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Christmas Greetings from your Reservation Tribal Council!

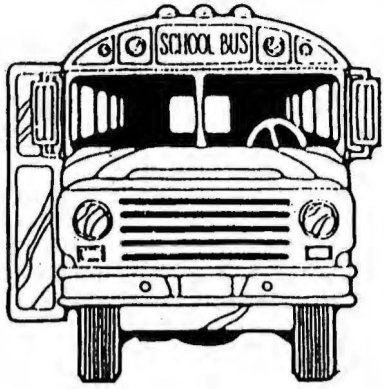


Left to right: David Morrison Sr. - Sec./Treas., Doris Isham, Ramona Villebrun, Phyllis Boshey and Clint Landgren - chairman.

Merry Christmas from your Dept. of Natural Resources



Back, l-r: David Morrison Jr., Mark Littlewolf, Mike Connor, Ray Villebrun Sr. (chief warden), Chuck Whitmore, Troy King and Chris Holm.
Seated, l-r: John Villebrun, Darin Steen, Corey Strong, David Villebrun Jr. and E. Curtis Goodsky.



School News

New Orr girls basketball coach looking to improve on last season...

HeadStart/DayCare news...



Judy Anderson, Director

November and December are always months of change, some good and some bad. For Head Start and Day Care this has held true. Yesterday I attended the funeral of John Strong, who was always a friend to our programs and one of my first friends at Nett Lake. As I sat in his house, I went back to 1978 when he was my first "home visit", a Head Start requirement. His grandchild was in my class. I was new here and knew few people and even less about your culture. He invited me into his spotless house, offered me cookies and coffee, put me at ease and over the course of the next hour offered me his advice, support and friendship. This lasted through both good and difficult times for both of us, as we walked together while he lived in Cook, and again when we both returned to Nett Lake. He always cared about the children, and I shall miss him. As he was buried by Terry Strong, I also revisited the death of Rosemary's husband, and my 18 year friendship with so many of my staff families.

Yet, as happens in the eternal cycle of life, yesterday one of our families went to the hospital expecting the imminent birth of a new village member. Happy occasions so often go hand in hand with sad ones in this circle of life.

Dates to note:

December 17 =Head Start children will eat with elders.

December 20 =Nett Lake Center 12:00 Lunch for families, 1:00 School program-our children followed by punch and cookies and a visit by Santa. Beginning of Christmas break.

December 23 =Vermilion Christmas party and their last day.

January 2 =Head Start/Day Care resumes.

We are still waiting for health records, a few physicals, many trips to the dentist, and lots of other necessary information for Denise. PLEASE take care of this!

For those of you who owe Day Care fees, remember that the money multiplies as the months go by. Please do a payroll deduction that covers your fees, or pay them regularly. It's difficult to catch up. Please note your billings through November, and get them paid before we start

restricting use of child care to those who are up to date!

Welfare reform will certainly impact our programs and we are trying to stay ahead of the information. We are already discussing how the "two years and to work" will impact Head Start as it only takes a slight rise from AFDC (now TANF) to make families ineligible. Day Care will be impacted as more mothers have to go to work. One area I've explored is a Day Care planning grant through the California Law and Child Development Center, working with St. Paul Companies and Northland Foundation.

It looks good and we will know about \$10,000 of it by December 10th. This would allow us to explore all options for Child Care in both Nett Lake and Vermilion as well as surrounding areas.

Our Community Needs Assessment for Head Start will begin soon after Christmas and will be a thorough look at all the needs for Head Start for its next three year grant cycle. Parents and community members will all be involved, so we will need your input.

All Head Start and Child Care staff wish everyone a happy holiday season. Stay warm, healthy and safe. Buckle up and drive safely.

BOIS FORTE NEW LIVES SPONSORS HEALTH FAIR

New Lives is the collaborative of all programs which serve families with young children. We had always had certain information given out to the community at the Health Division's Health Fair. Our collaborative decided a mini-Health Fair would be a good way to continue this. The programs involved were Human Services Division (Indian Child Welfare, Chemical Dependency, Wellness and Domestic Violence), Head Start, Child Care, Maternal Child Health, Health Division (Ambulance, Dental and Medical Clinics), Minnesota Extension Service, Duluth Clinic, Human Services Division and the Nett Lake School (ECFE). It was held in the school cafeteria from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 6th. It was very successful, with 60 people attending.

Besides tables with information for people to take, there was a brief program by the Head Start children, prize drawings and supper. This was only a success because so many people put in so much time. Vermilion people were brought by Adeline. Special thanks go to Dana Erkkila, Brenda Dettman, Ann Dreshar and Margaret Benner.

The following article by Doug Asp is reprinted by permission from the 27 November 1996 issue of the *TIMBERJAY*.

Brandon Benner is back on familiar ground, continuing a longterm interest.

Benner, a 1990 graduate of Orr High School and a member of the Braves' boys varsity basketball team for two years, has returned to his old school to serve as the head coach of the girls basketball team. Although this is the first time Benner has been in charge of a high school athletic program, coaching is not a new experience for him.

"I've coached from the age of 16," said Benner, who was the assistant girls basketball coach last year. Benner started out as a Little League baseball coach and later coached elementary basketball, also at Nett Lake. After graduating from high school, Benner attended Rainy River Community College in International Falls, where he earned an Associate degree in Education.

When girls' varsity basketball returned to Orr last year, Benner called former head coach Scott Swedin with an offer to help in any way he could. Benner served last year as an assistant coach under Swedin. This year, those roles are reversed, with Swedin staying with the program as the assistant girls basketball coach.

"The kids knew the transition was coming," Benner said. "We tell the kids that neither of us knows everything about basketball but between the two of us we've got a lot of the answers."

And what Benner said he and Swedin aren't sure of can be turned over to Bill King, former boys basketball coach at Orr.

"If there's something we don't know, the 'little man over the hill' probably does,"

Benner said. "We've asked him for help at least once or twice."

Benner said the players, most of whom are returning from last year's team, also deserve credit for keeping the program going. Last year, Orr won only two games during the regular season. However, team morale remained high in spite of the struggles associated with a first-year varsity program.

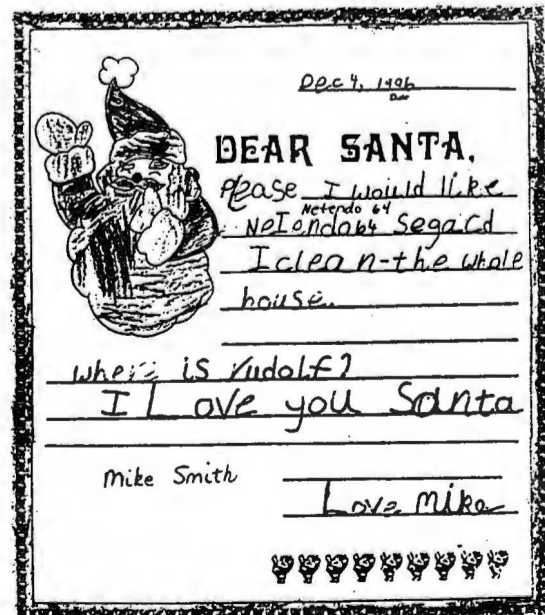
"The main thing we did last year was teaching fundamentals," Benner said. "But we've got a good bunch of kids who knew there are better times to come."

Benner said all but two of the starters from last year's team are back this season, with a total of 22 players reporting for practice. And one sign that better times are coming for the girls program this year was an 18-all tie with Tower-Soudan in last week's jamboree in Babbitt-Embarrass.

"My prediction for this year is that from our players' attitude and work ethic, not too many teams can overlook us. I think we'll be more competitive and I look for more wins this year."

Benner said the biggest difference he's seen between boys and girls basketball is the greater emphasis on defense in girls basketball.

Because of the greater emphasis on defense, Benner said, girls basketball is slower paced than is boys basketball. "Because of the emphasis on defense, I think girls basketball is actually rougher than boys basketball," he said. "That's to be expected because with defense, you have more contact between players."



American Heart Association
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Superintendent's letter...



Ray Toutloff, ISD #707 Superintendent

The Nett Lake Education Center is now complete and is a modern show piece for the Nett Lake Community. Several people have informed me that they have made a special trip to Nett Lake just to see this architectural wonder.

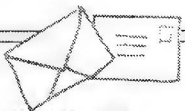
The leadership of the Architecture Minnesota magazine thought highly enough of our facility to feature it on the cover of their November/December 1996 issue. (See accompanying picture). In their feature article they write, "... eye-opening with its d~ling canvas of colors and activated forms is the Nett Lake Educational facility located on a hilltop site in Northern Minnesota overlooking Nett Lake. Serving both the community of Nett Lake and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians, the educational facility incorporates bright colors and patterns indigenous to the American Indian community, displayed in the bead pattern reproduced along the brick wall and the 18 by 42 foot ceramic-tile mural depicting a rural setting."

Students, staff and all users of the facility are very pleased with the finished product. Space is more than adequate and is of such good quality that there is little left to be wanting for in an education complex. The building, has been planned to serve the Nett Lake community well into the future. It's sturdy block and brick construction insure that it will outlast the lifetimes of all current Nett Lake residents.

The School Board is very pleased to announce that through the joint efforts of

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Warren and Heather Villebrun are the proud parents of a baby boy, Tristen Dean Villebrun, 5 lbs 13 ounces and 19 inches long. Born Tuesday, December 3, 1996.



FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—Workers and students seeking jobs and companies seeking workers can tap into QuestMatch and GradQuest on the Internet at <http://www.quest-match.com> or <http://wwwgradquest.com>.



For information about Multiple Sclerosis, call the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 1-800-FIGHT MS.

Architectural Resources Incorporated and Lumbar/Kraus/Anderson, Construction Managers, the project was completed on schedule and came in under budget.

The funds saved, as a result of the careful monitoring by Lumbar/Kraus/Anderson, will be utilized to do the following additional building projects within the school:

- (a). Construct an Ojibwe Cultural mural below the mezzanine.
- (b). Up-date the computers through-out the school.
- (c). Construct display cases for cultural displays and sports trophies.
- (d). Renovate the locker rooms in the 1976 section of the building.
- (e). Purchase a stage curtain for the auditorium.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO:

The Nett Lake School Student Council for their contribution of 78 lbs. of food items donated to the Quad-City Food Shelf located in Gilbert, Minnesota. The Student Council accomplished this by charging one canned good item as the admission fee to the dance they sponsored on November 20, 1996.

Congratulations Student Council members. We're proud of you!



A picture of the rear entrance of the Nett Lake Educational Facility appears on the cover of the November/December 1996 edition of the Architecture Minnesota magazine. A brief description of the picture in the article reads:

Equally eye-opening with its dazzling canvas of colors and activated forms is the Nett Lake Educational Facility on a hilltop site in northern Minnesota overlooking Nett Lake. Serving both the community of Nett Lake and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians, the educational facility incorporates bright colors and patterns indigenous to the American Indian community, displayed in the bead pattern reproduced along the brick wall and the 18-by-42-foot, ceramic-tile mural depicting a rural setting.

Happy Holidays from the Community Development Division!



Back, l-r: Bill Light, Floyd Morrison, Frank Villebrun Sr., Axel Holmes Sr., Bill Whiteman, J.R. Landgren and David Danz - director. Seated, l-r: Janice Connor, Eileen Barney, Andy Datko and Jackie Villebrun.

Season's Greetings from the Health Division!



Back, l-r: Henry Beauduy, Leonard Thompson, Dr. Sunday, Ray Hawk and Diane Brown. Front, l-r: Valerie Flank, Shari Brodeen, Connie Harju, Kim Boshey, Cathy Chavers and Cecile Warren.

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Ambulance news...



Marcella Connor, Ambulance Director

The Ambulance Service had three deadlines that had to be made in late October and early November. The first one was for the Financial Data that had to be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health by November 1st. Teresa Morrison and myself finally got the information together and mailed it before the deadline date. In my hurried state of mind I put the wrong address on the envelope and it was returned by the postal service because it could not be delivered. So... I faxed the completed form to the MN Department of Health. The next item that had to be done was the Ambulance License Renewal. This was sent it on November 6th. The deadline date was November 8th.

The Ambulance Inspection was on November 13, 1996. This took three hours to be completed. Robert Norlen from the Department of Health Northeast Regional Director came and inspected all the personnel files, the equipment and supplies.

The personnel had to have all their CEU's, CPR certification, Defibrillation Certification and State EMS Cards in place. All protocols used by the Bois Forte Ambulance had to be signed by the new Medical Director, Dr. James Berlin. Protocols are a set of plans that the EMT's use when treating patients. For instance we would not use treatment on a cardiac patient that would be used for a trauma patient (auto accident or other major injuries). The EMT's have to use their skills and common sense to the best of their ability when transporting. All patients do not have the same symptoms or need the same care. This needs to be assessed by the EMT that responds to the 911 call.

The Bois Forte Ambulance Service has 13 EMT's that will respond to the call (not all at once). Some of the persons on the Ambulance Service are drivers only. They are a benefit to the service by being their when we need manpower. They assist the EMT's when we need to carry the patient to and from the ambulance.

So, the next time you need the service of the Bois Forte Ambulance Personnel you will know that you are in capable hands.

Holmes Rides Ambulance

I guess this would be as good a spot to give a brief account of my recent ambulance ride and to thank profusely all who played a role in the event.

It was at least a month or more, I forget the exact date, but I woke up and suddenly had a nose bleed. Well, I leaped out of bed

and bounded to the bathroom and used tissue to try and stop it. It was almost pouring out, well, not quite that bad, but it was dripping furiously and I just couldn't stop it no matter what. By then my bride was alerted and soon became a bit panicky and it was then that I remembered that we only have so much blood in us and something had to be done before I didn't have any left so I asked her, politely, and calmly, to dial 911.

Well, the EMTs must have been up and stirring about already because it wasn't long before Wendy (the first into the house) and Leonard (her husband) arrived. They were taking my blood pressure when Marcella also showed up and after an exchange of opinions asked me if I would walk to the ambulance, which I did.

They strapped me into a stretcher and then we were on our way, red lights flashing, but no siren.

I'd been a volunteer ambulance driver in the olden days, back in 1977 or 78, when we got the first one and did some memorable trips and I'd wondered a few times how it would be if and when I was a passenger instead of a driver. Well, now I know.

It's not a smooth ride. Bumpy, and it made me feel glad I didn't have any broken bones or such which must be a harrowing ordeal for unfortunate people who have such.

We stopped at the airport road so Marcella could take my blood pressure again, and then away we went once more. One thing I noticed, when you're looking backwards out the rear window, it's difficult to know just where you are.

We arrived at the emergency entrance at the Cook Hospital in short order and by then the bleeding was slowing down. They put an electronic blood pressure thing on my arm and it was then that I found out my blood pressure was 200, ordinarily its 120 to 130, something like that.

The doctor told me to be calm and as soon as my blood pressure was down he would do some cauterizing. I didn't say anything aloud but my thought was that they could search all through St. Louis County as well as Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and Cook Counties as well, and wouldn't find a man cooler and calmer than I was at the moment.

I was there an hour or so before all was normal, my bride had arrived shortly after we did so I rather suspect she had the pedal to the metal all the way. Finally the doc did

Carbon Monoxide...

Start of heating season: Time to insure carbon monoxide safety.

There are four times more deaths nationally in January from carbon monoxide (CO) than there are in June. That's why now--the start of the heating season--is the time to protect against this silent killer, says Bill Angell, housing specialist with the University of Minnesota's Extension Service.

He adds that carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless, making it particularly dangerous. It is the nation's number one cause of unintentional poisoning deaths. "Minnesota ranks eleventh nationally in the rate of unintentional CO deaths," Angell says "It's especially important to protect ourselves now because concentrations can build to unsafe levels more easily when homes are closed and heated."

CO is caused by the incomplete burning of fuels containing carbon. These include natural gas, oil, wood, alcohol, coal, charcoal, kerosene, gasoline, LP gas and tobacco. Exposure to low levels of CO causes headaches, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, rapid breathing and other symptoms. Higher levels lead to coma and death.

While Angell recommends carbon monoxide detectors, he cautions that they shouldn't be the first step people take to combat the danger. For him, the use of vented combustion devices comes first. He advises against unvented space heaters and fireplaces and says people should never use a gas range, oven or burning charcoal to provide indoor heat. He also warns against running car engines in attached garages even when the garage doors are open. "Warm them up in the driveway," Angell says. He also recommends having furnaces serviced at least every other year.

Installing CO detectors should come after these steps, according to Angell. He recommends UL-listed CO detectors with digital displays, which cost from \$40 to \$60. "Detectors without digital displays don't tell you if the CO was only slightly or



some cauterizing and I was free to go. I considered myself fortunate indeed.

Which is why I have only the highest praise for the Ambulance Division and all the drivers and EMTs. I take this opportunity to say thanks for taking care of me, as well as all other patients who've ridden the ambulance in emergencies.

greatly elevated," says Angell. "You can't know the scope of your danger." He adds that CO detectors should be cleaned and tested according to manufacturers' recommendations.

Angell also endorses these other CO safety recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- * Make sure vented gas heaters have a CO shut-off device.

- * Make sure an unvented space heater has an oxygen depletion switch. Buy gas appliances with electronic ignition instead of pilot lights.

- * Burn seasoned hardwoods and never burn preservative-treated or painted wood, plastics, charcoal or colored paper.

- * Never close the fireplace damper until the coals are completely out.

- * Never use an unvented space heater overnight or in a sleeping room.

- * When using an unvented gas or kerosene heater, crack a window and keep a door open to the rest of the house.

- * Always read and follow manufacturers' instructions.

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.

Announcement

The Bemidji Area Office Indian Health Service (IHS) announces there will be a competitive application cycle for the Health Professions Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year. The purpose of this scholarship is to increase the number of American Indians entering the health professions and to assure an adequate supply of health professionals for tribal, IHS, and urban Indian health programs.

This scholarship is intended for American Indian students to prepare them for acceptance into selected health profession programs or for those who are enrolled in one of the priority health profession programs. Applications will be available in early 1997 and have a deadline of April 1, 1997.

A workshop will be held on how to fill out the IHS Health Professions Scholarship Application and the scoring process. It is intended for college-bound students, tribal education directors and staff as well as college financial aid directors. The workshop will be held on Thursday, January 23, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Crying Wolf Room, located in the Student Union - Upper Level - at Bemidji State University.

Pre-registration is required to assure you will receive a packet of materials.

To request an IHS Health Professions Application or to register for the workshop, call the Bemidji Area Office Indian Health Service at:

1-800-892-3079.

Help another elder, become a senior companion

Four positions are now available for people who are 60 years of age or older to become Senior Companions on the Bois Forte Reservation.

Senior Companions spend up to 20 hours per week as a friendly visitor to homebound elders.

Companions do such things as letter writing, reading, driving to appointments or to do errands, assist with shopping, accompany an elder to a Reservation event, but mainly be a friend to someone who may need a friend. The goal of this program is to help elders remain independent at home for as long as possible.

Senior Companions receive a non-taxable stipend and many other benefits.

You can make a difference in the lives of others as a Senior Companion Volunteer.

If you are interested, contact Henry Beauduy, Health Services 757-3295, or Effie Drift, 757-3790.

There will be an Elders meeting, Tuesday, December 17th at the Community Center after the lunch meal. The Senior Companion Program will be on the agenda.

Battered Women's Program

Wendy Morrison, Advocate

It's been quite some time since I wrote an article for the NEWS. But here goes! There have been a few things going on within the program. A survey was sent out about a month ago with ideas and thoughts of holding weekly Equay Gatherings in the evenings such as, what day of the week, time of meeting, should the meetings take place during the day or evenings, etc. So any women with ideas of wanting to fill out a survey feel free to call or stop by the Human Services office.

With the Equay Gatherings beginning soon I would appreciate any ideas the women 55 years of age and older have. I am well aware that there are problems out there where women in this age group need to deal with an am more than willing to help them. So, if any of these women would like to contact me please feel free to do so by calling me at (218) 757-0111 or stop by the Human Services office. Should you feel uneasy about coming up to my office contact me and I will stop by just to visit and talk. I will also be stopping by with a survey that pertains more to your age group.

Following is an article on the effects of domestic abuse on children so please read it closely.

Even when children are not directly involved in domestic abuse as it is taking place, they are aware that something is wrong. Reviewing these questions can help you decide whether you need to take

some steps to protect your children from the abuse.

Your partner has:
= threatened to take away the children.
= told the children you were bad or crazy.
= used the children to control you or relay messages to you.
= used the children to make you feel guilty.

= refused to care for the children.
= refused to contribute financially.

Your children:
= react in fear or anxiety when voices are raised or when your partner is present, or they don't react at all.

= seem to be mimicking your partner's abusive behavior (exhibit increased aggression during fights with siblings for example).

= show significant changes in behavior (doing poorly in school, acting out, showing signs of depression, isolating themselves).

Domestic Violence is a learned behavior but with your help and help from a domestic abuse advocate or counselor a child can learn to live without violence in their lives. Should your child exhibit any of the above warning signs please feel free to call or stop by at the following address:

Bois Forte Battered Women's Program, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota 55772

Phone (218) 757-0111 (located at the Nett Lake School)

Michael S O'Shea, Alvin J Schwochert
30 - Shane A Chapman, Steven A Gruenhagen, Dawn T Kalstabakken
31 - Therese R Cairns, Jeanne A Gonier, Barbara J Lorenson, Linsey A Quoetone, Tiana M Schell, Michael J Stanaway
* - Twins, evidently.
Most popular birthday in December? The 10th, with eleven.
Least popular? The 18th... none listed.
One more year down... one less to go..... if you smoke, well, you have considerably less than that...think about it!

Kim King's column...



Kim King, Career Education Specialist

Hi, from the Career Education Specialist. I have been busy arranging my winter schedule. For the Winter Quarter/Semester I will be having more contact with Bois Forte Students attending higher education institutions in Duluth, Eveleth, Hibbing, Int'l Falls, and Virginia. I have already started to meet with students at Mesabi Range Community & Technical College at Virginia and Eveleth. In meeting with students the Tribal Education Department hopes to better meet the needs of Bois Forte Students. While at Mesabi Range Community & Technical College I met with six students, we discussed some of their concerns and difficulties that arise while attending college. I also received grades from some of the students and I must tell you they were great. I stopped at the Nijii Center located at 302 First Street South, Virginia. I was welcomed with a cup of coffee and smiles. I met Theresa Solis, Youth Program Coordinator for Native American youth. She gave me a few referrals to contact (Bois Forte enrollees) who are planning on attending Mesabi Range Community & Technical College. Another stop I made was at the A.E.O.A. office and met with Linda Troseth, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Stride Program. We shared information and made plans to start doing more networking with each other, since our goal is the same to assist Native Americans in becoming successful in their job or educational plans. The Tribal Education Department along with former/current students, Reservation Tribal Council Member, Bois Forte Indian Education Advisory Committee, school officials, and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Education Department all got together to brainstorm and come up with ideas on how the Tribal Education Department can best serve students going to higher education institutions. A task force was created to develop a survey to send out to Bois Forte students. We hope to get ideas and input from them. Well that's about all for now.

14 - Nicole M Fairbanks, Laurie L Mesabe, John M Mihelich, Michael J Ranum, Dana L Wakemup
15 - Carol A Alto, Thomas A Anspach, Jeffrey W Barto, Rustin K Hartland, Christopher A Hernandez, Dwayne A Hill, Warren G Lyons, Alice Smith
16 - Gary E Fisher, Pauline E Goldstein, Alex W Leskey, Norene E Mee, Brett T Robertson, Shaina M Sam, Jeremy W Wright

17 - Rose M Chosa, Zachary T Lorenson, Michelle M Moyer, Daniel R O'Leary, Timothy L Pepworth
18 - No birthdays listed.....sorry.

19 - Carlos A Davila Jr, Rodger A Gresczyk, Mark L Littlewolf, Elaine M Villebrun, Angeline Whiteman
20 - Jason K Boney, Tammy L Ciepluch, Kelly A Dagen, Clyde G Day, Michael W King*, Terrance J King*, Louise M Lambert, James F Polaskyi, Timothy D Turner, Damien A Zornes

21 - Terry L Anderson, Michael L Chosa, Waylon Drift, Sabrina L Gonier, Donna M Grauman, Chad A Hansen
22 - Wilfred Calder, Rory J Erler, Cheryl J Krotzer, Roger A Toutloff Jr

23 - Jonathan L Barto, Lourdes IM Brown, Amanda L Goggleye, Raohl D Hursh, Kristopher A King, Barbara A Schwochert
24 - Cassandra H Columbus, Janice B Fairbanks, Kari A Fischer, Robyn L Isham, Vivian F Buckanaga

25 - CHRISTMAS DAY! - Alicia A Connor, Andrew F Day, Mary A Fairbanks, Mary J Johnson, Wendy L Morrison

26 - Diane C Berlien, Elva M Brown, Henry Goodsky, Curtis P Setterquist, Brian J Thompson
27 - Arletta G Anderson, David A Skinway, John Whiteman Jr

28 - Gary F Lennox, Duane C Lumbar, Anthony J Monetti, Melissa K Morrison, David M Villebrun

29 - Beth A Columbus, James C Drift Jr,

BEING BORN INDIAN

Ruth Porter

From the day you are born,
you breathe and think Indian.
No matter what religion you choose to follow,
your heart remains Indian.
When you think family,
you think of anyone you are related to or people you may respect.
When you say people,
you mean the whole Native Nation.
When someone has a child,
The whole Nation's happy,
because the children keep the band alive.
When someone says education,
you not only think of yourself but your whole Nation.
To keep your band strong nowadays,
you need an education.
When you say home,
you don't really mean the home you live in,
You mean the rez.
The last piece of land your band has.
No matter how much blood you have,
you were born Indian,
and you're going to die Indian.

THE SPIRITS OF MY ANCESTORS

Ruth Porter

As I walk through my reservation,
I feel my people that have passed on before me,
around me.

I cannot see them but somehow I sense they are there.

With my eyes I cannot see their spirits,
But they can see mine.

Knowing they are around me,
Gives me a feeling of both bravery and courage.

Bravery of what faces me,
And the courage to look into a new beginning.

The Spirits of my Ancestors guide me on

THE SPIRIT OF HARMONY

To find peace, we must find harmony.

We should respect Mother Earth
and all her creatures.

When we do,
our souls will realize our oneness,
our relationship, and
our dependence to the land.

As long as the sun shines
and the rivers flow,
the land will be here
to give us life.

Every morning my grandfathers
and grandmothers
awakened early to greet the sun.

They sent their prayers
through the rays of the sun
to the creator.

The land I live upon
and this forest of great trees
give me cedar for carving.

But as I walk along the shore
of the lake near the trees,
I feel the spirit of my ancestors
who often visit this special place.

Their voices and songs
are heard in the wind.

It reminds me to respect the land
we call our Mother
and all living things upon it,
the plants and animals,

December Birthdays...

01 - Anthony M Gittleman, Kristina L Jordan, Amy P Mattera, Cheryl L Moats, Louise M McKennett, Donald F Wakemup, Joanne K Williams,

02 - Shirley A Kornezos, Jonathan M Williams

03 - Donald L Chosa III, Wayne D Davenport, Michael J Jordan, Jennalee R Porter

04 - John W Barto, Simona L Benner, Irene M Boney, Nancy A I Boney, David J Day, Landon M Holman, Jonathan R Lehti, Brooke NJ Norcia, Myra J Thompson, Charles H Wagner

05 - Lois A Connor, David A Day, Wendy M Drift, Gena M Drift, Dianna M Isham, Kimberly A Jackson, Margaret A King, Marlene C Lightfeather, Albert W Madison, Fred E Walcome

06 - Kristie AA Decorah, Danielle L Goodwin, Ronald Harding, Renika Hoagland, Pamela N Sandoval, Tracy A Schell

07 - Carol J Badboy, Daanis M Chosa, Vincent P Franzen, Jacqueline S Hackey, Nina A Konczak, Robert D McKennett

08 - Loretta M Emery, Muriel A Goggleye, Naomi J Peterson

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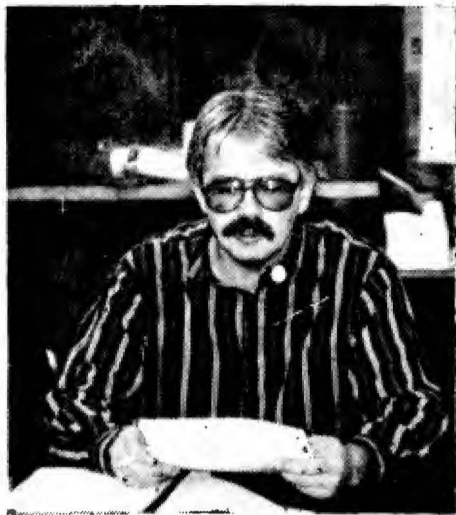
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Danz's column.....



David Danz, Reservation Planner

I took a trip down to the Fond du Lac Reservation recently. I was accompanied on this trip by our HOME Coordinator, Bill Whiteman. We went to talk with folks from the FDL Housing

Authority about a senior housing project they have just completed in Sawyer. We met with some

old acquaintances of mine including the Housing Director, Kathy Beadle. In the spirit of interBand cooperation, Kathy offered to allow us to examine the plans and specifications for the Sawyer facility as well as get a look prior to occupation.

Fond du Lac's facility is a 16 unit apartment complex much like the project we are looking at constructing in Nett Lake. A number of Bois Forte elders had visited the Sawyer facility earlier this summer and reports were they liked what they saw. We are informed that Fond du Lac did a great job in holding down costs on the construction of their senior housing project. It is our hope that we can use some of their experience and ideas to our benefit as we proceed on this project.

In line with this discussion is the application for a low interest loan through Rural Development to finance the balance of the Senior Assisted Living Center. Since

my last article, the next wave of paper work has been completed associated with this loan. We have completed the required State Historic Preservation Office archeological review of the site. Some legal and architectural matters are in the hands of attorney's and architects for review. The financial feasibility report has been completed and forwarded to Rural Development. There remains a quite number of other issues on the checklist prior to final approval on this critical aspect of financing.

I have just began work on the Environmental Review associated with the HUD Community Development Block grant for the Senior Assisted Living Center. Conducting a review of any potential environmental impacts to CDBG funded construction projects is a HUD requirement. Given the fact that this is the fourth CDBG funded project at Bois Forte in the past five years, we've pretty much got the hang of these HUD requirements. We'll continue working on the parallel paper trails for HUD and Rural Development financing. Stick with me folks and you too will become versed in the wonderful world of Federal financing.

In working with a few Northern Minnesota banks I finally found one who will participate in the HUD Section 184 loan guarantee program. This institution is Norwest Mortgage out of Duluth. Readers may recall that this program provides a Federal guarantee to housing loans made on the Reservation. This program was created by Congress to deal with the problem of getting lenders to lend on Tribal lands. With Section 184 the risk is passed on to the Federal government. This program is also somewhat geared for families whose income may not qualify them for low income programs offered by the Bois Forte HOME program and the MCT Home Loan program. If you have questions about the program, give me a call.

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Andy Datko's column....



Andy Datko, Assistant Planner

The Bois Forte Reservation has recently been given the opportunity to take over the "selfhelp" housing program being administered by the now defunct Northeastern Minnesota Housing Partnership. This program, which is funded through U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development, provides home ownership opportunities for low and very low income families. The distinguishing characteristic of the program is that the participating families work together in teams to provide most of the actual construction labor to build the homes. This greatly reduces the up front costs to the homeowners who also can qualify for very low interest rate mortgages through the program.

The Northeastern Minnesota Housing Partnership, a non-profit organization based in Tower, was going to administer the program and build up to 30 homes in the Tower area -including up to 12 on the Vermilion community of the Reservation. The Housing Partnership ceases operations in November, and the Tribal Council was approached about taking over the program. As a result, I am now working on a pre-application for developing 12 homes - six at Vermilion and six at Nett Lake. If the pre-application is approved, the Reservation will receive \$10,000 in technical assistance funds to develop a final application. That final application must be done within six months and must identify specific qualified families wishing to participate in the program and the lots where the homes will be built. If the final application is approved, we will receive \$10,000 per home in technical assistance funds to hire a construction manager and a program administrator. We would then have up to two years to complete the project.

If the program is successful, we could apply for funds for additional homes in future years. If you or any one you know might be interested in owning a home on the Reservation, and are willing to contribute much of the required labor, please contact me at 218-753-6400. Expect to see more information about this program in future editions of the Bois Forte News

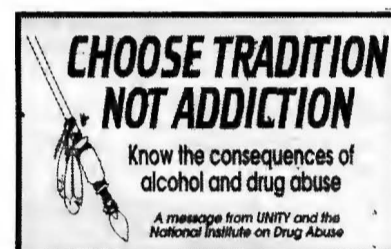
The roof has finally gone on the new commodities building. Bad weather this fall contributed to delays, but now that it is sealed up the interior work should proceed quickly. I expect to see Mavis and Wendy moved into this building by Christmas.

This past month the Tribal Council approved the three year Transportation Improvements Priorities list (TIP) Based on this TIP, we expect to see the following road improvement projects completed in the next few years: Palmquist Streets (under construction, completion, in 1997), Indian Point and Sugarbush Roads (in 1997), Hard Hat Road and Tibbetts Trail extensions (1998). In addition, the Nett Lake Village streets were ranked for resurfacing in the next three years if funding is available.

The Tribal Council also added two bicycle trails (one at Vermilion and one at Nett Lake) to the TIP. These projects are eligible for funding through the State administered transportation improvements process, which is competitive. I will be submitting applications for these two projects in December and we won't know if they will be funded until next fall. These bike trails would not be constructed until the year 2000 or later. Again, I will keep you posted.

I was informed this week that our pre-application for funding water/sewer extensions at the November 12 meeting. They will be adopting the plan and land use maps at their next meeting as an interim guidance document, pending the completion of the Nett Lake Land Use Plan and their integration into one comprehensive plan for the whole Reservation. Any one wishing to receive a copy of this plan can contact me and I will gladly send you one.

I hope you all have a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season!



Congratulations!!!

November is a very good month!!!! It is the time of year when many people are making plans of where to go for Thanksgiving Day. Also it is a time when little children are looking through the Christmas catalogs--- pointing out to their parents what they would like to Christmas. This is also the time of year when people are looking back at the events they have accomplished. Once you look back to see what you have done----- you generally wonder what the next year will bring. I think that way. I recall times in my childhood when my parents would talk Chippewa. This would be so the children would not understand what they were talking about----- especially when they would discuss Christmas presents. They were pretty wise people.

November to me is a good month because that is when my youngest child was born. Now she, too, has had a daughter in this fine month!!!! Oh, to think back to the time when she was a mere six pound six ounce tiny girl. Now to think she is having her own daughter. I am very excited about Troy and Ellen's little girl. Ellen--- happy birthday to you! You have made me legally old. Now all four of my children are twenty-one years old. Ellen and Troy's little girl, I think they were going to name her Gabriella Rae, was born on November 20, 1996 at 8:19 A.M. in the Mesabi Regional Medical Center in Hibbing, MN, 55746. Her big brother Owen is happy about her and is very attentive to his little sister. This is a wonderful time of year for all of us!! Congrats Ell and Troy on the addition to the family!!!

From your family--- Mom and Dad, and both your brothers and sister... and their kids to!!!!!!! We are so happy that she is born and that you are another year older. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Darin Steen...



Darin Steen, Environmentalist

Season's greetings from the environmental department. I trust everyone is of good cheer and eagerly awaiting the Christmas season (except for those of us who got lumps of coal in our stockings last year). If you have visited the Nett Lake solid waste transfer station recently, I am sure you've noticed the aesthetic improvements that were made there over the past month. The mess of scrap metal and appliances has

finally been removed!! Curtiss White Goods Processing Inc. of Cohasset spent two days at the site crushing and baling this recyclable metal waste. The pile of metal at the King property near the Nett Lake pumphouse was also cleaned up during this time. An innovative approach was used which saved a significant amount of time and work. Pete and Bubba from the sawmill used their logging truck to grab large piles of heavy tangled scrap metal. The metal was loaded onto dump trucks driven by Kent Isham and Frank Villebrun Jr. and brought to the transfer station for crushing. It would have taken many pickup loads and many days of manual labor to remove this mess which took only two hours using this approach. We were able to recycle over twenty tons of scrap metal through this project. Thank you to everyone who participated in this team effort including Curtiss White Goods who provided metal recycling services to Bois Forte at no cost!!

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe holiday season! Talk to you next year!!



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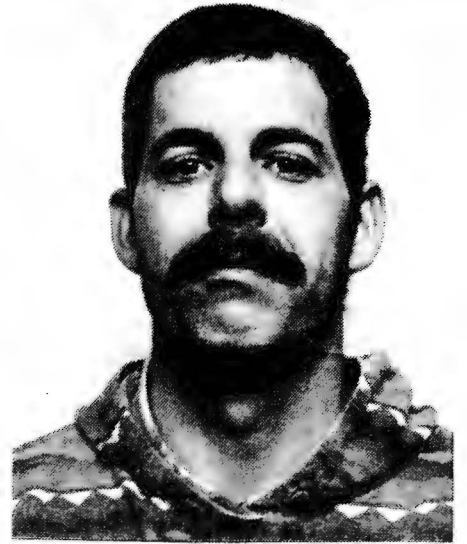


Kelly King, AmeriCorps

Hello! My name is Kelly King and I am the new AmeriCorps Site Coordinator. I have had a busy first few weeks but things are starting to settle down. I am starting to learn quite a lot about AmeriCorps, and our participants. All of this information I am going to try to pass on to you. We have quite a few projects going on and a lot of site work happening. There are now ten members participating in the program. Now I should tell you a little about our members. Project Grow for this spring is David Villebrun Jr. and Keith Roy. Recycling headed by Heather Villebrun (currently on maternity leave). Water quality is Mark Littlewolf. Elderly Nutrition Program is Farrah Drift and Merrilee Connor. Youth Activities is Lanaya Brown and Jessica Knott. Forestry is Waylon Drift and Ron Fisher II. Each program has different responsibilities for example; Farrah and Merrilee are also responsible for weatherization, wood chopping, and snow shoveling for the elderly. Lanaya and Jessica will be tutoring and mentoring. Mark has to check the springs where elderly get their water to make sure it is drinkable. Other projects we will be doing are community unity events, planting trees (5000) this spring and clearing trails.

I am very happy to be working with such a good crew. Next column I will make sure one member of our group writes their own column, just to let everyone know what they do exactly. We are still looking for projects for the community. I would be happy to hear any comments or suggestions you might have for me, so please stop in and see me.

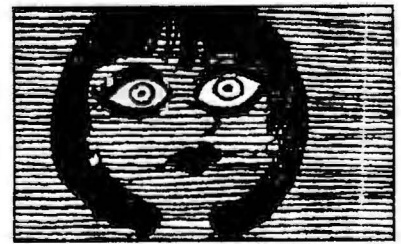
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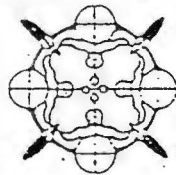
Randy Signs, Transfer Station

Hello to everyone. My name is Randy Signs, you may have seen me at the solid waste transfer station. I also pick up garbage for the elderly, with the old green army truck. My responsibilities have recently been added to, I now plow the drive ways for the elderly and other structures around the village. I work at the solid-waste transfer station (dump) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Just a reminder, if the dump is scheduled to be open on a holiday it will be closed until the following day, unless otherwise specified by a sign. I will have a sign up by the dump, if this should happen. I collect elderly garbage on Tuesdays, the route brings me all over the reservation.

The reason for my article was to introduce myself to everyone and say "hello". I probably won't be writing too many articles for the paper since there is not a whole lot of change around the dump. Until next time....See ya.



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I.C.W.A. news....



Susan Strand, ICWA Director

A personal note. The Indian Child Welfare Department announces that Trudy King, our Family-Based Worker will be leaving her position as of December 11, 1996 and joining the Housing Authority Tenant Services. We will miss her delightful personality and her commitment to her clients. We wish her great success, and we are positive she will be an asset to the Housing Authority.

I have applications for the Flex program at the Human Services office. We will assist with applications and will sign on to be the case managers, which is needed to get funds. Six monthly visits from the case manager is required. This is available at any Salvation Army office. We would only agree to be case manager for Tower/Nett Lake, Cook and Orr.

Also, we will be distributing the Xmas baskets for those that fill out applications at our office.

If you have applied and would like us to bring your Xmas baskets up here for you to pick up, please let us know. Thanks.

The Program Overview of the Salvation Army Flexible Funds to Prevent Homelessness:

The Flexible Fund Program will be used for assistance that cannot be provided for under the guidelines of present emergency assistance programs. Housing and homeless service providers may access the funds on behalf of their clients with the understanding the use of these funds are to be outcome based and there will be a

responsibility on their part for tracking and reporting. Application packets will be given to homeless providers that will include an application form, release of information form, a form to track contacts with clients, a case completion form and an evaluating form to be filled out by the client. The applicant agency will be responsible for determining eligibility of the client; the Salvation Army case managers will be responsible for reviewing applications for completion, making payment, and compiling final data and reporting to the County. The goal is to work together to deliver services as quickly as possible with the assurance the client will be better at the end of the process.

Flexible funds are not to be used in place of existing emergency funds, but are to be used to fill the gaps in existing funding. It is again to be noted these funds are to be used for families, youth, or individuals that are threatened with homelessness or are moving from a shelter or transitional housing into permanent housing.

The Salvation Army will participate in the Low Income Housing Consortium and the Rural Coalition for the Homeless to provide outreach, uniform data collection, encourage applicants to collaborate in providing services and submit reports to review types of expenditures, problems in service delivery and statistical reports.

ATTENTION!!

The Indian Child Welfare Department will **no longer** provide transportation for **non-clients**. The ICWA Department will also **not** do any transports on BAD weather days!

A 48-hour notice is needed of ICWA clients who need transportation. Any special requests must be addressed directly to Susan Strand, ICWA Supervisor. Thank you.

Indian Child Welfare Act - Legislative Summary - 1996

The Congress began with renewed attacks on the ICWA from House of Representatives members Deborah Pryce (R-OH) and Todd Tiaht (R-KS). Both introduced stand alone bills, H.R. 3156 and H.R. 3275 respectively, which sought to limit ICWA protections to Indian children and curtail tribal involvement in child custody proceedings involving their member children. Supporters of this legislation argued that tribes were abusing their rights under ICWA and treating Indian children as chattel. Tribes and advocates for Indian children, such as the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), began a campaign to educate Congress on the harsh effects these bills would have on Indian children, families, and tribes.

While debate continued on the ICWA stand alone bills, another larger adoption bill (H.R. 3286) began to pick up momentum. This bill included tax credits for adoption and amendments to further limit consideration of race or culture in foster care or adoptive placements. Congresswoman Pryce, working with the Rules Committee of which she was a member, was able to attach several of the amendments from H.R. 3156 and 3275 to the larger adoption bill. Now passage of anti-ICWA amendments in the House began to look even more serious.

At this point, Congressman Young (R-AK), Chairman of the House Resources Committee, moved to get a referral for Title 111 of H.R. 3086 which contained the anti-ICWA amendments. Under his leadership, the House Resources Committee struck out the ICWA amendments. While this should have sent the bill to the House floor without any ICWA amendments, the Rules Committee decided to reinsert the controversial ICWA amendments. Now the battle would go to the House floor with Congressman Young leading an effort to again strike out the ICWA amendments. On a vote of 212 to 195, the motion by Don Young to remove the ICWA amendments under Title III was defeated. An hour later, H.R. 3286 passed the House and was on to the Senate.

In the Senate, a different strategy was utilized to stop passage of anti-ICWA amendments and address the concerns of those members that were critical of the ICWA. Senator McCain, in recognition of the lack of input tribes had been given, urged representatives from tribes and the adoption community to jointly develop legislative solutions to the concerns surrounding the ICWA. With the leadership of NICWA, Tanana Chief's Conference, and the National Congress of American Indians, this goal was achieved. A draft set of alternative ICWA amendments was submitted to Senator McCain in June which eventually received the support of the National Congress of American Indians and its member tribes, the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, the Clinton Administration, Congresswoman Pryce, the Child Welfare League of America, North American Council on Adoptable Children, and the American Human Association.

Shortly after the Senate received H.R. 3286 for consideration, the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator McCain, received jurisdiction over the anti-ICWA amendments in Title III of H.R. 3286. The Indian Affairs Committee moved quickly to strike these amendments while also scheduling a hearing on the alternative amendments that tribes and

other organizations had developed. The hearing, which took place on June 26th, provided a solid base of information that supported the measured approach that the alternative amendments followed while clearly identifying the multiple problems that the ICWA amendments in H.R. 3286 posed. The hearing provided the first time that tribes have been given any formal opportunity to provide input on the ICWA amendments in H.R. 3286.

On July 16th, Senator John McCain and Congressman Don Young introduced the alternative ICWA amendments as S. 1962 and H.R. 3828 respectively. The Senate Indian Affairs Committee reported out S. 1962 on July 24th with no changes and the House Resources Committee reported out H.R. 3828 in a similar fashion. Meanwhile, H.R. 3286 had stalled in the Senate with talk of "parting out" the different provisions and placing them in other bills.

The Senate made the first effort to bring their alternative ICWA bill, S. 1962, to the floor for a vote right before the August Senate recess. While much effort was made to resolve last minute concerns that a few Senators had regarding S. 1962 the effort was derailed at the last hour by holds put on the bill based on a letter from the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC). The letter alleged that S. 1962 would further complicate adoptions of Indian children and possibly encourage abortions. While the substance of the letter is questionable, it caused Senate leadership to delay voting on S. 1962 until after the August recess. Meanwhile, the House went to recess without bringing H.R. 3828 to the floor for a vote.

The Senate came back in September with renewed efforts by Senator McCain to resolve the last minute concerns over the ICWA raised by the National Right to Life Committee. After several attempts at resolving the issues, Senator McCain moved the bill to the Senate floor on September 26th. With only a few days left in the session, the Senate passed the bill without objection. The House, however, would prove too difficult to get a vote on either S. 1962 or H.R. 3828 before the session ended. Republican leadership in the House did not allow a vote on either bill based on their concerns over the National Right to Life Committee's allegations and pressure to move other higher priority bills.

For more information, please call NICWA's public policy advocate David Simmons at (503) 222-4044, ext. 19.

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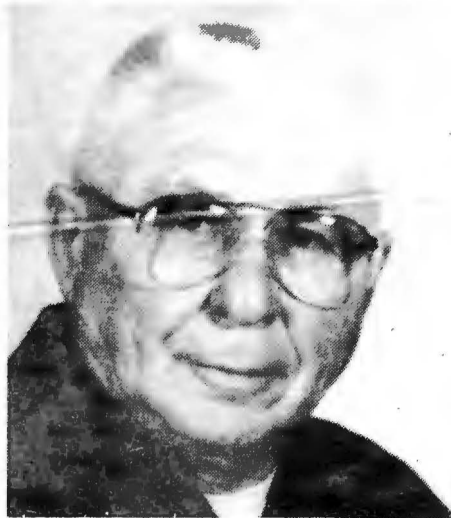
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Art Holmes writes....



Art Holmes, Counselor

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CREATOR

We were created for relationship with God but sin has brought about an all but impossible separation between God and man. It is God who seeks reconciliation, not man.

When He called our ancient ancestor Abram to leave his home and relatives and go to a land He would show him, God began to move toward a reconciliation with mankind. We begin to see it now, following the big battle Abram and his servants had won over the five regional kings of Canaan, headed by king Chedorlaomar.

After the exhilaration of that big victory had begun to wear off, I am sure that Abram began to think of the possible consequences that might follow. What if the five kings rebuilt their armies and returned to fight Abram and his servants? What chance would he have in such a battle in which his enemies would make a planned military attack? I am sure that Abram must have spent some sleepless nights worrying over that strong probability. I am sure he did not believe at that point that the Creator-Most High God would be there with him in every battle or circumstance. There was a lot that Abram needed to learn about this great Creator-God, and He was about to begin to teach him.

The name "Most High" is a name for God that belonged to the whole world of mankind, and not just to the Jewish race. This was so because God wanted all of mankind to be able to find hope in the Creator-Most High, that there is help regardless of our condition, from Him.

In the name El Elyon, or Most High, more so than in any other name, God has revealed the matter of His relationship to man as man; that it is an "unchangeable relationship in spite of the change which sin has wrought in man's condition." - Andrew Jukes

El Elyon the Most High God means the God Who is above all else. Of the thousands upon thousands of gods you might name, El Elyon is Higher. All that is in the universe is under Him, is in subjection to Him. He rules all. He sees all, He knows all, He is present everywhere. We will all appear before Him one day regardless of the religion we have followed. The bottom line is - "that we will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." 2 Cor. 5:10

One night as the worried and restless Abram slept a fitful sleep, he had a vision which is spoken of in Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; your reward shall be very great."

The Shield did not allow the mighty Canaanite king, Chedorlaomar, with his allies to ever come near Abram as long as he lived. That is good to know.

We now have the great Creator, into whom we may now incorporate the new name, -the "Most High God". Then He reveals some more about Himself along this line in Isaiah 45:5-7, 18, 21 "I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity, I am the LORD who does all these..... For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens, (He is God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited); I am the LORD, and there is none else.... "there is no other God besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none except Me."

There must be more than a thousand religions in the world, some of which may have 10,000 gods or more, but all of these people who worship them must still stand one day before the great Creator of them all.

VISIONS AND DREAMS. The Bible is filled with people being contacted and directed by God through dreams. Until about 175 years ago, the world, as well as the church, considered dreams a valid means of communication with the Creator-God. Then the church, for some unknown reason, decided they were no longer valid and eliminated them from the active experience of its constituents or members. I thank God that the Catholic church did not follow suit, nor have our Indian tribes.

While I worked at Mash-Ka-Wisen hundreds of our clients would tell me of the dreams they had had, and they were helped by them. The church may have eliminated dreams as a means of communication, but thank God, He did not!

Many of our people, in the past, have had dreams and some have had visions. In the book "Black Elk Speaks" there are several visions and dreams that Black Elk had, which have been fulfilled. The Old Testament is filled with the dreams and visions through which the Creator communicated to men information and revelations that were to have a profound impact on the world then and now. The New Testament begins with a number of significant dreams, and ends with the Book of



Ballet began in the royal courts of Italy during the 1400s. Movements of ballet dancing still include bows and other elegant manners reflecting its courtly origin.

Revelation which is filled from one end to the other, with revelations and visions of the future.

We may not be able to recall most of our dreams, but the ones we are able to recall when we awaken, may have some real significance as guidance or forewarnings of impending danger. We should then pray and ask God to remove that danger from the person's path.

On Tuesday November 19th a Lakota from one of the Montana reservations, Art Begay, appeared on the 700 Club. It was interesting. He was asked to tell about an ancient Lakota legend. I would like to quote Art Begay: "Two native boys were walking in a field and saw the buffaloes dancing around a tree. They couldn't understand it because to native people the buffalo were sacred. When they went to their holy man and asked about it, he told them, - 'you go down to that tree and break it open; there is a star in it. It is symbolic of a man in a far away land that is going to be born of a virgin He will grow up; His people will hate Him, and He's going to die on a tree.' That legend was told among our Lakota people 2,000 years ago. So we ask ourselves the question: "was there a Man born 2,000 years ago, of a virgin, in a far away country; that his people hated Him, and He died on a tree?" The Holy Spirit went all throughout this world, planting seeds because one day the Black Book (Bible) would come to our people."

Not only is our native history filled with exciting legends of the experiences of our ancestors, in visions and dreams, but also in the spiritual gifts of the Word of Wisdom and the Word of Knowledge, of which this legend so amply testifies.

God desired a rich, close relationship with mankind whom He had created. They enjoyed that close relationship until sin separated them. God has missed that relationship with us and wants to renew it once again. Up to this point the Creator has been working slowly, patiently, surely, in developing that kind of relationship with our uncle Abram. Our ancestors communicated with Him and so may we. God is open to a relationship with us. He invites us to come and join Him. The problem is on our side. We have become sinners, hostile toward God, and we are missing out on a lot of the wealth that goes with such a close, deep relationship. Jeremiah 31:3 "... I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness..." Do you have the courage (we hate Him and are afraid of Him) to come and renew that broken relationship with our Creator? We, who do know Him, can help you. Give us a call.

OBITUARIES

JOHN STRONG

John Strong, 74, of Nett Lake died Thursday, Nov. 28, 1996, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

He was born June 16, 1922, in Nett Lake to George John and Rosie (Beargrease) Strong. He grew up in Nett Lake and attended school in Silverdale. Following school he enlisted in the Air Force. John was a U.S. Air Force veteran having served during World War II. He was the grandson of the late John Beargrease, who orchestrated and founded the John Beargrease sled dog race. He was the past Bois Forte tribal chief. He attended the VFW Post 1757 in Cook.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Ruby Strong Boness; four brothers, Louis Strong Sr., Herbert Strong Sr., Harry Strong and William Strong; and his parents.

Survivors include three daughters, Nadine Strong of Virginia, Laura Strong and Kay Strong, both of Nett Lake; three stepdaughters, Roberta Drift and LuAnn Drift, both of Nett Lake, and Tammy Greenberg of Eveleth; one stepson, Brett Robertson of Minneapolis; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister, Annie (Alex) Pete of Lake Vermilion-Tower; one brother, Albert (RuthAnn) of Nett Lake; many nieces and nephews, besides other relatives and friends who mourn his death.

Visitation was from 5 p.m. Monday until the tribal rites were held at his home in Nett Lake on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Burial was in the Strong family burial grounds in Nett Lake.

ELSIE L. DANZ

Elsie L. Danz, 81, of Grand Ave., Duluth, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 1996, in St. Luke's Hospital.

She was born in Duluth and lived there until 1956, when she moved to Silver Bay, where she lived until she returned to Duluth in 1985. She had been an employment clerk at Reserve Mining for 22 years, retiring in 1978. She was a member of Elim Lutheran Church and the VFW Auxiliary.

Her parents were Olaf and Maria (Lindberg) Lundgren. Her husband, Lorenz, died in 1983.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth L. of Duluth, David L. of Nett Lake and Norman L. of Wausau, Wis.; two sisters, Evelyn Prevost and Sadie LaFrance, both of Duluth; and six granddaughters.

Services were held Saturday, Nov. 2 in Bell Brothers Chapel. Burial was in Oneota Cemetery.

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Reservation Tribal Council minutes....

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 7, 1996, Vermilion Social Center, Tower, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 10:21 A.M.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Mark Anderson; Vicki Holmes; Joanne Donald; Andy Datko; Ken Badboy; Henry Beauduy; Hank Goodsky; Sherry Erickson; Ernest Landgren, Jr.; Kim King; John Jammnick; Cindy Glasel; Gordon Warrick; Ron Dicklich; Miles Lord; Ale Pete; Cecile Warren; Gary Frammer; Rick Anderson; Norm Adams; Donna Hoffer; Dave Danz; Patti Wilkie; Jeneal Goggeye; Angela Wright; Captain Richard Wilkie; Kay Davis

Invocation by Hank Goodsky.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve minutes of a special meeting held September 20, 1996, Nett Lake, Minnesota, and minutes of an executive session held August 15, 1996, Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #28-97, Housing Authority demolition and replacement plan. (This resolution replaces #71-96, which changes the homes from seventeen (17) to sixteen (16). Carried 4-0-0.

Resolution #29-97 is tabled (Identifying service area for the purpose of Section 184, HUD Guaranteed Home Loan Program). This resolution is to be revised to state the services area will be statewide, not just three counties.

Cindy Glasel requests services from the accounting department (payroll, W-2's, and other employee related accounts). The Housing Authority would be willing to pay for these services. Cindy also requests the adoption and use of the RTC Personnel Policy. The Council will consider these requests.

Cindy Glasel informs the Council the Housing Authority has been approved for a grant from HUD in the amount of \$738,890.00 to repair houses. The Housing Authority has also received a \$15,000.00 grant to provide technical assistance to apply for a drug elimination grant.

Recess at 11:50 A.M.

Meeting reconvenes at 1:20 P.M.

John Jammnick, Kuusisto Engineering and Andy Datko presented recommendations, cost estimates and a financing plan to extend sewer and water service throughout the Vermilion sector.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #30-97, submission of application to the U. S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development for funding for extension of community water and sewage treatment services at Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Andy Datko distributes a copy of last year's (FY 96-98) Transportation Improvement Priority List (TIP) for the Council to review and make recommendations for this year's TIP (FY 97-99). The Council recommends combining #2, Indian Point and #5, Sugarbush and combining #3, Hard Hat and #4, Tibbetts Trail, and use any leftover funds for #6, Nett Lake streets. Andy is asked to look into the driveways being included in #6. Andy informs the Council the bridge projects and the state and county roads are listed but these come from different funding agencies. Andy has also included two new potential projects for consider-

ation which is a bike trail at Vermilion and traffic control and safety improvements at the Fortune Bay access road. Council recommends a bike trail from Dale's into the Nett Lake village along with the two projects. Andy will bring back a draft TIP at the next meeting.

Joanne Donald gives a report on the Higher Education and AVT programs. There is a shortfall of \$6,000.00 in the Higher Education program. Joanne is to check on the amounts of a couple of the students as those would probably change the shortfall amount. Joanne is told the Council will probably be able to cover the shortfall. Joanne states there is no more funding in the ACT program. Joanne stated she would be sending out-of-fund letters to the new students who are applying for this program. Joanne is directed to hold off on the letters and the Council will try to find funds (\$30,000.00) to supplement the ACT program for ten more students.

Joanne informs the Council that some students have a high unmet need and some have no unmet need based on parents income (the students are not being supported by the parents but the parent's income must be counted). She would like to see the post-secondary criteria changed (#5 of resolution #89-96).

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to accept the resignation of Adeline Anderson from the Bois Forte Education Advisory Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Recess at 2:45 P.M.

Meeting reconvenes at 3:00 P.M.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve an additional \$15,000.00 to the Bois Forte Needs Program (for a total of \$30,000.00). Carried 4-0-0. Cecile Warren is to change the wording on the Needs Program policy from "\$800.00 per household" to "an Elderly may receive up to \$800.00".

Gary Frazer informs the Council the MCT Claims Case will be the only item on the agenda at the TEC meeting on October 8. This is a timber sales case. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe was offered \$20 million as a settlement. To be discussed at the TEC will be whether or not to accept this settlement.

Henry Beauduy presents information on the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior

Companion Program. The Foster Grandparent Program is a program where elders would come into the school and serve as mentors to children on a one-to-one basis, telling stories, etc. The

Senior Companion Program is a program where elders would provide assistance and friendship to homebound elders. Program participants would be available for a predetermined number of hours per week and would receive a stipend.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; directing Henry Beauduy, Judy Anderson, and Kay Davis to pursue negotiations with the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #31-97, Corporate MasterCard BusinessCard Agreement with the addition of Floyd Morrison's name to the list of individuals. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council Educational Assistance Request for Employees policy. Carried 4-0-0.

Jeneal Goggeye informs the Council an emergency planning committee meeting was held. The following resolution was drafted in regard to who should serve on the committee and making it mandatory attendance. The next Emergency Planning Committee meeting will be held October 23rd in the RTC conference room at which time a chairman and vice-chair for that committee will be selected.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #32-97, formation of the Emergency Planning Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve paying the FY 95 COLA for the Food Distribution staff. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held if Bois Forte would be pursuing IHS Self-Governance for next year. If we do not, the funds we received for negotiations would need to be returned. A decision will be made at the next council meeting on whether or not to pursue negotiations. The decision will not be made today because of conflicting information received concerning if and when the money would need to be returned. Chairman Landgren indicated he would call the IHS Office of Self-Governance to clarify this issue.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to ratify the hiring of Sandy Marcy to the position of Nurse Practitioner effective October 14, 1996. Carried 4-0-0. Jeneal is given permission to negotiate a salary within a specified range. Sandy Marcy is to be informed of the salary cap schedule to be put in place in the near future.

Council all agree to approve a deed for Kathleen Adams. Mark Anderson will draft a certificate of title for Kathleen's family to sign. Doris Isham will provide Mark with a list of family members. David Morrison, Sr. leaves meeting at 4:40 P.M.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #33-97, application to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for funding for Head Start. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve out of state travel for Donna Hoffer, Office/Personnel Manager, to attend the Background Investigations training to be held from October 8-11, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve out of state travel for Ray Villebrun, Natural Resources Director, to attend the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, South Regional Conference on October 27-31, 1996 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve out of state travel for Dave Danz to serve as Chairperson of a grant review panel for the Administration for Native Americans on November 17-22, 1996 in Washington, D.C. Carried 3-0-0. Frank Annette informs the Council the Area Office called just before the meeting to say the MOA for law enforcement services needs to be worked out some more, but the officer's salaries would be paid until then.

Because of time constraints, a meeting will be held in the morning to take care of the agenda items that cannot be addressed today.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to grant a foster home

license for one (1) year to the individuals named on the attached list. Carried 3-0-0. Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #34-97, enrollment - eligibles. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #35-97, ineligible for enrollment. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #36-97, band transfer. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #37-97, ineligible for enrollment. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #38-97, ineligible for enrollment. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #39-97, ineligible for enrollment. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #40-97, ineligible for enrollment. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve out of state travel for Judy Anderson to attend the National Indian Child Care Association Board Meeting on October 27-28, 1996 in Seattle, Washington. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adjourn meeting at 5:31 P.M. Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 8, 1996, council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 8:25 A.M.

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

Members Absent:

None

Others: Frank Annette; Mark Anderson; Vicki Holmes; Rick Anderson; Gordon Warrick; Norm Adams; Jackie Villebrun; Dave Danz; Ernest Landgren, Jr.

Chairman Landgren dispenses with minutes of last meeting.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #41-97, new lease for religious purposes - Rita and Jose Vidal. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #42-97, new lease - Laura Strong. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #43-97, lease termination - Carol Badboy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #44-97, new lease - Frank Connor. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #45-97, new lease - Barbara Brodeen. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #46-97, new lease - Daniel King. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #47-97, new lease - Edward D. Chavers. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on lifting the moratorium on the Bois Forte Business Development Loan Program. Dane Danz is to get an updated report of this program for the next meeting. Gordon is to get a balance of funds in this program.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve \$5,000.00 to

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the Pow Wow Committee for the pow wow this weekend. Any money not utilized will be returned. Carried 4-0-0.

The Council suggests to Linda Tibbetts-Barto to hold a meeting with the Pow wow Committee and the Conservation/Rice Committee to settle the situation concerning the money owed to Cornerstone Sales. Discussion was held on the requests from individuals seeking loans to fix their houses. It was suggested to see if it is possible to use the Economic Development Fund - revolving loan fund for loans for fixing houses.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to pursue the possibility of acquiring the S.E.P. Camp. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adjourn meeting at 10:48 A.M. Carried 4-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 29, 1996, council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 8:50 A.M.

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

Members Absent: Doris Isham (excused - attending a meeting)

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Sherry Erickson; Rick Anderson; Gordon Warrick; Ernest Landgren, Jr.; Lyle Lumbar

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to contribute \$250.00 to the Tim Johnson. D-S.D. campaign fund. Carried 3-0-0.

Frank Annette asks if the Council will be endorsing candidates in the upcoming elections. Council all agree to endorse the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. Frank informs the Council the RTC staff will be available to provide rides to the polls for community members who need rides. Council was asked if there would be work that day. Council state there will be work that day and to encourage the staff to go vote.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to extend this year's Thanksgiving Holiday for the staff to take November 29th off. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Frank Annette, Executive Director, and Gordon Warrick, Comptroller, to attend the 1996 DOI Tribal Self-Governance Fall Conference on November 19-20, 1996 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of

state travel for Ernest Landgren, Jr., Public Works Supervisor, to attend Maintenance Supervisors Training on December 11-13, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 3-0-0. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #49-97, loan documents for the Interim loan from Miller & Schroeder Investments Corporation for the purpose of funding construction costs for the Bois Forte Resort Conference Center. Carried 3-0-0. Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve payment in the amount of \$81,296.00 in two checks (\$40,648.00 each), one payable to Lumbar Mechanical and the other payable to Kraus-Anderson Construction Company, which represents final billing for construction of the Fortune Bay Resort Hotel Complex. Carried 3-0-0. The funds to come from the Interim/Permanent loan Fortune Bay will be receiving.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to finish renovation of the new tribal council offices. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adjourn meeting at 11:34 A.M. Carried 3-0-0.

Primary Elections instituted on MCT reservations.

Cass Lake, MN - The Tribal Executive Committee of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe unanimously approved a resolution at their regular quarterly meeting on November 7 that will provide for primary elections in all future tribal elections on the six Minnesota Chippewa Tribe reservations - Bois Forte, Grand Portage, Mille Lacs, Fond du Lac, Leech Lake and White Earth.

In other action, the TEC rescinded Election Ordinance #5 which provided for appeals of the Reservation Election Judge's decision to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Appellate Court. In future elections, all appeals will be heard by a single Reservation Election Appeals Judge whose decision will be final. The TEC also rescinded tribal constitution Interpretation No. 5-84 which interpreted majority votes as "the preponderant quantity or share of votes cast". Rescinding this interpretation was necessary to clear the way for the implementation of primary elections.

The TEC, in hearing and acting upon the concerns expressed by several tribal members present at the TEC meeting, are hopeful that the healing process has begun leading to unity, trust and respect between all tribal people.

Section 633 statute adopted.

November 21, 1996

TO: Axel Holmes, Editor

FROM: Ken E. Badboy, Magistrate/Administrator

Effective upon receipt of this code statute it becomes effective. You are authorized to publish or post this statute of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council.

Chapter VI, Offenses, Section 633, Intoxicating Liquors or Alcoholic Beverages - Illegal use.

633 Intoxicating, Liquors or Alcoholic Beverages - Illegal Use.

Subdivision 1. "Intoxicating liquor" or "alcoholic beverages" means ethyl alcohol, distilled, fermented, spirituous, vinous and malt liquors, regardless of percentage of alcohol by weight, and includes but is not limited to beer, ale, wine, whiskey, gin, rum, brandy, vodka, schnapps, and all other liquor and alcoholic beverages whether commercially sold or home-made.

Subdivision 2. "Possess" includes, but is not limited to, being in a room, any motorized vehicle including snowmobiles and ATV's, a boat, trailer, or a public or private place where the intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage is openly displayed and accessible to the person under the age of twenty-one (21) years. Lack of knowledge of the existence of or lack of accessibility to of such intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage shall be an affirmative defense which must be asserted and established by a preponderance of the evidence.

Subdivision 3. Whoever, being under the age of twenty-one (21), purchases, receives, possesses or consumes any intoxicating liquors or alcoholic beverages is guilty of an offense and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to not more than ninety (90) days incarceration or to pay a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), or both.

Subdivision 4. Whoever, being under the age of twenty-one (21), misrepresents his age in order to obtain intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverages for consumption by himself or others is guilty of an offense and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to not more than thirty (30) days incarceration or to pay a fine not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), or both.

Subdivision 5. Whoever knowingly furnishes, supplies, sells, barter, or gives any person under the age of twenty one (21) any intoxicating liquors or alcoholic beverages is guilty of an offense and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to not more than one hundred eighty (180) days incarceration or to pay a fine not exceeding Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), or both.

Chapter 11, INTOXICATING LIQUORS, is hereby repealed.

Enacted by resolution 54-97, of the Bois Forte Tribal Council on the 12th day of November, 1996.

/s/ *Clint Landgren*
Clint Landgren
Chairman

/s/ *David C. Morrison Sr*
David C. Morrison, Sr.
Secretary-Treasurer

WHEREAS, The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council is the duly elected federally recognized governing body of the Bois Forte Reservation and having the authority to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions, and

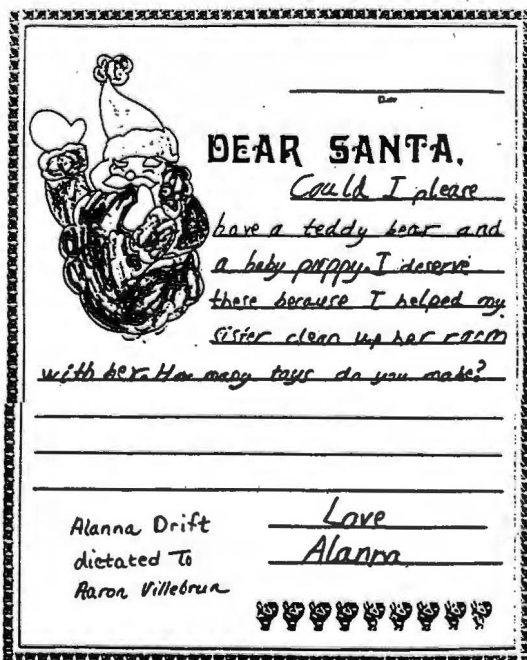
WHEREAS, For the best interests of the Bois Forte Reservation and its people regarding the maintenance of Law and Order and to curb under-age drinking of intoxicating liquor and alcohol, the Reservation Tribal Council desires to adopt a provisional Law and Order amendment identified as Chapter VI, OFFENSES, Section 633, Intoxicating Liquors or Alcoholic Beverages - Illegal Use, of the Bois Forte Tribal Court Criminal Code and, further, in order to eliminate any possible confusion, also desires to repeal Chapter 11, INTOXICATING LIQUORS, the language of which is out-dated and inapplicable to Bois Forte Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council adopts the attached amended Chapter VI, OFFENSES, Section 633, Intoxicating Liquors or Alcoholic Beverages - Illegal use, and repeals present Chapter 11, INTOXICATING BEVERAGES, and effectuates said amendment and repeal at 12:01 A.M., November 12, 1996.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and enacted upon by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0, at a Special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, a quorum being presented, held on November 12, 1996, at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

/s/ *Clint Landgren*
Clint Landgren
Chairman

/s/ *David C. Morrison Sr*
David C. Morrison, Sr.
Secretary-Treasurer



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A VICTIM OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION USES DETERMINATION AND DRIVE TO ENFORCE HER RIGHTS!

Due to a 1982 back injury that left her with a bulging disk and nerve damage, and injuries from a car accident less than a month later, Lisa Givens found herself disabled. But, when Ms. Givens moved to Edina in 1993, she had no idea that her new landlord would make her life more complicated than it already was.

"I requested a handicap spot back in 1995, because I have difficulty walking," said Ms. Givens. It took the landlord two months to put up a handicap sign reserving a spot.

After Ms. Givens had been using her handicap spot for one year, on September 8, 1996, a disabled visitor parked in the spot that she had fought so hard for. Ms. Givens called the office manager and requested that the complex add a separate handicap space for visitors, so that Ms. Givens would be ensured of an accessible parking spot.

The office manager knocked on Ms. Givens' door and told her, "that sign is not for you, and furthermore the tenants and the owners are tired of you parking there. You're hogging the spot."

The next day, Ms. Givens obtained the name of the property owner. After making many failed attempts to talk with him, and after leaving numerous messages, she realized that the owner did not want to talk to her. Ms. Givens then made a phone call to set up a mediation hearing between herself, the office manager, and the owner. That very same, the office manager called Ms. Givens and again told her that the handicap spot was for visitors and not for Ms. Givens alone, and Ms. Givens could be charged for using that spot. Ms. Givens told her she did not want to talk to her because of her rude and disrespectful nature and hung up the phone.

Ms. Givens also checked back with the mediation center to see whether or not the owner had made contact with them. He had. However, he informed the mediation person that he did not want to talk to Ms. Givens.

When she asked the woman at the mediation center why the owner didn't want to talk, she said, 'because he's scared.' Ms. Givens said, "scared of what? -- I'm a handicapped black woman. What

am I going to do, knock him down with my hand?" Ms. Givens points out that "the problem is that a lot of people prejudice other people -- that's wrong."

"At this point," Ms. Givens said, "I decided to cancel the mediation and hire an attorney since it was obvious this man was not going to communicate with me. I called Legal Aid and spoke to attorney James Wilkinson. He called the owner's son and told him this matter had to be taken care of."

Mr. Wilkinson told the owners that state and federal law require landlords to make reasonable accommodations in their services. This includes assigning accessible parking spots for tenants with mobility problems. Wilkinson mailed a copy of a decision in a similar case where the landlord's failure to give a disabled tenant an assigned spot led to civil rights litigation and an award of damages to the tenant.

After Wilkinson's advocacy, the owner called Ms. Givens back. The conversation was rocky at the beginning, but he finally calmed down to listen to Ms. Givens and extend his apology.

On October 13, 1996, The owner made good his promise to mark Ms. Givens' parking spot as RESERVED, as well as install another parking spot for visitors with disabilities. Both parking spots were moved closer to the door. Ms. Givens and disabled visitors all have easier access now.

As a word of advice to those who are unlikely to pursue a remedy to their problems, Ms. Givens reminds us that it is our duty to report illegal discriminatory practices. "Once you put your mind to something, continue on until you get satisfactory results. If it doesn't work out the first time, don't give up -- keep trying."

Federal, state and local laws protect disabled persons from landlords who fail make "reasonably accommodations" for persons with disabilities. If you think you might have a discrimination claim, get help immediately. If you live in the Twin Cities metro area and have a low income, contact the Legal Aid Society's Housing Discrimination Law Project, (612) 827-3774. Otherwise, call the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), 1-800-669-9777, or the Minnesota Dept. of Human Rights, (612) 296-5663. There is no fee at any of these agencies.

Contact: Kaylen Randle (612) 588-2099

Toodles and TERO....



Linda Tibbetts-Barto, TERO Director

Here it is again, time for another paper article. Doesn't it seem like time is flying by? It's already the holiday season. Let me start my article by giving you a holiday wish. May the warm winds of Joy and peace, Surround you and yours, During this holiday season.

The project at Fortune Bay has come along way since I began as the TERO Director. It is almost ready to be turned over to Fortune Bay for occupancy. This project has been in my opinion, a great opportunity for our band members. Many of the members who have worked on the project have indicated a positive experience was had. Some have joined many of the unions and some have secured ongoing employment for themselves.


Some of the workers who have done just that are two of our women. These ladies, Geraldine Polasky and Carla Sheehy both have become members of the Painters Local 106 union. Through this, they must receive a total of 6000 hours and in-class training. The company for which they are working is D. Cobey, Co., Inc. Dennis Cobey, who is the President of this

company has been very supportive of the TERO and has helped extensively with getting these women into the training and union. The training that is required is normally in class, but since these women live over the distance designated, they will be taking their training by correspondence. But if there are any classes they would like to attend, they are more than welcome to do so. Both of the ladies said if it were not for the TERO, this opportunity would not have been a reality for them.


Most all of the band members who work on the project or have worked on the project have given me positive feedback regarding the quality of work experience they have gained. One indicated that this is going to look good on his resume. He said it will help him in the future on other projects which may be on the schedule. Hopefully another project will be up and running when our reservation begins the Assisted Living Housing project around the end of next summer or beginning of fall, 1997.

Many of the workers who have been rayed off, have applied for positions with the Fond du Lac Reservation TERO Officer. This is one way the TERO offices work with each other. As work comes available and the TERO Officers have knowledge of them, we stay in contact to help each other with employing our band members. I have had nothing but cooperation and positive assistance from these other offices. I would also like to state, this goes for the contractors, builders and companies I have dealt with so far. They have all been very cooperative and ready to do their part where the TERO ordinance and laws apply. So until next time, keep warm, have a great holiday season and smile, it's contagious!


.....Toodles




DEAR SANTA,
 Could I have
 a XRC please? That
 big red one with red
 color and it has snow-
 mobile tracks on the
 back and a snowplow in front
 and wheels. I shared snack what
 happened to Rudolph and Comic?
 Love,
 John Kingbird
 dictated to
 Mark Connor



DEAR SANTA,
 Happy Christmas
 I deserve this for
 trading my mom nice
 because she had a
 car crash. Could you
 please bring me a super sega, Santa
 yes, thank you for going to bring
 me this thing for Christmas even
 your elf's do for you. Do they
 make presents for you.
 Love, Juan
 dictated to
 Duanis Chosa



DEAR SANTA,
 please bring me
 a scooter because I
 help my mother clean
 the house. A train
 track with a train
 because I listen to my mother.
 I want to know about his
 rein deer? I want to know
 about his sleigh? I want to
 know about his elves? I want to
 know what about he has?
 Love,
 Kyle Morrison
 dictated to
 George Strong



DEAR SANTA,
 Could I please
 have a game boy
 Could you give me
 a four wheels C. Because
 I helped with clean
 ing my house with my Mom.
 Santa how can you fly with
 so much weight?
 Love,
 Steven Roy
 dictated to
 Mark Connor

Sonny Meyers, 1854 Biologist.

Boojhoo!

My name is Sonny Myers and I am the Biological Services Director for the 1854 Authority. I have asked the editor of the Bois Forte News if I could submit an ongoing article to share what we are doing in regards to the trust resources guaranteed us by the 1854 Treaty. I would just like to mention before I get going that I grew up in Duluth and I am an enrolled member of the Grand Portage Reservation. Upon completion of my Biology degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth in November 1994, I started working as a biologist for the 1854 Authority. I actively hunt, fish and gather in the Ceded Territory, so my position with the 1854 Authority goes beyond biology. I am in the position to deal with the myriad of issues surrounding Treaty Rights, which as you know are highly contentious issues.

What I would like to do now is just highlight the types of activities that we are undertaking and then expand on them in future issues and should you have any concerns at all, please call me at the 1854 Office (218) 722-8907 or write me at 1854 Authority, 1908-1/2 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55806.

One of the foundational tasks we do is regulate the off-reservation hunting by setting seasons, issuing tags, and collecting the harvest data. I have almost collected all the 1996 Moose hunting data and this last years harvest appears to be well below what we have done in the past. Along the same lines we are in the midst of the off-reservation deer hunting season and the majority of information I have so far indicates hunters are having a tough time getting deer. It may be last years harsh winter did indeed have a significant impact on the moose and deer in the Ceded Territory.

Turning to last summer, we at the 1854 Authority in cooperation with the Bois Forte and Fond Du Lac Natural Resource staff began to collect information on the status of wild rice in the Ceded Territory. The timing is perfect as the State of Minnesota appears to be in the process of phasing out any management of wild rice, and in case you did not hear, last summer they issued a blanket opening date of July 15th for wild rice harvest. Your natural resource staff has taken the initiative on this issue and meetings have begun to determine what course of action to take

regarding this important resource.

Most of you are probably well aware that the Timberwolf has been a protected species in the lower-48 since the mid-70s and at that time a recovery plan was developed to bring the Timberwolf back. Well, it is the 90s now and the wolf numbers appear to be at a level where they may soon be delisted. At present a new Eastern Gray Wolf Recovery Team has been established with the task of determining if the Timberwolf should be delisted, and if so what type of management plan will we have in place to "assure the survival of the Timberwolf in Minnesota." There is tribal representation at the recovery team level and we have been asked to provide input at the technical consultant level. As this process progresses, I will keep you informed as to what is happening in regards to the Timberwolf.

Before I sign off, a few other notes: we are in the final stages of developing a management plan for the 1854 Authority. It is actually more of a biological activity plan as to what types of activities should we at the 1854 Authority undertake on behalf of the individual band members. We have representation on several Lake Superior Basin groups which allows us to provide tribal input into these issues. Please note that these programs encompass the "basin" and not just the Lake Superior Shoreline, the basin includes a major chunk of the 1854 Treaty Area. We also have an active walleye assessment program in cooperation with Fond Du Lac. We are assessing both adult and juvenile walleye numbers on selected lakes within the ceded territory. We are in the process of training a Tribal Environmental Response Team which will address superfund type problems on all reservations within the State of Minnesota. We also participate in jurisdictional meetings with agencies such as the US Corps of Engineers and the US Environmental Protection Agency. We expect to provide input into the Superior National Forest Revision plans, and not to be forgotten are the Circle of Flight Projects we have undertaken, many of them within close proximity of the Nett Lake Reservation. Well, I could go on and on, but I do not want to hog up the whole paper. I will discuss these issues in more detail in the future to let you know what is going on.

MEGWIITCH!

News from the Biologist....



Dr. Chris Holm, Ph.D., Biologist

I was recently informed that our "Treatment-as-a-State" status to develop and implement Reservation Water Quality Standards has been finalized by EPA. As you may recall, we started this negotiation process with the state and the feds almost two years ago. What this means is that Bois Forte now has established authority over water protection and regulation programs

for the Reservation. Prior to this, if pollution from outside the Reservation were to flow into and contaminate Nett Lake, there would be little that the Reservation could do legally hold the polluter accountable. By having federally recognized authority to develop water codes and standards, Reservation waters can be physically and legally protected. Bois Forte is now one of relatively few Bands in the country with authority to develop and implement protective water standards enforceable by law, although the number of Bands developing this authority is increasing. During this negotiation process, we also applied for federal funding from EPA to allow us to complete our standards, once TAS was been received. We subsequently received \$45,000.00 in FY 1997 EPA funding under its Clean Water Act Section 106 program to start up surface and groundwater sampling and analyses programs. Negotiations for our TAS are probably not finished yet; we anticipate that the state will still want to discuss some of our jurisdictional claims.

However, other Reservations have paved a favorable path with similar issues, so we expect that the final outcome will favor the Reservation.

We have brought two Band Members on board with ANA funding, and their work is essential to our TAS initiative. E.C. Goodsky is diligently training to be a water quality analyst, while D.C. Morrison is quite busy experiencing the "hale and hearty" life of a field technician. I think that both ECG and DCM already have gained a lot of experience as well as some "interesting" tales, and I'll leave it to them to introduce themselves and describe their work.

As I probably mentioned in a past article, we have invested *a-lotta* effort getting project funds from the state legislature via its Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR). We did receive \$100,000.00 in funding (approximately one-half of what we pushed for) to be applied toward rice production programs. This project is scheduled to begin next summer, and will cover a two year period. It will be necessary for us to come up with a 50% non-state match to the LCMR amount granted, and that means that I now get to track down other non-state funding to make the match. I hope we can get this one off the ground, since it can mean additional Band Member jobs as well as collection of some very important biologi-

cal information.

I anticipate that Bureau funding through our Circle of Flight and Noxious Weeds programs will increase next year. This year, we received no funding for the noxious weeds program, ostensibly because "a shortfall existed in total program funds available for that initiative". What we're looking for in FY 97 is equipment and supply funds in the range of \$30,000.00 - \$ 50,000.00 to create several shoreline waterfowl feeding areas near Nett River, to fix the streambank erosion that is occurring at the dam outfall, and to support the rice enhancement project that I mentioned above. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is also interested in these projects, and has already committed funds to help us out. USGS is still plugging away for us; we were able to obtain enough BIA \$\$ to permit continued stream flow gaging (necessary for proper dam function), testing of our groundwater quality, and testing of water that is entering Nett from beneath its sediments.

Now, I know that you're all just *anxious* for more-info, and there's certainly much more to tell. However, Editor Holmes has been patiently persistent for this news copy, and I must'nt keep him waiting longer. So be prepared for more exciting natural resource disclosures in the next dynamic issue of the Bois Forte News!

New Super....



Ernest Landgren Jr., (J.R.)

Ernest-Landgren, Jr., (a.k.a. J.R.), has taken over the duties of Public Works Superintendent, replacing Harvey Rabbitt who resigned for health problems.

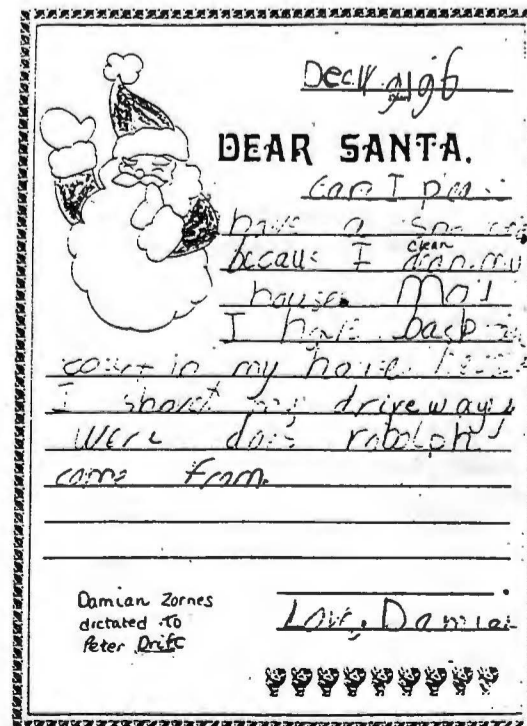
J.R. is a Bois Forte band member and a graduate of Orr High School and attended

Hibbing Technical College where he received degrees in Automotive Mechanics and Construction Maintenance & Metal Trades. He is also in the National Registry for Emergency Medical Technician and has received training in Fire Fighter I from the Range Technical College and Class D Licensed Sewer Plant Operator from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in St. Paul.

J.R. has worked for the Worldwide Church of God, Y.O.U. Camp, in Orr, MN, with varied responsibilities as maintenance of a 210 acre, 53 building summer youth facility, as Grounds/Maintenance/Custodial dept. manager with a crew of 8-20, operation of a variety of heavy equipment. He did the operation and maintenance of fleet vehicle, small engine operation and maintenance and installation and operation of telephone and two-way radio communication systems.

J.R. is married, wife Pauline and the couple have two sons; Luke, 14 and Garrett, 10, and a daughter Shanna, 12.

Well fitted for the position of Public Works Superintendent, J.R. began his duties on 9 September 1996.





Welfare Reform...

by **Bonnie Lowe**

"...ending welfare as we know it..."

Heading into the National Democratic Convention in Chicago this week, President Clinton signed welfare legislation that "ends welfare as we know it." The President called the measure "far from perfect." Seen in that light, dozens of protesters could be seen picketing the White House during the signing. The President alluded to a package of proposals he will unveil to create jobs in high poverty areas or reward companies that hire welfare recipients.

This report by Norm DeWeaver of the Indian and Native American Employment and Training Coalition is being carried in two installments, continuing next month with information on Work Requirements, Child Care, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Program. The third installment will be information on the effects of the welfare legislation as presented by Bonnie Lowe, JOBS/STRIDE Director, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

An estimate prepared by Ms. Bonnie Rae Lowe, JOBS Director for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe provides an indication of the amount of money necessary to compensate for the state matching funds now spent on Indian families in tribal service areas under the AFDC program. For the six tribes that, together, make up the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT), it is estimated that \$5.2 million would be required annually in tribal funds to maintain the benefit levels for Indian families now receiving AFDC in the service areas of the six MCT reservations.

Welfare reform is now on the doorstep of every needy Indian and Alaska Native family in the country. New welfare legislation has been approved by the Congress and will be signed into law by President Clinton in the next few days.

No one knows what will happen under the new law. There has been no analysis of how the provision of the law will impact Indian families or reservation areas.

It is certain however, that what is being called welfare reform will bring drastic changes involving who will be able to receive federally-funded cash and other benefits and under what conditions. The changes will ripple through the Indian extended family structure. They will impact the fabric of life in Native communities for years to come.

The new welfare reform law contains a number of special provisions which involve tribal governments and reservation and Alaska Native village areas. They give tribes choices which they did not have before, including the opportunity to assume the responsibility for running the cash benefits program that will replace Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). There are several new funding opportunities, but these funding opportunities are tied to stringent federal requirements and limitations.

The basic purpose of the law is very clear. It is to force nearly all adults in families receiving cash benefits into the workforce. Welfare has become an employment program.

Brief Summary of Major Provisions

The welfare reform legislation is officially called the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996." The law is lengthy and complex. It significantly changes a number of federal programs which have been in place for many years. These include:

* *Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).* This program, authorized under Title IVA of the Social Security Act, is replaced by a state block grant program called the "Temporary Assistance to Needy Families" (TANF) block grant. Tribal governments will have the option of assuming the responsibility for providing benefits under this program for their own service areas.

* *The Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program.* The legislation authorizing this program, Title IV-P of the Social Security Act, is repealed. However, funding for those tribes and Alaska Native entities now running tribal JOBS programs is guaranteed for another six Fiscal Years.

* *The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program.* This program is continued and will absorb the services previously provided under the three AFDC-related child care programs. The tribal set-aside of CCDBG funds is likely to increase, probably substantially, but child care services now provided to tribal JOBS participants under the JOBS child care guarantee can be expected to disappear.

The purpose of this Coalition Special Report is to provide tribal leaders and staff particularly tribal JOBS Directors, with information on the provisions of the new welfare reform legislation that affect employment and training services. All readers are cautioned to study the text of the law itself and the implementing instructions to be issued by HHS before making any decisions on the directions which the tribe's services should take. Questions and comments are welcome. Please contact the Coalition's Information Office in Washington, DC by voice phone (202/342-0594), by fax (202/342-1132) or by e-mail (norm.deweaver@doleta.sprint.com).

* *Child Support Enforcement.* The rules related to paternity establishment, child support and the enforcement of child support orders will be significantly tightened. For

the first time, the law will allow a role for tribes in the child support enforcement process. However, tribal activity in this area will be closely tied to state programs.

* *Food stamps and other nutrition programs.* Food stamps will remain a federal activity and not be converted into a state block grant. However, stringent work requirements will apply to recipients without minor children.

* *Child protection programs.* There are several changes in federal law governing these programs. However, tribal funding opportunities under Title IV-B of current law will continue.

* *Changes to other laws.* The new legislation links benefit levels under BIA's General Assistance program to those of each state under the new TANF block grant.

* *Reductions in HHS staff* The law requires HHS to cut the size of its staff handling programs that are converted to block grants, like AFDC and JOBS, by 75%.

Implementation and Effective Dates

Implementation of the new legislation is likely to be a difficult process for both tribes and states. It will also have to be a speedy process.

The changes involving the TANF block grant will take hill effect on July 1st of 1997. This is also likely to be the effective date for those provisions which involve tribal TANF and JOBS programs.

The Assistant Secretary for Children and Families in HHS, Ms. Mary Jo Bane, promised tribal leaders at a meeting in Denver in early August that she would consult with tribes on the implementation of the new welfare reform law. This consultation process will be facilitated by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). It is expected to involve tribal leaders and staff from all parts of the country and ones engaged in providing a variety of tribal services, including employment and training services

Changes in the operation of AFDC programs at the state level will begin almost immediately. Starting on October 1st, no one will be "entitled" to AFDC benefits; that is, there will no longer be a guarantee that a family that qualifies for benefits will receive them.

States may convert their AFDC programs to ones operating under TANF rules as soon as they want to do so. States have the option to continue to operate their own welfare reform initiatives under HHS-approved "waivers" from the usual AFDC rules until such waivers expire. In some cases, states may use this flexibility to avoid immediate implementation of the harsher requirements under the TANF block grant.

The changes involving the CCDBG program will take effect on October 1st of 1996, the start of FY 97. Funding levels for tribes for FY 96 - money to be distributed as of this September 30th-will not be affected by the new law.

Tribal JOBS Provisions

The last major welfare reform law passed by the Congress was the Family Support Act of 1988. That legislation began to shift the direction of the AFDC program from guaranteeing an income to poor families with children to one of encouraging the parents to go to work. Employment and training services were provided under the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program, created by Part F of Title IV of the Social Security Act. Tribes were allowed to receive direct funding from HHS to run tribal JOBS programs, but had to apply within six months of the date the Family Support Act became law.

The new welfare reform law repeals Part F of Title IV. All of the requirements that have controlled what both tribes and states can do under the JOBS program will disappear next July 1st.

At the same time, the new law includes a provision that guarantees continued direct federal funding for all tribes and Alaska Native entities that operated a federally-funded tribal JOBS program in Fiscal Year 1995.

Each tribal JOBS grantee will receive the same amount of money it got in FY 94. This funding will be provided every year for the next six years, from FY 97 through FY 2002.

Tribal JOBS thus becomes the first Indian employment and training program ever to have a guaranteed funding level for years into the future.

The current law governing JOBS programs will no longer apply. It is repealed. Instead, the new law provides:

"Each Indian tribe to which a grant is made . . . shall use the grant for the purpose of making work activities available to members of the Indian tribe."

The words "members of the Indian tribe" imply that, in the future, tribal JOBS programs will only be required to serve Indian adults who are enrolled in that particular tribe. That was the way JOBS worked until this year, when the tribal allocation formula was changed to count all Indians, regardless of where they are enrolled, in calculating a tribe's funding.

This particular section of the new law does not define "work activities." The same phrase is used in other parts of the statute. In some cases it is limited to work in a work environment and covers only limited forms of remedial education and skill training.

How HHS decides to interpret the words "work activities" as they apply to future tribal JOBS programs will make a big difference. Most tribes currently emphasize education, including post-secondary education, and long term skill training. This helps to improve the long-term prospects for tribal JOBS participants in the labor market.

Another important aspect of the tribal JOBS provision is that it "decouples" tribal JOBS activities from cash assistance programs, whether operated by the state or the tribe. Tribal JOBS is not tied, by law, to anything other than the one sentence about making work activities available to members of the Indian tribe.

This means:

* *Technically, tribes with JOBS funding will no longer have to serve AFDC recipients.* There will no longer be any AFDC recipients. AFDC is abolished. The new law does not restrict tribal JOBS services to people receiving TANF cash benefits, either. However, the purpose of the JOBS money remains the same: to help those receiving welfare assistance to become self-sufficient through employment.

* *The current sanctions arrangements won't apply.* Tribal JOBS services are not tied to cash benefits. People receiving TANF cash benefits will have to meet strict work requirements (more on this below), but these are not specifically linked to participation in tribal JOBS.

* *The law will no longer define the kinds of services that can be provided under JOBS.* The current language spelling out what can and can't be done under the Community Work Experience Program (CWEP), job search and job readiness and all the other activities is gone.

The effect of the rollback of tribal JOBS funding levels to what each tribe received in FY94 will vary widely from tribe to tribe. The total amount of tribal JOBS money will drop by over 10% from the current, FY 96, level. However, 41 of the 76 tribal and Alaska Native entities funded under JOBS will actually get more money in the future than they are receiving for FY 96. Of the 35 tribes that will lose money, 19 will lose 20% or more of their current funding. In 7-cases the cut below current funding levels exceeds \$50,000 - in one case it is almost \$500,000.

* Tribal-state agreements will change. In theory, they could disappear. A major purpose of current tribal-state agreements is to provide a count of Indian AFDC recipients to be used in calculating a tribe's funding.

In the future a recipient count is not necessary. Tribal allocations are set for the next six years at the dollar amount that the tribe happened to get in FY 94, regardless of how many or how few Indian families need JOBS services.

* With the repeal of both Parts A (the AFDC part) and Part F (the JOBS part) of Title IV of the Social Security Act, the legal argument made by HHS for why tribes can't carry over unobligated JOBS funds from one Fiscal Year to the next is gone.

The new law creates an opportunity to totally reinvent the tribal JOBS program. The current planning requirements, plan preprint, regulations and reporting can change. In some respects, they must change to be consistent with the effective date provisions of the new law, such changes should be in place by next July 1st.

The Indian and Native American Employment and Training Coalition has written to the Assistant Secretary of HHS for Children and Families, asking that ACF begin a dialogue with tribes over what those changes should be.

Under current law, states are required to match the federal money they spend on AFDC. The amount of the state match is determined by complex requirements in the law. The overall effective rate of state match for AFDC varies from as low as 25% in a few states to as high as 50% in others.

Under the new law, tribes are not entitled to receive any of the money the state spent in state matching funds on AFDC and related services on Indian families in tribal service areas. This means that in states like Alaska, California and New York, tribes picking up the TANF block grant responsibility are guaranteed only 50 cents of each dollar spent on AFDC for Indian families in their service areas. At the same time, those tribes will still have the full responsibility for providing cash benefits and related services to needy families.

The lack of any guarantee of funding to take the place of state matching dollars is likely to cause many tribes to think twice about whether they want to take the TANF block grant money available to them.

There is nothing in the welfare reform law which would prevent any state from giving its own money to a tribe to supplement the federal dollars the tribe receives under the TANF block grant. Several factors may enter into negotiations between tribal and state leaders over such potential state supplemental funding for tribal TANF programs.

One is the fact that the state is required by federal law to maintain a certain level of state spending on programs for the poor. The state "maintenance of effort" requirements are complicated. As a general rule, each state is supposed to spend at least 75% of what it did in FY 94. In states with a significant number of on-reservation Indian families in their AFDC caseloads, some of the money in the maintenance of effort calculation will represent spending on Indian families.

Tribes that want to receive block grant funding must submit a 3-year plan to HHS. The law spells out what has to go into such a plan. In general, the plan must describe the tribe's population, service area, approach to running a program and the services to be provided.

The plan must also identify the employment opportunities in or near the tribe's service area and how the tribe will help its welfare recipients take advantage of such opportunities.

There are penalties if a tribe fails to comply with, certain requirements under the law. Penalties apply if a tribe violates any provision of the law. Costs can be disallowed, with increased penalties for intentional violations. Tribes are also subject to the same kind of penalties as states for failing to satisfy the work participation rate requirements applicable to the tribe's program.

(Reprinted from the 'Ourselves' newspaper with permission. The second of a three-part series will appear in the January issue...)

Katie Laitinen writes...

Congress and the President have made it clear that they expect people to be responsible for supporting themselves and their children. That if they choose not to do so, they will not be eligible for any assistance from the government. They are expected to go to work. If they have children, they will be expected to support them. If they choose not to support them, they will lose their driver's licenses, be turned in to credit bureaus, have their wages garnished and possibly, if they do not have a job, they will be expected to do community service work.



If people do not have the skills to go to work, they may be eligible to attend a training program or go to school to develop the skills they need. Post secondary education however is limited to one year and only if it will lead to employment.

If they do not have a high school diploma or GED there will be limited opportunities for them to obtain them. Children whose

families are on AFDC will be expected to go to school. If they do not, parents may lose their eligibility for cash assistance. Teen parents under age 18 will be expected to live with their parents or other adult caretaker and will be required to stay in school. AFDC recipients over age 18 may be able to continue to get their high school diploma or GED but only if it is required for the type of employment they are seeking.

Effective July 1, 1997, any person over the age of 18 who is on AFDC will only be able to receive a cash assistance grant for a maximum of five years. That is a lifetime limit.

States and Tribes who operate a cash assistance program will be expected to follow that limit in order to continue to receive federal subsidies. States and Tribes are required to have the ability to track the length of time a person has received cash assistance from county to county and state to state.

Once an AFDC parent uses their five years of cash assistance, children in that household will no longer be eligible to receive assistance under their parents grant.

Tribal Ed....

November 8, 1996

Axel Holmes, Sr. - Editor

The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council allocated more money to the Bois Forte Scholarship Program at their 11/12/96 regular meeting.

The Chairman, Clint Landgren strongly advocated for this funding for the College, Technical and Graduate students. There are Winter and Spring, 1997 scholarship applications being processed through the schools and the Minnesota State Indian Scholarship Program.

A Resolution and Special Criteria for the students who have attended a higher institution for 4 years or more, is being written by our Tribal Attorney, Mark Anderson, which will be reviewed by the Education Subcommittee and presented to the Tribal Council for final approval.

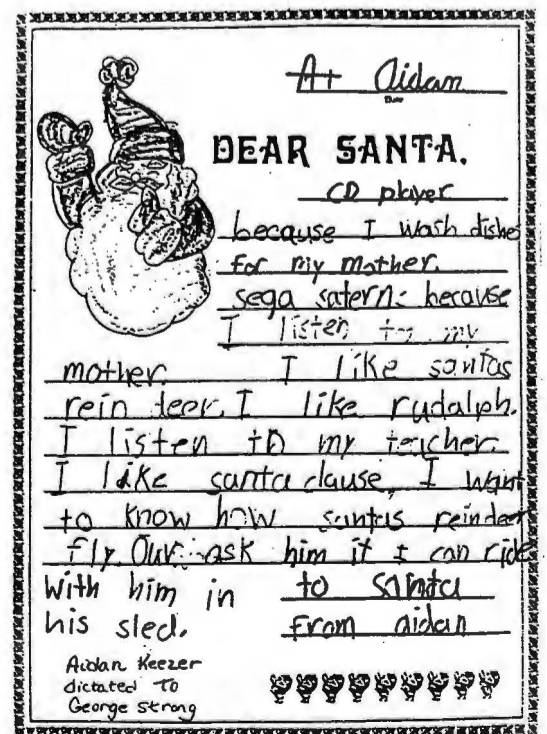
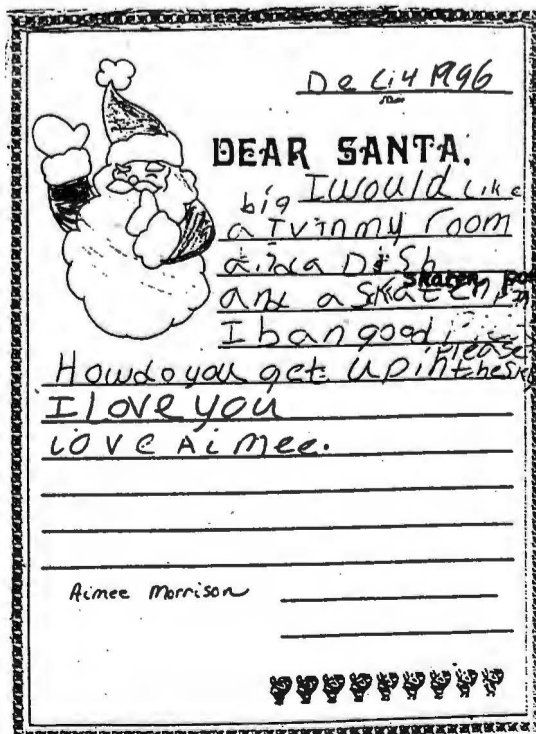
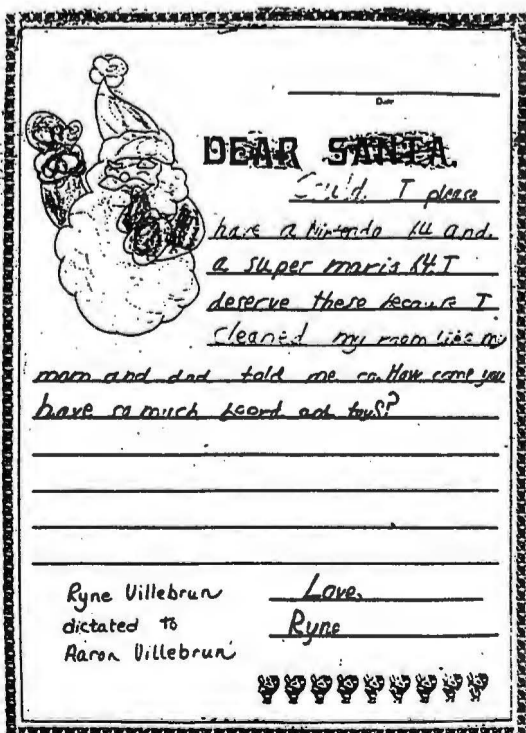
Kelly Rutar, our Secretary is in the process of ordering the Bois Forte Indian Student Application Program (ISAP)

forms which will be used by the Grad Students and the students who have special funding needs and who have exceeded the 4 year funding limit.

Starting in February, 1997 after taxes have been prepared, please contact our Department and request for the Bois Forte Scholarship Application form, go to the school of your choice and fill out the financial aid applications in the financial aid office. In six weeks, our Nett Lake office will receive your needs analysis information, which has been determined by your application with the financial aid officer. The Minnesota State Indian Scholarship Program will pay for 60% of the total cost and Bois Forte will pay for 40% to complete the funding package.

An ISAP is required to become eligible for the Bois Forte Reservation Entitlement funds, called the 1854 unmet needs and the Casino's Special Needs funding. Please contact Kim or Kelly regarding the criteria for this funding.

Sincerely,
Joanne Donald-Tribal Education Director.



Tribal Court proceedings...

25 Jun 1996

Cathy Marjorie Johnson, 33, Owner Permitting an Unlicensed Driver to Operate Owner's Vehicle, dismissed.

Diane Rae Goggeley, 34, Driving under the Influence, fined \$400, or to perform community service work, 30 days suspended for six months; No Drivers License, fined \$100.

William George Isham, 26, Unlawful Deposit of Garbage, Litter or Like; fined \$100.

William David Chavers, 39, Driving under the Influence, fined \$400, 30 days, suspended for six months.

Trina Marie Day, 27, Refuse to Allow Breath Test, fined \$500, 30 days, 15 suspended for six months; Driving under the Influence, dismissed; Probation Violation, to serve the 15 days suspended sentence.

Jeffrey William Isham, 32, Driving under the Influence, fined \$500, 90 days, 60 suspended for six months, granted Huber. 31 Jul 1996

Curtis Lee Boshey, 41, Assault, 3rd, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$150.

Guy Edward Hackey, 40, Disorderly Conduct; Driving under the Influence, Coercion, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$375.

Lanaya Dawnelle Brown, 18, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75, three days suspended.

Clarence Roy, Jr., 36 suspended sentence.

Probation Violation, to serve the 15 days Bartholamy Jake Drift, 19, Malicious Mischief, fined \$500, or to perform community service work; restitution ordered; 60 days, 40 suspended for six months; credit for time served.

Cheryl Dorothea Brown, 45, Negotiating a Bad Check, pleaded guilty, no sentence. Robert Edward Keezer, 24, Malicious Mischief, restitution ordered; sentenced to 30 days, time suspended for one year; fined \$500.

14 Aug 1996

Jerome Alfred Johnson, 18, Driving under the Influence, fined \$500, \$100 suspended; 30 days, suspended for six months; Possession of Intoxicants by a Minor, fined \$50, no additional sentence. William Stanley Villebrun, 26, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75, 15 days; Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75, 15 days, Probation Violation, to serve the 15 days suspended sentence; Driving after Revocation, 30 days; time is concurrent.

11 Sep 1996

Valerie Ann Boness, 34, Disorderly Conduct, Disorderly Conduct, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$150.

Mark Francis Littlewolf, 22, Disorderly Conduct, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$75.

Mary Frances Boshey, 34, Probation Violation, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$500.

Melvin Knott, 66, No Auto Insurance, no fine, no sentence.

Michael Leslie Connor, 26, Driving under the Influence, fined \$400, 30 days, suspended for six months; Open Bottle, fined \$100.

Dennis Samm, 49, Driving after Revocation, fined \$300, two days, suspended for three months; No Auto Insurance, dismissed; Seat Belt Violation; fined \$50.

Christopher Isham, 26, No Drivers License, fined \$100.

Nancy Marie Morrison, 23, Driving under the Influence, fined \$400, 30 days, suspended for one year; No Auto Insurance, No Auto Registration, no fine,

no sentence.

Daniel Edmond Morrison, Jr., 45, Driving under the Influence, 90 days, \$400 fine; Seat Belt Violation, fined \$25; Probation Violation, to serve the 15 days suspended sentence.

Joseph Knott, 66, Seat Belt Violation, fined \$50.

26 Sep 1996

Sharon Marjorie Wagner, 45, Driving under the Influence, fined \$400, 30 days suspended for six months; speeding, fined \$50.

Guy Edward Hackey, 40, Coercion, dismissed.

Adam Joseph Sadewasser, 17, Trespass, dismissed; Underage Drinking, dismissed; Underage Drinking, dismissed.

Diane Lynn Brown, 26, Theft, dismissed.

October 9, 1996

Loralee Tennant, 32, Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor; Furnishing Intoxicants to Minor; defendant did not appear, warrant issued; bail set at \$500.

Jacqueline Kay Villebrun, 34, Failure to Provide Education for Children, dismissed.

Harold Edward Goggeley, Jr., 46, Failure to Provide Education for Children, dismissed.

Terrance Franklin Lightfeather, 19, Probation Violation, probation period extended six months.

William Charles LaRoque, 33, Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed. Guy Edward Hackey, 40, Disorderly Conduct, five days and \$75 fine; driving under the influence, \$400 fine, 30 days concurrent; time suspended for one year's probation.

Diane Lynn Brown, 24, Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed.

Joyce Marie Day, 47, Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed in plea bargain.

David Curtiss Morrison, Jr., 19, Careless or Negligent Driving, fined \$300.

Cathy Marjorie Johnson, 34, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75, five days in jail, time suspended for six months.

Geraldine Marie Hanks, 36, Disorderly Conduct; Assault, 34, dismissed.

Adam Joseph Sadewasser, 18, Injury to Public Property, dismissed in plea agreement; Malicious Mischief dismissed in plea agreement.

Christopher Wade Day, 25, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75, five days, time suspended for six months.

Angela Dawn Geshick, Disorderly Conduct, deferred six months.

Angela Faith Villebrun, 19, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75, sentenced to time served.

Crystal Rae Villebrun, 18, Consumption by a Minor, dismissed.

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Jeanne Ann Gonier, 42, No Auto Insurance, fined \$100, \$50 suspended.

Barry Allen Porter, Speeding, fined \$50, No Auto Insurance, fined \$100; no drivers license, dismissed.

Clarence Roy, Jr., 34, Assault, 3rd, dismissed in plea agreement.

Rhonda Faye Hoagland, 34, Theft by Receiving, fined \$500, 20 days suspended for six months.

Joyce Marie Day, 47, Theft by Receiving, fined \$500, 20 days suspended for six months.

Eugene Sam, 47, Speeding, filed plea by waiver, paid \$100 fine.



DEAR SANTA,

I would
Like a real
dog in a box
I would like
NINTENDO.

Was I a good boy
I Love you Santa
How is Rudolf?

Jimmy Schroeder
you love
Jimmy



UofM December Starwatch.

The Northern Hemisphere descends into the depth of winter darkness in December, but that darkness just makes it easier to see the stars. Highlights include a full moon on Christmas Eve and nice pairings of the crescent moon with Venus and Jupiter.

Venus rises in the southeast ahead of the sun, but doesn't get high enough to look like its usual spectacular self. Mars, however, is well up in the south at dawn. The red planet is gradually brightening as Earth approaches it from behind. In March Earth will move between Mars and the sun, and Mars will blossom like a celestial red rose.

For evening viewers, Saturn is prominent in the south, a lonely light beneath the Great Square of Pegasus. Jupiter lingers low over the western horizon, but Mercury appears even lower. Mercury, the messenger of the gods, ventures into the sky in mid-month, reaching its highest elevation on the 15th. Look for it deep in the twilight, to the lower right of Jupiter in the southwest. Mercury's foray into the evening sky happens because it's returning from a trip behind the sun; when it drops out of the evening sky, as it will quickly do this month, it's speeding toward a passage in front of the sun.

Comet Hale-Bopp is a dim fuzzy patch low in the west, north of Jupiter. It will soon disappear on its way around the sun, but in the spring it will brighten and is still expected to rival the best comets of this century.

The moon begins the month as a fat but waning disk in the morning sky. On the 10th, the new moon arrives and begins its eastward march toward the full phase on the 24th. American Indian tribes called this full moon by various names, such as the long night moon and the cold moon. Because the full moon is opposite the sun in the sky, it does pretty much opposite of whatever the sun is doing. Therefore, in mid-winter the full climbs very high and is up for a long time. It may also seem to be brighter because, being so high, its light is minimally filtered by the atmosphere and it shines against a very dark background sky.

But the full moon doesn't supply the whole show. The waning crescent hangs in the morning sky with Venus on the 8th, and

the waxing crescent visits Jupiter the evening of the 12th. Both events fall about two days from the new moon, when the moon's crescent is very thin. and both should be quite pretty.

In the east, Orion makes his grand entrance surrounded by a retinue of companions. Leading the pack is Taurus, with the gorgeous Hyades star cluster forming the face of the bull. North of Orion, Auriga, the charioteer, and the Gemini twins Castor and Pollux all sport bright stars. To the east is Canis Minor, the little dog, with its bright star Procyon. Last but not least comes Canis Major, the big dog, featuring Sirius; the brightest star in the night sky. Sirius; whose name is Greek for scorching, is a short 8.7 light-years away and about 20 times as bright as the sun.

Winter arrives with the solstice at 8:05 a.m. CST on the 21st, when the sun dips down to the Tropic of Capricorn and the Northern Hemisphere experiences the shortest day of the year.

December is the time for many holidays that feature lights. Hanukkah begins at sundown on the 5th, and St. Lucy's Day, another occasion for candles, comes on the 13th. On the 19th, we commemorate the ancient Roman feast of the Saturnalia. Add Christmas to these, and it becomes apparent that people of many cultures have seen fit to create holidays to cheer them up in the face of December's gloom.

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.

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