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Doris and RTC news...



Doris Isham, RTC Committee-

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These past few months the Tribal Council has put more emphasis on the provision of services to our elderly. Although there remains a lot to do, there has been some progress made since the May 1996 issue of this newspaper, in which my article addressed the beginning plans for some sort of assisted living complex for our elderly.

I am very happy to announce that the Bois Forte Reservation has received word from Senator Wellstone's office that we have been awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the construction of a senior-assisted living center in Nett Lake. Official notice will be arriving shortly from HUD.

Special recognition must be given to Dave Danz, Reservation Planner who authored the proposal. Dave was given just a few short weeks in which to complete this proposal from the time the Tribal Council made the decision to go after this project to the deadline for receipt of proposals. Dave sincerely accepted the council's directive and again skill and expertise paid off for the benefit of our community. Nice job, Dave!

The planning staff along with Dave Morrison and myself has since met with representatives from the Rural Development & Community Facilities Fund to begin preparations of the remaining financial package of \$500,000.00 to complete this project.

A facility of this kind will allow our elderly who are able to live independently, but still might need someone around 24 hours a day to assist with meds, physical therapy, etc., to remain in the community in their own environment for as long as possible.

The site chosen for this facility was approved by our elderly and will be located on the old ball field area. The site is ideal as it is located in a quiet area at the edge of town, but at the same time in the heart of the village. Spirit Island and the lake shore view will be available from each unit that will have a screened-in porch facing the lake. Pow-wow grounds, the ball field and view of the entire village activities will be able to be seen from the front of the building. These are the preliminary plans, and will be finalized

with elderly input in the near future. We'll keep you informed as this project develops.

At the October meeting of the tribal council, we approved the funding request of \$15,000.00 from the Elderly Needs Committee and amended their policy to increase the maximum amount per elderly household to \$800.00 per year. This program allows eligible elderly the ability to purchase needed appliances, furniture, etc., that they otherwise would not be able to afford due to fixed income. Applications can be requested from Cecile Barto-Warren at the Health office, 757-3295

During this same meeting Health Services staff requested council approval to pursue the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs for the Bois Forte Reservation.

Some of the elderly have expressed an interest to participate in these programs.

The Foster Grand Parent Program would offer seniors age 60 and older the opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors and caregivers for children and youth with special needs. They may provide emotional support to troubled youth, mentor young mothers/fathers or provide tutor activities in the school or home setting.

Foster Grand Parents strengthen communities by providing youth services and filling the gap of respect sometimes found lacking between these generations.

The Senior Companion Program provides for seniors age 60 and older to provide assistance and companionship to elderly individuals who are home-bound and generally living alone. They also provide respite care to relieve live-in caretakers for short periods of time.

Both program participants must meet income eligibility requirements, they may volunteer up to 20 hours per week and receive small non-taxable stipends. Again, we'll keep you posted on developments of this program.

Any questions can be directed to either Henry Beaudy, Health Office 757-3295 or Mary belle White, Nett Lake School 757-3107.

In ending this article, I would like to take a few minutes to encourage readers of this article to exercise your right as an American Citizen and VOTE in the November 5th election. Every vote is important and critical. Because who represents us, from the Presidency on down to the state legislature, does affect us as Indian people. Very soon, and even at this moment, we will be dealing with issues and effects from Welfare Reform, Health Reform, Education cuts. You will be affected, you need to get out and vote to make a difference.

On a lighter note, J.W. was sad to hear of the possibility of the Twins leaving Minnesota because they need a new stadium. She was happy to hear that Gov. Carlson indicated that state revenue surplus could be used to build the new

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KE-SHA-WUS-SO opens...



On Sunday, October 20, 1996, the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa held an Open House for its new family resource center, KE ZHA WUS SO. KE ZHA WUS SO culminates year long plans to provide care for children of the Vermilion Lake area. It includes an employee based daycare center for Fortune Bay and the surrounding community, an Indian Head Start program, an infant/toddler center, an after-school (latch-key) program, and a resource center for the Vermilion sector of the Bois Forte Band.

The Open House featured a traditional Indian blessing complete with a drum ceremony. It was attended by approximately 150 people from the community and Vermilion reservation. A large cake in shape of the center was served to the guests. Brown licorice was used for the logs out from the area of the new Fortune Bay Lodge construction site, with frosting pine trees, and the cake was set off with blue frosting to illustrate the site on Vermilion Lake, the site of KE SHA WUS SO.

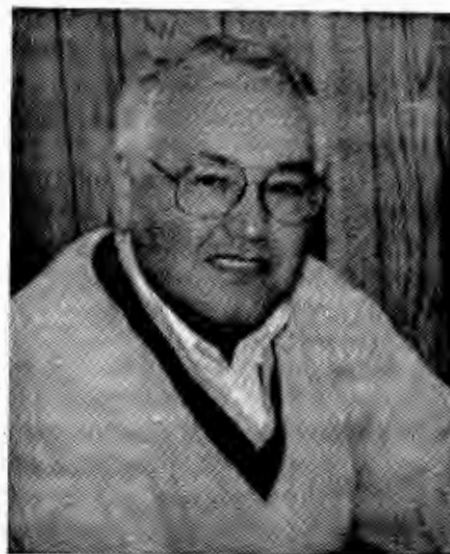
The KE ZHA WUS SO location is the same site upon which the first Bureau of Indian Affairs Vermilion Lake boarding school

was situated. The boarding schools of the 1890's began the process of attempts to assimilate the Indians by providing boarding schools that would teach the children English and take them from their homes in which Indian traditions were practiced. KE SHA WUS SO plans to incorporate an excellent early childhood program to include all celebrations of all cultures in which children participate. In doing so the center plans to offer more than merely Ojibwe and English traditions, but many others as well.

The log 6,500 square foot building proudly displays the 13 original dodems of the 13 familial chiefs of the Bois Forte Bands, carved on six logs supporting the building, offering a daily reminder of the great heritage of the Indian people of the area. Children will play where Indian children have played for generations, with an eagle's nest nearby. The shoreline of beautiful Lake Vermilion nearly touches the playground.

The Open House celebrated all of these things. KE ZHA WUS SO opened the following morning, Monday, October 21, 1996, and is open from 7 a.m. until midnight seven days a week.

The Exec.....



Frank Annette, Executive Director

I recently attended the 53rd Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians which was held October 20 - 25, 1996 in Phoenix, Arizona. The focus of the conference was VICTORY IN UNITY the 96 vote. Indian Country across the USA is faced with political issues that

could have a negative effect on our sovereignty. Many times we feel that because of our location that these issues are distant and will not effect us or that one vote won't make a difference. I can assure you that these problems are real for Bois Forte and your vote will make a difference. Your Reservation Tribal Council has reviewed the listing of candidates both on the National, State and Local Level and have expressed their endorsement of the Democratic Ticket on all levels. The RTC has convinced the Saint Louis County to reestablish a polling place here at Nett Lake for the 1996 election. This was done not only to allow us to exercise our right to vote but to show support to candidates that have been friends to this reservation. We encourage you to go to the polls located at the Nett Lake Community Center and cast your vote for the candidate of your choice on November 5, 1996. Remember your VOTE will count.

VOTE NOV. 5



School News

Judy and HeadStart news...



Judy Anderson, Director, HeadStart

October was a busy month and an exciting month for our Head Start/Child Care program. Our Nett Lake Center opened for Head Start on October 1st, which allowed for ricing. Then a three or more year dream came true October 22nd when our Vermilion Center opened for the year in the new Center. There will be many adjustments, sharing space with Ke Zha Wa Su, but the staff are experienced and the program will begin an exciting and interesting year.

Welcome aboard to several new staff. Each Center gained a Bus Driver/Aide. Shane Drift, at Nett Lake Center, had worked at our Center last year through Americorp. We feel so lucky to have him since he was courted by several other employers. He is our only male employee and the children are drawn to him. Sheree Coan, our new Vermilion Bus Driver/Aide was a parent last year and fits in smoothly and ably with our Vermilion Team. Shirley Benner was hired to do before and after Head Start wraparound child care at Nett Lake and her reliability will be a real asset to our parents who work, since she must be at work at 7:45 am. and stays until 4:45. We still encourage our parents to bring their children at 7:50 and pick them up as soon after 4:30 as possible.

I would like to remind parents:

1. Before 8 a.m., all children are to be dropped off with Shirley in the ECFE room. After 8 a.m., infants and toddlers are to be brought to their own Day Care room. Head Start starts at 9:00 am. Head Start is not Day Care and we have to keep accurate drop off/pick-up records.

2. There should be **NO PARKING, NO DROP-OFFS, NO PICK-UPS** in the Bus turnaround. It seems more convenient, however, we had several close calls to serious injury last year. I will send notes to parents, etc. who continue to use this entrance.

Please help Denise by getting her your medical, dental and other paperwork. We only have 45 days to have this all done and we can't make our deadline without your help.

ECFE will have its first activity this week with a field trip for older children to the Ely Wolf Center. There will be a November program and dinner later in the month. Watch for other ECFE activities each month.

All Head Start parents are invited to our first Nett Lake Parent Center Committee meeting scheduled for noon November 4th. All parents are encouraged to attend this Center meeting to elect officers and begin fundraising for Christmas if that is voted on. Vermilion Center will be sending our notices soon also.

Last, and most important Child Care is undergoing many changes with Welfare Reform. Parents who have stopped using our Center because of the cost, may see some changes in fees or discounts due to changes in the Child Care Development monies. This will not be clear until after November 1st. There are currently many changes for the Reservation because of Welfare Reform. Any parent who is currently on AFDC, receives child support or is on any form of assistance will need to read other information in the paper on how these changes will affect them. For us, Child Care will see changes, hopefully helping more parents with Day Care costs if they are low income families who work. Stay tuned for the changes which will be finalized with both State and National regulations out by July. Some changes may come before that. I urge all affected parents to read, ask questions and be informed about these drastic changes.

A final note: Be informed and VOTE this election. Get registered and find out where your polling place is (Nett Lake now has one!) This election, State and National, will directly impact everyone. Head Start and Child Care, and all Early Childhood program urge you to think of the children and VOTE.

UofM November starwatch..

Somber, cloudy November offers little this year except the annual Leonid meteor shower and a nice, nearly edge-on view of Saturn's rings. Comet Hale-Bopp, a potential "comet of the century," is on its way and may brighten enough to be seen, but it won't dazzle anybody, at least not this month.

Venus still graces the morning sky, but is losing its luster as it readies itself to plunge below the horizon for its next sojourn around the sun. Telescopically, Venus

appears as an almost round but small, not very exciting disk.

Higher than Venus in the predawn sky, Mars is a reddish dot just east of the bright star Regulus in Leo. Earth is slowly overtaking Mars, which makes the planet appear to drift west, away from the sun, from our point of view. In another month, Mars will start edging into view before midnight, and next March it will be up all night.

Jupiter, all but lost in the evening twilight,

Superintendent's letter....



Ray Toutloff, #707 Superintendent

The Technology plan for the Nett Lake School District is moving right along. During the months of September and October the entire Education Center has been wired in preparation for going on-line to the World Wide Web (Internet). The school district included the wiring and connecting of the Human Service Offices, Headstart offices, all classrooms, the computer lab and the library to the Internet. The next step will be to connect all computers in the entire Education Center to the system. This Stage will be completed before Thanksgiving.

It is expected that by Christmas, or soon thereafter, the T-1 line will be brought into the Education Center. The T-1 line will provide interactive television access and Internet access. The school district main office is currently connected to the Internet by a modem dial-up service which generates a per call charge each time we use the Internet. The T-1 line will provide service for all computers within the Education Center complex for one base fee. The fee will be paid by the district from

the State Telecommunications Grant.

Soon after Christmas and before Easter one of the classrooms in the school will be renovated for use as a Interactive Television Classroom/ Studio. The interactive television equipment and the T-1 line will provide the school and community the opportunity and ability to receive live, interactive high school classes, college classes, and community education classes in the Education Centers television classroom/studio. Exciting stuff!! Perhaps this will provide the opportunity for people in the community to take college courses from any college they desire. Understandably many questions need to be answered and much planning needs to be done, but the potential is there for educational opportunities never before seen in the Nett Lake Community. We'll keep you posted.

A special thanks to Fortune Bay for the donation at the 150 gallon fish tank (and fish) to the school. The tank has been set up in the school library and is a very attractive, educational addition to our facility. The public is welcome to stop in to view the fish tank at any time.

Also a special thanks to Ron Dicklich, Nett Lake School District Legislative Liaison and Hibbing School Board Member for arranging the donation by the Hibbing School District of the set of gymnasium bleachers. Since removal of the hazardous bleachers that were in the gym prior to the new construction, social and recreational activities have been more difficult to accommodate. The new bleachers are safe and fit our gym perfectly. The Bois Forte Building and Grounds Department has agreed to transport the bleachers from Hibbing to Nett Lake. We Thank them also for their efforts and cooperation.

will be visible for a while after sunset, but hardly seems worth a trip outside. Saturn, however, still sails high across the evening sky under the Great Square of Pegasus. On the 29th, Saturn's rings will close to a sliver, only 3.2 degrees from edge-on—as near to horizontal as they'll get for a dozen years.

The moon begins the month as a waning gibbous disk that belongs more to the morning sky than to the evening. It visits Mars on the 5th and Venus on the 8th, when its fingernail crescent will make a graceful companion to our sister planet. The moon wanes away to new on the 10th, then waxes to full on the 28th. This full moon was called the beaver moon by some American Indian tribes, perhaps because beavers are active in preparing their lodges for winter at this time of year, or perhaps because this was the time to lay in a store of warm beaver pelts.

The Milky Way stretches horizontally across the evening sky in November. On the western end, the Summer Triangle of bright stars wheels toward the horizon, while on the eastern end, the powerhouse constellations of Orion, Taurus, Gemini, Auriga, and Canis Major and Minor invade the relatively barren stretches of autumn evening sky. Almost directly overhead, the Andromeda Galaxy appears as a fuzzy oval patch just above and east of the Great Square.

On the 17th, the Leonid meteor shower peaks at about 4 a.m.; by then, the winter constellations will have rotated into the south-southwest and Leo will be up in the east. It's risky to say how many meteors will appear per hour, but at least the moon will have set, leaving a dark sky for

whatever show is in store for us.

Comet Hale-Bopp, still months away from any good showing, may appear as a dim patch west of Jupiter, hard to find except with binoculars or a telescope. Discovered in July 1995, Hale-Bopp has been brightening much as predicted by astronomers. If this pattern holds, the comet will put in a lengthy, even spectacular appearance in April. There's something to look forward to this winter.

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

MOTHER EARTH'S CREATION

Joey Lea Day

Our dust and bones,
Ashes cold and white,
yet I hear the distant beat
of my grandfather's drums.
His beat I feel within my heart.
The rays of the sun,
of our ancestors saying their prayers.
In the wind
which pass through these aged trees
The wind blows the spirit
of our ancestors
looking around at Mother Earth
and her children.
Her children getting ready
for a new moon.
Her children have only taken
what they need and giving thanks.
Mother Earth prepares for them.

AmeriCorps news...



E. Curtis Goodsky, Coordinator

Hello there readers, time for an AmeriCorps update. I would like to thank the Council for ratifying the selection of ten new members to the program; however, two (2) ratified applicants decided not to participate. So with my resignation and two more positions to be filled, the AmeriCorps program should be welcoming three (3) new members to the team, hopefully after the next regular R.T.C. meeting. Having become more informed through my involvement last year, I have decided to pursue an opportunity to work with the Natural Resource Department as the Water Quality Lab Technician. This was not an easy decision for me, because my

participation in the AmeriCorps program only reinforced my commitment to be a Community Service Provider. While my "Hat" or career field has changed, my desire to assist our community is still there, only my location and focus has changed. So... some of the current projects underway include: after school youth activities, office recycling project, elderly recreation activities, Project Grow, water quality testing, wild rice studies, assisting with addressing the Noxious Weed problem, Forestry department assistance, just to name a few. I would like to wish the new participants good luck in the coming year and hope their projects help not only our community but their personal and professional development as well. Oh yes, I would like to mention that in the weekly magazine "PEOPLE" (with Madonna on the cover) there is a page about the AmeriCorps program. Imagine that, huh? When I saw that page I was surprised and later on I felt good, not only in our own community but nation wide there are over 20,000 AmeriCorps members "GETTING THINGS DONE & STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES" By the way this is not in any way, a political statement. I just believe in what this program provides and that is, a positive opportunity for our developing doers/leaders. Enough for now, so until I report next with a beaker in my hand. Sleep well and fair winds.

The new Lab Technician..

This is another article by Mr. Goodsky. His first article is as the retiring AmeriCorps Coordinator. This article is as the new Water Laboratory Technician.

Hello there readers, this is E. Curt Goodsky writing to you direct from the Tribal Water Quality Laboratory here in beautiful Nett Lake, Minnesota. The lab is not quite set up and running, as a few pieces of needed equipment have yet to arrive. Soon..soon I'll be mixing and matching and diluting and sterilizing, and, and, and....Sorry, Halloween is close and the thought of being in a LAB just sort of brought on thoughts of potions, and experiments with gooley little things.

Seriously, I'll be working with David Morrison Jr., as the Field Technician and Mark Littlewolf, as the AmeriCorps program participant, and Dr. Chris Holm, Reservation Biologist. Mark and Dave's main duties are to collect samples of water, soil, lake bottom, fish, rice, etc., that will either be tested by our new Lab Technician

(me) or sent off for testing should we not have the capability to do the procedures here. Our objectives are many and all our activities will direct us towards our common goal. We also expect to save a lot of money and time by doing all we can here in the lab. For example - if we go to Cass Lake, it costs on average, \$80.00 to process a sample. Then, travel time (3 hours one way) eats into time that could be spent here, and gas money (an easy \$20.00 bill) all add up to a very expensive way to get information. We figure to save at least the cost of travel and processing by doing it here. Maybe, someday soon when we get good enough, we can even contract out locally and get some money coming in.

In addition to providing information that will assist in the healthful conservation and management of our environment. Or, to help take care of the land as the land takes care of us physically. Why is this necessary? Well, we have learned many bad habits and some of the new things the Anglo/Europeans brought do not sit well within the land. So now we need to learn how to live in a healthful way with our new tools and toys. We need to look more closely at lead shot in the lake, appliances that sit around in our landfills, rusting away, plastic that does not degrade. How we are doing things today is not healthy for the land and we are seeing many effects of our not watching what we are doing. Anyway, I'm sure you've all heard this before, so until next time, sleep well and fair winds.

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Toodles and TERO...



Linda "Toodles" Tibbets-Barto

Hi again. I didn't get an article into the paper last month because I was away at a training session. I really don't know where to start. I'm sure all of you have heard of the welfare reform. Yes, it has arrived, it has not been implemented yet. Myself and others have been meeting and working and working and meeting to help give some direction to our Reservation and to the state officials about how to implement it in a positive manner for our families and children presently impacted by AFDC, GA and other social services. By the way, the new acronym will be TANF, TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES. But, it doesn't stop there. The child care programs as well as the JOBS/Stride and Child Support Collections are effected by this reform. Hopefully, the Task Force who has been working on this will be able to provide some positive input which will bring positive benefits for our families and children.

I would like to share with you an introduction to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's TERO program of which our program is funded from. The following is a basic introduction to what it is all about.

Tribal governments have the inherent sovereign power to regulate commercial dealings by all entities within their jurisdictions, which gives them the authority to require employers on the reservations to give preference to Indians in employment and business opportunities.

A Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is the name given to a unit within the tribal government structure whose purpose is to encourage and facilitate the use of Indian employment in businesses and industries located within the geographical boundaries of the reservation.

The Commission first approved funding for TEROs in the form of "seed money" contracts to assist tribes in promoting and protecting employment rights as to on-reservation employers, and those operating near the reservation. As to on-reservation activities the TEROs were to operate under Tribal Ordinances requiring employers to provide equal employment opportunity, requiring Indian preference in on-reservation employment, requiring establishment and use of skills-bank referral administered by the TERO and providing for a complaints adjudication mechanism administered by the TERO, for use in resolving on-reservation grievances alleging violation of the Tribal Ordinance.

For employers operating "near the reservation" TEROs were charged with attempting to negotiate affirmative action agreements, Indian preference agreements, job referral agreements, and for

Indians alleging employment discrimination by these employers, with performing intake counselling and with drafting Title VII and ADEA charges to protect their Federal rights. Where charges were taken and filed with the appropriate EEOC office, TEROs were charged with attempting to negotiate an informal resolution of the charge within 30 days. If successful, a settlement agreement would be executed and, when approved by EEOC, the charge would be closed. If the TERO were unsuccessful, EEOC (or the 706 agency in deferral jurisdictions) would investigate and resolve the charge.

This is merely a brief history of TERO. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at P. O. Box 16, Nett Lake, MN 55772 or call me at (218) 757-3261. Until next time Toodles.

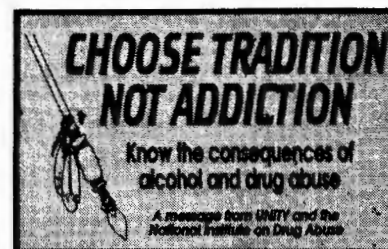
Miigwetch Manomin Pow-wow

The weather was great, the food delicious, everyone danced, the singing was beautiful and a great time was had by all. Yes, I'm talking about the Fall Miigwetch Manomin, Wiikuhndiwin Pow Wow. The Pow Wow was held on the weekend of October 12th & 13th.

There was a very good turn-out. We had participants from all over. Canada, Duluth, Fond du Lac, Leech Lake, Red Lake and if we have forgotten to mention you, we extend our apologies. There were a total of 50 to 75 dancers, 10 drums and we were honored with six Spiritual Advisors from Canada and the area. We also had three concessions, one was a food concession sponsored by the S.O.R.A. club of the Orr School, another sold craft items, while the other sold some of the T-shirts, caps, jackets, etc., with the Bois Forte logo on them. The concession sponsored by Rosie Gams with the logo items also sponsored a drawing. Anyone who purchased a T-shirt or sweatshirt of \$20.00 value had their name put into this drawing. The winner would receive a jacket and cap, and...the winner was ...**HONORE' LEHTINEN**.

We (the Pow Wow Committee) would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and thanks to those who helped make the Pow Wow a success. First, to each of the Tribal Council Members, Gitchii Miigwetch!! Thank you, to our Chairman for his welcome speech to all our visiting participants. Thank you, to the several programs for your support and backing with your monetary and physical help provided. Also to the Nett Lake Police Recreation Fund Committee for the help with honorariums to the youth participants. We can't forget the S.O.R.A. club of the Orr School. They were a great help with the set-up, their concession, and the clean-up afterward. Another thanks, to Ray Toutloff and the 707 school district for the use of the school facilities. Once again, if we have left any one out, we apologize. If you did not attend this event, it was your loss. Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to the next Pow Wow. Hope to see each of you there.

Miigwetch!!!, from the Bois Forte Pow Wow Committee.



SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL PARTISAN AND NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA NOVEMBER 5, 1996

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS
TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE ARROW(S) POINTING TO YOUR CHOICE(S), LIKE THIS:

FEDERAL OFFICES	
U.S. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR ONE TEAM)	
PEROT and CHOATE REFORM PARTY	
DOLE and KEMP REPUBLICAN	
CLINTON and GORE DEMOCRATIC FARMER LABOR	
HAGELIN and TOMPKINS NATURAL LAW PARTY	
HARRIS and GARZA HALSTEAD SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY	
PHILLIPS and KNIGHT U.S. TAXPAYERS PARTY	
BROWNE and JORGENSEN LIBERTARIAN PARTY	
PERON and TROUTT GRASSROOTS PARTY	
BIRRENBACH and MCMAHON INDEPENDENT GRASSROOTS PARTY	
WHITE and MAZELIS SOCIALIST EQUALITY PARTY	
NADER and LADUKE GREEN PARTY MINNESOTA	
Write In, If Any	
UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)	
DEAN BARKLEY REFORM PARTY	
RUDY BOSCHWITZ REPUBLICAN	
PAUL D. WELLSTONE DEMOCRATIC FARMER LABOR	
TIM DAVIS GRASSROOTS PARTY	
HOWARD B. HANSON RESOURCE PARTY	
STEVE JOHNSON NATURAL LAW PARTY	
THOMAS A. FISKE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY	
ROY EZRA CARLTON LIBERTARIAN PARTY	
Write In, If Any	

FEDERAL OFFICES	
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 8 (VOTE FOR ONE)	
STAN (THE MAN) ESTES REFORM PARTY	
ANDY LARSON REPUBLICAN	
JAMES L. OBERSTAR DEMOCRATIC FARMER LABOR	
LARRY FUHOL LIBERTARIAN PARTY	
Write In, If Any	
STATE OFFICES	
STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 8 (VOTE FOR ONE)	
RYAN SEIDELMANN REFORM PARTY	
JERRY SHUSTER REPUBLICAN	
DOUGLAS J. "DOUG" JOHNSON DEMOCRATIC FARMER LABOR	
TIM KNOEDLER LIBERTARIAN PARTY	
Write In, If Any	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 6A (VOTE FOR ONE)	
DAWN MARKS REPUBLICAN	
THOMAS (TOM) BAKK DEMOCRATIC FARMER LABOR	
Write In, If Any	

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	
Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment, will have the same effect as voting no for the amendment.	
To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, complete the arrow next to the word "YES" below the proposition. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, complete the arrow next to the word "NO".	
FIRST TO AUTHORIZE BONUS FOR PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS	
"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to permit the payment of bonuses to veterans of the Persian Gulf War?"	
	YES
	NO
SECOND TO PROVIDE FOR RECALL OF ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS	
"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide for recall of elected state officers for wrongdoing?"	
	YES
	NO

COUNTY OFFICES	
NORTH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR DISTRICT III TWO Year Term (VOTE FOR ONE)	
Write In, If Any	
NORTH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR DISTRICT IV SIX Year Term (VOTE FOR ONE)	
JIM DEVRIES	
JAN TAKALA	
Write In, If Any	
NORTH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR DISTRICT V SIX Year Term (VOTE FOR ONE)	
ROY KORSMAN	
Write In, If Any	

- MORSE TOWNSHIP
CITY OF ELY PRECINCT 02
CITY OF ELY PRECINCT 04
GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP
CITY OF ELY PRECINCT 03
CITY OF ELY PRECINCT 01
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP
CITY OF COOK
BEATTY TOWNSHIP
LEIDING TOWNSHIP
FIELD TOWNSHIP
CITY OF ORR
WAASA TOWNSHIP
OWENS TOWNSHIP
CITY OF WINTON
EAGLE'S NEST TOWNSHIP
PORTAGE TOWNSHIP
UNORGANIZED 18
UNORGANIZED PRECINCT 16
AULT TOWNSHIP
WILLOW VALLEY TOWNSHIP
FAIRBANKS TOWNSHIP
UNORGANIZED 84-12
BAGGETT TOWNSHIP
UNORGANIZED 68-18
UNORGANIZED 63-14
UNORGANIZED 65-16

JUDICIAL OFFICES	
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE (3) SUPREME COURT (VOTE FOR ONE)	
PAUL H. ANDERSON Incumbent	
JOHN REMINGTON GRAHAM Incumbent	
Write In, If Any	
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE (5) SUPREME COURT (VOTE FOR ONE)	
ROGER A. PETERSON Incumbent	
EDWARD C. STRINGER Incumbent	
Write In, If Any	
JUDGE (1) - COURT OF APPEALS (VOTE FOR ONE)	
EDWARD TOUSSAINT, JR. Incumbent	
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JUDGE (5) - COURT OF APPEALS (VOTE FOR ONE)	
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JUDGE (8) - COURT OF APPEALS (VOTE FOR ONE)	
THOMAS J. KALITOWSKI Incumbent	
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ROGER M. KLAPHAKE Incumbent	
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HARRIET LANSING Incumbent	
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ROBERT M. SCHUMACHER Incumbent	
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MARIANNE D. SHORT Incumbent	
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DAVID E. ACKERSON Incumbent	
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ROBERT F. BERGER Incumbent	
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JUDGE 3 - SIXTH DISTRICT COURT (VOTE FOR ONE)	
ROBERT E. MACAULAY Incumbent	
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JUDGE 4 - SIXTH DISTRICT COURT (VOTE FOR ONE)	
TERRY C. HALLENBECK Incumbent	
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JUDGE 7 - SIXTH DISTRICT COURT (VOTE FOR ONE)	
GARY J. PAGLIACCETTI Incumbent	
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JUDGE 8 - SIXTH DISTRICT COURT (VOTE FOR ONE)	
CAROL M. PERSON Incumbent	
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JUDGE 15 - SIXTH DISTRICT COURT (VOTE FOR ONE)	
DALE A. WOLF Incumbent	
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Smoking Kills



- Smoking killed about 417,000 Americans in 1990
- Smoking is linked to 175,000 to 200,000 of all heart and blood vessel disease deaths
- Smoking costs the U.S. about \$50 billion in annual medical care
- Every day about 3,000 young Americans start smoking



Dear Bois Forte Tribal Council Employee:

The upcoming state general election on Tuesday, November 5 is probably one of the most important elections in many years. This year, all 201 legislative seats are up for election, one S. Senate seat and all eight Congressional seats--your voice and your vote will be critical.

The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council encourages all our employees to take an active role in the 1996 election season. Therefore, Tribal employees who wish to vote may leave work at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, November 5, and after voting take the rest of the day off. Program and business managers who supervise essential employees are requested to come up with a plan to allow their employees time to vote, sometime between the polling hours of 7 AM to 8 PM on Tuesday, November 5th.

Remember that if you are not registered to vote, you may register at the polls on election day. You will need to bring some I.D. with your address or someone to vouch for your residency. It is very important that Bois Forte's voice be heard through the ballot box. Bois Forte members who reside on the reservation at Nett Lake, may vote at the Community Center. Those who reside in Tower may vote at the Greenwood Town Hall. Please join us in making important choices for Minnesota and voting in the November 5 general election. We need your help to get the attention of law makers during this critical time of cutbacks of Federal responsibilities and obligations. Thank you.

Sample ballots, how to get rides to the polls, candidate brochures and other information is available at the Tribal Council building or contact Donna Hoffer, at 218/757-3261.

Sincerely,

BOIS FORTE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

/s/ *Clint Landgren*

Clint Landgren

Chairman

CL:dmh

Nelson Act. Often, timber was sold separately for a certain sum, and the land was sold after the timber had been cut. Most of the MCT claims stem from suspicions that the land and timber were not sold at going rates, and that the money that went into the trust fund was misspent by the federal government. There are a few claims in the dockets that relate to sales or loss of Chippewa land under statutes other than the Nelson Act, but the bulk of the claims relate to the Nelson Act.

Legal Issues: Although the cases have a large number of complex sub-issues, there are two overriding general issues.

1. **Accounting claims:** These claims allege that the United States never properly "accounted" to the MCT for how money was collected for land sales, deposited in the treasury for the benefit of the tribe, and spent for the benefit of the tribe under the terms of the Nelson Act. The MCT suspected that if the money could be properly tracked, it would be seen that the tribe lost interest by the money not being efficiently collected and deposited. It also suspected that some of the money that found its way into the Chippewa "trust" fund for MCT Bands was badly administered or misspent by the United States. (Over time, about \$21 million was spent out of the trust fund for the supposed benefit of MCT Bands.) In order to prove damages, the tribe had to cross two major barriers. First, it had to receive a proper "accounting" showing how the money was handled a hundred years ago and how it was spent. Then it had to be able to prove on the basis of that accounting that a specific amount of money was mishandled or misspent. The money damages would be the amount actually mishandled or misspent.

2. **Land Value Claims:** These claims allege that when the United States sold the land (either to non-Indians or to itself) it sold it too cheaply--under its fair market value at the time. Underlying this claim was the suspicion that the appraisal, scaling, auction, and general sales process set up by the Nelson Act was fraudulently or negligently carried out. The tribe claimed it should have gotten more money for the land than it actually got. In order to prove damages here, the tribe had to cross two more barriers. First, it had to receive a proper "accounting" of how much money was actually received for the timber and land on each 40 acre parcel (over 100,000 of such parcels), then it had to prove that at the time of the sale (late 1800's and early 1900's) the value of the timber and land on such parcels was substantially more than was received. The money damages would be the difference between the "real" value and what was actually received. (Note: the law allows no interest on this kind of damage.)

Difficulties of Proof: For decades, the United States would not provide the MCT with detailed "accountings" of receipts from land sales, the deposits of such receipts, or the disbursements from the trust fund. The tribe had to hire experts to try to create these accountings from available records. The tribe also had to try to figure out, in a way provable in court, what the "real" value of the timber and land on each affected 40 acre parcel was--over 100 years ago. The tribe has spent about \$2 million on these issues.

When the United States recently provided raw data on these issues to the MCT, the data consisted of about a million documents related to disbursements and thousands of pages of printouts related to receipts from land and timber sales. Receipt of the data is only the first step. The data then has to be analyzed to see if there really were any mistakes made in the

handling and disbursement of the money, and the sale of the land and timber.

Settlement: The proposed settlement would give the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe \$20 million in damages for all of its claims in the Court of Federal Claims. The cases would be dismissed, and the tribe would have nothing more pending in the claims court in Washington, D.C. The parties would present the court with a stipulation for settlement, signed by the attorneys for the Tribe and the United States. The judge would issue a final court judgment in the case, based on the stipulation. The settlement stipulation would identify the money amount to be awarded and would specifically state that the tribe is giving up all the claims identified in the dockets--which means all money claims based on the sale or loss of its land under the Nelson Act. The figure of \$20 million is a fair one, based on the mature, age, complexity, and proof problems associated with the MCT case.

Process: The MCT must ratify the terms of settlement and authorize its attorney to sign a settlement stipulation with the United States. The Justice Department lawyers must similarly obtain a formal authorization from suitable U.S. officials to sign a stipulation. Although the formal authorization from the U.S. bureaucracy will probably not come for a couple of weeks yet, the Justice Department lawyers in charge of the case have agreed to the settlement figure, have been keeping the appropriate officials involved in the process, and have been told to go ahead with forming a detailed stipulation. After a stipulation is signed, the parties go to court to get the judge to issue a suitable order. Money should be deposited in a trust account for the benefit of the MCT. Before it is actually released, the Secretary of the Interior has to present Congress with a plan for the use and distribution of the funds. Congress has an opportunity to intervene in the process but seldom does.

A public meeting will be scheduled in the near future on the Bois Forte Reservation, that will allow you input into a settlement decision. Legal council and tribal staff will be present to answer any questions you may have. This is informational at this point, watch for notices of the public meetings.

Dockets 19 and 188 news...



David C. Morrison, RTC Sec'y-Treas.

Several months ago, I submitted an article in this newspaper regarding the Federal Claims Court Case Dockets 19 and 188. This article is to briefly summarize and update readers of this article on developments since then....

Title: Minnesota Chippewa Tribe v. United States

Court: United States Court of Federal Claims, Washington, D.C. **Docket No. 19 and Docket No. 188**

When Started: One case was filed in 1948 and one case was filed in 1951.

Where Filed: The cases were brought before the Indian Claims Commission. This Commission was set up in 1946 to try to resolve lingering claims of tribes that they had not received fair compensation for lands that had been taken from them. The Commission had jurisdiction to hear claims that involved general "unfairness" and "dishonorable dealing" with tribes by the United States, as well as claims that could be made under strictly legal principles. The reason for this was that many tribal claims for money damages could not be proved under traditional principles of law, or in fact had been rejected by courts previously. (Many of the MCT claims in Docket 19 and 188 had been dismissed in the 1920's and 1930's

under traditional legal principles.)

The Indian Claims Commission was abolished in 1978. The MCT claims in Docket 19 and 188 had never gotten resolved by the Indian Claims Commission. When the Commission was closed down in 1978, the claims were transferred to the United States Claims Court, which later was renamed the United States Court of Federal Claims. They have remained in the claims court system ever since.

Money Claims: It is important to realize that these claims since the beginning have only been for money damages. That is the only kind of relief that the law allows and is the only kind of relief that was allowed to be asked for under the Indian Claims Commission Act. The United States has not been sued to get Chippewa land returned, and the United States cannot be sued to get Chippewa land returned. The only way to obtain land is through congressional legislation. Settlement of these cases do not pose a choice between money and land. It poses only a choice between money and no money.

Complexity: These are among the last handful of cases still remaining from the Indian Claims Commission. They have been acknowledged by the Court of Claims to be among the most difficult and complex cases before the court. That is probably one of the reasons they have never been resolved.

Factual Background: Most of the issues in the MCT cases stem from the Nelson Allotment Act, passed by Congress in 1889. Under the terms of that Act (in very simplified summary), lands on the MCT reservations was taken from tribal ownership and sold to non-Indians (except that some lands were allotted to tribal members) or sold to the federal government itself. Over 600,000 acres of land were lost to the tribal reservations in this way. The tribe was compensated for the land by receiving--in a trust fund--the proceeds of the sales. A complex system of land and timber sales was created by the

ATTENTION VETERANS! WE NEED YOU!

Veterans living on or nearby Nett Lake and Vermilion have expressed an interest in forming an Honor Guard which will participate in military rites for burials on the reservation.

To date, we have held two meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, at the Vermilion Social Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend. You may call Effie Drift at 757-3790 or Dick Wilkie at 757-3237 if you have any questions.

Community members, please watch for fundraising events for uniforms for the Honor Guard. We will need your participation in our fundraising efforts.

* Health News

Contract Health.....



**Cathy Chavers, Contract Health
85 Mile Radius Policy**

Effective October 1, 1993, the Bois Forte Contract Health Program increased the 30 mile radius policy to 85 mile radius. What this means is individuals in Nett Lake, Orr, Gheen, Crane Lake, Cook, Virginia, Eveleth, Ely, International Fall, Tower or 85 miles from Nett Lake must use the Bois Forte Medical Clinic for their routine care. Examples of routine care are physicals, immunizations, non-emergency services, etc. If a person chooses to go to an outside facility for services that available at the Nett Lake/Tower Clinic(s), Contract Health will deny that particular claim and the patient will then be responsible for payment.

72 HOUR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

All eligible CHS participants are required to report to the CHS office within 72 hours any emergencies (in-patient and out-patient). For example, your daughter is running a high temperature on Saturday night, she is only 6 months old, and you take her to the emergency room at your nearest hospital. On Monday, you should call the CHS office and make us aware of this emergency visit. Notifications on emergencies is within 72 hours.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS:

Effective October 1, 1993 all out-patient visits and surgeries, IP stays, etc., will require prior authorization. For example, your son has an appointment at Duluth Clinic for a follow-up visit from a broken arm. You need to call the CHS office to get prior authorization to have Contract Health pay on this visit. If you go in to the appointment and call after the fact, CHS will deny for payment, it must be prior to the appointment. Failure to notify the Contract Health office for prior authorization will result in the denying of claims.

LIST OF PROVIDERS - CHS

- COOK**
Cook Area Health Services
Cook Community Hospital
Cook Optical
ELY
Duluth Clinic - Ely
- INT'L FALLS**
Duluth Clinic - Falls
- LITTLEFORK**
Littlefork Clinic
- MPLS/ST. PAUL**
Univ. of MN Hospital & Clinic
St. Paul Ramsey Medical Ctr
- STAPLES**
Twin City Optical - Glasses

- VIRGINIA**
East Range Clinic
Virginia Reg. Med. Center
Kathleen Sulentich
Charles Tietz
Don H. Sipola - Optometrist:
- HIBBING**
Mesaba Clinic
Duluth Clinic - Adams
Univ. Med. Ctr. Mesabi
- DULUTH**
Duluth Clinic
St. Mary's Med. Center
St. Luke's Hospital
Duluth Radiologists
- CHISHOLM**
Dr. Gary Jensen - Optometrist
Duluth Clinic - Chisholm
- LIST OF PHARMACIES - CHS**
Duluth Clinic Pharmacy
400 East Third Street
Duluth, MN 55805
East Range Pharmacy
910 6th Avenue North
Virginia, MN 55792
James Drug Store
101 East Chapman Street
Ely, MN 55731
Martilla Drug
P.O. Box 446
Tower, MN 55790
City Drug
Box 111, 314 Third Street
Intn'l Falls, MN 56649
Littlefork Pharmacy
Box N, Main Street
Littlefork, MN 56653
Frank's Pharmacy
Box 1148 Cook, MN 55723
International Drug
1105 Third Avenue
Intn'l Falls, MN 56649
Jon's Drug Store
318 Grant Avenue
Eveleth, MN 55734
Martinetto Drug
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Ely, MN 55731
Pamida Pharmacy
1101 E. 37th Street
Hibbing, MN 55746
Target Pharmacy
1001 13th St S
Virginia, MN 55792

A new Nurse.



Sandra Marcy, Family Nurse Practitioner
Living in northern Minnesota and working with IHS has been a dream that has finally come true for me. I feel very fortunate to be

working at the Bois Forte Clinic. The countryside is beautiful and the people are friendly.

I grew up in rural Missouri. After high school, I became a Licensed Practical Nurse. About 15 years later I decided to increase my stress level and in 1993 I earned my Bachelor's in Nursing from the University of Missouri with my speciality area being Family Nurse Practitioner.

For the last three years I have been working in a rural health clinic in northeastern Missouri. That area was not even close to being as scenic (or friendly) as here.

I am married. My husband, Tom, is still in Missouri. He teaches computer science at a small liberal arts college. We're hoping he will join me this spring. We have three grown daughters and four wonderful grandchildren.

The area of my practice that I enjoy and focus on is women's health. This includes

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.

PA's, breast exams, and women's health issues.

My free time activities include fishing, hiking, canoeing, camping, cross country skiing, sewing, gardening and simply doing nothing.

Once again, I'm glad to be here. I hope I can serve this community well.

Ambulance news....



Marcella Connor, Ambulance Director
Refresher class was held during the month of August and October for the EMT's that needed recertification for the next two years. They are Allan Connor, Janice Connor, Les Connor, David Danz, Billie Mason, Kris Salmela, Teresa Strong, Miranda Villebrun and Marcella Connor. This is a required course for the Medical Emergency Technicians. Doris Isham, Teresa Morrison, and Julie Whiteman recertified last year, and have one year before they are required to take the refresher class again.

The practical portion of this class consists of assessing the patient and reporting what the probable cause of illness is before determining if the patient needs rapid transport. Each EMT is required to pass

these skill stations before they can take the written test. If the EMT fails any of the skill stations they may take the practical test the same day or reschedule for another day. The written portion is a 150 question test that takes approximately an hour and a half.

This year the State of Minnesota Department of Health mandated that members of the Ambulance Service must take an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course to operate the ambulance. This is a twelve (12) hour course consisting of 4 hours of class room lecture and four (4) hours of driving techniques on a obstacle course. The EMT's and drivers were scheduled to take this portion of the class at Chisholm. Everyone had a great time because it turned out to be the fun portion of the class. The remaining four (4) hours will be scheduled in the Spring for the skid and icy road portion. Everyone will pass this course, unless the instructor is incapacitated by the driver of the ambulance or cannot attend the class.

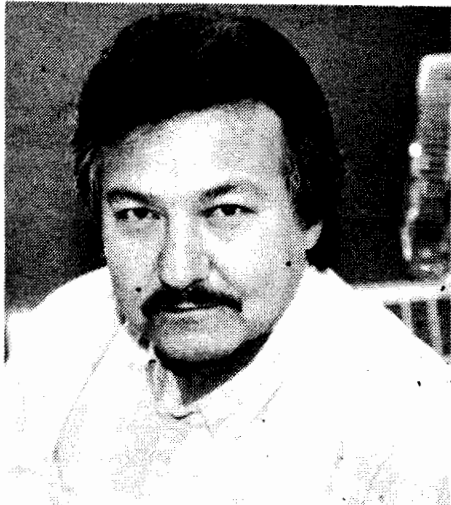
Three persons have started the 110 hour Emergency Medical Technician course in Littlefork. They are Ellen King, Lela Goodsky, and Mike Connor. Others were signed up but could not attend because of prior commitments. They will be making the round trip two (2) nights a week for the next two months. Class sessions are held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each night.

If you want a place in the sun, prepare to put up with a few blisters.

—Abigail Van Buren

NOVEMBER 1996 CLINIC SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Lance Hardwig 10-4 Ray & Sandra TVC	2
3	4 Dr. Berlin 10-4 Ray AL	5 Sandra Marcy NLC 9-3 Ex. Bd. Mtg. Ray AL	6 Dr. Helleloid 10-4 Ray AL	7 Sandra Marcy NLC 9-3 Ray AL	8 Lance Hardwig 10-4 Ray AL	9
10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Dr. Johnson 10-4 Sandra Marcy NLC	13 Ray NLC 9-3 Sandra Marcy NLC	14 Dr. Knaak 10-4 Sandra Marcy NLC	15 Ray & Bette TVC	16
17	18 Ray NLC 9-3 Sandra Marcy NLC	19 Dr. Vergeldt 10-4	20 Ray NLC 9-3 Sandra Marcy NLC	21 Ray NLC 9-3 Sandra Marcy NLC	22 TVC Ray & Bette flu shots	23
24	25 Dr. Card 10-4	26 Staff mtg. Ray NLC 9-3 Sandra Marcy NLC	27 Dr. Helleloid 10-4	28 Holiday	29	30



Gary Adams, Director, Human Services

We have at this point developed a Welfare Reform Committee at Bois Forte. The committee is broken down into six (6) sections. Henry Beaudy is the coordinator of the committee. The sections include:

1. **Child care.** This will be handled by Judy Anderson.
2. **Child welfare.** Susan Strand will handle this area.
3. **Child support.** Ken Badboy will handle this area.
4. **Medical assistance.** Kathie Holman will handle this area.
5. **Food stamps/commode.** Mavis Drift will handle this area.
6. **JOBS.** This is run by the JOBS program out of Cass Lake, Bonnie Lowe is the director and they have a satellite program in Virginia. This is Linda Troseth housed at AEOA phone number (800) 662-5711. Linda Tibbets-Barto will coordinate this area.

So welfare reform ends an era and begins another. The landmark federal welfare reform bill enacted by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton in August marks the most significant change in social service in the past 60 years. By ending federal entitlement to poor families and replacing Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) with a block grant to the states, the federal government is making the most dramatic alteration since enacting the Social Security Act of 1935, according to Assistant Commissioner Deborah Huskins.

Under the law:

- = Recipients face a five-year lifetime limit for assistance.
- = Most parents must work after two years of assistance.
- = State work requirements begin in federal fiscal year 1997 with 25 percent of all families required to partake in work activities, and increase to 50 percent in 2002.
- = States may use their own funds to provide assistance after the five-year limit is reached.

For those who are not U.S. citizens:

- = Legal non-citizens who arrive after the bill in enacted will not be eligible to receive benefits for their first five years in the United States.
- = Refugees, people who have been granted asylum and certain other noncitizens will be eligible for benefits for five years after they arrive in the United States.
- = Legal noncitizens will lose Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and food stamps unless they qualify under another category such as having worked for more than 40 quarters or having status as a refugee. Legal noncitizens may continue receiving Medicaid, cash assistance and Title XX social services money--if they are in these programs on the date the bill is enacted--until January 01, 1997. States have the option to continue to provide benefits after this time.
- = Illegal immigrants are barred from receiving most federal benefits.

For food stamp recipients:

- = Able-bodied individuals, ages 18 to 50 without children, may receive food stamps for only three months in a 36-month period unless they are working 20 hours a week or participating in a work program.
- = Laid off workers may receive food stamps for an additional three months in a 36 month period.

The bill also contains stronger enforcement tools to collect child support between states.

Minnesota has many of the provisions, including requiring employers to report new employees to the state to match the information with child support obligations and suspending driver's licenses of delinquent parents.

Community Injury Prevention

On October 23, 1996 the Community Injury Prevention Committee held a meeting at the Health Services Conference Room. This committee holds a meeting every three months to discuss problems that effect the community as a whole.

Cathy Chavers informed the committee that Tower was allocated \$3,775.00 to fund a DUI/DWI program for their community. This is funded through the Indian Health Services.

Other information brought to the committee included:

The survey taken the past summer on bicycle helmet use on the reservation. Percentages for helmet use on the reservation was very poor.

Results of the Native American Home Safety Checklist was made available to the committee. This was a survey taken by the CHR's to homes of the elders. This was data collected from 31 households.

Carbon Monoxide detectors were installed in the elders homes. Several of the detectors were returned and exchanged because of faulty readings.

Streetlights, Stop signs, Speed limits signs, and School Zone signs were discussed to help prevent injurious incidents.

Ray Villebrun will ask Al Neveaux, 1854 Conservation Officer to instruct a snowmobile safety class in the near future. This will help the snowmobilers to take precautions when out and about during the snowmobiling season.

Some of the Safety projects that will be looked into are:

Drivers of automobiles with babies held on their laps, not being in a car seat, or seat belts not being used for children.

Training on the use of fire extinguishers.

Safety at the intersection of Highway #53 and County Road #23, near the Dam Supper Club. This intersection is very unsafe due to the cars parked at the Dam Supper Club and the traffic that is turning onto the Nett Lake Road. Sometimes when a person is signaling to turn it is not known if they are going to the Dam or onto County Road #23.

Stop signs need to be installed at the intersection of Bois Forte Road and Highway #77 at Tower. Speed limit signs are needed on Farm Road and Bois Forte Road. Stop signs, possibly a three way stop needs to be put up at the intersection of Bois Forte Road and the Fortune Bay Casino Entrance Road.

The dog leash law was once again brought to the attention of the committee. This has been a problem with owners that do not think that they need to obey this law.

The next meeting will be held on January 23, 1997. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to be brought to the attention of the committee please feel free to write a letter or call the Health Services, 757-3295 and ask for Cathy Chavers or Marcella Connor.

Susan Strand w/statistics....

+ Nationwide, as many as one in five children (up to 20%) have emotional problems that, without help, can lead to school failure, drug use, family discord or violence. For Minnesota, this means up to 233,582 children may be experiencing emotional problems. Nationwide, less than 1/3 of those who need help are getting it. For Minnesota, this means up to 155,721 unserved children. There is a critical need to ensure the emotional well-being of our children and to encourage early intervention and treatment when problems arise (SAMHSA News Vol.I, No.2, Spring 1995).

+ Nationwide, suicide was the ninth (9th) leading cause of death overall in 1992; for youth 15-24 years of age, suicide was the third (3rd) leading cause of death. Studies indicate that 7 out of 10 adolescents have considered suicide. In Minnesota, suicides among young people 15-19 years of age comprised 20% (1992) and 17% (1993) of all deaths in their age group. The suicide rate (number of deaths/100,000) for young people 10-14 years of age in Minnesota is about twice the national average. Firearms are being used in greater numbers to complete suicides (Minnesota Department of Health, 1995).


+ The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed recent increases in drug use among youth ages 12-17. These increases represent a turnaround after years of decline. Findings reveal many of the young substance abusers are experiencing significant problems because of their use. The most frequently reported problems were arguments or fights with family or friends and difficulty thinking clearly (SAMHSA News, Vol.I, No.2, Spring 1995).

+ 10,000 Minnesota youth experience at least one episode of homelessness over the course of the year. On any given night, approximately 500 unaccompanied youth (17 years or younger) are without permanent shelter. Homeless African American youth are disproportionately represented in the Metro area as are American Indians in greater Minnesota. More than one-third (37.5%) of all homeless youth have been recently told by a doctor or nurse that they have a serious mental health problem. (Wilder Foundation, Minnesota Statewide Survey of Persons Without Permanent Shelter, Vol II, Unaccompanied Youth, 1995).

+ Juvenile case filings in Minnesota have steadily increased over the past few years. In 1994, over 52,000 petitions were filed, a 40% increase since 1990. Juvenile cases include delinquency, status offenses, children in need of protection (CHIPS), and termination of parental rights (TPR). Since 1990, delinquency filings have increased substantially while filings in the other categories have increased slightly or held steady. For males, delinquency represents the largest proportion (68%) of petitions filed, followed by status offenses (24%), CHIPS (7%), and TPR (1%). Greater than 37,000 petitions (71%), involved males. For females, delinquency cases comprise forty-two percent (42%) of petitions filed, followed by status offenses (38%), CHIPS (17%) and TPR (3%). Approximately 15,000 petitions (29%) involved females (Department of Corrections, 1995).

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Medical miracles
start with research



American Heart Association
Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke

NOVEMBER 1996 DENTAL SCHEDULE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Dr. Sunday 8:30-3:30 Val - hygiene	2
3	4 8:30-3:30 Val	5 Dr. Sunday Exec. Bd. Val	6 8:30-3:30 Val	7 TVC	8 8:30-3:30	9
10	11 Holiday Veteran's Day	12 8:30-3:30	13 8:30-3:30 Val	14 TVC	15 8:30-3:30	16
17	18 8:30-3:30	19 8:30-3:30	20 8:30-3:30	21 TVC	22 8:30-3:30	23
24	25 8:30-3:30	26 8:30-3:30	27 Dr. Sunday	28 Holiday Thanksgiving	29 Dr. Sunday A/L	30

• Susan Strand

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+ **Minnesota schools, in 1994, identified 16,347 children as having emotional and behavioral disorders (EDB).** This represents about 1.8% of the total school population. Generally speaking, educational outcomes are poorer for EBD students than they are for students in other disability groups. This includes lower achievement, poorer graduation rates, higher incarceration rates, and lower employment rates. Of the children identified as EBD in Minnesota, a disproportionate 15.5% are children of color and 80% are male. Trends suggest that those youth who experience internalizing disorders such as anxiety, depression, and school phobia, are less likely to be identified and receive service (Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning, 1994).

+ **In 1993, 18,673 children experienced out-of-home placements;** a fifty-nine percent (59%) increase since 1984. Sixty-one percent (61%) of Minnesota counties reported an increase since 1991. Slightly over half of the children in out-of-home placements are in foster family homes; an additional 25% are in emergency shelters and the remainder are primarily in group homes or residential treatment facilities. The child welfare system is not placing children only for reasons of abuse and neglect. In 1993, thirty-nine percent (39%) of children entering placements were reported to have done so because of delinquency, a status offense, a behavior problem, or other conduct-related reason. Children of color are more likely to be in out-of-home placement than are white children. The extent of this over representation varies among communities, but is present across cultures in both urban and rural counties (Minnesota KIDS COUNT, Fall 1995).

+ **Data shows that 2% of our seriously emotionally disabled children use 1/3 of the available monies;** the next 12-13% of emotionally disturbed children use the second 1/3 of available monies. The remaining 1/3 of available monies must then serve the remaining 85% of children.

+ **In Minnesota, the Department of Human Services and counties spent \$79 million for public mental health services in 1993. Local school districts spent \$87.5 million in federal and state monies for EBD services in school year 93-94.** To contain costs, the State is encouraging

- 1) Promotion of early intervention and prevention efforts;
- 2) Development of an array of community-based services;
- 3) Promotion of collaboration among service systems; and
- 4) Development of a managed care system to provide more efficient and effective services (Department of Human Services, 1995).

Note: Data from Minnesota's rural, suburban and urban counties show that key indicators of general child well-being are worse than they were 5-10 years ago. Family Economics data show that between 1980 and 1990, the percentage of children living in poverty grew from 10.2% to 12.4% (an increase of 21.6%) and the percentage of children living in single parent families grew from 11.8% to 16.2% (an increase of 37.3%). Birth Circumstances data show that between 1986 and 1991 the rate of births to unmarried parents rose by 36.8%; births to mothers under age 18 rose by 8%; and births to mothers with fewer than 12 years of education rose by 12.4%. During the same period, the percent of babies with a low birth weight increased 6%. Signs of Trouble data show

that the number of children for whom neglect and abuse were substantiated rose from 7,760 in 1986 to 10,224 in 1991 (a 31.8% increase) and the percentage of crimes against people committed by children grew by 13.8% between 1987 and 1991. The "white-out, effect of Minnesota's overwhelmingly European American population masks the plight of children of color.

Nett Lakers in the NEWS..... BUILDING A BUSINESS



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Lyle Lumbar's small company has thrived in the construction industry; a joint venture business partnership with a larger firm is helping him generate more revenue.

By Lee Egerstrom, Staff Writer

It takes five years of apprenticeship to become a journey-man pipefitter. But for Lyle Lumbar, it took 18 years working for others as a pipefitter to gain the business knowledge and bravery to strike out on his own.

Lumbar owns Lumbar Mechanical Contracting, a Minneapolis-based construction company that is at work on construction projects large and small throughout the Upper Midwest.

The biggest is a mechanical contracting project - involving plumbing, heating and air conditioning work - at a 150-room hotel being built for Treasure Island Casino at Prairie Island. This \$2.3 million contract will boost Lumbar's revenue to between \$4 million and \$5 million this year.

Previously, Lumbar's biggest project was the mechanical contracting work on the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel. His firm was part of general contractor Kraus-Anderson Construction's team that completed the hotel - "under budget and three months early," he notes.

Altin Paulson, president of Marketplace Productions in St. Paul and a founder of the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce, says Hilton executives were effusive in praising the contractors and their employees at the Hilton's opening.

"They said the cost and speed of the project were both new experiences for the hotel chain," Paulson says.

But Lumbar, who was born and raised at the Nett Lake Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota, says the biggest break for his 11-year-old company came from Indian tribes building casinos and gaining wealth to plan various building projects.

Lumbar Mechanical has worked on most of the casinos and resorts built by area Indian tribes in recent years.

"The Indians want to work with Indian-owned businesses when they can," says Lumbar. "But you don't just get the contract." He laughs, "The Indians look at

Eight and one half percent (8.5%) of Minnesota's children are children of color. Minnesota KIDS COUNT found children of color far more likely than children of European descent to be poor (45.1 % vs 9.7%); to be born at low birth weight (9.1 % vs 4.9%); and to drop out of school (10.3% vs 2.8%) (Minnesota KIDS COUNT, 1994)

the bottom line too."

Knutson Construction, of Golden Valley, is the general contractor for the \$13 million Treasure Island hotel project. Knutson, in turn, is using several Indian-owned construction companies besides Lumbar's, for dry-wall installation and steel and cable erection. The project was designed by an Indian-owned architectural firm.

"You only get the business because you've proven what you can do," Lumbar says. Lumbar has a joint venture business arrangement with Kraus-Anderson for jointly bidding construction projects.

"You learn what your partners can do. When you do, you can work together to bid projects so there are no surprises," he says. At the same time, Lumbar says he regrets he hasn't done a construction deal with Shingobee Builders, the Loretto-based general contracting firm owned by prominent Indian business woman Gae Veit.

"So far we've always ended up in competing bids," he says. "Some day we're going to work something out with her."

Lumbar says he is proud of the arrangement with Kraus-Anderson because it is built on trust and past performance. "This is the way big business operates. We are small, but we can have a part of the action by doing the same things the larger contractors do."

"I contract out to other companies the things I can't do; the big companies contract out the things they can't do well," he says.

This arrangement mirrors changes occurring throughout the industrialized world. Large companies are increasingly turning to strategic partners - typically, smaller company operators - for services or access to supplies.

By doing so, the large companies are lowering what business professors and economists call "transaction costs," or the costs incurred to ensure that people and firms live up to contract obligations. Strategic partners enforce contract terms because fulfilling today's project helps assure another project tomorrow.

This is business practice, not theory, to a subcontractor on multimillion-dollar construction projects. But Lumbar does get to expound about business principles as well. "I do talk about business and business opportunities to Indian youth," he says, although his mild-mannered personality doesn't make him comfortable in the limelight. "Al (Paulson) and some of the other business owners are always finding ways to push me."

He's participated in programs at Indian schools. And he's worked with Junior Achievement programs with Minneapolis young people.

Personal reasons, he says, made him willing to step forward.

"I don't remember seeing another Indian around when I started working as a pipefitter in 1967," he says. "Now I might have 40 people out on jobs, and 15 or 20 of them will be Indians."

Lumbar says he knows all the business agents for the respective building trade unions, and they "are pretty supportive of what I'm trying to do" in trying to find employment for Indians.

The number of Indians employed in the building trades has seen a fairly large increase, he adds. And a surprisingly high number of Indian business owners have contracting companies in the Upper Midwest.

There are personal reasons why this is important for Lumbar. James, one of his three children, is completing an apprenticeship program as a pipefitter working for another company.

Smiling with family pride, Lyle Lumbar says, "We might get Jim back into the company one of these days."

Heather Villebrun, AmeriCorps Worker

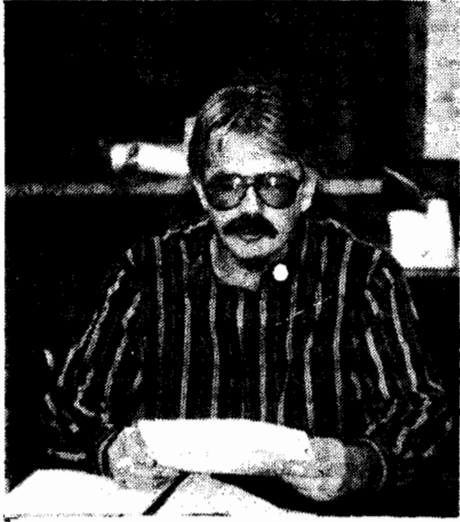
Hello, my name is Heather Villebrun. I am working with the AmeriCorps program in the Environmental Department on a recycling program for the RTC and Health offices. I am writing this article to inform you of what Darin Steen, my program supervisor, and I are going to put together in our community. Over the last week and a half, Darin and I have been doing research on recycling and waste reduction programs from other communities finding information and statistics we can use for our own program. We recently did research on waste generation in our own community and this is what we found. Last year, the RTC office generated 154.5 cubic yards of waste totalling 11.6 tons and the Health office generated 148.5 cubic yards of waste totalling 11.2 tons of waste. The statistics show that as much as 50-90 % of office waste is recyclable paper products such as newspapers, junk mail, and other office papers. Our goal is to try to get our offices to recycle 50 % of their waste focusing on paper, plastics, and aluminum cans. This will be accomplished by having paper recycling bins in each office and centrally located containers for the other recyclables. But first we would like to see what our employees would like and what they think would best suit their needs to help make this work for everyone. There are going to be a lot of benefits by starting this program and we will probably find out more after we actually start the collection part of the program. Some of the immediate benefits we will see are:

- = Improving employee awareness of recycling information
- = Saving money by reducing the cost of garbage disposal
- = Reducing the amount of waste going into the regional landfill

I recently conducted a survey of the two offices and found that 100% of the employees surveyed thought it would be beneficial to start an office recycling program and would be willing to participate in the program. I have also been working on gathering information for the education part of the program and making up flyers of statistics and facts on recycling and how it has worked for others. Darin and I are really excited to start collecting and evaluating the progress from this program and hopefully it will be a successful one. If so, we will then attempt to begin a recycling program for the school and the entire community, which will be a more challenging but worthwhile task.



David Danz's column.....



David Danz, Reservation Planner

Oh how sweet it is. We received a call from Ann Olson, an aide to Senator Wellstone that the Bois Forte application for funding under the HUD Community Development Block Grant program has been awarded in the amount of \$300,000. Readers may recall that this application was submitted to provide partial financing for the Senior Assisted Living Center planned for Nett Lake. This award provides is a significant step forward to making this project a reality. We are now seeking additional financing in the form of a low interest loan from a federal agency known as Rural Development. The Tribal Council currently has a pre-application in to this agency in the amount of \$500,000. Two representatives were in Nett Lake recently to see the site and outline further steps associated with securing this financing. They appeared genuinely excited about participating in this project as housing and serving the elderly are agency priorities. Our mutual target date for wrapping up financing is the first of the year. Very exciting stuff.

If all goes well the Senior Assisted Living Center will be in the architectural design phase this later this winter. Construction would then be able to begin as the season

allows in the spring with completion by this time next fall. The site selected for the project is on the old ballfield in Nett Lake. Very beautiful site overlooking the lake. As currently planned the facility will consist of eight individual apartments, a central community room with small kitchen, a laundry area for residents, and a nurses station so that care and assistance may be offered the residents right in their building.

There has been considerable involvement of the community in planning this project. A number of elders have played an active role in the planning stages to date. It is gratifying to work on project that has the involvement and concern of resident elders. I do wish to state that this project has been a particular priority of Doris Isham's throughout her term of office. Recognizing that a project of this size is the work of many people under the direction of the entire Tribal Council, Doris deserves specific mention as she has been a very strong advocate for this project all along.

In other news, work should resume on the new Nett Lake cemetery soon. To date the road has been constructed. The other day Floyd Morrison, Jr Landgren and I went out and staked the area. Portage construction will be coming in to prepare the site. The cemetery should be complete next summer. We also received a site visit from a rep from the State Department of Natural Resources. They have provided financial assistance under two separate grants for the construction of the ballfield at Lake Vermilion and the ballfield and pow-wow grounds in Nett Lake. He was satisfied with our work on these projects.

A number of us have been busy with EMT classes to maintain our State and national licenses. They call this re-fresher class. Lotsa work but I guess if you want a capable crew you gotta pay your dues.

field investigation along Hard Hat Road where we are planning to improve and extend that road. The improvements will include pavement, softening of the sharper corners, and extending it to provide access to new home sites. The original intent was to actually loop Hard Hat Road back to County Road 104. There are graves in the area and a steep ridge that may make that impossible. Instead, it will probably end in a cul de sac large enough for a school bus to turn around in. The final design will depend upon the findings of the BIA Archeologist and Roads engineer. I will keep you posted in this fine publication.

On October 7th I also presented information to the Council about the Reservations three year Transportation Improvements Priority List (TIP). We need to update this every year, and it is the

Darin's Environment news..



Darin Steen, Environmentalist

Over the past month, the environmental department grew...from one person to two!!! I was the lucky recipient of an Americorps position who will be assisting me with a recycling and solid waste education program for the reservation. Look elsewhere in this paper for an article by Heather Villebrun and what she will be doing for the community. The Natural Resources Division has also acquired two new Water Resource Technicians and three additional Americorps staff who are all providing valuable assistance on natural resource management projects. Welcome aboard, everyone!! I'm sure we are all looking forward to hearing from each of them in the following months about their individual areas of special interest and expertise. (Assuming the persistent and relentless editor will also be soliciting articles from them like he does the rest of us.)

My current project for November is working on a four year grant application to EPA for the General Assistance Program which is the basis for the environmental programs at Bois Forte Reservation. This new four year grant is meant to improve flexibility and decrease the burden of administrative paperwork that is involved with more frequent applications. I am in the process of developing a workplan and budget for the next four years which is difficult to do when priorities may change over that time. However, it is good to set some long range goals and objectives for dealing with environmental concerns on

basis for determining how transportation funds get spent on the Reservation. Last year's TIP ranked Palmquist Streets, Indian Point Road, Tibbetts Trail/Skogman's connection, Hard Hat Road, Sugarbush Road, and the Nett Lake village streets as the highest priorities. I will be asking the Council to adopt a FY 1997-99 TIP at their next meeting.

Finally, the new commodities building is under construction. The contractor is hoping to have it substantially completed by November 1. I know that Mavis and Wendy can't wait to move in, and JR is looking forward to getting the old commods building for equipment maintenance. Axel should be able to include a picture of the completed building in his next edition.

the reservation. Just a few of the on-going areas of environmental protection and management that I see as priorities for the reservation include: solid waste management; ground water and wellhead protection for the community water supplies; and emergency preparedness planning. In addition, there are many other environmental problems which need attention such as individual septic systems, underground storage tank inspections and removals, and natural resource management planning (the IRMP).

On a final note, I would like to inform you of some recent funding that we have received for specific projects in FY 1997. A grant award from EPA will be used to conduct ground water monitoring and soils testing around the Palmquist landfill and community water system. In addition, computer modelling with the available data will be done to define the aquifer characteristics and wellhead protection area around the Palmquist water supply wells. Also, we received second year funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for continued work on emergency planning and training activities. This money will be used to develop the necessary components of an all-hazards emergency operations plan and attend meetings with local emergency management directors to develop cooperative agreements for emergency response. Well, that's all for now. Hopefully, by next month's article, we can talk about everyone's favorite subject...SNOW!!! I can hardly wait!!!

Andy Datko's column.....



Andy Datko, Assistant Planner

The Kezhavusso Center (Vermilion Family Resource Center) opened on October 21. An open house was held on October 20 at which Gene and Hank Goodsky conducted a spiritual ceremony to dedicate the building and ask for protection over the children and staff who will use it. It is really a beautiful building and much credit needs to be given to Dave Anderson who designed the building and managed its construction.

On October 7, the RTC held a council meeting at the Vermilion Social Center. One item which I discussed was the need for community water and sewer system extension at Vermilion. The Council approved a 3-phase plan to extend the water and sewer system throughout the Vermilion community. The first phase, which could be built next year if funding is

available, would extend service to Cemetery Road East, the five new lots on Farm Point, the Whisky Point area, and the Hard Hat Road area. Phase 2, which could go the following year, would extend service to the Tibbetts Trail, Skogman's Road, and Duffy point areas. Phase 3, which would follow in subsequent years, would extend service to the Band owned lands on County Roads 77 and at the junctions of 77 and 169. Those lands could be developed for commercial uses and possibly rental housing once sewer and water are available. This is all obviously dependent upon financing. I have prepared a funding application for Phase 1 which is currently being reviewed by USDA - Rural Development.

On October 16 I held a community meeting at the Vermilion Social Center to review the final draft and maps for the Vermilion Land Use and Development plan. I received some more good input, and will be presenting the final revised plan to the RTC in November. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the plan can call me at 218-753-6400 and I will send one to you.

The Palmquist Streets improvement project started this month. the contractor will be staking right of way and insulating the water lines under the streets this fall. Next summer they will come back and complete the job, which involves paving the streets and improving the curves. The BIA Roads archeologist has been doing

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The Creator who leads & protects...



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Genesis 14:19b-20. "Blessed be Abram by God Most High (El Elyon), Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High (El Elyon), who delivered your enemies into your hand."

Our ancient, distant cousin Abram had some remarkable experiences that should be real eye-openers for many of us. One was the battle that led to a new revelation of the Creator as El Elyon, or God Almighty. He had 318 trained servants, soldiers in this instance who went against the armies of 5 mighty kings of that day and region. Abram's band chased them clean out of the country. And our relate Abram led his men in that battle. Then later a king and priest by the name of Melchizedek blessed him in the name of El Elyon, and was told that it was El Elyon who had led Abram into that battle and enable him to completely rout his enemies. Abram's view of the Creator had been greatly enlarged and in a way that Abram really liked. Abram was a conquering hero to a great many in that land at that time.

Many writers have likened other Bible battles to this one. Gideon, David and others whose exploits in battle gave them significant places in history, because El Elyon had directed their battles also.

"Now, in 1842 the Ojibways of upper Wisconsin, Chiefs Buffalo's men went to war against the Sioux headed by Old Crow. Benjamin G. Armstrong witnessed this battle. I quote him' "The battle ground was about mid-way from the source of the Brule River to its mouth and about fifteen miles from Lake Superior. Buffalo's people at this time were settled over quite an extensive territory, consisting of the Apostle Islands and the whole country surrounding Chequamegon Bay. When Buffalo received the news that they were coming to give him battle and learned how near they were, and knowing the necessity for him to start at once in order to intercept them and choose his position for a battle, he only had time to gather a portion of his warriors. When he started he knew that the force of the enemy far outnumbered his own; that they were coming with the intention of catching the Chippewas in disconnected parties and thereby be able to annihilate them in detail, as the warlike portion of the Chippewas were over near the Mississippi under Hole-in-the-day. Act quickly he must. He collected about two hundred warriors and leaving his women and children he hurried away and met the Sioux the first evening just before sunset at the Brule, the Sioux on the west side and the Chippewas on the east, their pickets eyeing each other until dark, knowing that the daylight would find them in mortal combat. The west bank of this river running back quite a distance is level and swampy, while the east side slopes down from the river and it is only about 150 feet to an almost perpendicular rocky

bluff rising from fifty to eighty feet in height, and the slope from the river back to the bluff gave Buffalo's men a hidden position from the Sioux on the west side. It was not until after dark that Buffalo made any show of strength in numbers, for he well knew he was overmatched, but as soon as it was dark he had fires built along the river bank for nearly an eighth of a mile, to give the Sioux the impression that his strength was ample to cope with them. These fires were kept briskly burning all night. Just after dark Buffalo came to me in my hidden retreat in the rocks on the bluff where I had gone by his direction, and laid his plans before me, which plans were to divide his force into three parts and at midnight to send a third of them up the river a safe distance and cross and come down as near the Sioux as they dared without being observed, and there await the opening of the fight in the morning.

The other third were to go down the river, move up to a striking distance and then keep quiet until the battle should begin. In those days fire arms were not plenty with the Indians and ammunition scarce and they did not like to use it in battle but kept it for hunting, and the war club and knife were instruments of death relied upon for this fight.

The center portion of his men were concealed near the river bank at a point where the Sioux must cross, and as the ground receded back from the river bank to the bluff their position and numbers could not be detected by the enemy. All the maneuvers of Buffalo's men were complete before daylight and at early dawn the fight was begun by a few gunshots from Buffalo's center, which was to be the signal for his flanking forces to close in.

As soon as these shots had been fired, some of his center men, by a pre-arrangement, began running toward the bluff to show weakness, and the Sioux, quick to discover their apparent fear, dashed into the river in great numbers, expecting to have an easy victory and be able to take what scalps there were between the river and the bluff with the utmost ease and dispatch.

The water in the Brule at the east bank was about three feet deep and the bank two or three feet above the water. Whether or not the Sioux had taken this fact into consideration I cannot say, but that the Chippewas depended upon this condition of things for their victory was certain.

The Brule was now filled with a howling, surging mass of Sioux warriors, each trying to gain the lead for the distinction he proposed to get by the addition of numerous scalps to his belt. On they came, clubs and knives aloft, yelling like mad and with a dozen or more imaginary Chippewas scalps already in their belt, began to climb the bank. All this time the braves of Buffalo lay hidden and with hurried breath awaited the appearance of a scalp-lock above the bank. They were now in sight and if never the Sioux before had met a foe that was worthy the name they faced them now, for of all the Sioux that were in the river then not one set his foot on the east bank. Being in the water they were compelled to scale the bank before their clubs and knives were of any use, and the Chippewas brained them as fast as they came in reach.

Of all the thrilling stories I ever read of slaughter and carnage, I now witnessed a greater one than all. The river ran red with blood and the Sioux warrior that had not reached the shore eagerly pressed forward but as fast as they approached their doom

was sealed. The flanking forces of Buffalo were now and had been, since the signal gun was fired, cutting their way into the Sioux right and left wing, and the war-whoops of the victorious Chippewas could be heard on their right and left and in their rear. The case in front of them was a hopeless one and they did the only thing that remained for them, to get away and save as many of their scalps as they could and let the Chippewas have the scalps of their dead, which were floating down or lying at the bottom of the Brule."

The Ojibs counted up the losses and were quite satisfied. I quote further: "The count in this case was very satisfactory to the Chippewas as it showed their loss thirteen and the loss of the Sioux one hundred and one."

Now, what did El Elyon have to do with this battle of the Ojibways?

George Copway (aka Kah-Ge-Ga-Gah-Bowh) a chief of the Ojibway nation, was converted to Christianity and wrote a book of the History of the Ojibways. In it he stated that the first Mission Station among the Ojibways was commenced in 1824, and a second followed in 1827. He wrote that in 1847 there were 23 Methodist Missionary stations, 4 Presbyterian Mis-

sions, 7 Episcopalian and 2 Baptist Mission Stations. Copway and other writers wrote of the Christian revival that took place in those days. It could well be that the Old Methodist church of Nett Lake may have its roots in that revival period.

The point we make is that in the midst of this revival (1824-1890) that was sweeping the land of the Ojibways is when this Battle of the Brule (1842) was fought with such extraordinary results.

Copway left an impressive witness: "In these pages I present "an account of the rise and progress of events which have greatly advanced the moral elevation of my nation."

He further stated that it can "be proved that the introduction of Christianity into the Indian tribes has been productive of immense good."

Another remark made by this brilliant man was that "Education and Christianity are to the Indian what wings are to the eagle that soar above his home." These are quotes from "Indian Life and Indian History."

Is it possible that El Elyon, the Most High God who helped our ancient ancestor Abram score his remarkable victory, could have also engineered this brilliant victory for his distant relatives in a different land, the Ojibways on the banks of the Brule River? I like to think so!

Kim's report..



Kim King, Career Education Specialist

Hi, from the Career Education Specialist. This is an update to what's been going on in the education department since the last article. The total number of Bois Forte applications received in his office to date - 92. The number of students receiving funding are as follows: 43 higher education (includes 7 out of state students) 29 adult vocational/technical (includes 2 out of state) 20 pending A few of the careers listed on their application are: environmental health sciences, accounting, hotel/restaurant management, nursing, human services, teacher, English majors, biology, theater, broadcasting, sociology/criminology, business management, general secre-

tary, women studies, chemical engineering, environmental studies, law, enforcement, community studies, administrative support, computers, business management, cook, carpentry, world trade, watch/clock repair, and electronic technician. I have also been busy visiting students at Mesabi Range Technical & Community College in Virginia and Range Technical College in Eveleth. When I go there I assist students in whatever it is the need. During the next few month I plan on visiting students at Hibbing Community College and Range Technical School in Hibbing. I will also be attending a training at Bemidji State University to update my skills in financial aid counseling. Take care until next issue.



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RTC minutes

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 9, 12 & 13, 1996, council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 1:22 P.M.

Members Present: Clint Landgren; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Doris Isham; Ramona Villebrun; Phyllis Boshey

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Debra Geyer-Smith; Rita Vidal; Jose Vidal; Pastor Terry Hartikka; Dave Danz; Andy Datko; Carl Summers; Sherry Erickson; Rick Anderson; Terry Sandnas; Mike Walsh; Gary Adams; Frank Connor; Allan Morriseau

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve minutes of a special meeting held August 23, 1996, Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve the lease of the former Assembly of God church to Jose Vidal at a rate of \$1.00 per year for a period of 5 years.

Jose Vidal asks for approval for Pastor Terry Hartikka to come and minister. Pastor Terry Hartikka gives a little background on himself. He said there was no name or by-laws for the church yet. The members would decide those. Jose Vidal states there will be a problem getting insurance coverage because of the house that is attached to the church. The house is considered a fire hazard. Chairman Landgren assures Jose the house will be checked into before being torn down.

The wild rice marketing agenda item is tabled because Tom O'Leary is not here. The Council would rather wait until he is present for discussion.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #25-97, submittal of an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a P.L. 93-638 contract for transportation planning. Carried 4-0-0.

Andy Datko requests comments on the preliminary plat/survey of 6 lots at Farm Point for lease to Band members wanting to participate in the USDA "self-help" housing program. Andy said if the preliminary plat/survey is acceptable then it would be finalized and brought back in the fall for approval. Andy is asked if the lots are big enough for water and sewer systems. Andy states those lots would be

hooked up to the Bois Forte system. Andy is to make sure the lots are big enough so the houses will not be too close together. Discussion was held on the Quartermania Wide Area Progressive System that Fortune Bay wants to participate in. There is a question of whether or not it is legal under the compact. A draft letter to Mr. Thomas Brownell, Director - Gaming Enforcement Division, is presented. Council will seek a legal opinion from our tribal attorney, another attorney and a lobbyist before taking any action.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve \$25,000.00 of the 1854 fund to the higher education fund. Carried 4-0-0.

Frank Annette is to meet with Joanne Donald and Kim King to get a list of all students who are enrolled in Bois Forte who are going to school and the financial amount needed.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #26-97, continuation application to the Mental Health Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the FY 1997 Indian Community Mental Health Set-Aside Funds. Carried 4-0-0.

The MCT Housing will be hosting a meeting on September 16-18, 1996. Those attending will be Chairman Landgren, Ramona Villebrun, David Morrison, Frank Annette and Sherry Erickson.

Alan Morriseau and Gary Adams request the CD Outpatient Treatment Program be treated as an Enterprise Account so it would be exempt from indirect cost. They would use this money for a secretary, office space for 2 CD counselors and travel money for the CD program staff. Gary Adams said the State is requiring a 10% in-kind contribution. Gary was using outpatient funds to pay for rent to count as the 10% in-kind. Council decides to have the accounting department determine a fee for accounting services instead of being charged indirect cost.

The meeting is recessed at 4:17 P.M. until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, September 12, 1996.

Meeting reconvenes at 3:09 P.M., Thursday, September 12, 1996.

Members Present: Clint Landgren; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Doris Isham; Ramona Villebrun

Members Absent: Phyllis Boshey

Big John Villebrun writes...



John Villebrun, Natural Resources Tech.

Hello all you Bois Forters, I was reminded by our editor this week that it is time once again to write an article for the *Bois Forte NEWS*. I hope my article makes it into this fine publication.

I am near the completion of a forest coverage map for the forestry. This map shows the forest coverage for the tribal owned land on the reservation. I am hard at work putting on the finishing touches as

you read this article, although I still need to meet with Chuck Whitmore to make the necessary corrections. I am also hard at work on a Land Ownership Map for the reservation. This map was requested by a number of people, so I had to bump it up on my priority list. When Jackie Villebrun returns from her training, we can make sure this map is completely accurate.

I am also patiently waiting the arrival of an FM receiver for our GPS unit. We will try this receiver out on a trial basis to see if we can pick-up FM signals from a basestation in the Falls. This receiver unit will allow us to track points and locations more accurately out in the field. This will allow our GPS unit to track our location within 10 meters (I hope). Our current GPS without the FM receiver is "accurate" to anywhere from 30-100 meters. We might be a little too far away for this unit to pick-up the signals, so we'll keep our fingers crossed. Mr. Darin Steen and myself will use this unit to map out all the abandoned wells around the village. We will have this unit for about a week, so I have many plans and projects in store. Hopefully Mother Nature will be coopera-

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Dave Danz; Cecile Warren; Tom O'Leary; Gordon Warrick; Kris O'Leary; Sherry Erickson; Jackie Villebrun

Cecile Warren distributes a written report of the Bois Forte Needs Program. The request for an additional \$15,000.00 for that program is tabled until the next RTC meeting which is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., September 20, 1996.

A donation request was received from Harvey Goodsky for \$500.00 to attend a pow-wow in Connecticut. Frank Annette will write a letter to Harvey informing him of the status of the donation's committee (no funds are available right now).

Dave Danz gives an update on the status of the rice that was bought last year. This should be shipped/sold within the week.

Discussion was held on the rice marketing agreement with Indian Time. Zenis Baer, Attorney at Law, was on the speakerphone during the discussion asking questions of Indian Time. Dave Danz is to provide the Council with the names and phone numbers of the bankers at Norwest Bank and in Germany so the Council can call them first before making a decision. The rice marketing agreement is tabled until tomorrow, September 13, 1996 after the bankers are called.

Meeting is recessed at 5:56 P.M., until Friday, September 13, 1996.

Meeting reconvenes at 9:50 P.M., September 13, 1996.

Members Present: Clint Landgren; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Doris Isham; Ramona Villebrun; Phyllis Boshey

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Sherry Erickson

The bankers from Norwest and Germany were unable to be reached because they were out of the office.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve the rice marketing agreement with Indian Time, Inc., for the purchase of \$30,000.00 worth of wild rice, contingent upon a rewritten rice marketing agreement. Carried 4-0-0. The funds are to come from the business loan program, not the economic development fund.

An estimate was received for the removal of the house on Lots 26 and 27, Block 2, Pelican Lake. This house needs to be removed because the new Lessee's are having a new home delivered in October and the foundation needs to set for approximately 30 days before a house can be placed on it. The Council directs Frank Annette to have Frank Villebrun and Arnold King take the loader down and remove the remains of the house.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the deletion of item #5, manhole top section repairs, from the IHS priority list of water and sewer repair projects. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to ratify the hiring of Pat Runningbear to the position of Assistant Director of the Ke Zha Wus So - Family Resource Center. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Doris Isham; to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 P.M. Carried 4-0-0.

ive and we'll have nice weather to work with when the unit arrives, I just hope Darin doesn't get in the way. If everything works out, we'll purchase our own FM receiver.

For those of you who still might be reading this article, thank you.

So until next time.....

To the Editor:

This past week, on our trip home to Seattle from Nashville, we took the long way, and visited my sister, J. Kay Davis for a couple days. Kay is the Director of the Family Resource Center. I was so impressed with the building, plans for the day care, for the children, for the Bois Forte Band, and Fortune Bay.

When the vision of Fortune Bay, first became known, I have to admit I was a little skeptical, as there are many casinos that haven't done much for their people. But Fortune Bay has been successful, and has contributed much to the Bois Forte Band. Now that the Bois Forte Band has become self-governing, the need for Fortune Bay is even greater.

Of course, we did visit the casino, and dropped a few quarters in the slots. I was impressed with the employees and their professionalism. The security was great and we had a good time. We had dinner at the restaurant at Fortune Bay. Again, left with thoughts of good food, good service, nothing but good thoughts.

The hotel is beautiful. I cannot but imagine that it, too, will be successful.

All of you should be commended.

Needless to say, I was most anxious to see what my sister was doing. And just knowing Kay's abilities with children and her leadership qualities, the Resource Center will be a welcome addition to the grand scheme of what the Bois Forte Band is trying to do. And that to take an active part in taking care of it's people. I sincerely hope the families take an active interest in their new Resource Center, those that need care for their children, those needing a GED to better themselves and those needing some guidance in parenting skills, or just dropping in to use the multicultural library. It will all be there. Use it.

I thoroughly enjoyed my brief visit with Kay, and seeing all of this for the first time. The only thing missing was a visit with our father, Melvin (Rip) King.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wynchhoff

Letters...

To: Axel Holmes, Sr., Editor

From: Joanne Donald, Tribal Education Director

The Bois Forte Tribal Scholarship programs are out of funds as of October 25, 1996, for the school year 1996-1997.

However, students' applications received from the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program will be funded in the order in which it is received, as program funds become available.

Orr High School has twelve (12) Native American students, there are four (4) students who are not enrolled with our band. The Bois Forte Post-secondary Education Program awards our graduates \$100.00 each at the end of the school year, \$500.00 to the senior who has a grade point average of 2.5 or better.

Tower High school had one band member who started classes but has yet to officially withdraw from school. One (1) student has the opportunity to graduate this year, but it appears ;this will occur only through a monumental commitment and effort on his part. We will award the Tower High school graduate, the same as Nett Lake, Orr School.

Sounds are measured in decibels. Those quieter than ten decibels are hard for the human ear to detect. Those louder than 120 decibels can be painful. A watch ticks at about 20 decibels.

Tribal Court proceedings...

27 Mar 1996

Gordon Clifford Adams, 60, Driving under Influence, defendant failed to appear, bail forfeit; warrant issued, bail set at \$500.

18 Apr 1996

Bertha Jurene Graue, 36, Failure to Provide Education for Children, deferred to July 1, 1996.

Roberta Lynn Drift, 37, Failure to Provide Education for Children, deferred to July 1, 1996.

Diane Rae Goggleye, 35, Failure to Provide Education for Children, deferred to July 1, 1996.

Justin Wayne Boness, 48, Failure to Provide Education for Children, deferred to July 1, 1996.

Lance Allen Hill, 20, Driving under Influence, Seat Belt Violation, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$550.

Farrah Leigh Drift, 18, Speeding, fined \$100 or to perform community service work.

Mary Frances Boshey, 34, Driving under the Influence, fined \$500, 30 days suspended for six months.

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Robert Edward Keezer, 24, Malicious Mischief, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$400.

Kelly Marie Rutar, 27, Speeding, fined \$75.

Jeanne Ann Gonier, 44, Failure to Provide Education for Children, deferred to June 15, 1996.

James Robert Schroeder, 40, Child Neglect, dismissed.

Lynn Marie Caribou, 27, Child Neglect, dismissed.

22 May 1996

Louis Raynaldo Drift, 21, Speeding, fined \$50.

Steven William Boshey, Sr., 32, No Drivers License, Fined \$100.

Daniel Edmond Morrison, Jr., 45, Driving under Influence, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$400.

Ernest Donald Drift, 34, Driving under the Influence; 30 days, sentence concurrent to time now being served; No Drivers License; Seat Belt Violation; Seat Belt Violation, no sentence/no fine imposed.

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Lance Allen Pete, 24, Speeding, fined \$50; No Insurance, fined \$50.

Leonard Thompson, 37, Driving under Influence, fined \$400, 30 days suspended for six months; Open Bottle fined \$100

Lance Allen Hill, 20, the Influence, fined Belt Violation, fined warrant issued 04 18 96 quashed; Driving under \$400, 30 days, suspended for six months; Seat \$50.

Lois Jean Thompson, 34, Furnishing Intoxicants to a Minor, fined \$500, 60 days; Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor, fined \$200, 20 days, concurrent; defendant to serve ten days in jail, and ten days under house arrest; Assault, 3rd, dismissed in plea agreement.

Knute Graue, 40, Disorderly Conduct; Resisting Lawful Arrest, dismissed without prejudice.

Kenneth Edward Barney, 57, Driving under the Influence, fined \$400, 30 days suspended for six months; Speeding fined \$25; Seat Belt Violation fined \$50.

Terrance James King, 20, Malicious Mischief, 20 days, restitution ordered; Furnishing Intoxicants to a Minor, fined \$500, 60 days, 40 days suspended for six months; to serve ten days in custody, with ten days under house arrest.

George Joseph Strong, 27, Speeding, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$50.

Gerald Wayne Goggleye, 38, Stop Sign Violation, fined \$50.

Jessica Ann Knott, 19, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75.

November birthdays....

01 - Gladys Averill, Merrilee A Connor, Alfreda M Englebert, Naomi M Hanks, Richard L Miller

02 - Clarissa M Bailey, Deborah J Baxter, Joanne Donald, Jennifer L Isham, Danielle A Pierstos, Louis R Sohm, Judith M Surlow

03 - Brian R Chosa, Kim M King, Braeanne L Porter, Amanda R Smith, Miranda J Villebrun

04 - Susan M Chambers, Jeremiah J Degan, Donna S Dupree, Ira O Isham, Daniel E Morrison Sr, Amanda J Quoetone, Wilbert Strong Sr, Scott S West

05 - Annie B Ernstrom, Honesty L Laitinen, Marilyn E LaRoque, Edith M Strong

06 - Dale R Boshey, Clarisse A Fox, Linda M Grover, Charles W Neitzer, Bonnie J Pete

07 - Margaret A Benthin, Raymond W Jenkins, Jessica A Knott, Jonathan W Morrison, Dorothy A McDougall, Robin B Unger

08 - Cheryl D Debelak, Donald R Dupree, Tammy L Rabbit-Brady

09 - Patricia M Annett, Dennis M Denego, Judith V Geshick, Marissa L Goodsky, Howard Harding, Colin L Hursch, Ann B Isham, Tanya A S Lehti, Cheyanna S M Medicine, Denise R Pieratos, Daniel J Wakemup

10 - Chelsea L Chosa, Joan M Hiller, David A Wakemup

11 - Myrtle E Wiese, Justin W Boness, Earl F Day Jr, Shiela M Delaney, Onawa F Pete, Clifford Sam, Franklin W Sam Jr, Kevin M Villebrun, Tdoni M Wakemup

12 - Jolene M Arn, Leslie J Connor Jr, James T R Gawboy, Justin S Geshick, Jacque Love, Geraldine F Polasky, Christopher R Williams

13 - Kathryn G Boshey, Lois A Ness, Lynn M O'Shea, Cheryl L Seppi, Blaine S Swan

14 - Jason J Ballenger, Barbara J Brodeen, Ronald J Fisher, Daniel J Lumbar Jr

15 - Charles F Gonier Jr, Charles F Graue, Eric W Isham, Colleen M Lien, Nolan J Littlewolf, Kevin L Lumbar, Briana W Lumbar, Sharon Wagner

16 - Craig D Coonts, Tracey J Dagen, Amber A Drift, Tiana M Drift, Trinity M Drift, Alyssa M Goodwin, Tonenett M Harding, Alexandra A Janssens, Ronald D LaRoque Jr, Sharon R O'Malley, Joshua R Rutar, Leslie J Wakemup, Marybelle White, Ellen Whiteman

17 - Mary M Farmer, Misty R Fischer, Brandon L Geshick, Scott V Krotzer, Alec E Pete, Jerrod A Strong

18 - Lucille J Black, Evelyn Dupree

19 - Ernest L Barto Jr, Matthew R Cameron, Arlene M Chosa, Cory D King, Marty R O'Leary, Kelsey J O'leary, Rose M Seelye

20 - Cathleen A Bellesbach, Lucy A Bowlin, Lyle L Connor, Peter R Drift Jr, Galen F Gowboy, Curtis E Isham, Diane Sanders, Madelon Snyder, Steven R Whiteman

21 - Nikki J Krotzer, Breanna N Madison

22 - Claudia J Glenzinski, William Goggleye, Leslie L Miller, Carol J

Morrison, Roxanne T Samskar, Thomas J Tolrud

23 - Vernon W Adams, Cheryl L Carlson, Mary C Columbus, Judith A Geshick, Betty Jerman, Mary D Johnson, Ellen R Morrison, Dion S Porter, Joseph A Skalsky

24 - Lonny W Benner, Peter F Boney Jr, Zachariah E Brooks, Albert Drouillard, Leslie D Emery, Shari L Gilbert, Faith M Miller, Kathleen Strong, Robert A Swanson

25 - Coleen L Jennings

26 - William S Day, Jeffrey A Geyer, Michael T Madison, Robert H Moyer Jr, Lori A Ware

27 - Angie K Harper, Karla L Knutson

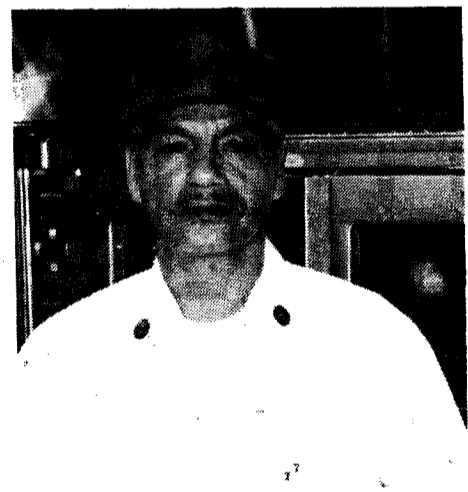
28 - Cheryl D Brown, Mary J Connor, Bern G Day, Dennis W Drift, Jeanette A Drift, Darren J Drift, Roy A Harding, Zenobia Gittleman, Ernest C Landgren Jr, James J Rainbird, Jesse L Richter, Roger A Skinaway

29 - James L Anderson, Amber L Boshey, Darwin L Drift, Tiffany A King, Terrie R Lambert, Garrett C Landgren, Barbara M Morrison, Roger J Sam, Michele J Siebert-Maki, Adam K Strong, Jenilee J Villebrun, David H Villebrun Jr

30 - Rosanna Barto, Robert J Berlien, Leonard C Geshick, Louis L Jenkins, James E Mihelich, Timothy D O'Leary, Kelly M Rutar

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At Fortune Bay



Felix "Lucky" Isham
Felix "Lucky" Isham has joined the staff of Fortune Bay Resort and Casino on Lake Vermilion as second chef in the Tamarack restaurant. His responsibilities will include supervision of kitchen operations. Isham is a 1973 graduate of the California School of Culinary Arts (Military), Monterey, Calif. He served as second chef for BE&K Construction Services in International Falls during the construction of the Boise Cascade plant in 1987. He attended Leech Lake Tribal College, Cass Lake, Minn., and earned an associate degree in Human Services from Rainy River Community College, International falls, Minn. He received certification as a heavy equipment operator from Leech Lake Heavy Equipment School. Isham is a member of the White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa and is a resident of Indian Point on Pelican Lake near Orr, Minn.

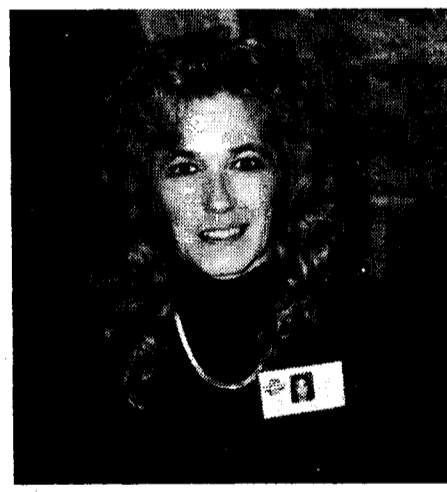
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stadium. However, DFL members said that any state revenue surplus should be used to restore \$317 million in school funding cuts, which would affect all Minnesotans rather than a project that would only serve the urban area. This remains to be decided, so, shall we assume who will get J.W.'s vote?

Anyway, the voting polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Please VOTE! Until next time.....

PARENTS!
There are approximately 200-250 children who are currently enrolled, who are under 18 years of age and for whom we do NOT have social security numbers. We need this information to identify the trust account which will be opened for your child(ren). If you have not provided this information to our Enrollment staff, please do so. You may contact Patti Wilkie at the RTC office 757-3261 if you have any questions. **REMEMBER -- we need the social security number ONLY FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED.** We appreciate your efforts in helping us to complete our files.



Vickie A. Hackey
Vickie A. Hackey was recently hired as Operations Manager at Fortune Bay Resort and Casino on Lake Vermilion. Her responsibilities include overall day to day operations of the Casino. Prior to accepting the position at Fortune Bay, Hackey was employed as an internal auditor at Leech Lake Gaming, Cass Lake, Minn. From 1986 through 1993, she was employed at Fortune Bay in several positions including gaming manager. Hackey attended Northwest Technical College, Bemidji, Minn., in 1994. She is a graduate of Orr High School. Hackey is a member of the Bois Forte band of Lake Superior Chippewa and a resident of the Vermilion Reservation.

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