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STATEMENT of SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE, VICE-CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS BEFORE the UNITED SOUTH and EASTERN TRIBES, the GREAT LAKES INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL, Inc., and the MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, February 7, 1996.

Submitted by: Gary W. Donald, Chairman, Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council
1995 and 1996 will be long remembered as the years of the CR- The Continuing Resolution.

It will be remembered as a time of fiscal and budgetary uncertainty and furloughs.

Because it was obvious that this budgetary uncertainty would impact heavily and negatively upon the Native American community, my staff and I participated in a series of meetings, and conducted surveys to determine the scope and nature of this impact upon Indian Country.

As many of you are aware, currently there are six different levels of funding in the various continuing resolutions affecting Indian programs.

First, programs administered by tribal governments or organizations under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination Act or under Self-Governance Compact Authority are funded at the fiscal year 1996 conference report level through September 30th of this year, representing an 8.8 percent reduction from the last fiscal year.

Second, funding for general assistance is also authorized through September 30, 1996, at the level of the senate bill, which represents a reduction of 16 percent from the fiscal year 1995 level.

Third, programs administered directly by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service are funded at the fiscal year 1996 conference report level through March 15, 1996.

Fourth, other Indian programs are funded at the lower of three levels: The fiscal year 1995 level, the House Interior Appropriations Bill or the Senate Interior Appropriations level for fiscal year 1996

However, if this lowest funding level would significantly reduce the program activity and it is a program which was requested by the president, funding for that program will be at 75 percent of the fiscal year 1995 level.

Fifth, because programs which are funded through March 15th are subject to the fiscal year 1995 appropriations act, if a program was not funded in 1995, it will not receive funding under the terms of the continuing resolution expiring on March 15th, 1996. This would include funding for new tribes, new grants, and new contracts.

Finally, Indian Health Service facilities programs will be funded only through March 15th of this year.

Adding to the confusion of these various funding levels and the uncertainties about future funding, the Chairman of the Senate Interior Appropriations Committee, Senator Slade Gorton, and the Chairman of the House Interior Appropriations Committee, Congressman Ralph Regula, recently issued a statement indicating that if agreement is not reached on an Interior Appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996, they would recommend funding at 75 percent of the 1995 level.

Using words that are relevant at this moment, this blizzard of continuing resolutions assures that the journey we are about to take will be filled with potholes.

In addition to this mess of potholes, we will soon be faced with the budget for fiscal year 1997.

In this fiscal year 1997 appropriations process, we should anticipate two challenges.

Recently, when the Chairman of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee was challenged on his initiative to reduce federal funding to those tribes that have gaming revenues, Senator Gorton indicated that he was mistaken in looking at only gaming revenues and stated, that in his view, tribal revenues from all sources should be considered in reducing the amount of federally-appropriated funds.

Second, as all of you are aware, the tribal priority allocation account was decimated in the Senate bill for fiscal year 1996. This is the account that represents your highest priorities for funding, and provides funding for the most basic of tribal governmental services.

Our surveys and conferences with federal agencies indicate that we should anticipate the period ahead of us will be filled with crisis of a catastrophic nature in many areas.

For example, in the Indian Health Service, a 25 percent budget reduction will require furloughs of essential care patient care personnel such as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, without compensation or benefits.

With this furlough of Indian Health Service workforce, curtailment of operating hours would be unavoidable, non-emergency care would not be available at all, patient care services would be severely disrupted, community services would be eliminated and construction of water and sanitation facilities would be severely disrupted.

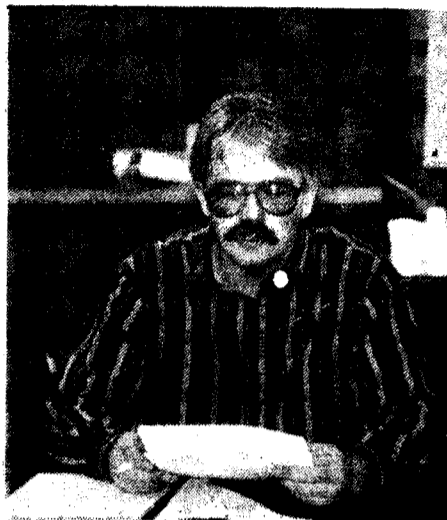
With regard to staffing, it is projected that a 25 percent reduction level, even for a limited period of time, approximately 3,000 employees would have to be furloughed for at least 45 days.

Because commissioned officers serving in the Indian Health Service - approximately 2,400 - cannot be furloughed, all furloughs would have to be taken in the ranks of civilians.

As a result, staffing in federally-operated facilities may be so depleted by federal

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News from the Planners...



David Danz, Planning Director

It's newstime! Yes, readers, its time to enthrall you once again with news from this half of the Bois Forte Planning Office. Well, if not enthrall, at least inform.

The big project this past couple weeks is providing Chris Holm with assistance in preparing an application to the Administration for Native Americans. The original and six copies are sitting packaged on my desk as we speak, so to speak. It's quite a comprehensive water quality program that, if awarded, will fund Chris's position, a Water Resources Technician and a Water Quality Lab Technician for three years. It was kind of funny writing the objectives and work plans that stretched out to 1999. Holy smokes, (As you can see by this statement, Mr. Danz is addicted to cigarettes.....Ed.), pretty soon its the next century!

This application would also provide for equipping a water quality lab to be built in the old Head Start building. Bois Forte's technical ability to monitor water quality would be greatly enhanced by this project. Keeping an eye on Nett Lake and initiating a management alternative to maximize wild rice production is another element of this program. Some of these alternatives were presented in January at the meeting sponsored by the Conservation Committee and the Natural Resources Department.

At any rate, now we wait for word back from ANA on how we did on this

application. As usual competition is stiff. ANA will get about 130 applications and they will fund about 30. But I know we are in the running.

A new face on the Rez belongs to Chuck Ouimette. The RTC placed Chuck on as a consultant to assist Pete in managing the Sawmill. As you know the mill has been shut down over the winter. In previous articles I have mentioned technical assistance funding we received from the BIA to provide management assistance to the mill. In the course of implementing this grant I came across Mr. Ouimette through a contact at the U of M Forestry School. Chuck has a Forestry degree and an MBA as well as over 20 years in management level positions in various wood products industries. He comes from the private sector where to survive the bottom line is the bottom line. We shall give whatever assistance we can to assist Chuck to assist Pete to improve our bottom line.

The other day the roof on the rice plant went down. I went out with our insurance agent and it definitely looks repairable. The adjuster is scheduled to be out next week, a contractor has looked at it and we hope that the building will be repaired quite soon. The timing was curious as there was just some discussion about a use to this building after being vacant all these years. More of that in later articles.

I just thought I would also add that the Bois Forte Volunteer Fire Department had their annual elections in January. After a long and bitterly fought campaign, Bill Whiteman was unanimously elected Chief. And, although the votes cost me dearly, I wagered an equally gruelling campaign and was re-elected to the position of Treasurer for another year. The officer's victory party was celebrated with Jan Connor's re-election as Secretary (looking more and more like she may hold office for life). Tyke Porter's election as Assistant Chief and Marty Connor as the newly elected Training Officer. I figured you were all anxiously awaiting these high profile election results.

Andy Datko's column....



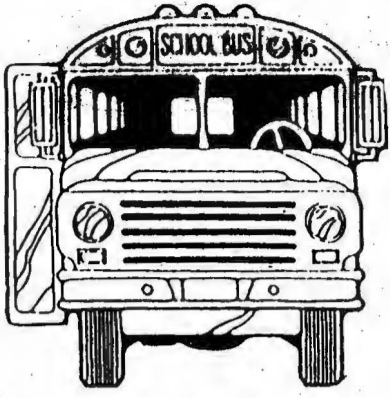
Andy Datko, Assistant Planner

On January 16 I held a public meeting at

the Vermilion Community Center to discuss the draft land use plan for the Vermilion Reservation. Sixteen people attended and provided many good comments about the plan, including a suggestion that the natural pine stands in the area be protected from future development. I am waiting for the snow to melt (June???) so I can do more detailed mapping of the pine stands and then revise the land use map accordingly. I am now hoping to bring a revised plan back to the Tribal Council in April or May for their consideration.

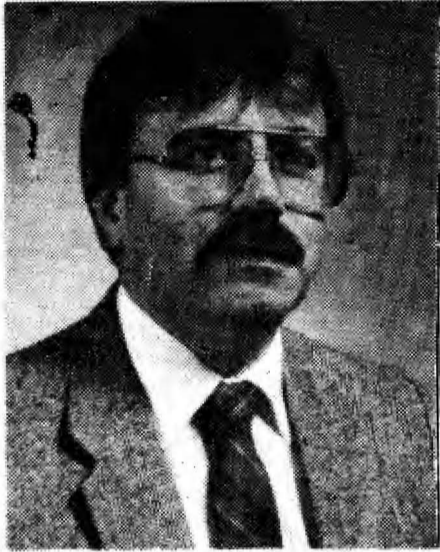
Dave Danz and I met with representatives of the Rural Economic and Community Development Agency (RECD), the Iron Rand Resources and Rehabilitation Board

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School News

The Superintendent's Letter



Ray Toutloff, Superintendent

Now that the new school is just about completed, I can begin working on the next major undertaking which is to continue the process of long-range planning for the future of I.S.D. 707. The School District must begin its strategic planning to prepare for: declining enrollments, the possibility of lessening revenues, the implementation of the graduation standards, the academic curriculum our students will need for the future, the transitional difficulties students have as they move on to Orr High School and college, and preparing for the tidal wave of technology coming down on us.

Strategic planning will help us develop, long overdue, goals and objectives which will include a formal mission statement for the Nett Lake School District. Strategic planning can't be done by one or two people but must involve many people with invested interest in the school. Parents need to be involved along with students, teachers, administrators, and community leaders. The District will make every attempt to assure that planning sessions will be scheduled to accommodate participants' busy schedules.

The Nett Lake School Board will be making the final decisions on who, where, when and how the strategic planning will be done. The time to pursue this task is now. The future is coming down upon us at a rapid pace, we cannot delay any longer. The Board will begin dealing with this issue at its next regular meeting on March 11th. If anyone is interested in assisting the District in the strategic planning sessions, please contact the Superintendent's office at the Nett Lake School, 757-3102.

AFTERSCHOOL HOMEWORK

I believe that homework assignments are an excellent tool for teaching students responsibility while also helping to develop skills. Students learn that they have the responsibility to get an assignment in on time and do it in a neat, understandable fashion. Homework

provides the opportunity for parents and students to work together to teach the child a valuable lesson. Parents and teachers must continually emphasize the importance of the homework responsibility. If one or the other withdraws from their responsibility to require that homework be completed and turned in the teaching opportunity is lost. Teachers will fight a losing battle on this issue without parental support. The real loser of the battle is not the teacher or the parent, but the child.

We must continually draw the parallel between the responsibility of completing homework for school and the responsibility of completing a work assignment for a supervisor when the student is an adult and out in the world of work. What a great training opportunity we have in homework assignments! Let's work together, parents and teachers, to require students to take the responsibility of homework seriously! Explain to the children the good feeling one gets from a job well done. Show your children that you take homework seriously by enforcing a consequence for them not doing it. Have small rewards, or words of praise and/or acknowledgement when completing assignments. When you have the opportunity show them the ways you do homework associated with your job. The list of how you could show children the importance of homework is endless.

The Nett Lake School has devised a plan to emphasize homework importance. It's called "afterschool homework". The concept is quite simple. We try to instill the belief that homework is not a choice. It has to be done. The only choice is that it can either be done at home or afterschool for a half hour each day of the school week. The plan works as follows: The teacher gives an assignment which is due the following day. If the student does not turn in the assignment he/she is assigned 3 periods of afterschool homework. This is viewed, not as a punishment, but as a choice the student has made. The choices being, doing homework at home or doing homework in afterschool homework. This plan requires serious involvement by the parent because we only implement it if a parent has given us signed permission. Secondly, the parent must continue to urge their child to meet the responsibility of getting homework completed. Thirdly, the parent needs to continually counsel their child that the best choice is to do homework at home. Teachers also, on a daily basis, counsel students on homework responsibility and doing homework at home rather than after school.

The school also has a policy where students can earn coupons, "homework on time" (HOT) tickets for turning in daily assignments, which they can redeem for

prizes at the end of the month.

Parents must keep encouraging their children to do homework. If they can learn this habit now it will make their years in Orr High school, where homework demands are greater, much easier. If you haven't done so already be sure to sign an afterschool homework permission form.

THE 1994-5 AUDIT COMPLETED

The 1995 audit compiled by Miller, McDonald, Erickson, Moeller, Ltd. of Bemidji showed that the school is showing a surplus among all funds of \$125,741 after a couple of years of operating in the red. The general fund ended the year with a surplus of \$69,741. This surplus could be attributed to several occurrences among which are: belt tightening measures taken by the School Board, changes in state funding formulas that worked to the District's advantage, and the absorption of some maintenance costs by the building project.

The surplus this year will likely be offset by two main factors: (a) the enrollment decline of the 1994-95 school year will result in less funds to operate on during 1995-96.

(b) the increased size of the school facility will increase maintenance costs by an estimated \$110,000. (1994-95 O&M costs of \$70,000 compared to 1995-96 O&M estimated cost of \$180,000.

Therefore the School District must continue to study budget cutting measures and pursue outside support and funding to assure that they can run an educational program sufficient to meet the needs of the Nett Lake students.

Ed. Personnel...

The Bois Forte Tribal Education Program is located at the Nett Lake School, with a staff of three people.

Joanne Donald - Tribal Education Director, Kim King - Career Education Specialist, Kelly Rutar - Secretary/Receptionist/Education Specialist.

Kim and Kelly have been busy working on the scholarship applications for the Spring Quarter students, this involves the Higher Education, Vocational Education, Direct Employment and the Critical Profession Program.

Kim provides counseling services to the Bois Forte students who are attending or who are enrolling in a Post-Secondary Educational Institution. She provides comprehensive and referral services. Her primary emphasis is to direct and to motivate eligible students toward career identification and to motivate students toward achieving their individual goals. Kim represents the Bois Forte Band in the area of providing information to other counselors at Financial Aid Workshops, at the statewide level.

Kelly provides secretarial and receptionist services, as well as assistant services to the career Education Specialist, in the areas of Scholarship applications, Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training, Direct Employment and the Critical Profession Program. She records the minutes for the Bois Forte Post-Secondary Education Advisory Committee meetings.

The Post-Secondary Advisory Committee is the sub-committee to the Reservation Tribal Council. Wendy Morrison is the Chairperson and Geraldine Hanks of the Vermilion Reservation is the secretary. The committee is comprised of seven members and are all active in the decision making process.

ORR H.S....

Just a short article to let everyone know how our students at Orr School are doing. The last article came out just before 2nd quarter report cards were issued so I wasn't able to inform how well the students did in that marking period.

There were ten students who made the Honor Roll. Five of these students are in the 7th grade. Seventh grade is a very big change for the students. This is the first time they are responsible for getting to class on time, getting their homework in without the teacher having to always ask for it, and to add to all the new responsibility, they are becoming teenagers. I am very pleased with how the 7th graders are adjusting to their new environment.

Using 1st quarter grades as the starting point, 18 students raised their grade point averages. There are currently 57 students that are Bois Forte enrolled and are in either the Junior High School or Senior High School. All of these students are encouraged to come into my room if they need help with any of their classes. Presently, they are 37 students who are coming into my room for help.

There were 11 students who were absent one day or less with 24 students being absent three days or less. Although those students who were absent 3 days or less do not receive incentive awards, they are improving and deserve to be recognized.

If any parent has any questions or concerns about their child, please do not hesitate to call and visit with me. I am here to help the students. I can be reached during the day at the Orr High School, 757-3225, or at 757-0085 in the evening.

SORA Club is having an Easter candy fundraiser. These orders will be mailed in by March 15. We would like to thank everyone who placed an order. We will also be having a Bike-A-Thon sometime in early May for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. More information about this event will be given at a later time.

Submitted by Rae Wilkie-Hayes

It takes a long time to become young.

—Pablo Picasso

Dr. Sunday-dentist

February was Dental Health Month and the Bois Forte Dental Clinic would like to recommend that everyone visit the dentist twice a year.

We would like to emphasize the importance of going to your scheduled appointment and allowing a couple of minutes to fill out the dental and medical history forms. We would also like to emphasize the importance of brushing your teeth twice a day, and flossing and using Listerine mouthwash once a day.

For children, we highly recommend that they avoid sugars and sodas and that they drink plenty of water. For newborn babies, we want to stress the importance of having them off the bottle by one year of age.

The patients that are interested in having all of their dental work completed are welcome to schedule a number of subsequent appointments, i.e., one scheduled appointment a week for several subsequent weeks.

• Statement of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye

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furloughs, that many clinics and hospitals may have to be closed.

Therefore, in order to maintain the priorities of the Indian Health Service under these conditions, massive reprogramming from other accounts may be required.

Non-emergency care such as dental care, public health, environmental health, health education, etc., may be curtailed.

All elective and non-emergency care will be delayed, and clinics and field clinics may be closed until appropriations are restored.

All activities such as training, education, travel, scholarships, and grants may be eliminated, and the list continues.

The following health outcomes should also be anticipated:

With reduced staff, the Indian Health Service would be less than marginally equipped to deal with outbreaks of infectious diseases in the future, such as the recent hanata virus outbreak or the recent outbreaks of meningococemia in Washington, Oregon and Montana, and New Mexico, or shigellosis in New Mexico or Arizona, or hepatitis A in Alaska, the Dakotas, and the Southwest United States.

The Centers for Disease Control predict an influenza pandemic in the near future.

Reduced immunization levels would put Indian country at risk for measles, for chickenpox, and hepatitis A.

With the loss of sanitation construction dollars, community water and sanitation projects would leave Indians amongst the most vulnerable to enteric diseases in the entire United States.

And at reduced spending levels, direct observation treatment programs for tuberculosis control would have to be curtailed.

In the area of substance abuse, the Indian Health Service indicates that there will be an increase in suicide attempts, increases in deaths from accidental environmental exposure and increased family dysfunction.

Second, the agency suggest that environmental exposure such as hypothermia can be expected and an increase in violent behavior can be expected to result in the loss of jobs, reduced social service programs and mental health/substance abuse treatment services.

There will be an increase in child abuse.

In the area of diabetes, complications will increase, including amputations and heart disease.

The Indian Health Service anticipates an increase in untreated skin lesions resulting in ulcerations and potentially in amputations.

And there would be an unnecessary loss of vision amongst many Indian people because of the lack of services.

In women's health, one can expect that the number of prenatal care visits will decrease. Currently, only 30 to 50 percent of Indian women receive 67 to 100 percent of the recommended number of prenatal visits, and this may be cut in half.

Cancer screening will be reduced. Victim abuse counseling services would be curtailed.

In addition to what I have listed, preventive programs would have to be curtailed resulting in unwanted pregnancies in adolescents, an increase in HIV rates with reduced testing and the probable elimination of injury prevention programs.

And as we all know, injury remains the leading cause of death in Indian country.

And looking down this dangerous path that is being charted by severe cuts to Indian programs, we can expect a large number of critical patient care employees, which are already in short supply, will increasingly seek other employment.

And obviously, the ability to recruit these health care providers, physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals, will be devastated, and the quality of recruits will decline.

Private physicians and hospitals will refuse to provide services because of the unreliability of receiving payment for the services they provide.

And obviously, the quality of clinical services will decline.

I could go on and on...listing for you a litany of problems, but let me close this depressing and catastrophic litany by setting forth a few specifics.

If the threat of the leaders of the Congress are carried out, the Chief Gall Adolescent Treatment Center in South Dakota will not open.

Mental health and substance abuse treatment services in the Phoenix and California areas will also be adversely affected.

The Anchorage Indian Medical Center will not open this year.

And the construction season in Alaska for sanitation facility construction will be lost.

New construction projects at White Earth, Minnesota, Fort Belknap and Hays, Montana will not be completed.

In California, Arizona, Oregon and Washington State, urban programs will cease services within 30 days of the implementation of the continuing resolution.

The urban Indian Alcoholism programs, such as the Native American Rehabilitation Association in Portland, would have to be closed.

Funding will be eliminated for water and sewer services to more than 500 American Indian and Alaska native homes.

These are just a few examples of what can happen if we are not able to convince the congress and our fellow Americans that the federal responsibility for the provision of programs and services to Indians arises out of treaty obligations undertaken by the United States in exchange for the ceding of millions of acres of land by Indian Nations to the United States.

Sometime ago, I suggested that the first Americans - Native Americans of Indian country - were the first to purchase a prepaid health insurance program - they purchased this with land and blood.

Throughout these centuries, since the arrival of Christopher Columbus, Native Americans have suffered much -- from massacres, diseases, extermination policies, and above all, broken promises.

Massacres and extermination policies may now be footnotes in history, but as the events of recent weeks have shown us, broken promises are in current vogue.

What can we do about this? I have long suggested that it would be unwise to depend

solely upon the good faith and the good will of the government of the United States.

History has shown that there was a time when Indian country relied upon the courts of this land, most notably, the Supreme Court, to serve as their protector and benefactor in protecting Indians from the actions of the Congress and the Government of the United States.

But in recent years, we have found that the Supreme Court cannot be counted upon at all times.

Take for example, the court's rulings in the Duro case, the religious freedom case, some of the tax cases, the treaty rights and water rights cases, and the recent refusal of the 8th Circuit to rehear the issue of whether the Interior Secretary has authority to take land into trust.

Then there was a period more recently when Indian country felt they could call upon the congress for fair and equitable treatment.

But now, circumstances suggest that the courts are not with you and the congress seems to have forgotten what trust responsibility is all about.

So, the only recourse you have is yourselves.

I have just studied the outline of your national unity campaign. It states, "our future has a new beginning, starting today. The hour has come for us to unite, and to begin the process to determine our true sovereign authority as Indian nations."

As was suggested on my behalf to some of you in Seattle last week, this is an election year, and there is perhaps no better time to take your message to America, because legislators and presidential candidates who are seeking votes, will be listening to their constituents more than they would in an off-election year.

We all know that the turnout for the election of tribal offices is always very good. I have been told that it is in the 85 percent level. However, the turnout for participation in the federal elections is less than half of that.

In reservation communities where the turnout is less than 10 percent, tribes cannot expect the congressman of their district to pay any attention to them.

In your national unity campaign, you must unite to carry out a comprehensive media effort across this land - putting a human face on the cold, budgetary numbers as they affect Indian country.

Tell them what it means to your families, to your elders, to your children.

Tell America about your suicide rate, your influenza epidemic.

To do this, you will have to engage professionals - and this kind of professional media expertise is very expensive - so funds will have to be raised to finance this effort.

I am confident that all of this can be done, and I call upon those tribes that have been blessed with plenty, to make an extra effort to finance this media effort.

As has been pointed out, if you are not successful in this effort, your financial successes in gaming may be in jeopardy - as well as other resource-raising efforts.

Every tribe has been challenged. Every Native American must now stand up and be counted.

As your leaders have made very clear, the hour has come.

• Andy Datko

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(IRRRB), and Indian Health Services (IHS) on February 21 to discuss funding options for extending sewer and water service at Indian Point and throughout the Vermilion Reservation. We will probably need to develop these as several separate projects over a five year or more period. Dave and I will be working with the Utility Board and the Tribal Council to define these projects and prioritize them for funding applications.

On February 15th, the Tribal Council committed the remaining \$32,000 needed to build a new food commodities distribution warehouse in Nett Lake. We have raised \$153,000 from private foundations to replace the existing building that houses the commodities program. With the RTC commitment of funds this project can now move forward. I am soliciting bids from contractors through March 8. I expect that construction will begin in June and the new building will be completed and ready by September.

We recently conducted a visual traffic count at three locations along State Trunk Highway 65 (TH65) as part of our effort to get this road improved. Overall traffic counts were lower than I had hoped, but the commercial truck traffic - mostly logging trucks - is relatively high. The low traffic volumes, in comparison to other State Highways, is the main reason that the State has not improved this road. Thanks again to Alan, Buzz, and Jeff for their participation in the count. I have scheduled a community meeting to discuss possible improvements to TH 65 for Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the

Nett Lake Community Center. Our project consultant will review the recently completed draft needs assessment, and I hope to get community input on setting priorities for which segments are most in need of improvements. The results of this study will be used to try to convince MN:DOT that improvements are needed and should be funded. Any one wishing to receive a copy of the needs assessment can call me at 218-753-6400 and I will send one to you.

Finally, I have to relate a family story to you. Recently, my wife Lisa found a matched set of large ten point deer antlers in perfect condition near our home. She put them on our bookcase next to the set of small six point antlers from the deer I shot last fall. The ten pointers make mine look puny in comparison. My three year-old daughter Sage looked at my little six pointers and told me she couldn't wait to be big enough to go fawn hunting with me.



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BRANDON on Sports...



Coach Brandon Benner...

Unless you have been hibernating all winter, you should know that girl's basketball is back in Orr. The girls just completed their first season in the mighty Arrowhead Conference. If you were able to catch a few games then you would have seen that the girls had a schedule full of tough and experienced opponents. They managed only 3 victories all year, but, played brilliant and composed at times. After every defeat, the girls showed up the next day of practice still working hard and still determined. This type of attitude and discipline will pay some dividends in the future. If you did catch some games then you would have also seen that we are a VERY young team.

At the Sub-Section Tournament, the Braves started 2 sophomores, 2 freshman, and an 8th grade Center. The 6th lady is a freshman, and the next two that got a lot of minutes were 7th graders! The Lady Braves more than held their own through the first half against a team that was loaded with 11th and 12th graders. Right until that 4th quarter buzzer sounded, the girls kicked, scratched, clawed, bit until the VERY end, and showed everybody there... "We Ain't No Punks!"

Holy Cow. I went off babbling there, didn't I... Now for the real reason of this article. There were 16 total girls that played through the season, and out of that 16, 10 were from Bois Forte. These girls did an excellent job of representing our Community, as well as the Orr Community. So without further ado, and no more babbling, here are the girls that ALL Bois Forters can and should be proud of:



KRISTEN STRONG: 5'8", Sophomore Forward and Captain. Excellent "3" point shot. Led the team in 3 point field goals and was close to the top in rebounds. Silent Leader.



WENDY DRIFT: 5'9", Junior Center. Led the Lady Braves in scoring and shot blocks. Decent rebounder and deadly from 3-point range. Should be a force inside next year.



ERYNN MORRISON: 5'4", 8th Grade Center/POWER/ Forward. I put emphasis on power. As an 8th grader and playing against older post players, "BAGS" didn't lose many jumpballs. Aggressive on the boards.



JANELLA WHITEMAN: 5'8", Freshman Guard. Tenacious, in your face defense player. Led the team in steals. The best finisher on the team as far as converting steals to lay-ups. Emotional Leader.



AMANDA GOGGLEYE: 5'8", 7th Grade Forward. Matured greatly enough over the year to earn substantial playing time in the Sub-Section Tournament. Scored her first 2 points of her 6 year career against Cook. Yes, Amanda, I did say 6 YEARS. 5 to go.....



PATRICIA FAIRBANKS: 5'4", Sophomore Forward. As she gained knowledge of the game, she gained confidence. Excellent Passer. Decent speed, so an above average defensive player.

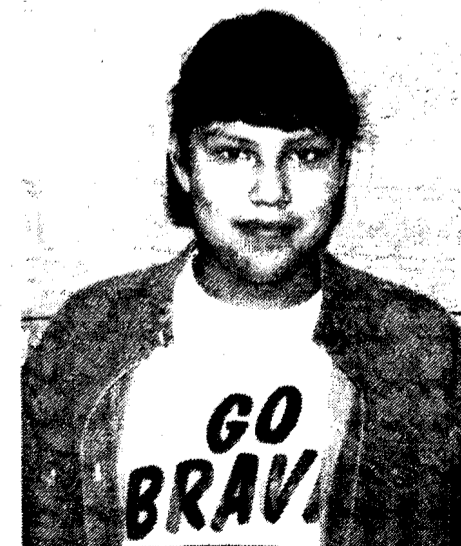
JUNIOR VARSITY:

(No picture available for Corrine Whiteman)

CORRINE WHITEMAN: 5'4", Sophomore Guard/Forward. Varsity Calibre player that joined the team about midseason. Excellent addition to the team. Quick on defense and good shooting form.



MALITA SPEARS: 5'4", Sophomore Forward. Good Speed. Improved steadily over the year. Also capable of playing varsity when she played aggressive.



SIMONA BENNER: 5'2", 7th Grade Guard. Decent ball handler that often brought the ball up the floor with Mary Hoffer. Good shooting form, that should develop into accuracy with practice.



NICOLE FAIRBANKS: 5'3", 7th Grade Guard. Also joined the team a few games into the season, but, was a good addition to the team. "Anna Nicole" is a quiet player that works very hard, ALL THE TIME. Practice and experience will help her develop in the next 5 years.



CRYSTAL DAY: 5'4", 7th Grade Center. Won the "MOST IMPROVED PLAYER OF THE YEAR" award for the team. She is the "life" of the team. In other words, she provided laughter at just the right time all year. Nobody better at getting position before the free throw attempt.



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- = Diplomate, American Board of Psychological Hypnosis (Clinical)
- = Licensed School Psychologist
- = Listed in National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology
- = Certification and Approved Consultant in Clinical Hypnosis, The American Society of Clinical Hypnosis
- Brief Psychotherapy
- Stress Management
- Forensic Psychology
- Grief Work
- Child and Spouse Abuse Therapy
- Child and Adolescent Therapy
- Hospital and Nursing Home Consultation
- Educational Assessments
- Learning Disabilities
- Attention Deficit Disorders

Dr. Sampson, a retired U.S. Navy Commander, recently served as Director of Counseling Resources at Miller Dwan Medical Center. Currently, he is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Uniformed Ser-

vices University of Health Sciences; Associate Faculty member of the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology; and is on the teaching Faculty of the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis

Dr. Ray Sampson, Licensed Psychologist, will be at the Bois Forte Human Services Offices every Friday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please contact either Frances "Cisco" Isham, ICWA Secretary, or Jeanine Whiteman, CD Secretary to make an appointment. Appointments must be made by 4:00 p.m. every Wednesday, so call either Cisco or Jeanine at (218) 757 0111. Dr. Sampson has agreed to come to Nett Lake to offer his services to the community and the Human Services Division feels this is a much welcome and needed service here for the people. So please stop by should you have any questions and utilize Dr. Sampson's services.



The Great Pyramids of Egypt are the only surviving Wonder of the Ancient World.

There is no money in poetry, but there is no poetry in money, either.

—Robert Graves

Carbon monoxide can be deadly...

BAGLEY - Each year, 200 people die of accidental poisoning from carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas, and another 5,000 are treated for it in hospital emergency rooms. The real toll is higher, since many of the symptoms - dizziness, nausea, vomiting, fatigue - are mistaken for the flu or another illness.

The culprit is usually a faulty fuel-burning furnace, range, water heater, space heater or wood stove (any combustible fuel - oil, natural gas, propane). Proper maintenance of those appliances, is the best way to reduce the risk of CO poisoning, but a device that monitors the air constantly is a crucial backup.

CO detectors resemble smoke detectors and shriek the same way when the alarm is tripped. They're battery powered, plug-in, or both. Plug-in units heat a metal-oxide sensor that reacts with CO. Battery-powered units have a translucent disk that darkens on a prolonged exposure to CO, a change that is detected by an infrared sensor.

How CO harms

Carbon monoxide inhibits the blood's capacity to carry oxygen. It combines with hemoglobin - the oxygen-carrying pigment in red blood cells - to form carboxyhemoglobin, or COHb.

The first symptoms of poisoning, usually a mild headache, appear at about 15 percent COHb, although people with a heart condition can be harmed by even lower levels. A concentration of 50 percent COHb is often lethal.

Carbon monoxide can kill in minutes or hours. How fast COHb builds up in the blood depends on the amount of CO in the air. An Underwriters Laboratories standard governs how swiftly a detector sounds off at three concentrations. A proposed revision to the standard would make detectors keep quiet when there's just a little CO in the air. That requirement is designed to reduce nuisance alarms, which may tempt people to disarm the device.

What Consumer Reports found

The plug-in models were superior. When exposed to a wide range of CO levels, most consistently responded within the time limits specified in the UL standard.

A hush/reset button stops their noise but keeps their sensor active so it can take another reading. The alarm sounds again in a few minutes if CO levels are still high. Once the gas has dissipated, plug-in detectors shut themselves off quickly.

The plug-in Nighthawk 2000 is the only CO detector known to have an LED display providing up-to-the-minute numbers reflecting how much CO is present. It's a helpful feature, although it overstated concentrations of CO at higher levels.

The battery-powered units were less responsive than the best plug-in units. They lacked a hush/reset button, and tended to take hours rather than minutes to recover after the air was cleared of CO.

Their sensor tends to accumulate carbon monoxide over time.

Recommendations

If your home has a fuel-burning appliance or fireplace, you should have at least one CO detector, ideally in a hallway or sleeping area. Consumer Reports judged the Nighthawk, \$40, a "best buy." Its digital display lets you monitor CO continuously.

Features to look for

- = Alarm that stops automatically within minutes when fresh air clears carbon monoxide.
- = Manual hush or reset button to silence alarm briefly in presence of CO.
- = Digital display of warning light.
- = Light to indicate that power is on.
- = Horn that sounds 85-decibel alarm in response to hazardous exposure.
- = Test button to verify that detector's electronics are working.
- = With plug-in models, power cord at least six feet long.
- = Battery/sensor pack, on battery-operated models, that lasts a few years.
- = Underwriters Laboratory listing (or the equivalent from the American Gas Association).
- = For use in a recreational vehicle, look for an AC model that is also available in a 12-volt version.

If your alarm goes off and you're experiencing any of the symptoms of carbon-monoxide poisoning, leave the house immediately and call your fuel company or the fire department. If the alarm goes off and you don't feel sick, shut off possible sources of CO, open the windows, and ventilate the house.

Then, if the alarm goes off again, call a qualified technician to investigate right away.


(Bonnie Thompson is an extension educator for the Clearwater County Extension Service.)

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* Health News

Marcella's Ambulance news



Marcella Connor, Ambulance Director

During the year of 1995, the Bois Forte Ambulance had eighty (80) call outs. The following are the nature of these calls: Cardiac (heart problems) 17; Trauma (falls, bicycle accidents, etc.) 2; Medical Emergencies (drug overdose, abdominal pain, assault, etc.) 32; Motor Vehicle accidents 2; CVA (strokes) 1; Respiratory problems 4; No Transports 22 (this is when someone calls the ambulance and the EMT's consider this not to be life threatening situation or the patient does not want to go by ambulance.

In June of 1995 we were called out thirteen (13) times and only once in September. The medical emergencies cover a wide area of calls. Sometimes these are for severe abdominal pain, overdose of drugs, dog bites, diabetic problems, dizziness and fainting. Severe headaches caused by high blood pressure, severe bleeding, and other medical problems.

This year the Ambulance Service will be letting the people know who the EMT's and drivers are by writing a profile for each of the volunteers.

David Danz, member of the Bois Forte Ambulance beginning January, 1995. Organizing member and Treasurer of the Bois Fore Volunteer Fire Department. I received my EMT certification in December, 1994 and am also State certified as a Firefighter II.

I enjoy offering something to the community in which I live. I have lived at Nett Lake for a little over four years. I find that being a member of the Ambulance

Service and the Fire Department offers me skills that are personally valuable and also develops a sense of comradeship among my fellow EMT's and Firefighters. There is nothing like the successful resolution to a life or property threatening situation to make members of an emergency response crew feel like brothers/sisters.

I have a number of years of previous experience as a First Responder and Firefighter for 10 years in Hermantown. When I left there I was the elected President of that Fire Department. That Department is also the EMS Service for Hermantown consisting of a crack crew of 40 members (about 1/2 of which are First Responders or EMT's); three fire halls; topnotch apparatus, turnout gear and training.

David Danz, Emergency Medical Technician and Volunteer Fireman

I was raised in Silver Bay, graduating in 1969. On to college earning a Bachelors degree in 1974 and a Masters degree in 1980. I have been a Planner in Indian Country since 1978 having worked at Fond du Lac for 10 years, consultant at Red Cliff for a special project and a year at the very wealthy Mashantucket Pequot Rez.

Oh, I have two very sweet daughters, Maria 15 and Leah 13. During my own time I like to visit my kids, ride my Harley, do a bit of bird hunting, read a good murder story, play a bum round of golf, shoot a mean game of pool and toss down a couple of buds with my buds.

And so ends my bio, not epitaph mind you, consisting of more (I am sure) than you ever wanted to know about me.

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Maternal Child Health

We have been trying to do some collaborating efforts to better serve the community:

Margaret Benner-Maternal Child Health Coordinator/Home Visitor

Margaret Warren-Community Health Nurse Assistant

Adeline Anderson-Community Health Representative

Nancy Fogelberg-Early Childhood Family Education

Ann Dreshar-Nutrition Educator

Brenda Dettman-Duluth Clinic Infant/Toddler Consultant

Ann Dreshar is doing monthly workshops on Nutrition. Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome. She has interesting topics.

Nancy Fogelberg has toys set out for your little ones to keep busy during the workshops.

In March, Brenda Dettman-Infant/Toddler Consultant will be joining us and she will be starting First Steps to Parenting for pregnant moms. Again, we welcome anyone who wishes to join us. (March 22, 1996. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.)

I will be doing a survey in the near future to see who is all interested in parenting classes. If we get enough interested participants, Brenda is willing to start for other ages.

NOTICE: The Infant/Toddler training for February was cancelled twice due to the weather. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone.

On February 7, 1996, Health Services received a call from Sandy Stibe at the Cook Transfer Station. Apparently they have found coffee cans with used insulin syringes; them with the covers off. Syringes and other sharp objects should be disposed of in Sharps Containers. These containers are available free of charge at the Nett Lake Clinic. If you need any Sharps Containers, please call the clinic at 757-3650. The Sharps Container has a cover that snaps on and will not come off. The cover has an opening in it for sharp objects (syringes, lancets, etc.) and once it is full, it can be closed and cannot be opened.

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Strand on Welfare Reform...



Susan Strand, ICWA Director

By December 22nd both the House and Senate had passed H.R. 4, the second attempt at moving forward a welfare reform package. Before the bill was sent to the President for action President Clinton promised a veto of H.R. 4 in his statement on December 21st. "This welfare bill includes deep cuts that are tough on children and at odds with my central goal of moving people from welfare to work."

This second attempt at passing welfare reform followed a larger, more comprehensive budget reconciliation bill that Congress passed earlier which contained welfare reform provisions nearly identical to the ones contained in H.R. 4. President Clinton also vetoed this legislation based on concerns surrounding welfare reform and a number of other provisions regarding deep budget cuts in Medicare, Medicaid, education, and environmental protection programs.

H.R. 4 has raised the concerns of several child and social welfare advocacy groups based on provisions that would do the following:

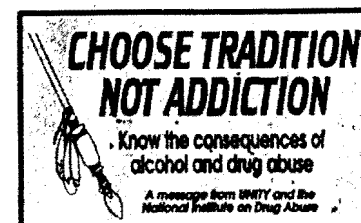
- = end the entitlement status of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and replace it with a state block grant;
- = terminate the Jobs Opportunities and

Basic Skills (JOBS) program.

- = Significantly rewrite and, in some cases, reduce funding and protections for children in child care, child welfare, child support enforcement programs,
- = restructure and reduce benefits under Supplemental and Security Income (SSI), and
- = restructure school lunch, food stamps, and other services for the poor.

The welfare reform bill's response to tribal communities needs is mixed. While the Senate was able to help retain a Senate-sponsored provision that enables tribes to receive and operate their own cash assistance programs, H.R. 4 eliminates all existing tribal funding under the Child Care and Development block grant. Also, at least two important federal protections for Indian children were removed by language in the Child Protection Block Grant.

What happens now with H.R. 4 is yet unclear. Most assuredly President Clinton will issue an official veto to H.R. 4 soon which will send the bill back to Congress. Because the welfare reform package cleared both houses on almost a strictly party line vote is doubtful that Congress can override the President's veto with the two-thirds majority vote needed. Until Congress and the President can find agreement on a welfare reform package the existing programs affected by H.R. 4 will continue to operate under existing law and regulations. Most advocates following the welfare reform controversy believe that a bill will be developed and passed this new year because of the importance of welfare reform to both Republican and Democrats.



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.

SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTIVE HOME

Ambe.... Wii-Doo-Kaw-Shii-Nin
(Come, Help Us Out)

There is a real need for Native American adoptive homes for special needs children who are of Native American heritage. Traditionally, parenting children was a community endeavor, with family, extended family members and the community involved in the care and welfare of their children. Let us complete the circle and return to the old ways of providing care for our children.

To care for these children, you may need to have special arrangements provided to you in the form of training or financial programs. Becoming familiar with the child allows you to develop a routine that once set will be no different than for other children.

Let tradition close the circle. Give these children a home.

Mii-gwetch!

For further information contact the:

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Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
PO Box 217

Cass Lake, MN 56633

Adrienne Adkins

Director of Human Services

or

Fred Isham

Adoption Coordinator

(218) 335-8585

Katie Turner

Urban Adoption Worker

(612) 872-2394

Americorps happenings....



E. Curt Goodsky, Americorps Director

Hello! This is E. Curt Goodsky, Americorps site coordinator, Bois Forte Sector.

Recently, I attended a multi-culture diversity workshop entitled "Making Diversity Work for Americorps" presented by the National Multi-Cultural Institute. Our presenters for this fantastic workshop were Concha Montano, John Bird and Jim Hickman, from New Mexico, Montana and Virginia, respectively.

Our workshop started March 1st, went through the weekend and wrapped up on the 4th, with a nice surprise ending.

A young African American lady requested permission to do the closing exercise.....so, instructing the remaining 25 of us to gather in a circle, hold hands and place our feet touching our neighbors, we represented a symbol and felt the concept that in the Swahili language is known as UMOJA (pronounced E-MO-ZHA) or "UNITY".

Myself and others expressed a variety of ways that we experienced personal growth during the exercise.

The training we received was a training to train diversity. Huh? Yup. They gave me some tools to help increase the level of awareness/knowledge of culture diversity that we as Americorps members must work with to help strengthen our communities.

I suppose the Americorps members who work with me are groaning about (nah, really, looking forward to) my presentation of this material.

Changing the subject and in closing, I must tell you that while unpacking the first

evening in the beautiful Marriott Hotel, I see on the T.V., news that a winter storm warning was in effect with possible accumulations up to 1 inch, up, a whole inch.

I knew I was gonna have a good time. Farewell 'til next time.

A warm hi! and hello! to everyone from Americorps. We have 2 new members to introduce you to. Nancy Morrison and Gina Whiteman. The ladies joined us on Feb. 26th, they have 900 hours to complete and they will receive a \$2400.00 scholarship. Welcome, Nancy and Gina.

Christy Isham started a nursing assistant class on Feb. 26th. Good luck, Christy.

Statewide Americorps program recently gathered in Minneapolis for Member Development training. Had a lot of fun listening to Jim Northrup's description of his fictional Shi-nob having a body sculpted by MAC, the Native Americans in the group of 400 were the only ones laughing! Apparently no one else got his "Indian humor".

Dave "Squidge" Morrison works with the dental clinic, keeping busy doing jobs from shoveling the walkways to answering phones. Marty Connor, Dave Villebrun, Jr., and Ron LaRoque work with the Conservation Department. Right now they help with feeding the deer and will be helping with the Mallard nesting structures which will be coming up soon.

Nancy Morrison and Gina Whiteman work at the RTC building, they assist the other Americorps workers with any projects they need assistance with.

Diane Brown is with the Health Division and keeps busy doing lab runs and transports.

Ellen Morrison and Shane Drift are at the Head Start building helping around the office and subbing whenever they are needed.

Jessica Knott, over at the Human Services, does typing and answers phones.

Mark Littlewolf works with Natural Resources and right now he is sampling springs and fish netting. He also collects water for the elderly.

Francis Goodsky helps out at the Food Distribution.

Farrah Drift, at the school, is helping with the year book.

Marsha Thompson helps Rose Lein with

youth activities in the evening.

Well, that's about it from us at Americorps, hope you feel updated, and enjoyed hearing from us....

Until next time.....

Farrah's article...

Farrah Drift, Americorps

Hello! My name is Farrah Drift. I work for the Americorps program. My worksite is at the Nett Lake school. My duties include: working with the students in the classroom, copying things for the teachers. Office duties include: answering phones, typing, copying, etc. I am also editor for this year's yearbook. I was asked to write an article about the spelling bee that was held at the Nett Lake school on January 30, at 1:00 p.m. All fifth and sixth graders participated. The winner was Nina Drift and the runner-up was Davelle LaRoque. They will be going to Ely on March 5th for a regional spelling bee. GOOD LUCK GIRLS!!!

There was a monthly behavior reward activity following the spelling bee. The activity was for those students with less than three detentions. The show was performed by Rusty Ammorman. Here are some quotes from students about the show:

1st grade, Michael Smith = "Rod with the fur balls was cool."

2nd grade, Peter Drift = "When he stuck the needle through the balloon was amazing."

4th grade, Rebecca Adams = "Some of the tricks were amazing."

4th grade, Ashley Goodsky = "The tricks were funny."

5th grade, Brent Villebrun = "Funny."

6th grade, Amanda Bardwell = "The card show was pretty cool."



Left to right: Lafayette Connor, Darlene Sabherwal and Cindy Glasel.

Housing....

Boozhoo. My name is Lafayette Connor, Jr. and most people around here know me as Laf. I've been employed here at the Housing office since May 1995, first as a temporary employee and then I was hired permanently in June. My job title is Office Manager/Bookkeeper and I enjoy it very much. My college training in accounting and business administration has helped me in doing my job.

I'm Darlene, and working at the Housing Authority has been a very uplifting experience. I'm working as Occupancy Specialist and also Resident Services. We had quite a few hurdles to jump to put this office back into perspective, but we are coming along at a smooth pace and I look forward to working with all our tenants and please give me a call if I can be of any assistance in any way.

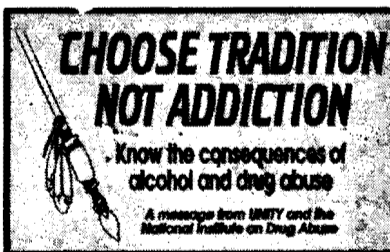
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News from the Biologist...



Dr. Chris Holm, Biologist

Recently, I was reading an issue of the Duluth Tribune and found a very nice article, obviously directed toward lifting the spirits of winter-weary patrons. The author of this article concluded by saying that "spring still isn't just around the corner, but it is at the end of the block waving hello". I thought this was a nice thought-something to anticipate. To us here in Natural Resources, it also means that our sampling season is fast approaching and we've got a bunch of program planning to accomplish.

The Feds have also been doing their spring planning. Unfortunately, not a lot of complimentary plans are coming to Tribes from the hallowed halls of Washington. Key natural resource legislation reviewed by the 104th Congress is focused on changing federal law and policy regarding tribal authority to regulate the environment within their boundaries. While EPA is still trying to increase tribal programs and development, a number of major legislative actions will at least modify or streamline authority roles, and may provide direct challenges to tribal authority to manage natural resource protection.

Legislative amendments and provisions within the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Superfund Act of 1995 raise concerns about sound environmental protection, and seem based in a few state's jurisdictional concerns. For example, House Amendment 961 to the Clean Water Act (section 518), which authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to treat tribes in the same manner as states (TAS), includes provisions that will seriously undermine tribal authority to regulate their waters. States with an ax to grind with tribes are trying to take advantage of Congressional momentum against tribes by petitioning Congress with amendment language as follows:

"The Governors recognize and respect the sovereignty of Indian Tribes and the regulatory authority possessed by tribal governments to manage natural resources within their jurisdiction. The Governors know that Indian management of tribal resources is important to Indian nations. The same is true for states. However, the Governors are concerned that tribal decisions on natural resources and environmental issues may have significant economic and other impacts beyond tribal boundaries. While the Governors realize that many states and tribes already cooperate on this issue, Congress and the Administration should recognize that these impacts diminish state authority (my underline-can you believe this?) and be destructive to tribal-state relationships. Congress and the Administration should immediately enact or promulgate specific processes, standards and criteria that

respect state authority, equitably address such impacts, and promote cooperation when decisions affect areas beyond tribal boundaries".

This garbage being directed at Congressional committees shows a serious lack of knowledge about the TAS process, standards development, or water rights mediation and promulgation efforts by EPA. It is a mean-spirited nip to EPA's flank, designed to take advantage of the EPA's weakened status after direct assaults made by Congress. Specifically, H.R. 961 proposes to (1) limit tribal authority to implement Clean Water Act programs (TAS approval) for waters on lands owned in whole or in part by non-members of the tribe. This proposal jeopardizes tribal ability to protect reservation waters through coherent management within their political boundaries. (2) Allow for *de novo* judicial review of EPA decisions regarding tribal authorization (TAS applications) which could require a reexamination of all the facts by a federal district court, even though a tribal application has already been subject to extensive administrative review and procedures, including public comment prior to program approval. Interestingly, this *de novo* standard of review would not be applied to EPA decisions regarding state water programs. (3) Broaden the current dispute resolution process to allow affected *individuals* to utilize the process available now only to state and tribal governments. This proposed revision would allow individuals to invoke the process, without providing the authority to resolve disputes. If enacted, this will almost certainly create great confusion regarding understandings about tribal programs as well as over resolutions already reached between the state and tribal governments. Finally (4), these amendments will potentially limit the Administrator's discretion to "approve" a state-tribal cooperative agreement.

Proposed amendments to FIFRA (Title V of H.R. 1627) amends sections 24 and 26 of the Act once again explicitly limit tribal authority for reservation lands owned in whole or in part by non-members of the tribe, thus frustrating tribal ability to protect reservation natural resources through sovereign management within political boundaries. H.R. 2500 reforms the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). On November 20, fifty-four Congressional members (R-49, D-5) sent Rep. Newt Gingrich a message to support Superfund reform favoring the elimination of the current CERCLA liability system for municipal waste site cleanups. This enhances a proposal originally made by H.R. 2500 sponsor, Rep. Oxley (R-Ohio). As it now exists, H.R. 2500 will (1) repeal retroactive liability (prior to 1987), leaving no valid funding for cleanup or investigation at sites. (2) Pass site program cleanup authority, enforcement, and land use planning from EPA to the States-no Tribal authority language included here. (3) Amend criteria to favor cost-effective remedies and site specific standards, thereby reducing remediation costs, efforts and environmental protection. Activation of this particular amendment will supersede standards established by other statutes and other levels of government (*i.e.*, Tribes). (4) Add sites to the cleanup priority list only with concurrence of States and local government-no inclusion of Tribes. (5) Limit natural resource

damage claims. The United States will be the Natural Resources Trustee for all lands held in trust by the United States. Tribes may be trustee only for lands owned or held in trust by the Tribe. In sum, H. R. 2500 will favor polluters, and it will set standards insufficient for cleanup and protection of natural resources. Under such conditions, waste sites that are "cleaned up" on tribal lands may not decrease risks to human health or natural resources.

Over the past 150 years, long-standing jurisdictional disputes have been generated by contradictions among changing federal laws and policies that govern state and tribal regulatory authority. If authority to manage natural resource programs is determined by a checkerboard pattern of tribal and non-Indian fee lands left by these laws and policies, it would become a management nightmare- administratively unworkable and environmentally destructive.

These amendments will leave reservation waters and lands less protected, and less capable of being protected, than the rest of the nation's waters and lands. In certain situations, the proposals arguably would abrogate federal obligations to tribes, thus imperiling any government-to-government (*i.e.*, trust responsibility) currently in place.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

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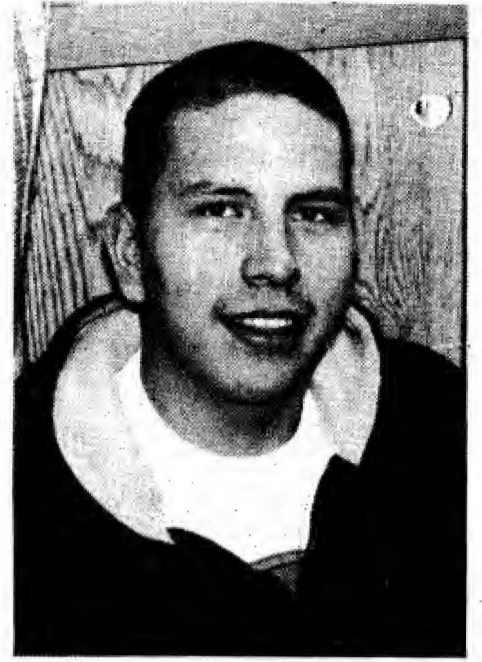
If you speculate getting a GED we will be at the school side until June. We provide transportation to the testing site in Virginia.

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They have shown determination, sincerity, knowledge and skills comparable to people who did graduate.

Marybelle White, GED Aide

John V. writes



John Villebrun, Water Resources Tech.

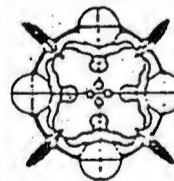
Hello everyone! Our fine editor has just requested that I submit an article for this month's paper, so here is a brief update on what I have been up to recently.

On February 6th and 7th I was attending the Biocriteria Sampling and Analysis training at the MCT Water Quality Lab located in Cass Lake. The training will prove very helpful this summer when I'm collecting water samples off the lake. It also explains the importance of using the same set of procedures every time you take a water sample off the lake.

As of late, I have been working on our Fish Inventory Studies data that the Americorps workers (Mark Littlewolf, Marty Connor and Norm King) have collected. They measured the length, width and stomach contents of each individual fish caught in each netting. I have entered that information into the computer for future reference. There were over 400 fish caught in the Fish Creek netting, and the boys deserve a round of applause for all their hard work. Anyone who has been inside the old Head Start building lately knows what the boys had to put up with.

My upcoming projects include getting familiar with GIS, Geographic Information System, which we can use to make various types of maps of the reservation showing anything from forest covertypes to lot lines and markers. I am very excited and confident about this opportunity.

That's about all I wanted to say for this article, so until next time.....



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Pastor Harvey & Marilyn Rabbitt

Knock, Knock! -- "Who's there? -- Jesus! -- "Jesus who?" -- Jesus, the Son of God Who takes away the sins of the world! -- "Go away, I don't have time for you now!"

The kids in our church sing a song about knocking on a door. It goes like this, "Behold, Behold! I stand at the door and knock, knock, knock! Behold, Behold! I stand at the door and knock, knock, knock. If anyone hears my voice, if anyone hears my voice, and will open, open, open the door, I will come in!" It's a scripture song taken from Revelation 3:20 which says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with me."

That's Jesus talking to anyone who will hear. He isn't knocking on the front doors of our homes but on the door of our heart, or our inner person. He's calling and knocking and asking us to let Him into our lives so He can cleanse us from our sins and make us new people, and He can fellowship with us and we with Him.

Have you ever seen the painting of Jesus knocking on the cottage door? It's a beautiful painting and most people have seen it at one time or another. There are different things in the painting that have spiritual significance but the most noticeable is the fact that there is no door knob on the door. The door can't be opened from the outside. Why is that meaningful? Because Jesus does not force His way into our lives, we have to open the door ourselves to let Him in. He calls us all and we all have the opportunity to receive Him, but when He knocks on the door of our heart, we decide whether to let Him in or not.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name (John 1:12).

We will all have the opportunity to hear God's plan of salvation, no one will stand before Him and say, "Well I didn't know, nobody told me!"

We don't all react the same way to the good news of Jesus Christ. It reminds me of the parable of the sower in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The parable is about a sower who went out to sow the seed. There were four different soils that the seed fell on. The side of the road, or wayside, stoney ground, soil with thorns

growing in it, and good soil.

Jesus explained in this parable that the sower is a Christian and the seed is the Word of God. As the word is given out, those along the wayside hear it but immediately Satan comes and snatches it away like the birds do when seed is dropped along the road. The word is not received into the heart.

The second soil was stoney ground where because of little soil, the seed grows up quickly but when the sun comes out it withers and dies because there was no root. Jesus said that was like people who hear the word and immediately received it with gladness but because they have no root in themselves - they only endure for a short time. As soon as tribulation or persecution comes for the word's sake, they quickly stumble and fall away.

The third soil is where the seed was sown among thorns, these are the people who hear the word but the cares of this world, desires for riches, possessions and pleasure overtake them and choke the word and they become unfruitful and useless.

The fourth soil was the good ground, when the seed fell there it yielded a crop that sprang up and produced a bountiful harvest. Those are the people who hear the word, accept it into their hearts and begin to bear fruit. The change in their lives cause them to tell others what God has done for them and to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Don't allow your hearts to become like the first three soils, hard, cold and unreceptive like the wayside, or hearing but not reading God's Word, praying, fellowshiping with other Christians and dying out or like the thorny soil where the cares of the world cause you to put God back in a closet.

If you notice, it all has to do with hearing God's Word, when Jesus begins knocking at the door of your heart, its when you've heard His word, then the decision has to be made on what to do about it. Its a matter of choice. If you refuse to open the door, you are saying to Jesus, "I don't accept your free gift of salvation. You shed your blood on the cross to redeem me and set me free of the bondage of sin but I don't want to be forgiven and cleansed and I don't want to spend eternity in heaven.

I pray you will listen for the knock and open the door. Time is short and there won't be too many more knocks to hear.

Knock, Knock! -- "Who's there?" -- Jesus! -- "Come in, Jesus, and forgive me of my sins. I accept you into my heart as Lord and Savior. Thank you for going to the cross and paying the price for my sins, for making me clean and whole and acceptable before God!"

If you are looking for a church home, or just need some answers to life's hard questions, please join us at Nett Lake Assembly of God. Sunday worship service and Sunday School at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday bible study at 7:00 p.m.

To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.

—Oscar Wilde

OBITUARIES

MARRIE E. RAINBIRD

Funeral services for Marrie E. Rainbird, 77, of Virginia were held Monday, March 4 at the Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

She died Thursday, Feb. 29, 1996, at the Virginia Convalescent Center.

She was born May 1, 1918, to Ralph and Ruby (Diehl) Keely in Minneapolis. She grew up in Minneapolis, graduating from high school in Minneapolis. She moved to the Virginia area in 1962. She had lived briefly in Bois Forte, Nett Lake and Tower. She was instrumental in opening the doors of the Mesabi Community College to the Native American community. She had been a mother and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, James (Cindy Padgett) Jefferson of Virginia; two daughters, Lind (Pedro) Cuadra of Tampa, Fla., and Janice (Tim) Beede of Duluth; 10 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, John E. Rainbird on Dec. 30, 1995; and her parents.

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The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.

—Edwin Way Teale



House Speaker Irv Anderson met with David Villebrun and Marty Connor of Nett Lake, two members of the YouthWorks-Americorps program, during the organization's annual visit to the Capitol.

YouthWorks-Americorps is a state and federally funded program that lets young adults provide service to meet community needs, such as assisting senior citizens with household chores, tutoring younger children, or working in social agencies like food shelves. Full-time participants work 1,700 hours a year. Participants receive a stipend and scholarship.

Many things we need can wait. The child cannot. Now is the time his bones are being formed; his blood is being made; his mind is being developed. To him we cannot say tomorrow. His name is today.

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Darin and the Environment



Darin Steen, Environmentalist

I'm sure all you environmental advocates out there have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of this newspaper to find out the latest environmental protection concerns. As you recall from the last issue, we have a number projects planned for this year dealing with issues such as groundwater protection, solid waste, underground storage tanks, and emergency planning. I would like to give you an update on the progress of dealing with some of these issues.

If you read the January issue of the Bois Forte News or visited any of the main RTC offices and service buildings, you should have been made aware of the new Solid Waste Disposal Code and had a chance to read this important document. The public notice printed in the paper and displayed at many locations throughout the Reservation stated why the new rules were developed and invited the public to comment on these standards. I am extremely disappointed to report that I have not received any comments regarding the community's feelings about the adoption of this code. I have heard comments second-hand that people are aware of the new solid waste rules so I would like to assume that the majority of you must be in favor of these enforceable rules regulating solid waste disposal. Even though no one responded to my invitation to request a public meeting to discuss solid waste concerns and the new rules, I think a public meeting is needed both to educate the community on the issue and give people a chance to voice their opinions and have concerns addressed. Watch for notice of a public meeting some time this spring.

Another project I have been working on is an investigation of the old Nett Lake dumpsite one mile outside the village. This site was apparently a convenient place to dispose of all kinds of solid waste including household garbage, scrap metal and white goods (stoves, refrigerators, box springs, barrels, etc.), and other miscellaneous items. In fact, the local residents here could probably tell us more about what's in the dump because it's their

garbage. Anyway, I wanted to inform you of the details of this investigation to avoid unnecessary confusion if you notice unfamiliar people and equipment around the area and to educate people about groundwater pollution.

Given the amount of time the Nett Lake dump was used and the wide variety of waste that was disposed of here, possibly including some hazardous materials, soil and groundwater samples will be collected around the site to determine if there is any contamination coming from this source. As we collect samples around the site with a specialized probing unit mounted on a truck, we can also obtain valuable information about the type of soils in the area and the slope of the groundwater table. This will allow us to develop a model about how contaminants may move from the dump site. Soil characteristics, percolation tests, and pump tests are used to determine flow rates and the slope of the water table based on surface and groundwater elevations is used to determine the direction of flow. All this is needed to evaluate if there is a risk of contaminating the nearby community water wells now or in the future. As I've stated in past articles, water quality analyses of the community water systems has found these wells to be clean and free from any contamination so there is currently no reason for concern.

A related groundwater investigation written about in past articles is the U. S. Geological Survey Water Resources Inventory project. Several monitoring wells were placed around the Nett Lake sector to collect baseline data on groundwater quality. A minute concentration of a hazardous, cancer-causing volatile organic chemical (VOC) was found in the monitoring well placed next to the Palmquist landfill. Benzene was detected at concentration of 0.5 micrograms per liter which is a factor of ten (10) below the federal drinking water standard of 5.0 micrograms per liter. This is an indication that there are hazardous substances buried in the Palmquist landfill which may warrant further investigation to quantify and evaluate the scope of the problem and possible health risks. Again, I need to reemphasize that all community drinking water wells are safe and free from contamination and there are no immediate threats to public health. I only felt that this information should be shared with the community to increase public awareness and interest in groundwater protection efforts.

Please feel free to contact me at the Bois Forte RTC office with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have with environmental issues. I hope you are looking forward to next month's issue on environmental updates and new information on these and other projects. Mi Gwitch!

Conservation notes...



Ray Villebrun Sr., Chief Warden

Hello again, Bois Forte News readers. In spite of the unbelievably cold winter we have been having, it has been a busy time for our Natural Resources Department. As many of you know, the Natural Resources staff did present a Nett Lake Management Plan to the general public in December. We received positive comments about our proposal, and also received some concerns about the Plan.

We would like to conduct another public meeting on the Nett Lake Management Plan to discuss the results of the survey that was distributed at the initial meeting, as well as answer other questions that have come up since that time. Look for announcements posted around Nett Lake and Vermilion, as well as the local newspaper. We are looking at holding the meeting sometime in March.

Speaking of the cold weather, the Bois Forte Conservation Department will be conducting a deer feeding project for the Bois Forte Reservation. The project will start towards the end of February. We will be setting up feeding stations in five to six locations around the Reservation. I have received several phone calls and a number of visits by concerned residents about the deer situation, so I met with our Conservation/Rice Committee chairman and decided to go ahead with the project. We will start with about 4000 pounds of feed and will

adjust our amounts as we go. There has been plenty of information in the papers about the effects of the harsh winter on the deer population, and I will not go into that subject too deeply. I would like to say that there has been plenty of debate on this subject. There are pros and cons as to the benefits of feeding deer. I would like to hear from you, please stop by or call the Conservation Office.

The Conservation Department will start our 1996 Circle of Flight Project slated for sometime in February. This is a federally funded waterfowl enhancement program designed to assist our waterfowl habitat on the reservation. Conservation Officer Troy King is heading the project, and will be assisted by Americorps.

The nesting structures have to be in place before spring "ice out" and before the mallards have begun mating. The window of opportunity to have a successful nesting project is very small and our timing to get the structures out on Nett Lake has to be perfect. I will keep the public informed on how successful our project was, look for an update sometime in the summer paper.

One final note, we will again start up our beaver bounty program and will continue until all funds are used. I will post flyers around the villages (Nett Lake & Vermilion) as well as other offices, so watch the bulletin boards. Well that's all for now, until next time, take it easy.....

Card of thanks...

I would like to thank everyone for the surprise birthday dinner/party that was held on January 28th at the Community Center. To those who planned it, those who attended and for the gifts that I received. It is a wonderful feeling to know that there are friends and family who care.

Marcella Connor

Project Grow...

The Third Annual Bois Forte Project Grow Program will soon be starting here at Nett Lake and Vermilion. The main goal of the program is to support the initiatives to combat the diabetes epidemic which is prevalent in Indian Country. To promote good health and nutrition, Bois Forte Project Grow Program will provide most of the supplies to start your own garden.

We will again have two Community Gardens. One of which will be located near the Reservation Council Chambers here in Nett Lake and the other garden at the Vermilion Social Center.

For those who are interested in growing their own garden, please fill out an application form. Applications are available at most of the local businesses here in Nett Lake or Vermilion or call Kelly at 218 757-3107.

It is very important to start planning if you are having a garden, no applications will be accepted after June 01, 1996 due to the fact that the suggested last date for planting most vegetables is mid-June.

If you have any questions or would like more information you can call Ray Villebrun, Natural Resources Director at 218 757-3261.

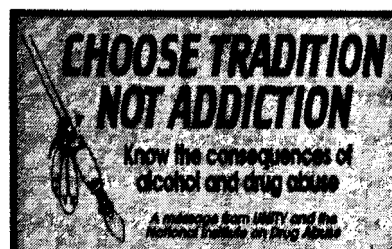
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UofM March Starwatch...

The spring stars push the bright winter constellations off-center stage in March. Only two planets grace the sky, but one of them-Venus-makes its best showing in eight years. And, if that isn't enough, a new comet appears in the night sky.

Venus has no rivals during the evening hours, when it glows high above the western horizon. Our bright sister planet stretches its orbital tether to the max; on the 31st, it appears 46 degrees from the sun and sets four hours after the sun. As the month passes, it draws close to the Pleiades star cluster. Through a telescope, Venus looks better and better as it shrinks from gibbous to half-full on the 31st. Venus is famous for getting brighter as it shrinks in phase from near-full to thin-crescent. This happens because, as it emerges from behind the sun and into the evening sky, it draws nearer to Earth.

The second bright planet appears a few hours after midnight, when Jupiter rises in company with the Teapot of Sagittarius. Jupiter rises earlier as time goes by; in May it will move into the evening sky.

Saturn sinks out of sight in the evening twilight early in the month. Likewise, Mars and Mercury are too close to the sun for viewing.

The moon becomes full in the early morning hours of the 5th, which means the best time to see it will be the evening before. The full moon of March has been called, by various Indian tribes, the full worm moon, because the ground now softens and earthworm casts reappear; the full crow moon, for the cawing of crows signalling the end of winter; or the full crust moon, because the snow cover takes on a crust from thawing by day and freezing by night. The full sap moon is another variation. A new moon arrives on the 19th, and the young crescent will approach Venus until the 22nd, when it

passes below the planet.

Comet fans will want to look for a newcomer, Comet Hyakutake (Hi-ah-KU-tah-key), discovered January 30 by a Japanese comet hunter. On the 26th of March, the comet will sweep within 10 million miles of Earth, and some astronomers predict it could become as bright as first magnitude. On the other hand, being so close could make it look like a diffuse cloud not easily made out. But while a comet's brightness is notoriously hard to predict, its movement is not. Comet Hyakutake will best be seen from about the 23rd to the 29th, when it moves north through Bootes and the Little Dipper. Bootes, the kite-shaped constellation marked by the bright star Arcturus, will be in the eastern sky during the late evening hours of the 24th. The comet will be near the top of the "kite" north of Arcturus. It should reach maximum brightness on the 28th, when it will be just beyond Polaris, at the tip of the Little Dipper's handle, a little less than a third of the way to the bright star Capella. Capella is the highest star in the knot of winter constellations now heading toward the western horizon. Starwatchers with access to the Internet can see a map of Hyakutake's path on the University of Minnesota astronomy department's home page at <http://ast1.spa.umn.edu/Outreach/hyakutake.html>.

The spring equinox occurs at 2:06 a.m. CST on the 20th. At that moment the long winter will end, at least officially, with the sun crossing over the Tropic of Cancer and into the northern sky.

Starwatch is a monthly guide to the night sky in the Upper Midwest. For a taped version from the University of Minnesota astronomy department, call (612) 624-2001. Contact: Deane Morrison, (612) 624-2346.

March Birthdays...

- 01 - Venus L Connor, Carlene A Duncan, Louis D Jordan, Joseph L Stanaway
 02 - Gina M Anderson, Janet L Autio, John V Day, Mia F Day, Bobby J Drift, Mary J Goodman, Nancy L Grauman, Brianna L Norcia, Jessica R Smith
 03 - Gordon Adams III, Loretta L Emery, Laura J Geshick, Curtis D LaRoque, Philamay E Lightfeather, Teresa L Sam, William E Tolrud
 04 - Rhiannon J Connor, Mary B Henderson, Barbarina Hursh
 05 - Marjorie L Cripe, Herbert King Sr, Jonas J King, Jacqueline R McKeon, Teresa M Morrison, Darlene F Nelson, Anthony W Sam, E Lois Siiro, Robert Strong Jr
 06 - Daniel L Amtrano, Eugenia M Boshey, Mary A Coonts, Jeanette Deegan, Milton E Geshick, Rachelle R Isham, Charles A McDougall, Steven M Mihelich, Timothy L Rowlette, Roger L Wakemup
 07 - Sharon M Day, Loretta E Holmes, Walter King Sr., Sandra K Van Vickie
 08 - Frederick G Brown, Tamara R Chicag, Franklin A Chosa, Jonathan H Connor Jr, Patrick J Connor, Ada M Johnson, Jacqueline K Koski, Lila Miller, John C Negley, Lorraine L Villebrun
 09 - Brianne A Brodeen, Thomas A Chosa, William W Deegan, Aylssa R Dickenson, Garrick J Konczak, Tamara C Lehti
 10 - Wilma M Andrews, Brittany R Connor, Annette K Geyer, Randall L Hawkinson, Cleveland Roubideaux
 11 - John Boney, Raven M Boshey, Diane M Monetti, Davetta M Sam, Judith L Udovich
 12 - Philip M Brodeen, Craig A Gilbert, Nyla J Grummons, Amanda D Haugen, David L King, Bryon J Lumbar, Vivian Proulx, Duane E Roy, Nora E Setterquist
 13 - Duane A Huisentrui, Allen J Isham, Brian W Lumbar, Donald M Villebrun
 14 - Mark A Anderson, Ashlee A Isham, Doris V Isham, Kimberly L Leecy, Terrance F Lightfeather, Richard A Lumbar, Amy R Miller, Keith W Porter
 15 - Joel A Boshey, Donald L Chosa Jr, Matthew G Connor, Rocky E King, Darryl L Smith
 16 - Simon W Fisher Jr, Laura I Isham, Patricia L Weikleengert
 17 - David P Farmer, Patricia M Gowboy, Bertha J Graue, Nicole M Johnson, Christopher J Lehti
 18 - Christopher P Franzen, Mahengun Goodsky, John P Hackey Jr, Tessa L Jones,

- Emily E Rummell, Sylvia M Shaugobay
 19 - Sharon M Allan, Ida M Connor, Damon E Day, Jeffery L Geshick, Axel J Holmes Sr, Kenneth W Konczak, Micheala J Leecy, Lisa H Lyons, Doris M Newman, Scoot A Reetz, Anthony L Rettke, Hazel Strong, George W Toivonen, Irene M Weiss
 20 - Terrence L Boshey, Terry E Goodsky, Lillian S Harding, Rachel A Morrison, Aaron R Ruwersma, Stanley Schuster Jr, Jason L Sherman
 21 - Robert P Adams, Jean L King, Roger D Skinway, Earl W Villebrun, Marjorie J Villebrun
 22 - Raymond C Blocher, Diana L McDougall, Ryan W Shock, Ronald L Skinner
 23 - Noreen A Berlien, Jared W Boshey, Mary E Fiset, Rodney B King, Tanya E Maynard, Daniel J Morrison, Lorraine D Peterson, Marvin S Rich Jr
 24 - Joshua J Fiset, Roxanne G Hicks, Kathleen J King, Raeanne L Madison, Roni R McMillen
 25 - James D Johnson Jr, Harry W Lightfeather Jr, Patrick M O'Leary, Danelle M Wilde
 26 - Twyla J Day, Karen M Fineday, Debra A Mihelich, Marjorie Morrison
 27 - Vernon W Adams Jr, Roger D Brashears, Bobbett R Cripe, Joyce M Day, Shane G Drift, James W Holman, Donna M Norton, Raymond E Villebrun Sr, Debra R Whiteman
 28 - Jeffery A Anderson, Tiffany Z Brooks, Duane S Samm, James E Wilde
 29 - Lavern D Cameron, Christina J Connor, Jeanna M Day, Thomas J Drift, Denise G Lumbar, Anna M Mayotte, Anita L Porter
 30 - Charles A Day, Benjamin D Drift, Susan C Jenkins, Rose M Lien, Lila Pete
 31 - Rose Jensen, Lorna L Landgren, Brian D Reetz, Mary E Smith
 Most popular day in March to be born is the 19th with 14 entries and the least popular day appears to be a tie between the 4th and the 16th with 3.

S.O.R.A. Club

The SORA Club would like to become more involved in community events. So we would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that we are available to assist you in your fundraising activities by being available to work in concession stands, provide clean-up crews, etc. and may be able to provide nominal financial contributions. If you would like our assistance, you may contact Rae Wilkie-Hayes or a SORA Club member.

One event we have scheduled for the month of May is a Bike-a-thon. Participants will be given pledge sheets and will be asked to find sponsors. All funds raised will be donated to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. There will be prizes for participants so watch for more details for this fun event.

We have also started our weekly smear tournaments. The games are Tuesday evenings, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Nett Lake Community Center. Please support our Club by joining your friends and neighbors for a fun-filled evening of card playing. Prizes are given each evening to the top three scores.

Vondalee Barto

Vondalee Barto
SORA Club Secretary/Treasurer

Nothing is so lovely as
Spring...long and lovely and
lush.

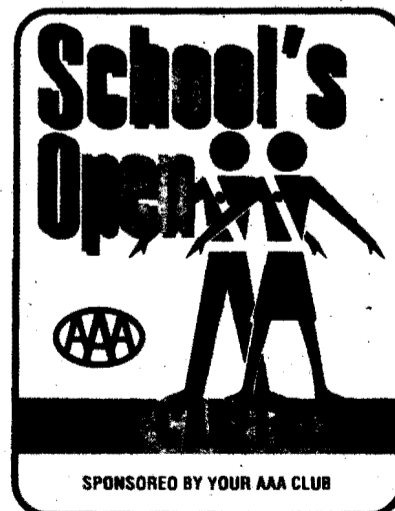
—Gerard Manley Hopkins

In nature there is nothing
melancholy.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge



Pansy flowers are so-called from the French *pensée*, meaning "thought."



Bois Forte Transfer Station Hours

Nov. 1, 1995 thru April 1, 1996

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

WASTE REDUCTION TIPS

Reduce: Be a careful shopper -

- = Avoid excess packaging
- = Buy fresh fruits and vegetables, without packaging
- = Buy in bulk if possible
- = Avoid one-time-use items
- = Limit magazine and newspaper subscriptions, share with others
- = Compost yard waste

Reuse: Reuse saves money as well as waste -

- = Shop at garage sales and secondhand shops
- = Use rechargeable batteries
- = Use both sides of paper
- = Take along your own cup
- = Reuse paper grocery bags when you shop or use as trash can liners
- = Use washable cloth towels instead of paper towels

Recycle:

Recycling is available through curbside redemption or recycle centers. While items that are accepted may vary slightly depending on the recycler, the items most commonly recycled are clean glass, food containers, tin food cans, aluminum cans, newspapers, corrugated cardboard, and some plastics. Contact the Solid Waste Commission in your county for information about recycling, household hazardous waste, waste reduction, waste facilities, and garbage pickup services.

Letters to the Editor

BOIS FORTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

February 8, 1996
 Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council
 PO Box 16
 Nett Lake, MN 55772
 Chairman, Gary Donald

Good Morning Chairman Donald.
 Today, I send you greeting as well as good news. In regard to the "Lease" situations of the Housing Authority, it is all resolved. Even though the BIA did delay the process, (they took ten months to complete the recording of the leases), then with Mark Anderson's busy schedule to review the leases to give the HUD office along with his "Declaration of Trust" and to render his opinion all of this took another two weeks. To make the situation a bit more frustrating, the U.S. Government is operating on a "continuing, continuing, and continuing resolution." The leases were received at the Chicago Office on January 19. They were accepted by HUD last week, and HUD has authorized the release of grant funding MN93B081-909-93 for the sum of \$435,000.00. This funding has been held up at HUD, due to leases, for three years.

I'm extremely pleased and honored with all of the cooperation and help from yourself, as well as the Council, from Mark, and all involved.

To move forward with this funding, the Housing Authority will be completing rehabilitation and remodeling in Vermilion, Farm Point. This is to include new steel siding for all homes, new vinyl windows/storms/screens for 7 homes, 4 roof repairs, basement repair to 2 homes, and exterior door replacement to all homes in need. Then the same work will be done for Nett Lake. I do feel that with the new up-graded windows and with steel siding, the homes will become more weather resistant to the cold Minnesota winters. With remaining dollars, repairs will continue in Palmquist.

The new Demo/Dispo grant is complete, and I will be sending it off by the end of the month. However, unfortunately, it will sit at HUD until a '96 budget is in place. However, my management representative,

Sally Catlin, is aware of it and assures me she will certainly try to apply unspent 1995 dollars to it for a speedy approval and award. As you will recall, this is for an additional twelve new homes, with twelve being torn down in Palmquist. I have spoken to Andy Datko, and there could be possibilities that some these twelve homes might be placed in Vermilion.

Also, to advise you on the update of the "Operation Recover" project from HUD, meetings have been held in the Chicago Office with Washington and this project proceeding. Hopefully, within the next few months, a person will be coming to Nett Lake to assist the Housing Office with any and all remaining deficiencies. It will be extremely beneficial to the reservation as a whole, and I am excited to be a part of these great changes.

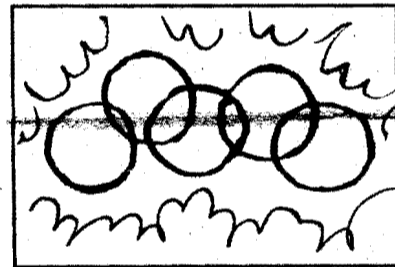
I do plan on attending the next Council Meeting on the 15th to give a brief update to all of the Council.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Glasel
 /s/ Cynthia Glasel
 Executive Director

 Nothing is too small to know,
 and nothing too big to attempt.
 —William Van Horne

 Curiosity will conquer fear
 even more than bravery will.
 —James Stephens



The Olympic symbol consists of five interlocking rings that represent the continents of Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America. Rings are black, blue, green, red and yellow. The flag of each nation competing in the games has at least one of these colors.

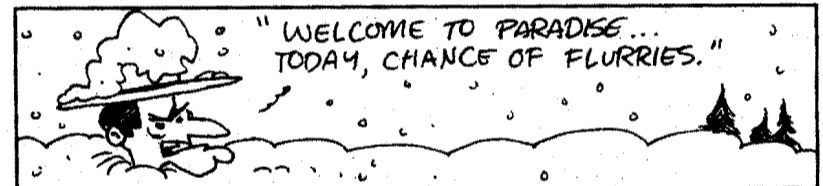
ELECTION GUIDELINES

(Note that this is a guideline only. Some times may depend on the occurrence of certain previous events, and may therefore differ from these dates. The MCT Election Ordinance is the official document governing all dates and timetables.)

- April 5: Filing/Resignation deadline for Tribal Council members.
- April 8: MCT Tribal Office prepares ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT.
- April 12: Each Reservation Tribal Council posts the ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT. Notice of candidacy can be filed after posting during workdays/office hours (Monday-Friday) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- April 22: Deadline for filing notice of candidacy is 5:00 p.m.
- April 25: Deadline for each Reservation Tribal Council to notify MCT Tribal Office of eligible candidates and positions filed for: of designated districts and polling places; of the number and types of ballots needed.
- April 26: Deadline for each Reservation Tribal Council to appoint General Election Boards, Precinct Boards and notify the MCT Tribal Office of their appointment.
- May 2: MCT Tribal Office prepares a NOTICE OF ELECTION.
- May 13: Deadline for each Reservation Tribal Council to post the NOTICE OF ELECTION; MCT Tribal Office delivers ballots to Reservation Tribal Councils.
- June 11: ELECTION DAY
- June 12: Each General Reservation Election Board meets prior to 8:00 p.m. to certify election results.
- June 13: Each General Reservation Election Board posts election results throughout each reservation, and forwards election results to the MCT Tribal Office.
- June 17: Requests for Recount must be filed with the General Reservation Election Board by 5:00 p.m.
- June 18: Notices of Protest must be filed with the Reservation Election Appeals Judge by 5:00 p.m.; General Reservation Election Board returns all unused ballots to MCT Tribal Office.
- Sept. 9: General Reservation Election Boards are discharged.



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