

\*Fifty-nine percent of parents of 7- to 18-year olds report feeling very comfortable talking with their children about sex, birth control and abortion. Thirteen percent say that they feel "not very" or "not at all comfortable."

\*Among parents of 11- to 18-year olds, 88 percent report having discussed love, responsibility and commitment with their children. Eighty-four percent have talked about sex and pregnancy, and 81 percent have discussed STDs. Only 62 percent have discussed the use of birth control.

\*Adolescents who receive sex education in schools are more likely to talk with their parents about how pregnancy occurs than students who receive no formal instruction. Seventy percent of girls who receive instruction about pregnancy and contraception talk with their parents about how pregnancy occurs, compared with 58 percent who receive no instruction. Among all adolescents, 43 percent who do not receive instruction about either pregnancy or contraception talk with their parents about these subjects, compared with 58 percent who receive instruction about both subjects.

\*From the 1992 Minnesota Student Survey, the lowest percentage, 34 percent, of 9th- and 12th-graders reporting sexual activity listed parents and school as their primary source of sex education. Fifty-four percent of 9th- and 12th-graders who listed neither parents nor schools as their primary source were sexually active.

The above information is reprinted with permission from Advocates for Youth except where noted. Complete fact sheets are available; see Resource section in this issue of the Monitor, page 6. Call the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Clearinghouse for information about current data, resources and programs at (612) 296-2571 or (800) 657-3697.

**TALKING CIRCLE  
THURSDAY'S  
7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
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BOIS FORTE  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**ALATEEN  
THURSDAY'S  
5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.  
AT THE BOIS FORTE  
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CENTER**

### Notice!!!

*Dr. Sondag will be in Tower to do dental exams on the following dates:*

*June 15, and 29.*

*July 12, 19 and 26.*

*August 2.*

*Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

*Phone 753-4542 (Tower)*

*757-3431 (Nett Lake)*

## Valerie attends a conference



*Valerie Boness, Mental Health Worker*

I recently attended a conference held in Shakopee on May 3-5, 1995, "Gathering of Healthy Nations: Empowering Our Communities".

There were American Indians from the United States and Canada. I saw quite a few Bois Forte Band members that came from different parts of the state, it was nice to see those friends and relatives you don't normally see too often.

The conference's goal was to bring American Indians together so that we could explore issues (past and present) affecting our families and communities, and also to promote Physical and Mental Health.

Each day started out with a sunrise blessing, that was conducted by a different Spiritual Advisor each morning.

The first workshop I attended was on "Healing from Historical Trauma and Unresolved Grief". This workshop described the dynamics and symptoms of trauma and unresolved grief.

The Boarding School Era was examined very closely, because many Native Americans attended these boarding schools in the past.

The harsh treatment some children had to endure, as well as some physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. Brainwashing was done to some children, they were made to feel ashamed of being an Indian, and were not allowed to speak their language or practice their spiritual beliefs. Some people might ask, 'why talk about it now?'

The explanation for that is - those behaviors can be passed on from generation to generation, and could still be affecting people today.

To understand how a lot of our problems began is a start to our healing.

Another great concern at this conference was the HIV Virus - and AIDS. The amount of Native Americans getting this disease is growing, the message that was sent to all the Indian Communities is we need to start looking at this more seriously, and talking about it. Fear and ignorance is what is helping this disease to spread.

At this conference we were encouraged to take the time to listen to those that have the HIV Virus and AIDS. We must not abandon them, they are a part of our community and have a lot to offer.

Diabetes - is affecting more and more Native Americans and at earlier ages, there are more and more Headstart and Kindergarten children with this disease.

It was very inspiring to see Tribal Leaders speak on issues affecting their communities. Alcohol was a strong topic for one Tribal Leader, as he shared that he is in recovery. He talked openly about his own experiences with Alcoholism.

To hear so many Native Americans discuss their problems, without shame being involved I felt that's a good start to healing holistically as a nation.

I feel the conference reached it's goal in bringing people together and by empowering families and communities to explore issues affecting them.

## H. Beauduy and Neurofeedback..

### HOW DOES NEUROFEEDBACK FIT INTO OUR ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAM?

The Bois Forte Chemical Dependency Outpatient Treatment Program (CDOP) consists of twenty-four (24)-four (4) hour sessions over a six (6) week period. Clients attend four (4) nights per week, four (4) hours per session for a total of 96 hours. Clients attend lectures and group therapy, and watch/listen to films, audiotapes and videotapes. These educate clients on the disease concept and recovery. In addition to the evening sessions, interviews and conferences are arranged with clients during "regular" working hours.

All clients have the opportunity to participate in a sweat lodge ceremony as needed and requested, and the weekly family component of the program. Clients' denial and defenses are addressed in one-to-one sessions, family sessions, lectures and groups. As clients demonstrate a willingness to take responsibility for their actions, the process of self discovery begins. Abstinence from all mood altering chemicals is mandatory.

Neurofeedback or brainwave training is a strictly voluntary/optional component of the Bois Forte Outpatient Program. It is based on extensive research which found the electrical activity in the brains of chronic alcoholics to be different from "normal" people. These differences include 1) the relative absence of alpha and theta brainwaves (the slower frequencies which correspond to a calm, peaceful inner state), and, 2) an inability to get out of the high beta brainwave state (which is associated with constant thinking, vigilance and scanning. Neurofeedback teaches people to achieve that calm, peaceful inner state and to leave that vigilant state whenever they want. That is, it teaches people to have control over their (inner) state of mind.

The basic requirement for neurofeedback training (as with many successful treatment outcomes) is a strong desire to be abstinent. A willingness to follow-up with continuing participation in support groups like Alcoholics Anonymous and Aftercare is also desirable. We are especially interested in offering this training to people who've tried, tried again and failed to maintain their sobriety.

We see this approach as completely consistent with the 12 Step principles. In fact, we believe that for those individuals who have not been able to sustain the rigorous honesty, commitment and spirituality the 12 Step approach requires, the neurofeedback training can make this path easier to follow. The presence of greater alpha/theta activity in people's brains shows that the ego has been let go and the doors to the unconscious and to the spiritual world are opened. The EEG neurofeedback training does nothing more than act as a very precise "sign post" to clients, telling them instantly when they are closer to a genuine "letting go," a state of peace. Not everyone needs this therapy, but for those who have not and cannot maintain sobriety in the face of their addiction, it can be a new and very effective tool to use. Anyone choosing to use this component will be strongly encouraged to work closely with a traditional or Christian spiritual person. The spiritual person will help the client understand or make sense of their experience within a spiritual context. Traditional and Christian spiritual advisors are being recruited for this purpose.

For more information about brainwave training or the outpatient treatment program in general, contact *Allen Morrisseau* (CDOP Counselor), *Gary Adams* (CD Director), or *Henry Beauduy* (Human Services Coordinator) at the Health Building (telephone number 218-757-3295).

### NOTICE

Please do not send children to the clinic to pick up medications as the medical staff **WILL NOT** dispense medications to them for delivery to adults.

If you have any questions or problems, call Ray Hawk at 757-3650.



## Women's Wellness day..



*Dana Erkkila*

On May 10, 1995, one hundred fifteen Bois Forte women and Bois Forte female employees gathered at the Eveleth Holiday Inn for an entire day devoted to women's wellness. It was a day packed with information, presentations, good food and great gifts. The program was hosted by Bois Forte Health Services.

Valerie Boness began the morning by welcoming everyone and she then introduced Dorothy Sam, who began the day with a prayer.

Lester Drift, Sr., was the first speaker of the day. Lester is a chemical dependency counselor with Bois Forte Health services. Lester discussed the traditional value of women in men's lives. Women are the silent warriors in the lives of their families and communities.

Annette Font was the second speaker of the morning. Annette presented a moving account of AIDS in her life.

Karen Diver, Executive Director of the YWCA in Duluth, presented the last topic of the morning - "Breast Cancer and the American Indian Woman". The statistics are showing too many women are dying needlessly from cancer - mammograms save lives!~ Get in for your check-ups, ladies!

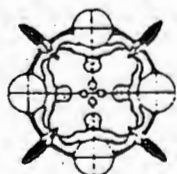
The Holiday served everyone a delicious lunch. The lunch break was also an opportunity to visit the information set-up. The American Red Cross, American Lung Association, Range Women's Advocates and Sexual Assault Program, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), St. Louis County Health Department, St. Louis County Extension Office and North Star Medical Equipment all provided everyone with a great deal of educational materials.

The afternoon portion of the day began with a hilarious presentation by Kathy Worlie, Older Adult Day Service Program Coordinator from the Hibbing office of Range Mental Health. Kathy definitely "spiced up our lives with humor"! Humor is a marvelous way to beat stress. We all felt less stressful when Kathy finished her presentation.

Dorothy Sam concluded the day with a farewell prayer.

Aside from the wonderful speakers and information presenters, throughout the day

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# Gary Adams & recovery..

## • Women's Wellness day

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many door prizes were given away, thanks to the generosity of area businesses and organizations.

At the end of the day, the women were asked to complete an evaluation of the program. The results were 99.99% positive! Just think what next year's program will be like!

Bois Forte Reservation Health Services would like to thank the following speakers, businesses and organizations for their contributions towards the success of the 1995 Women's Wellness day.

Speakers: Anette Font, Lester Drift Sr., Karen Diver, Kathy Worlie.

Orr: Wally's Auto Service, Anderson Sports Port, Pelican Bay IGA, T. Patten Cafe, Pine Grove Store, Lammi's Trustworthy Lumber & Hardware.

Cook: Frank's Pharmacy, Clark's IGA, Jesse Bearheart, Hanson's Furniture & Appliance, Main Liquidators & Variety Store, Human Touch, Hometown Hardware Hank, Gramma Jill's Floral & Gifts, Makela's Hardware, North Country Floral.

Tower: The Y Store, Nelson's Hardware Hank, Martilla Drug, Tower Bakery, Fortune Bay Casino, Bits & Pieces.

Virginia: North Star Medical Equipment, St. Louis County Health Department, American Red Cross, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Range Women's Advocate, Sexual Assault Program, American Lung Association.

Eveleth: Holiday Inn, Eveleth Floral & Greenhouse.

Nett Lake: Marcella Connor, Millie Holmes, RTC Donations Committee.

St. Paul: Mystic Tees - Joe Geshick



Gary W. Adams, CD Director

Aneen, I would like to share some basic, simple thoughts on recovery. The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous states "Selfishness-selfcenteredness that, We think is the root of our troubles. Above everything, we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness. We must or it kills us. We need GOD's help to do so but first we need to quit playing GOD, and let him be our director.

Another way to look at this is through a scenario. Let's say a rattlesnake bit you, the poison could kill you, you are in need of an anti-venom (shot). This shot counteracts the poison, you live. That is the anti-venom for Selfishness-selfcenteredness, it's an old Indian value called giving, sharing. John Kennedy once said "Ask not what your country can do for you but rather what you

can do for your country." You can put this another way, "Ask not what your reservation can do for you but rather what can you do for your reservation.

I'll share some of my past selfish ways. There was a time when I would come home from work, my boots were usually dirty. I usually took my boots off while I sat on the couch. I would take a shower and let my cloths lay where I dropped them. I rarely took out the garbage, never did the dishes, make the bed. After all I had a wife to do this (she also worked 8 hrs per day). I took her for granted. This was hurting our relationship, my selfishness and self-centeredness was slowly poisoning, killing our relationship. I rarely talked on an emotional level with my wife or kids, therefore, I was not available for them emotionally. D.W.I.'s, nights in jail didn't help my family or community.

Slowly once I joined the A.A. program, got some marital counseling the light bulbs came on. I now do dishes, make the bed, never leave my clothes lay around, take out the garbage, help clean the house and make myself available emotionally for my wife. The loneliness has left as a result of giving, sharing and respect and esteem has risen as a result of practicing these few Indian values. This all takes honesty and bravery and let's not forget but for the grace of GOD there goes I. Ask not what your wife can do for you but rather what can you do for your wife, family and community with GOD's help.



Matt Anders and Deanna "Dede" Drift.

The troops say 'Farewell' and 'Bon Voyage' to Matt Anders, Environment Specialist for the Bois Forte Reservation for the last several years. A pot luck dinner was served on Thursday, April 27th, with cake and all the trimmings in his honor. We used to read about people taking off to join the Foreign Legion but Matt taking off to join the Peace Corps???? It's true. He will doing his bit in Russia. Well wishers hoped he'd stay clear of Siberia and those notorious political work camps.

The same afternoon there was an Activities Committee party for RTC troops whose birthdays were in March and April. Games, etc., and cake and ice cream for those people who were a year older.

## 8th Annual Bois Forte Ambulance Volleyball Tournament

On April 22-23, 8 teams gathered at the Nett Lake School for a fun and competitive weekend of Volleyball. The 8 teams that were brave enough to display their skills or lack of them (2 teams didn't show), helped make the weekend very enjoyable.

The teams this year that participated included: the Drifts, the Sidels of Orr, the Pointers of Indian Point, the Bad Baps of the Nett Lake Baptist Church, Corey and Teresa's team, Squidge's team, Rainy River's Community College team and ILAP from Duluth. All teams were fun to watch and everyone had a good time.

This year's competition was great. The top 5 teams were real close in round robin points, however at the end of the playoffs, Corey and Teresa's team took home the championship and Rainy River's team took home second place. The Ambulance Service would like to mention, that all teams who participated were winners because they contributed to a very important cause.

The Bois Forte Ambulance would like to thank these businesses: Brun's, Inc.; Fortune Bay; Frank's Pharmacy; Lund's Equipment; Mlaker Funeral Home; Nelson-Colle Electric; Norri Distributing; North Star Drilling; Northern Electric Co-op Ass'n; Northern Farmer's Co-op Credit Union; Pepsi Cola Bottling; Philips Chevrolet-Olds-GEO; Pumpco of MN; Shannon Electric; Starkovich Bottling Co.; and the Timberjay and all the individuals who donated food or money, all those who played, and all who came to watch and cheer. Everyone helped to make this year yet another successful tournament and fund raiser.

Thank you,

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No matter how fair the sun shines, still it must set.

—Ferdinand Raimund

On May 15th, which happened to be the week of National EMS Week, there was a cookout and appreciation day honoring the Ambulance Crews and the Volunteer Fire-

men, sponsored by the Bois Forte RTC. RTC members took the opportunity to recognize and honor our dedicated emergency personnel.

## CD Program.

Keep it simple, I was told in early recovery. I did not know what that meant, then. They (recovering alcoholics in the program of AA) told me to stop drinking alcohol, go to meetings on a regular basis, and work the steps. I never did these things before. I did these simple things and I am still sober today, twelve (12) years later.

When someone asks me how I have stayed sober over the years, I say "I followed the advice of alcoholics who have sobered up using the Twelve (12) Steps of AA - they told me to keep it simple, stop drinking alcohol, go to AA meetings regularly and work the Twelve (12) Steps." It has worked for others in recovery, it works for me, and it will work for you if you choose to follow the advice of alcoholics who are recovering in the program of AA.

AA is not the only way a person can move into recovery from alcohol addiction, but up to the point in time it works best for most in recovery.. - Author Anonymous

Keeping it simple is easy advice to understand, but to continue to follow it daily is hard. In recovery there will be times that it gets pretty hard to keep it simple. Here are a few programs that will help you keep it simple:

### MEETING DATES:

Tuesdays = Aftercare Groups, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tribal Court

Wednesdays = Aftercare Groups, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Tower Center

AA Meetings, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Nett Lake Community Center

Thursdays = Alateen Meetings, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Nett Lake Community Center

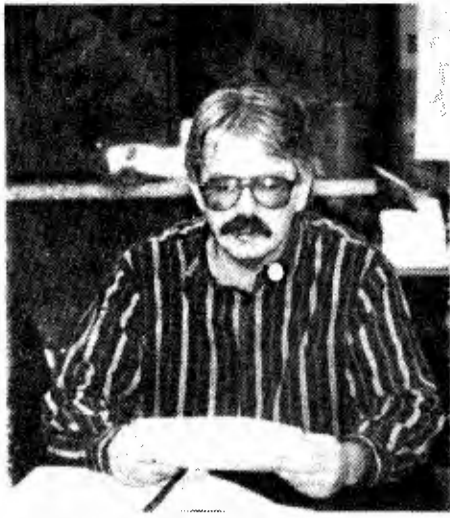
Talking Circle, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Nett Lake Community Center



Bois Forte Ambulance Service.



Bois Forte Volunteer Firemen.



**David Danz**, Planning Director

Time for news shorts from this half of the Mighty Bois Forte Planning Department.

For those folks who have been anxiously awaiting the implementation of the Bois Forte HOME program, I am happy to say the time is here. The Tribal Council recently hired Bill Whiteman as the HOME Program Coordinator. I have been spending some time with Bill helping him get educated about the nature of this on-Reservation new housing construction program. Bill will be administering this program and he brings considerable construction and administrative experience to the job. I am happy to be working with him.

In preparation for receiving applicants for HOME financing, Bill and I visited with the staff of the MCT Home Loan program in Cass Lake. They have years of housing finance background behind them and we went looking for any tips they might offer to us. Although the HOME program is relatively small (\$341,000), it is the intention of the Tribal Council to maximize its impact by dovetailing with the financing available through the MCT. Both of these

programs have certain income guidelines that must be followed by law. However, the Bois Forte HOME program can serve some families that the MCT cannot and vice versa. As Bill becomes familiar with both of these programs I believe both of these programs will be most effectively utilized by eligible families.

Of the 11 Tribal governments in this State only Bois Forte and Red Lake have successfully received HOME program funding. The program provides one more option to the tough housing situation of residents of Nett Lake and Lake Vermilion.

Another program that has provided benefit to a Bois Forte Band member is the Minnesota Indian Economic Development Fund. This is a non-profit entity established through funding provided by the McKnight Foundation. The fund is available statewide to provide what is known as "gap" financing for Indian entrepreneurs. I have provided quite a few inquiring Band members with information on this fund but for various reasons no one has successfully accessed this program. Recently facilitating a meeting between a Band member seeking additional business financing and the Director of the Fund has resulted in the acquisition of needed financing. Its good to see this program at work for the benefit of a Bois Forte member.

Floyd M., Rocky King and I recently paid a visit to the site of the future Nett Lake cemetery. Readers of the Ax's Bois Forte Times may recall that about a year ago Doris Isham played an instrumental role in the acquisition of 80 acres just inside the boundaries of the Rez. The property was negotiated as a gift by the Potlatch Corp. Doris pursued this property with an eye for developing a new cemetery at Nett Lake. Rocky and Floyd will be assisting me to

prepare cost estimates to construct a road to the site and plot out the existing field. These estimates will be brought to the Tribal Council for their consideration.

Site preparation has been underway at the Sawmill for the future installation of the new scragg mill. Ernie Landgren, contractor extraordinaire, has been working with Pete Isham in supervising this work. Ernie and his capable assistants will be erecting a 24' x 60' metal building attached to the north side of the existing chipper walls. An electrical sub-contractor has been selected and we will undoubtedly be ready for installation of the scragg mill when it is scheduled to be delivered in early August.

I recently got off the application to the State DNR for approval of the use of Outdoor Recreation Grant funding for the Nett Lake powwow grounds and the Lake Vermilion softball field. The application will be presented to a State Board comprised of elected officials known as the LCMR. It is our hope that the LCMR Board will give the nod of consent to the application. Considerable work and effort on the Lake Vermilion ballfield took place last year under the capable guidance of Phyllis Boshey with Norman Adams and crew. The powwow site has been prepared at Nett Lake and Jerome Whiteman is steering the opening ceremony activities planned for later this summer. Upon State approval work will commence quickly to complete these both of these recreational areas.

HOME loans, business financing, sawmill development, powwow grounds, ballfields and cemeteries.... Entitle this article "Bois Forte Planning, From the Cradle to the Grave", ya gotta love it!

## Conservation Notes..

By Ray Villebrun

Good day Bois Forte NEWS readers!...Please except my humble apologies for not contributing my thoughts of wisdom to this fine piece of journalism on a regular basis. Hopefully these next few moments I can make it up to you.

First of all let me tell you about our trip to the great state of Alaska. On April 29th Corey Strong, RTC member Jerome Whiteman, and Myself attended the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAF&WS) National Conference held in Anchorage, Alaska.

Alaska was every bit as beautiful as you've heard and then some. The mountains and the glaciers were fantastic to see.

The conference brought together native people from all over the United States, as well as Canada. The native Alaskans that we ran into were very much like Neejs from the "lower 48" as they call us. (yes, stiffs there too!)

The conference was a huge success, they are already making plans for the next Alaska conference to be held five or six years from now. Yours truly, went as a member of the Great Lakes Region Conservation Officer Shoot Team. We placed a disappointing third at the National Competition Shoot. We took plenty of pictures and a video camera on the trip, so stop by and take a look at em'.

Next up, a few notes about our beaver control project. On May 6th, the Bois Forte Conservation Department posted a beaver bounty project for the greater Bois Forte Reservation. Our intentions were that we needed to do something about the beaver population that is ruining our timber and taking over our roads. A few organizational meetings were held and the Reservation was broken up into zones for the purpose of assigning the interested persons that attended the beaver bounty meetings specific areas that the Conservation Department felt were the trouble spots. We started paying \$15.00 dollars per beaver carcass, but as of Friday, May 12th we are now paying \$20.00 dollars per beaver. The jury is still out on whether this project makes an impact on the beaver problem or not, we shall have to wait and see...

Finally, a couple of odds and ends that I would like to finish up with. We now have new hunting permits starting this year, and yes the charge for permits did go up. (still a bargain on any Rez.) Also, I would like to encourage all hunters to register their deer kills with the Conservation Department, this is necessary so that we have some kind information on the deer population that we have at Bois Forte. All I am asking for is the sex, and where the animal was taken, this data will be valuable to the Conservation Committee for future discussion of our deer hunting season.

**DOG PROBLEMS.** Once again we are rounding up stray dogs and sometimes cats, that people do not want or they don't care about. I would like to say that you are not helping the situation by raising a puppy, and then letting it run loose after it grows up. The health and safety of our young people is at stake here. If you cannot handle the responsibility of owning a animal, get something small like a fish or a turtle. Birds are nice, and are less expensive to feed.

We are trying to be as humane as possible to the animals, and also trying not to tick people off when we have to answer a complaint about a stray animal, or try and explain why their child was bitten, and the

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## Andy Datko's news column.



**Andy Datko**, Assistant Planner

Now that warm spring weather has finally arrived, so has the season for construction activities. construction of the hotel/conference center project at Fortune Bay is expected to begin by June, once all the financing is in place. We are still waiting on final processing of the BIA loan guarantee to back up the major part of the financing, which is being done through Dain-Bosworth Inc. in the form of a bond issuance. Last month we received a \$500,000 grant/loan package from the IRRRB for site improvements associated with the project. We are also working with several smaller lenders to fill in the last remaining gaps in the finance package.

Tree clearing for the project has already been done, and the pace of activities should really pick up over the next few months. Construction of the hotel/conference center will take about 12 months. Band mem-

bers seeking construction jobs on the project should contact Mona Villebrun in the TERO Office at Nett Lake (218-757-3261). Band members seeking employment opportunities at the hotel/conference center should contact Norm Adams, personnel manager at Fortune Bay (800-992-7529).

Construction of the new water and sewage treatment system for Fortune Bay and the Vermilion community began this month and should be completed by October. This new water/sewage treatment system will serve Farm Point, the Community Center, and Fortune Bay. It is being sized to accommodate future hook-ups of additional homes. This project is being financed through a grant/loan package from the Farmers Home Administration.

In early May, Dave D. and I prepared a Community Development Block Grant application to HUD for construction of a new Family Resource Center near the Vermilion Community Center. This building will house child care services, Headstart, and family and adult education programs. The building will be constructed from the red pine logs cleared for the hotel project. We hope to receive funding for the building later this summer and have the facility completed and ready for use by May of next year.

We also recently received funding from BIA Roads and the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation to conduct a needs assessment of State Highway 65 through the Nett Lake Reservation. This study will help us identify and prioritize the needed improvements to bring that highway up to acceptable standards. Those of you have driven on that road know what terrible

condition it is in. This study is the first step in the process to get the road improved. I will be working closely with a consultant hired to conduct the study this summer and fall.

This summer I will also be working with a student intern, provided by the University of Minnesota, to prepare a comprehensive land use and development plan for the Vermilion sector of the Reservation. This plan will identify areas that are suitable for specific uses such as housing, commercial, recreational, cultural/historical preservation, environmental protection, etc. The plan will also consider future growth and land use plans for the communities surrounding the Vermilion sector. Preparation of this plan will involve a great deal of input from band members and residents of the Vermilion community. Once completed, this plan will help guide decisions on future land use and development options. it will also serve as a model for preparing a similar plan for Nett Lake.

I was hoping I might be able to get some fishing in this summer, but it looks like it will be a very busy time for the planning department!

On a final note, we learned earlier this month that we did not receive funding for the historic preservation project we had applied for to the U.S. Department of Interior. It was a very competitive program with not enough funding to go around. I guess you win some and you lose some. We lost this one but we'll keep trying!

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Forgetfulness is a form of freedom.

—Kahlil Gibran

# Justice - ??????

The Sah-Gii-Bah-Gah Pow-wow Committee sponsored a Jail-N-Bail on Monday, May 22, 1995. The turn out for this event was tremendous.

The following are some of the people arrested and the reasons.

Capt. Wilkie thrown in jail by Kelly Rutar for trying to be a cop and here just visiting.

Karey Lyon thrown in jail by Tine Warren for putting too many miles on her car.

Brandon Benner thrown in jail by Lori Drift and Miranda Villebrun for being too hammered to coach.

Burdie LaRoque thrown in jail by Mary Porter for leaving her for Bingo all weekend.

Susan Strand thrown in jail by Effie Drift for wanting to eat all the time.

Lester Drift thrown in jail by Shirley McNey for being a shoe Runner.

Lester Drift thrown in jail by Vera Branstrom for claiming to be a Chef.

Gary Adams thrown in jail by Vera Branstrom for giving your Secretary too much work to do.

Cathy Chavers thrown in by Ray Hawk for being a Wanna Be.

Shirley Bixby thrown in by Anonymous for Weeding!

Ray Hawk thrown in by Shirley McNey for impersonating the scare crown from the Wizard of OZ before he got a Brain.

Brent Sunday thrown in jail by Shirley McNey for wanting to impersonate Virgil.

Lori Drift thrown in jail by Peter Drift for staying to late at Fortune Bay.

Doris Isham thrown in jail by Julie White-man for being mean to me.

Susan Strand thrown in jail by Vera Branstrom for being out of the office too much.

Cindy thrown in jail by Burdie LaRoque for disturbing everyone in housing.

Henry-Louis Beauduy thrown in jail by Susan Strand for being a Chemok-A man Hippie.

Sherry Erickson thrown in jail by John Villebrun for looking like "Barney" today,

(purple sweater)-trying to be a female "Barney".

Dave Danz and Brandon Benner thrown in jail by Dan Morrison Sr. for being a public nuisance.

John Villebrun thrown in jail by Vicki Holmes for pretending to be an expert bowler.

John Villebrun thrown in jail by Sherry Erickson for fraud, impersonating a cow-boy.

Dan Morrison Sr. thrown in jail by Dave Danz for being too mean and ornery.

Betty Hoffer thrown in jail by Dan Morrison Sr. for not cleaning her yard.

Vera Branstrom thrown in jail by Terry Connor for typing to fast.

Terry Connor thrown in jail by vera Branstrom for obtaining insufficient evidence.

Jerome Whiteman thrown in jail by buster Villebrun for playing the 7 machines too much and not winning.

Judy Anderson thrown in jail by Shirley Bixby for running your car on E!

Mary Porter thrown in jail by Darlene Sabherwal for claiming to be a cook at Nett Lake School.

Floyd Morrison thrown in jail by Janice Connor for being like Grumpy.

Richard Wilkie thrown in jail by Dorothy Cote for inappropriate bandage. Offering a Kotex for a bloody eye.

Darlene Goggeye thrown in jail by Shirley McNey for not paying for rent.

Richard Wilkie thrown in jail by Dennis Cote from Framingham, Mass. for frequent driver harassment (HAHA you can't get me now).

Margaret Warren thrown in jail by Karey Lyon for driving clients to slow and talking excessively.

Janice Connor thrown in jail by Terry Connor for looking like Grumpy.

Denise Morrison thrown in jail by Judy Anderson for insubordination (talking back) to you boss.

Connie Harju thrown in jail by Dan Morrison Sr for being to S-e-x-y.

## New Housing Director...

**Cynthia Glasel, Housing Director**

Cynthia Glasel, is the new Housing Director for the Bois Forte Reservation. She was hired March 20, 1995.

Cynthia writes: I was born in Los Angeles, California and moved to Chicago in 1976 with my husband, James. We moved to Chisholm, Minnesota in October 1983 for a "Healthy Lifestyle", with daughter Kerri, age 16, and son, Jimmy, age 15. I returned to school in 1987 and recently graduated from Bemidji State University in May of 1995 with double Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting and Business Administration.

I have worked in Real Estate for seven years and have done tax returns for ten years. During school, I worked as a part-time Librarian and Telemarketer. My hobbies and interests include raising and training Appaloosa horses and weekend camping trips.

As the new Housing Director I am excited about the eight (8) new homes being built this summer, three (3) in Nett Lake and five (5) in Vermilion. There are also plans for remodeling and possibly re-opening several homes here in Nett Lake.

I encourage everyone to stop in and see the plans and designs and have a cup of coffee with Darlene and I.

Darlene Sabherwal, is the new Conversion Specialist and will be visiting homes

in June for re-certification and checking homes for needed repairs. I will also have office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Vermilion Center. If you have any problems or questions about your home please feel free to call or stop by. Our hours in Nett Lake are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. At the Vermilion Center - Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our phone numbers are: Nett Lake, 757-3253 and Vermilion 753-4542.

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It is the mark of a good action that it appears inevitable in retrospect.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

### ELDERLY FUNDRAISER

Every Thursday at 6 p.m.

## Smear at ENP Kitchen

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long court procedure it takes to get a dangerous dog exterminated. So please, take care of your animal we have been lucky so far. Rabies has not been a problem, lets keep it that way.

I would like to close on a positive note. The Conservation Department is glad to announce that we will be having a hunter safety class in the fall for any interested kids

age 12 and up. Also, we will be allowing kids that turn 12 years by September 1, to also participate.

We have a number of areas that will covered in the certification training. The Class will be held at the Nett Lake School, with a few practical exercises held on Nett Lake. We are planning to conducting this training the last week of August.

That's all for now, if there are any questions that I may answer or you would like more information on anything concerning natural resources, stop by and see us.

## A Letter to Bois Forte Band Members from the 1854 Authority, Duluth, MN.

April 25, 1995

Dear Band Member:

Since 1993 a controversy has existed between the 1854 Authority and the United States Forest Service over the method of exercising rights reserved by the Treaty of 1854 in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The Authority has maintained that Band members have the right to access the B.W.C.A.W. by any means reasonably necessary to meaningful exercise of the reserved rights. The Forest Service has maintained that access to the B.W.C.A.W. is governed by the Acts that created the wilderness and that Band members are subject to the prohibitions against use of motorized transportation in the B.W.C.A.W.

Presently, there are cases in the court system that have the potential to determine both the extent of the rights that exist and how Band members will be able to access the B.W.C.A.W. to exercise those rights. Because the 1854 Authority believes that the United States Government should be upholding the Treaty of 1854, it has taken the issue of the Forest Service's abrogation of treaty rights to the Office of Tribal Justice in the Office of the Attorney General of the United States. It is expected that the United States Attorney General will convince the Forest Service that it must respect treaty rights.

The Authority has full confidence that the Bands will prevail on this issue and that the Forest Service will recognize Band members' rights to access the B.W.C.A.W. in a meaningful manner while exercising treaty-reserved rights. While this process is underway, however, the potential for confrontation between Band members and Forest Service personnel is a reality which can and should be avoided at this time. We are therefore asking you as a Band member to refrain from accessing the B.W.C.A.W. in a manner other than that presently allowed by the Forest Service. (Remember - Band members may use their 1854 I.D. card in place of a Forest Service permit to enter the B.W.C.A.W.)

This request should not be construed as a diminishment of rights as the Bands fully intend to pursue a resolution of the current conflict either through negotiations with the federal government or the court system.

Thank you,

**Etta L. Burns**

for:

Ferdinand Martineau

Executive Director, 1854 Authority

## Bois Forte Transfer Station Hours

April 1, 1995 thru Nov. 1, 1995

Monday - Wednesday - Saturday  
2-6 p.m.

\* The Solid Waste Disposal Coupons are on sale at the receptionist's desk in the Tribal Offices or at MSC Foods.

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Water resources technician John Villebrun and Bois Forte biologist Chris Holm take Nett Lake water samples.



Dr. Holm studying insects in a Nett Lake sediment sample.



Collecting sediment core samples for chemical analysis.

## News from the Biologist...



Chris Holm, Biologist

Hello Folks,

Our Editor tells me its time once again for exciting news from the Conservation Department, so here goes.

First, I offer a hearty welcome to our new Environmental Specialist, Darren Steen. Darren joined us last week, and is already involved in lots of projects. I'm sure he'll tell you all about them. Welcome aboard,

Darren.

The rest of us are also tackling many projects. Troy has been coordinating efforts with the Bois Forte summer youth program to develop natural springs for community use. The first step will be to identify several springs and test the water to be sure it is safe. Once testing is done, we'll work with the youth program to clear trails and make the springs accessible. We'll then show summer youth participants how to test the water of each spring, and they'll do this on a regular basis. As a safety note, we ask that the community take care in using any spring water that we have not tested. If you do use it before testing, please consider boiling it before use.

John has just returned from a week-long Air Quality Training Program, and is now our resident "Air Quality Specialist". He'll work with Darren to develop our indoor air program. We're expecting that he will also be accepted for a water quality technician training program that begins in June, and we're encouraging him to take this training as well.

We've all been working at construction and placement of mallard duck nesting houses on Nett Lake. Each house (actually a condominium) is made up of a floating platform that supports two straw-stuffed nesting tubes. We've placed 16 of these duck condos on the north side of Nett Lake, and we hope this will encourage an increase in the duck population. If you notice any birds using these structures, we'd like to know.

John and Troy have also been busy collecting water, sediment and biological samples from Nett and Lightfeather lakes. This is an extremely important time for us, as we are compiling data that we'll eventually use to develop Reservation water quality standards. Water quality standards are rules that specify pollutant levels that may not legally be exceeded. They're designed to protect the water, and are usually related to specific "designated uses", like the production of wild rice. Getting these standards in place is critical and we need to do it soon. The hard cold fact is that, at present, Bois Forte has no legal recourse to ensure the continued quality of its waters. If a polluter outside the Reservation boundary were to foul a river that feeds into Nett Lake, Bois Forte would have no data and no standards to show that the lake was affected. Without this information, we cannot provide the court with reasonable evidence to fine the violator and/or stop the pollution.

Simple enough, you say, but there's more: Before setting water quality standards, Bois Forte must apply for and receive "Treatment in a manner similar to a state" (TAS) from the EPA. All this means is that the EPA formally recognizes the Tribe's sovereign right to manage and protect its waters. TAS seems like a formality, but it's an important thing to have. Without it, EPA won't recognize our standards, and we are open to situations like the one I described above. Our legal counsel (Tadd) and I have been pulling together the information necessary to apply for TAS, and we expect to

get it soon.

For all of you policy watchers, I have more exciting news. EPA and the Tribes have developed what we think will be a crucial document for future protection of Tribal waters. This document is an EPA/Tribal Trust Responsibility Plan; it defines in detail Bois Forte's water program personnel and funding needs for the next three years, and how EPA will support these needs. On May 24, Chairman Donald and the other Minnesota Tribal Chairs will meet with the EPA Region 5 Administrator to sign this agreement. This is a big deal to us, since this document is the first of its kind in the United States, and Minnesota Tribes have the pleasure of being the first to ratify the agreement. But the real importance is this: Bois Forte has now defined its future personnel and financial needs for water protection, and EPA has accepted and agreed to those needs. In the future, this should make it easier to apply for and receive the funds we will need to keep our programs going and keep Bois Forte waters clean.

This is all coming about at the same time as another very controversial and potentially damaging piece of legislation. The Schuster Bill was recently passed by the House of Representatives, and is currently waiting for debate in the Senate. If the Senate passes this bill, the implications for Tribal water programs will be enormous. This bill calls for (among other things) stripping Tribes of all ability to develop water quality standards, thus preventing them from protecting sovereign waters from pollution. People who read the tea leaves think the bill will die in the Senate this year, but we want to have Bois Forte's TAS, water quality standards and an EPA Trust Responsibility agreement in place in the event that the bill does get through the Senate. I'll let you know how it all turns out.

## Home Loan Applications...

### Bois Forte HOME Loan program.

The Bois Forte HOME Program is a home loan program designed to serve the low and very low income people of the Bois Forte Indian Reservation. This program is funded by the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council through a grant from HUD. These loans are restricted to on reservation homes and can be used for new construction only.

The terms of the loans for new construction 10% grant and 2% on the remaining balance over 30 years. All new construction will adhere to the minimum standards for construction and renovation as established by the Bois Forte RTC.

A total of \$314,000 is available for construction financing through the HOME Program. The HOME Program is targeting to construct five new homes with this fund.

The Bois Forte HOME Program is dedicated to serving the Bois Forte community and hopes to start construction on some new homes as soon as the application process is finalized. The Bois Forte HOME Program will be accepting applications for home loans from June 12, 1995 through June 30, 1995. For more information about the Bois Forte HOME Program or to set up an appointment please contact, William Whiteman at the Bois Forte RTC chambers between 8:00 a.m. and Noon, Monday through Friday or leave a message and you will be contacted at the next opportunity

### Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Housing Corporation HOME loans.

**Description:** The Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Housing Corporation was established in 1976 by The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to develop a low interest revolving home loan program for low and moderate income American Indians in order to improve the quality of their living environment through the construction, purchase and renovation of housing.

**Eligibility Requirements:** At least one spouse must be an American Indian enrolled in a federally recognized tribe and must plan to reside in the home being built or purchased.

The family must have a 3-year average adjusted gross income of \$10,000 - \$28,000, with higher incomes accepted for loans made within Reservation boundaries. This refers to the yearly income of the family less certain deductions allowed by the Housing Corporation.

The family must be a reasonable credit risk with financial ability to repay the mortgage loan.

**Application Procedure:** There will be a \$15.00 application fee to be paid when applying for a home loan.

This fee is to cover office expenses and credit reports.

A representative from the Housing Corporation will be at the Bois Forte RTC Offices on July 26, 1995, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to take applications.

To make an appointment, call (218) 335-8582.

## •Gaming Act

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The battle over Indian gaming will soon be taken up in Congress when several senators, particularly those from New Jersey and Nevada, make another pitch to amend the infamous National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act during their next session. It should go without saying that the amendments about to be introduced will not favor the Indian tribes of America.

If Congress decides to severely hamper the Indian nations from freely operating gaming establishments on their sovereign lands, it could get ugly. All it will take is for one bold tribal leader to tell the state and the feds to go straight to hell. Do you suppose the National Guard and Marines will be sent in to crush the Indian people?

I suggest lawmakers go back and read the U.S. Constitution, especially Article I, Section 8. It could save a lot of heartaches, I'll lay you odds.

*Tom Giago is publisher of Indian Country Today, 1920 Lombardy Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701*  
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Chairman Gary Donald, Secretary-Treasurer David Morrison and Vice-Chairman Doris Isham and several staff members met with the BIA Minneapolis Area Director Denise Homer on June 5 and 6 to negotiate the terms of the Self-Governance Compact between the Bois Forte Reservation and the United States of America. The compact will be finalized before the end of June.

The negotiations were the culmination of months of preparation. The Bois Forte Band was informed by the Office of Self-Governance on April 3 that it had been

accepted into Self-Governance status for fiscal year 1996. The Band was one of only 15 tribes selected from across the country.

Hearing that the Band was accepted into the program, Chairman Donald then began negotiations at several levels so that Bois Forte would get its share from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, the Minnesota Agency Office of the BIA at Cass Lake, the Minneapolis Area Office of the BIA and the Central Office of the BIA in Washington. Tribal Executive Director and Counsel Tadd M. Johnson said, "Under Title II of P.L. 103-413, the Self-Governance Act, the Band is allowed to take its share from each level of the bureaucracy. In the case of Bois Forte, we also take a share from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The net result is two-fold: first, there will be more money here at Nett Lake and, second, the Band will have the power to prioritize how the money is spent rather than the BIA or the MCT."



Tadd M Johnson, RTC Attorney

At a May 19 meeting in Duluth, the Band negotiated its share of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and the Minnesota Agency. The negotiations were timely because Bois Forte was accepted into Self-Governance already and many of the other Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe intend to seek Self-Governance status. The Mille Lacs Band and the Leech Lake Band were "grandfathered" into Self-Governance having been part of the Demonstration Project that preceded the Self-Governance Act.

At the June 5 and 6 meetings in Minneapolis, the Band completed all of its negotiations. Area Director Denise Homer represented the United States along with rep-

resentatives from the Office of Self-Governance in Washington, D.C. Area Office "shares" were discussed as well as Bois Forte's percentage of the Central Office. Chairman Gary Donald stated, "We went through the BIA budget line by line. We made them explain each line item and we made the case as to why we could do the job as well as the BIA could. In some cases it made more sense for the BIA to continue providing services. But the bottom line is Bois Forte will have a larger budget and will become more self-sufficient under Self-Governance."

The Compact of Self-Governance between the Bois Forte Band and the United States will be signed before the end of June. The Band will officially obtain funding under the Self-Governance Compact after Oct. 1, 1995. Between now and Oct. 1, Tadd Johnson said, "We will be hiring many new staff members and preparing for Self-Governance. Our goal under this project is to provide better services to Band members. We hope to show the BIA and others that we can be effective managers. We believe this is an important step from paternalism to empowerment."

## Darin replaces Matt

Hello. My name is Darin Steen and I have recently been hired as the new Environmental Specialist for the Bois Forte Reservation. The past two weeks have been spent meeting many new friends and co-workers and getting familiar with all of the projects and job responsibilities associated with my new position. I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome I've received and am very eager to begin protecting and managing the natural resources on the reservation.

I grew up in Alexandria located in west central Minnesota. After graduating high school, I started college at Bemidji State University (BSU) in Bemidji, MN where I spent seven long years learning about the environment and environmental problems. Much of my coursework and work experience has been with surface and groundwater systems, however, I also have experience with natural resources management and ecology. On May 26 I attended the graduation commencement at BSU formalizing the completion of a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies. I am confident that my education and work experiences have provided the necessary skills to do well in this new career.

There are many exciting projects I will be working with that you may be interested in:

- 1.) Developing a Solid Waste Management Plan for Nett Lake and the new expansion project at Fortune Bay.
- 2.) Coordinating the recycling program

and transfer station at Nett Lake and currently involved with the construction and development of a similar project at Vermilion.

3.) Conducting environmental assessments and surveys for various development projects.

4.) Possible grant writing ventures to secure more funding for additional environmental projects.

5.) Assist in groundwater and surface water sampling and monitoring for Nett Lake and the surrounding area.

6.) Provide technical assistance and advice for many other environmental issues that may arise.

I'm sure you would like to hear some more personal information about me as well. I'm happily married to my wife, Gwen, and we have two beautiful children, Dylan (3 yrs) and Tia (1yr). Unfortunately, my family is stuck in Bemidji until we find a place to live in the area. In my "spare" time I enjoy being with my family and also many forms of outdoor recreation including canoeing, fishing, camping, bowhunting, and cross-country skiing.

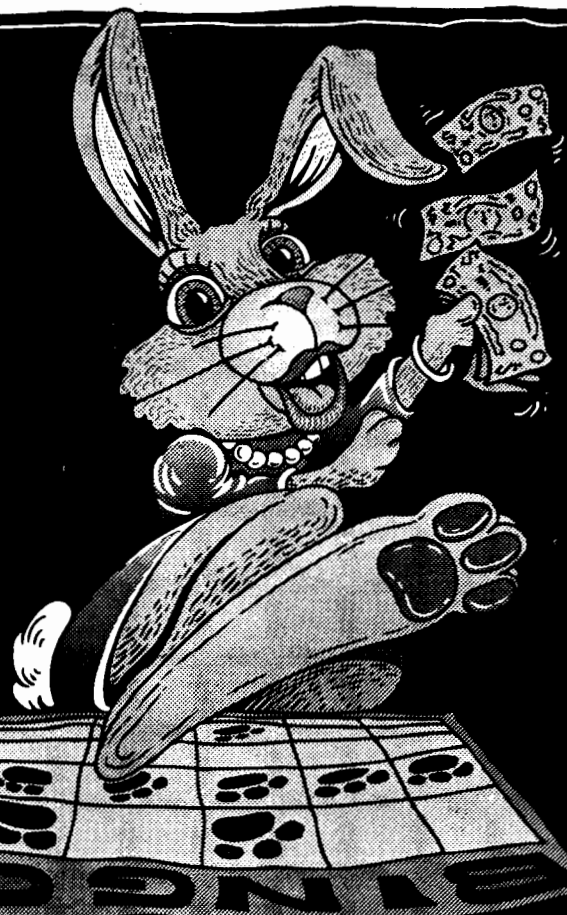
In closing, I would like to thank the selection committee and the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council for choosing me as the new Environmental Specialist. I am looking forward to living, working, and playing in this beautiful part of northern Minnesota and hope to meet many new people here as well.

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Man's unhappiness, as I construe, comes of his greatness; it is because there is Infinite in him, which with all his cunning he cannot quite bury under the Finite.

—Thomas Carlyle

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