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Fortune Bay lobby.

## Fortune Bay Resort Opens!

The new Fortune Bay Resort Hotel opened for business in December. The first hotel guests checked in on December 7. The Mountain Iron First State Bank held their company Christmas party that evening in the Woodlands Ballroom and reserved a block of rooms. The comments from the guests about the hotel facilities were very favorable. The following week, the RTC and Fortune Bay held their Christmas party at the hotel.

The 118 room hotel features views of Lake Vermilion from most rooms, several suites with whirlpools or fireplaces, and a swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool, and exercise room. Perhaps the most impressive feature of the hotel is the massive 2-1/2 story stone fireplace located in the lobby. Guests have access to the State snowmobile trail system from the resort, and there is also a system of cross country ski trails available for their use and enjoyment.

Along with the new hotel, the casino has undergone some major improvements as well. A new gaming area, featuring black jack and slots has been added to the second level of the casino, adjacent to the conference center portion of the hotel. The casino lounge has been converted into a sports bar with several pool tables and a large screen TV.

The resort has hired 122 employees, including 40 Native American - 31 of whom are Bois Forte Band members. Fortune Bay is still accepting applications for employment. Interested persons should contact the Fortune Bay Human Resources Department at 1-800-992-7529 or 218-753-6400. Application forms are also available at the RTC building in Nett Lake.

The resort is now accepting room reservations from individuals and groups. For information contact the resort at 1-800-555-1714, or 218-753-2611.

## R.T.C. news...



Doris Isham, RTC Representative

This is going to be a very short article, it's deadline time and I really procrastinated this time.

At the Tribal Council meeting held December 19, 1996, the Council agreed to supplement Indian Legal Assistance Program for defense attorney services they provide to Bois Forte members throughout St. Louis County.

Wesley Martins, Director of the the Indian Legal Assistance Program and Benny Rider, Paralegal for the program, were present to answer questions and concerns of the Bois Forte Tribal Council.

The issue of having paralegal level services was discussed at length. Mr. Martins and Mark Anderson, Tribal Attorney, felt that the paralegals can and do provide professional services. They consult with the attorneys at Indian Legal Assistance on a case by case basis as they are presented with the court calendar.

The attorneys and paralegals will be having office hours at Bois Forte 1 to 2 days a month in the very near future to improve client/attorney communication, and provide other attorney services, i.e., wills, and other matters.

On another note, the Tribal Council is looking for one individual to fill the vacant position on the Fortune Bay Board of Directors. We have posted locally for interested band members, if no one applies we will accept applications from off the reservation. Please contact Frank Annette, Tribal Manager, if you're interested.

Also, we have five (5) vacant positions on the Bois Forte Conservation/Rice Committees. We have revised the composition of membership to the committee to read: three members from Nett Lake and two members from Vermilion. We are looking for individuals who are active and knowledgeable of conservation issues. Any questions can be directed to Ray Villebrun, Sr., Conservation Director 757-3261.

This is all for now.

## Fortune Bay Construction

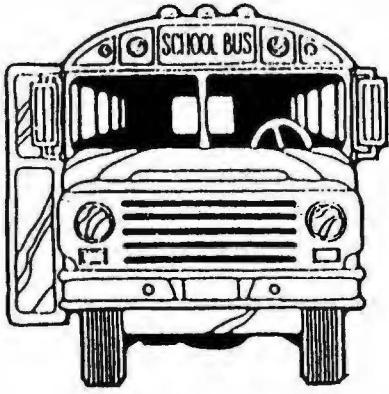


Overhead view of Fortune Bay Casino and Hotel.



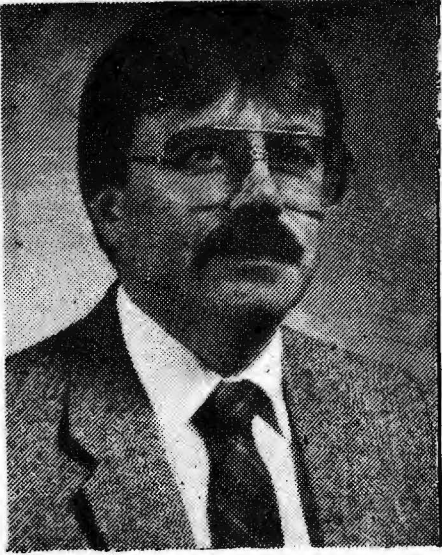
Rear view of the hotel.

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# School News

## Superintendent's letter...



Ray Toutloff, Superintendent

The Gymnasium bleachers donated to us by the Hibbing School District have been delivered. We'll have to modify one of the south wall gym doors in order to move the bleachers into the building. Once that's done we'll be looking for volunteers for help in getting them in the building. Perhaps all the healthy and strong young men that use the gym for night basketball could be rounded up one Saturday to help us complete the project.

We had expected to have our connections to the INTERNET completed by this time, but due to the rush of schools, business, and private citizens getting involved with the INTERNET the telephone companies can't seem to keep up with the demand. We'll just have to take our place on the waiting list and be patient. Hopefully, it will be soon since we have scheduled INTERNET training for teachers on the in-service day of January 27th.

The installation of our TI circuit (INTERACTIVE TELEVISION) will be

completed by January 30th. We expect testing of the system to take place during the month of February. In the meantime a group of representatives from each school district in the range area are meeting periodically to discuss how we will be using interactive television within our school and within our region. Media and technology specialist, Nathan Simon and myself are representing the Nett Lake School District in this planning group.

Some uses of interactive television that I see for the Nett Lake School and community are: Live college courses offered via T. V. at the Nett Lake School; speciality classes such as Ojibwe Language taught here and beamed out to the entire network; remote guest speakers such as politicians or celebrities speaking live to persons interested right here in blest Lake; a classroom in Nett Lake could interact, live, with a classroom in Virginia, [Duluth, or Ely, etc.]; community events conducted here could be broadcast to other locations; we could receive live events; training sessions could be both received and broadcast to other locations on the network. (This could apply to the entire community work force).

The uses of interactive television are unlimited. We can do as much and go as far as our creativity will take us in the use of this fabulous technology. It's more difficult for those of us who are just beginning to pioneer in this medium. Our expectation is that our students will grow up with this technology, be comfortable with it and therefore develop ways to utilize that we can't even dream of. This technology will assist them in preparing for their exciting future.

## Tribal Education...

Our fiscal year started on October 1, 1996 with a total of 78 applications received from the Bois Forte Students. We collaborated with the Minnesota State Indian Scholarship Program to fund Fall Quarter for our students, while we were waiting for the Bois forte Self-Governance Compact Money. The total amount of \$118,598.00 received from the Scholarship Program funded 49 students.

This amount does not include PELL grants or other assistance. The Bois Forte Tribal Education Program follows the same procedures as the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program and it works for us. I have prepared and sent spreadsheets to the Tribal Council and the Bois Forte Education Advisory Board. There were four students who had special needs and

submitted their requests to the Chairman, who in turn authorized payments to help them achieve their education goals. We are currently developing a system to closely monitor the disbursement of the Spring Quarter Checks for the students. We have experienced our share of growing pains within our office, along with the negative things, we have gained a more positive attitude towards our commitment to better serve the Bois Forte Students. Our total commitment rests predominantly with the expertise of our education staff, we will continue to strive towards providing the best services. In conclusion, this report was compiled to share information to the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council and the Bois Forte Tribal Education Advisory Board and want to reiterate the importance of valuing and serving the Bois Forte Students.

Submitted by: *Joanne Donald, Education Director*

## Kim King's column.....



Kim King, Career Ed Specialist

Hi, from the Career Education Specialists, can you believe another month has gone by already?

I have been busy visiting some colleges in our local area. On December 3, 1996 I traveled to Mesabi Range Community & Technical College and met with five Bois Forte students. I am happy to report the students I did have contact with all did very well during the fall quarter 1996. Main problems students are experiencing while going to college is with financial aid, emergency financial aid, and programs for future funding. All of the students I met with would like to see a representative

from the Bois Forte Tribal Education on a more consistent basis. I have also been to visit Range Technical College in Eveleth, Range Technical College in Hibbing, and Lake Superior College in Duluth. Lake Superior College is a result of the merger from Duluth Community College and Duluth Technical College.

Students can now get the advantage of both college and technical school under one roof. The major concern of all the students revolves around the amount of financial aid received and disbursing. The students expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the support they have received to date from the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council and Tribal Education Department.

I would like to share with everyone names of some of the students who made the Dean's List at their respective colleges: Lisa Anderson- Mesabi Range Technical & Community College, Sidra Boutto- Mesabi Range Technical & Community College, Viola Blossom Connor-Denver Technical & Community College. I am sure we have more students making the Dean's List, but as I write this article I have not received grade transcripts' for those other students, so students this is a friendly reminder to get those grade transcripts in to this office as soon as possible. Remember students, no grades, no award. Until next issue. In Spirit, *Kim King*

## HeadStart/Early Childhood.



Judy Anderson, HeadStart Director

### EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS NEWS

Each year I say, "A new year, a new chance to begin and make things better." That's how I feel this year, too! There is always more to do than hours to do it in. That's true in my life--and I'm sure that's true of our program's staff and families, too. So 1997 will have a myriad of

challenges. We will have our Head Start federal assessment (OSPRI), as well as assessments by the State Food Program, and State Head Start. We will have new staff come on board, new grants and contracts to operate, and new ways of doing what we have done a long time (i.e. Head Start Program Performance Standards- the rules we live by which were revised and will be put in place this year.) New technology will come in, with us connected to the main office and to the outside world by e-mail. So many new things to learn and do that my job is never boring. It's often much busier than I'd like, both at work and at home, but never dull!

As I write this we are on break,--cleaning, making Head Start home visits, making lesson plans and doing the reports that have to be done by year's end. One pleasant task was to take down the tree donated by Target, who released it to us December 23rd. Our children didn't get to enjoy it this year, but will next. In addition, they gave us more than \$1,000 in bulbs, decorations, etc. We also got a beautiful

carousel that revolves, plays 42 songs and lights up. Thank you Target!

Good news for our programs. We got the \$10,000. grant from Northland Foundation, with a \$10,000. match from St. Paul Companies, to pursue day care options on, or near the Reservation. This will be an exciting time, as we look at how child care can be provided for parents who need quality, affordable care, while they work or go to school.

In January, I hope to explore 0-3 Year Old Head Start by attending training on writing this grant. I have also been invited by the Children's Defense Fund and the National Head Start Association to share how we combine Head Start and Child Care with State Administrators as they struggle with the impact of Welfare Reform on Child Care and Head Start.

We are also looking at collaborations

with other early childhood programs, and with the elementary schools. Head Start will focus on transitioning children from Head Start to the elementary schools in our service areas.

As I said, 1997 will be even busier than this past year, but hopefully very exciting, full of new ideas, new ways of doing the old and new people to work with and around. Let's go!

### Late Breaking News

Helen Taylor, Associate Commissioner, Head Start Bureau, has asked that we join all other Head Start programs on January 10, 1997, to reflect and celebrate Head Start's "rich past and bright future." New program standards have been published. We will celebrate with a brief program and display during lunch hour at the RTC office on Friday, January 10th.

**To protect your back, keep it straight when lifting heavy objects. Bend your knees and let your legs do the work. They are most likely stronger than your back.**



**John Villebrun, Natural Resources Tech**

Hello all you Bois Forters! It is time once again to write an article for the **Bois Forte NEWS**. I feel honored this time as I was left out in the cold for the December issue.

I have completed the Land Ownership Map of the Reservation, with the help of Jackie Villebrun.....thank you. Now that the map is finished, I can't recall who needed a copy.

The FM receiver for our GPS unit arrived along with some good and bad news. The good news is that the receiver was able to pick up FM differential GPS signals from a base station somewhere, either the Falls or Grand Rapids, but we received the signals. The bad news is that we couldn't use the unit for Darin's Pollution Prevention Project. The company that sent us the receiver also sent along a Magellan GPS unit that was hooked up to the receiver. We were unable

to hook-up our GPS, a Trimble Scoutmaster to the FM receiver. After we sent the stuff back, we found out that they haven't made a hook-up for our Scoutmaster, yet. I also found out the hard way that the Magellan is unable to download the data points into the computer.

Currently I am working on Darin's Map, which locates the wells, underground storage tanks, and fuel tanks on the reservation, with the data points provided by our own GPS unit. This map is near completion. I am also setting up and configuring the digitizing tablet, which will enhance my ability to make maps more suited to the needs of the agencies around the reservation. For the readers that are a little curious, the tablet is setup in the old secretary pool located in the RTC office if you want to take a look, and I'll try my best to explain how it is used.

In case you didn't know, I am helping Brandon Benner with the Orr Girls Basketball Program as an assistant coach. I would like to encourage everyone to get out and watch one of the games this year. The girls are working really working hard and I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Finally, as much as this hurts me, being a true blue Cowboys fan, I must congratulate our fine editor as his beloved Green Bay Packers have made it to the Superbowl. I wondered what my Dad would say, but after thinking about it for a little while, I have a pretty good idea.

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

So until next time.....

4. Knowledge of Indian values lifestyles, culture, social problems, and needs of Indian people.

5. Ability to work cooperatively with both Indian and non-Indian persons involved in child and family services in the best interest of Indian children and families.

6. Minnesota Driver's License and own transportation.

**MAJOR DUTIES:**

1. Plan and implement the Indian Child and Family Welfare Programs.

2. Work with public social service agency (child protection) for the best interest of Indian children.

3. Assist in investigations of child abuse and neglect cases on the Bois Forte Reservation, as needed.

4. Coordinate available services and develop case plans for high risk individuals and families.

5. Provide supportive services to Native families and children in conjunction with local departments and agencies in the field of human services.

6. Coordinate resources of Indian and non-Indian communities in the best interests of Indian children.

7. Work with other personnel to develop programs in the area of child and family services for the Reservation.

8. Provide information and referral services to high risk families.

9. Advocate for families and the community with off-Reservation agencies.

10. Supervise other Indian Child Welfare staff

11. Help plan and implement a community education program to increase people's coping skills.

12. Report to appropriate supervisor/director.

13. Maintain project records on an ongoing basis and monitor project activities. Please send completed application to Donna Hoffer, Personnel Director, Bois Forte Reservation, P.O. Box 16, Nett Lake, MN 55772 or call(218) 757-3261.

**TITLE:** Community Crime Prevention Coordinator

**LOCATION:** Nett Lake and Vermilion Human Service Divisions

**OPENING DATE:** December 31, 1996

**CLOSING DATE:** Until filled.

**SALARY:** D.O.Q.

**LENGTH:** 2 years.

**POSITION PURPOSE:**

To provide activities which will deter, reduce and prevent criminal activities in our communities. To work cooperatively with the local Human Service Programs, Tribal Government, school district, housing, police, judicial department, health office and conservation. Form a community based council in planning activities and defining and addressing problem areas. supervise activities, coordinate crime prevention classes and training to adjust work schedule when classes and training is being put on or deemed necessary. This position will be under direct supervision of the Victim Services program and Human Service Director.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

1. To implement a community crime prevention project.

2. Develop several projects, classes and training for the whole community, encouraging participation from all residents.

3. Utilize current services in the communities which include but are not limited to Human Services, Health Services, Education, Housing, Police, Judicial, Tribal Government, Conservation, and community resident volunteers.

4. To include services of our spiritual leaders and elders of the community to educate the residents of Vermilion and Nett Lake on cultural background instilling responsibility and pride in our Native

American Heritage. Activities will include self-defense classes, neighborhood watch program, McGruff Safe Houses for the children, sporting events involving the community and work with the Conservation Department in a community beautification project to involve the local Police in activities to create trust and respect.

5. Involving Social Service Agencies in developing workshops dealing with alcohol and drug abuse prevention, Mental Health issues, domestic and sexual assault prevention.

6. Involving reservation Spiritual Leaders for counseling, cultural presentations and demonstrations.

7. Involving elders of the community in speaking to the community.

8. To work closely with the youth and activity planning in developing programs which will bring families closer together.

9. To ensure that an effective evaluation system is in place so better recommendations for future needs of the reservation can take place.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. High School Diploma or Equivalent.

2. Valid MN Drivers License.

3. Willingness to learn and take direction.

4. Must be able to travel.

5. Typing and computer skills a must.

6. A desire to work with youth.

7. No current problem with alcohol or chemicals.

Submit completed applications to Donna Hoffer, Personnel Director, Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, P.O. Box 16, Nett Lake, MN 55772 or call (218) 757-3261.

Indian preference will be applied when applicants are equally qualified.

## Girl's Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	BUS
Jan 16	Mt Iron-Buhl	Home	
Jan 23	Tower-Soudan	Home	
Jan 27	Cotton	Away	3:15
Feb 4	Hill City	Home	
Feb 10	Indus	Home	
Feb 13	Int'l Falls	Home	
Feb 18	Albrook	Home	
Feb 20	Cherry	Away	3:30
Feb 22	Tournament	Miner's	TBA
Feb 26	Tournament	Miner's	TBA
Mar 1	Tournament	Miner's	TBA



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# JOBS - JOBS - JOBS

**TITLE:** Solid Waste Facility Operator

**LOCATION:** Bois Forte Reservation, Tower, MN

**OPENING DATE:** December 31, 1996

**CLOSING DATE:** Until filled.

**SALARY:** \$7.50/HOUR

**POSITION PURPOSE:**

Operation and maintenance of Bois Forte Solid Waste Transfer Station. This position is temporary and the individual would work as a fill in replacement when the current operator is absent.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

Employee will perform routine maintenance and service tasks at the Bois Forte Solid Waste Transfer Station. Duties include: evaluating/screening the types of solid waste brought to the site, collecting applicable tipping fees, directing the public to the appropriate storage, container/area, locking and unlocking gates and storage containers at designated times, performing general site maintenance, and ensuring the site is accessible during operating hours. Work will be performed in accordance with established solid waste storage guidelines and procedures set by the Bois Forte Utility Board and the St. Louis County Solid Waste Division.

**EXAMPLE OF WORK PERFORMED:**

1. Attend transfer station during designated hours.

2. Evaluate/screen all solid waste and recyclable material brought to the site, and direct storage in prescribed solid waste storage guidelines and procedures.

3. Determine, compute, and collect appropriate solid waste tipping fees. Complete and maintain appropriate records oftipping fees collected, solid waste transaction data, and a daily log as required.

4. Remove snow and debris from storage area to ensure accessibility.

5. Maintain site in prescribed operating condition.

6. Notify responsible authority of any problems or disrepair at the transfer station site.

7. Perform related work as assigned.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Ability to effectively apply/implement prescribed solid waste storage procedures, and guidelines at a solid waste transfer station.

2. Ability to perform the necessary physical requirements of the position in all types of weather conditions.

3. Ability to understand and effectively follow oral and written instructions.

4. Ability to write and perform simple computations.

5. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and the public.

6. Ability to obtain an up-to-date tetanus shot.

Submit Application to Donna Hoffer, Personnel Manager, Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, P.O. Box 16, Nett Lake, Minnesota 55772, or call (218) 757-3261

**TITLE:** Indian Child Welfare Act Supervisor

**LOCATION:** Bois Forte Human Services Nett Lake School

**OPENING DATE:** December 31, 1996

**CLOSING DATE:** January 17, 1997

**SALARY:** D.O.Q.

**IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:** Human Services Director

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. AAS or BS in Social Work or a related field preferred.

2. Experience in technical casework in Social Work.

3. Ability to deal with and relate to Indian people.

## News from the Biologist...



Chris Holm, Ph.D., Biologist

People are sometimes surprised when they hear about our Department's winter activities. Apparently, many believe that snow and ice stops our work. Actually, quite the opposite is true. Ice cover on Nett provides an ideal surface to work on, and substantially speeds up our travel to and from sites... and as long as I'm on the subject, let me just say that ice is also a valuable example of the delicate balance that exists in all lake ecosystems. Like all things, water has a certain density, or "heaviness". To a large extent, this density governs the regulation of all physical and chemical dynamics of a lake. Liquid water that cools to 4 degrees Celsius has a maximum density of 1.0. As water cools further to zero degrees Celsius, the density of the water and forming ice actually decreases to 0.9168; in other words, water as ice becomes about 8.5% lighter than liquid water at 4 degrees. Small change, major effect. Without this density change, forming ice would sink to the lake bottom. Luckily for us, a natural inverse stratification occurs beneath the ice cover in lakes. Thus, ice at 0° C floats on water that warms progressively with depth to 4° C at the bottom. Consider this a bit further and imagine the possible effects to the overall well-being of the lake if substrate ice formation commonly occurred. Bottom-dwelling fauna capable of moving would be forced to do so in order to find new overwintering habitat. Those not capable would freeze and die. Germination of new vegetation would be stopped or delayed since spring-time sunlight and heat energy would first need to penetrate and warm overlying water before melting the bottom-formed ice. Vegetation that did manage to germinate after the ice melted would probably not reach maturity before the end of the growing season. Without oxygen-forming plant growth, oxygen levels would probably fall, further stressing those living things that somehow did manage to survive...density affects could be a real bummer...be glad for ice as we know it!

During times when lab man Goodsky isn't busy gassing us out the lab, he is working with field techs D.M. Jr. and Mark Littlewolf on our water monitoring program. We now have a total of seventeen established water collection sites around the Reservation, "strategically situated" to allow us to rapidly detect changes in water quality as it enters the Reservation. We have been monitoring these sites since November and are seeing some interesting patterns in Reservation surface water. At the moment, we are watching stream water alkalinity levels, *a.k.a.* "buffer cushions". Alkalinity levels are what protect water against sudden acid shock, which, at high levels is fatal to essentially all things aquatic. There are

major differences in alkalinity at different locations around the Reservation. For example, the Fish/Ash Creek area has very good quality water with high levels of alkalinity (in the range of 100-200 milligrams per liter), while streams along the south boundary are very low (10-20 milligrams per liter). The excellent quality of Fish Creek is probably due to the fact that its source is a free-flowing groundwater aquifer. Water flowing into Mallard Bay must first pass through a long stretch of wetland-bog area. Bogs naturally release acids into this slow flowing creek, which may in turn be depleting available alkalinity levels. This effect could be enhanced under ice cover. We think this because pH levels (a measure of water acidity) in Mallard Creek and Mallard Bay have moved quite a bit toward the acid side of the scale since ice cover formed. We believe that acid increases occurring here are natural, *e.g.*, not from acid rain or other human-induced sources. The acidity of Nett and other water sources on the Reservation during non-winter months is very normal. Also, state pollution control agencies monitoring have been monitoring acid rain deposition in Minnesota for at least the past 10 years, and are now pulling the plug on those programs, given low incidence of impact.

We are now working toward a long-term goal of laboratory certification. Once obtained, we think that certification will allow the Reservation to save considerable costs presently incurred for necessary water testing. Drinking water must be tested on regular basis to ensure that it is safe for consumption. Without an ability to test or certification status to ensure that our tests are accurate, we must send water samples to other lab facilities for analysis, often at considerable cost. Certification for a testing facility like ours will probably take at least two years to obtain. It will involve establishing a quality assurance plan for the facility (*i.e.*, definition of "standard operating procedures"), quality assurance plans to ensure that all tests are being carried out according to standard protocols, site visits and observation of procedures by quality assurance managers, and demonstration of our ability to correctly analyze "unknown" samples sent to us by quality assurance laboratories. Certification status is not a prerequisite to analyze surface waters that are not drinking water sources, or to develop water quality standards for protection of surface waters.

We have already seen considerable cost savings in surface water sample analyses. Consider that sample testing for bacteria and physical parameters (like acidity, alkalinity, and so on) typically costs about \$60.00. Travel time to a laboratory (the closest one to us is in Virginia) is at least an hour, and associated travel costs are at least \$10.00-20.00. That means test results from one sample can cost as much as \$80.00. In order to get a clear picture of ongoing quality, we sample up to 17 sites, each month. That could mean an estimated \$1360.00 per month going out the door for sample testing. We would need to continually generate considerable funds to keep a program like this going. True, surface water sampling programs should be constantly adjusted, and as time goes on we may be able to cut back on some of the sample site analyses. However, this difference would probably be nullified by intermittent analysis costs incurred for metals, (lead, mercury) and for very expensive analysis of organics or pesti-

cides, which haven't even been factored in to the above cost estimate.

A little about rice. We've just set up a small "bottle test" in lab to get an idea about rice seed viability after its been frozen. We have a fair idea now about optimum temperatures that rice seed needs to germinate, and can presently predict when germination will occur to within about one week. What we (and others, as far as I can tell) still aren't sure about is to what degree freezing affects rice's ability to grow. A serious gardener knows that seeds left outside in, say, a cold garage overwinter may not grow as well the following year. This effect appears to be species-specific. Bigger seeds that contain more moisture tend to accumulate more cell damage when frozen than do tiny seeds. More cell damage translates into lessened viability the following year. If one considers rice seed to behave as other annual seeds, it then becomes realistic to assume that winter lake freeze-out might affect rice germination. In any case, we have put some rice seed to bed under two separate conditions: cool (4°C) and frozen. Come spring, we'll wake them up and see if any difference in germination occurs.

Well, now is the time when we're all looking ahead to spring projects. As soon as the ground is workable, we'll be starting up our 1997 Circle of Flight program. This will involve seed grain plantings along the Nett River for migrating waterfowl. Our LCMR project involving control of nuisance weeds in Nett is scheduled to begin next summer as well. Needless to say, a lot of planning and admin. details need to be cleared up by that time. The Reservation Integrated Resource Management Plan is developing slowly. We are now investigating methods to collect wildlife information, and hope to interest several AmeriCorps persons in that task. We think that this work can provide some valuable field experience for the right persons, and hopefully will spark someone's interest in pursuing further study in this area. ECG and I are also doing some preliminary planning for a "natural resources summer youth camp". We think that this will be a really neat program if we can get it off the ground. I'm sure ECG will relate more details about this project to you in his article.

Of course, there's lots more to cover, but I'll save some for your reading enjoyment in the next dynamic issue of *BFN*. Have a safe, happy and productive new year!

### European insects are promising allies against purple loosestrife threat.

Imported European insects are Minnesota's best hope in the fight against the danger of purple loosestrife infestation, says entomologist Dave Ragsdale of the

University of Minnesota's Extension Service.

Purple loosestrife is an exotic weed that poses a severe ecological threat to North American wetlands. But Ragsdale is hopeful that loosestrife-consuming insects will eventually counter this danger. "We have an answer to one part of the purple loosestrife's life cycle," says Ragsdale.

The weed originated in Europe and was carried to the U.S. unintentionally in ballast of early transoceanic sailing ships. With its striking purple flowers, the loosestrife was initially prized for its aesthetic contribution to the landscape. It was actually promoted by North American beekeepers in the 1800's as a nectar source for honeybees.

However, the destructive nature of purple loosestrife eventually became clear. Each flowering stalk can produce 120,000 seeds per year, with a single mature plant putting out over a million seeds. Unfortunately, the insects that feed on the loosestrife were left behind in Europe.

With no natural enemies to check its population growth, purple loosestrife is free to take over. The plant grows new stalks each year, but its old stalks decay slowly. "Once loosestrife moves in, the wetlands gradually becomes a single plant community," says Ragsdale. The weed also threatens water fowl populations by inhibiting them from reaching the water and reducing their breeding grounds.

Purple loosestrife currently covers three percent of Minnesota's wetlands. But the aggressive nature of the weed means that every river system and wetland in the state is at risk. "We are poised to have a huge problem," assures Ragsdale, noting the state's vast amount of wetlands and hospitable climate for seed expansion.

The University of Minnesota is teaming up with other academic institutions and government agencies in both North America and Europe in the hope of turning purple loosestrife back into insect fodder. They have selected for importation five species of European insects whose sole diet is the loosestrife plant. Three of these species have already established themselves as large colonies in as many as 70 different release sites throughout the state. Ragsdale says that the established species will soon be redistributed to other parts of Minnesota.

It's too early to tell whether these imported species alone can reduce the purple loosestrife threat. Ragsdale's optimism stems from the successful application of imported insects on other plants worldwide during the last 50 years. "We (entomologists) have a great track record here," he says.

(From *NEWS from the Minnesota Extension Service in St. Paul.*)

Because the cells in your bones constantly break down old bone and replace it with new material, your skeleton is gradually but continuously renewed.

### NEW TRANSFER STATION HOURS

October 1, 1996 - April 1, 1997

Monday - Wednesday - Saturday

7:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.

The Solid Waste Disposal Coupons are on sale at the receptionist's desk in the Tribal Offices or at the Multi-Service Center.

# Fortune Bay Construction



Hotel . . . while still under construction.



Front view while still under construction.

## Environmental news....



*Darin Steen, Environmentalist*

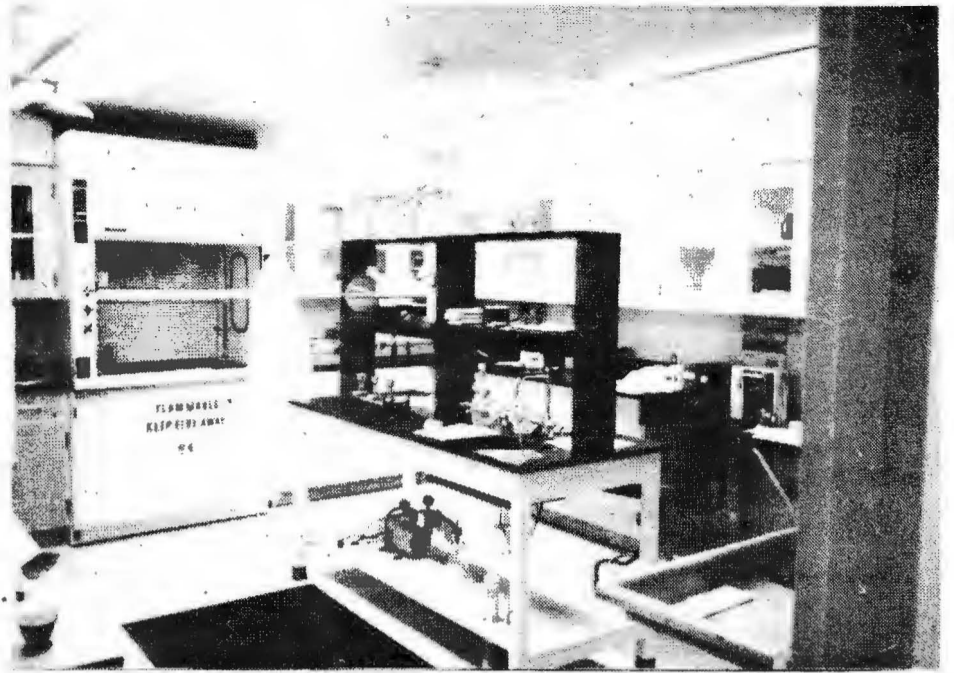
Happy New Year, to all you Bois Forte News fans!! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. It sure is nice having a few vacation days but it also feels good to get back to work. Well, what's going on in the reservation environment this month?

I recently completed environmental compliance documentation for a federal grant to extend the community water and sewer system in the Lake Vermilion Reservation. Providing community water and sewer to the small lots of this reservation will allow them to be developed for residential use. Presently, a private well and septic system is not feasible due to geologic and space limitations. This project should allow for more permanent housing opportunities for this district of the reservation. In addition, it will eliminate the current problems of poor septic systems on seasonal lease lots

and improve the environment.

On a related issue, in the following weeks a report will be presented to the Tribal Council on the conditions of existing Lake Vermilion water and sewer systems and will discuss options and recommendations for improving inadequate systems. The extension of the community water and sewer system is the most effective solution, however, policies and procedures are needed for hooking up to the system, properly abandoning old private systems, and enforcing standards for new installations of individual wells and septic systems. I will be sure to keep you informed as we determine exactly what course of action should be taken to address these problems.

On a final note, I would like to welcome another new addition to the environmental department. Jessica Knott has replaced Heather Villebrun who had to move on to another position. Jessica has been busy doing some follow up on the office recycling project which Heather and I started. In addition, we have been working on developing some solid waste and recycling education materials for the community including flyers and recycling instruction sheets. Jessica has been doing a good job so far and I am eager to get her involved with many other solid waste management issues. Well, the printing press is warming up and Editor Holmes can't wait for my article any longer! Catch the next issue of the reputable Bois Forte News for more "exciting" environmental management updates!!



Not Dr. Frankenstein, only Curt's water lab.

## Water Quality study....



*E. Curt Goodsky, Lab Technician*

Well there, I do believe the New Year has begun. I have just completed the necessary data manipulation entry forms, required to effectively monitor the quality of the water resources within the Bois Forte Reservation boundaries. Yup, took a legal pad and put "1997" on the top. Nah, just kidding; although we have not yet fine tuned our data entry forms, we are progressing. Happy New Year readers, hope your beverage taste good as you prepare for the new year/day.

As I am writing David Morrison Jr. and Ron Fisher Jr. (AmeriCorps participant) are getting their stuff together to gather some water samples from around the rez.

The Water Quality Lab right now, has twenty-two (22) sites that serve as collection points. Four (4) of these sites are from the community distribution system, this number will most likely increase as we would like to monitor more points along the distribution system. This would increase the information available so we have a better picture of what is going on and where. On a different note, I am looking for help on a project that will provide a way for local and city youth to experience the natural environment on our reservation. Some of these environmental sessions would include: Bear awareness, wild rice/ maple sugar processing, Lake and/or Bog walk ecology, Duck hunting(?), orienteering, forest ecology, summer/winter camping, etc... I have talked to some people already and there are a lot of very positive ideas and desire to see this happen. Sound like a worthwhile, yet big project? I think so. But ya know what? Some of these are already going on, through the Nett Lake Elementary School. Why double projects? Actually, I would only hope to enhance or increase the amount of cultural/environmental exposure that our youth (local and city) currently have access to. I also think the increased interaction between our kids could be a good thing. Anyway, lunch time is almost over and Axel wanted this by noon I hear. oops. Til next time then, sleep well and fair winds.



Another picture of Curt's lab.

Tea-bags were invented when a New York merchant, Thomas Sullivan, sent his customers samples of tea in small silk bags. Discovering that they would brew tea like this, customers wrote and requested more.



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

(This is the second installment of information provided by Norm DeWeaver, via Bonnie Lowe, the Tribe's JOB/STRIDE DIRECTOR)

Inasmuch as the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Reservations would have to match monies allocated by the state, they have not reached a decision in this proposition.

The law specifically imposes on tribes the same reporting requirements which states have to meet. These are very extensive and involve submission of detailed information on individual clients. There is no funding provided for the computer systems that will be required to meet such requirements.

Most reservations and all but a handful of Alaska Native villages have resident populations of under 1,000.

A significant number of reservations have high unemployment rates, but many are not as high as 50%. The reference to the "adult" unemployment rate implies that unemployment among teenage youth should not count in the computation. Youth unemployment tends to be higher than that among adults.

The BIA rates frequently quoted by Indian advocates are technically not "unemployment" rates at all. They are the percentages of all those in the "potential labor force" that don't have jobs—a "jobless" rate. The standard definition of unemployment counts only those who are actively seeking work, disregarding all those who don't bother to look for jobs they know don't exist.

Tracking the time spent in reservation or village areas for persons who may move on and off reservation many times over their adult lifetimes adds one more level of impossibility to the already infeasible tracking requirements in other provisions of the law.

Congress does expect to consider a number of "technical" amendments to the law. It's not known whether Congress is likely to change the language in this reservation-only exception to the 60-month time limit rule so that the exception would be useful.

Along with time limits, *work requirements* have been at the heart of the four-year long debate over welfare reform.

In many quarters, the JOBS program is considered to have been a failure because it hasn't forced enough people into the job market. Several evaluations of JOBS programs in economically thriving communities concluded that forcing people to work, rather than giving them long term remedial education and skill training, was a more effective welfare-to-work strategy. In addition, education and job training for the long haul are expensive services.

Congress "fixed" all this by simply requiring adults receiving cash benefits to go to work, period. Adults in families with small children who turn to the state (or the tribe if the tribe runs a TANF program) for cash benefits will generally be forced to work or lose any chance of receiving assistance. At the same time, the law provides no new or special funding for employment services or the creation of new worksite opportunities. TANF block grant funds can be used for employment and limited training purposes, but money spent on such services will not be available to meet the need to pay cash benefits. Tribes that have JOBS programs will be able to help, but tribal JOBS grants are capped at FY 94 levels.

The work requirements under welfare reform are imposed in several overlapping ways:

- \* Every adult receiving benefits under TANF must go to work when the state (or the tribe, if the tribe runs TANF) considers that person ready to go to work, but no later than 24 months after the person first receives benefits. The 24 months is a lifetime limit.

- \* Unless the state (or tribe) decides otherwise, every adult recipient of cash benefits who is not exempt from the work requirements must work at a community service job (if no other kind of work is available) within two months after going on the welfare rolls.

- \* States must meet minimum work participation rates set forth in the law or risk the loss of a portion of their block grant funds. In FY 97, 25% of the entire adult welfare caseload must work at least 20 hours a week. Both the percentage and the number of hours go up over the next five years. (States may exclude single custodial parents caring for children under 12 months old from the calculations.) There are stiffer requirements for two-parent families. Tribes that choose to run a TANF program can negotiate with HHS over these rates, but the law says that any tribal rates must be "similar to" those imposed on states.

The law does provide that single custodial parents caring for children under age 6 cannot be denied assistance for refusing to work if such parents can prove to the state that appropriate child care is not available to them.

When the law says "work activities," it generally means work in a work environment. A number of the details in the legislation are intended to discourage job training or remedial education services. The clear intention is to force welfare recipients into the labor force immediately, and not to prepare them for better jobs at salary and benefit levels that would make them more self-sufficient over the long run.

Unlike the reservation exemption to the time limit rule, the work requirements in the law do not take into account the lack of jobs in areas of severe unemployment, such as Indian reservations. They apply regardless of local economic circumstances.

In addition to the rules on time limits and work requirements, the welfare reform law places a number of other conditions on what recipients must do to receive cash benefits

under TANF. Several of the more important-requirements are:

- \* That recipients who are 18 or older or who have not completed secondary school or finished a GED and are not attending school must complete an "individual responsibility plan." The contents of these plans are very similar to the employability plans now required under JOBS. Individuals can be sanctioned for not following their plans.

- \* That mothers must cooperate fully with procedures to establish the paternity of their children and to pursue *child support enforcement* procedures in order to receive benefits.

- \* That, with limited exceptions, parents under the age of 18 *must live with a parent or in another adult supervised setting.*

- \* That teen parents without one must try to *get a high school diploma or GED* or be enrolled in a state-approved alternative educational program.

#### Child Care

Parents with young children will have to work in order to receive cash benefits. To do this, child care is essential. Some of the most important features of the new welfare reform law involve federal funding for child care.

The law consolidates what are now four separate, federally-supported child care programs:

- \* The *Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)* program. The law amends the current CCDBG statute; it does not repeal it.

- \* The *JOBS child care* program, which has, until now, guaranteed child care to all JOBS participants that need it, including tribal JOBS participants.

- \* The "transitional" child care program, which has provided child care benefits for up to a year after the parent or parents become employed and lose their AFDC benefits.

- \* The "at-risk" child care program, which has been designed to help families who are "at risk" of going on AFDC by providing them with the child care they need to work.

The latter three programs are sometimes referred to as the AFDC child care programs. The legislative provisions authorizing these programs, part of Title IV-A of the Social Security Act, are repealed.

Tribes get a special set-aside of CCDBG funds, but have not received any direct federal funding under the AFDC child care-programs.

CCDBG becomes the one program into which the other three are merged. All funding for child care will come down through the CCDBG system and be governed by CCDBG rules. Even though welfare reform consolidates all four programs under CCDBG, the funding will flow from two separate funding "streams" created in the law.

One stream, containing "discretionary" money, represents funding which has been provided under CCDBG. It's called discretionary because Congress has the discretion to appropriate less than the full \$1 billion authorized.

The second stream contains "mandatory" money, funds which will automatically be appropriated. This replaces the money that has been provided under the AFDC child care programs. The amounts are fixed in the law for each year through 2002.

The tribal set-aside of money under CCDBG will be not less than 1%, but not more than 2% of the total amount of money available under both the "discretionary" and "mandatory" funding streams. HHS gets to decide the actual amount between the 1% floor and the 2% ceiling.

In FY 96, \$28 million is available to tribes and Alaska Native entities under the CCDBG program. If HHS decides to make only 1% of the money under the new consolidated CCDBG program available to tribes, tribes would get \$29.7 million. However, if HHS decides to make the full 2% available, there will be \$59.3 million available. (Both figures assume that Congress will appropriate the full \$1 billion for the "discretionary" stream. Slightly less is likely to actually be appropriated for FY 97.)

The tribal CCDBG set-aside could potentially double from FY 96 to 97. Looks are deceiving. Even if the funding goes up significantly, this does not mean that services for Indian children will increase. On some reservations, they could actually decline.

Figures developed by Ms. Rana Altenburg for the National Indian Child Care Association show the dramatic differences in CCDBG funding levels which would result should HHS reserve only 1% of the welfare reform child care funds for tribes, instead of the maximum 2% permitted. For FY 97, 1% of the potentially available funds would be \$29.7 million; 2% would be \$59.3 million. The amount for the "mandatory" funding stream rises each year through Fiscal 2002. At that point, 1% of the potentially available funds would be \$37.2 million; 2% would be \$74.3 million.

Most tribes with JOBS programs receive some support for child care through the JOBS child care program. Federal money goes to the states, and must be matched by the states. HHS regulations require the states to provide child care to all tribal JOBS participants that need it.

Further complicating any analysis of how the child care provisions in the law will affect tribes is the shift in focus of the federally-supported child care programs.

Of the four current major child care programs, only one - JOBS child care—had been devoted specifically to families receiving cash welfare benefits. The federal money available was unlimited. States could receive as much federal money for JOBS child care as they needed, and were willing to match with state money.

The other three programs - "transitional" child care, "at-risk" child care and CCDBG child care - were, by definition, for families not receiving cash welfare benefits.

The new law puts all the child care money in one pot at the grantee level (state or tribe). The unwritten priority is to help those families that get cash benefits go to work and get off the welfare rolls.

This shift in the funding arrangements and purposes of federal child care dollars has important implications for tribes. Tribal CCDBG money is not currently allocated on the basis of the need for child care services to help those receiving cash welfare benefits.

Welfare families participating in tribal JOBS programs are likely to lose the support they have received from the state under the JOBS child care guarantee. At the same time, the current tribal CCDBG allocation formula won't give those tribes any more money to compensate for the prospective loss of services.

Also, under the current tribal CCDBG allocation formula, tribes who choose to run TANF programs won't get any more CCDBG money than tribes that decide to let the state be responsible for operating TANF on their reservations.

The mismatch between the current tribal CCDBG allocation formula and the changing structure of federal support for child care could potentially leave some reservations with fewer services than they now have, even if the tribe's CCDBG allocations actually go up.

Welfare reform also made several amendments to the tribal-specific provisions in the CCDBG law:

\* It allows tribes, under limited circumstances, to use CCDBG money for facilities construction.

\* It requires HHS, in consultation with tribes, to establish licensing and regulatory requirements which will apply to tribal CCDBG programs in lieu of state requirements.

It provides that any CCDBG money which one tribe doesn't use must be reallocated to other tribes. Currently such money can be reallocated to state programs.

Welfare reform made one other change in the Indian language in the CCDBG law. It is unclear at this time whether this potentially significant amendment will have any practical effect. The new law defines the term "tribal organization" to include Native Hawaiian organizations. In theory, this opens up tribal CCDBG funding to Native Hawaiian groups.

However, the welfare reform legislation did not change the requirement that tribal CCDBG programs can operate only in reservation areas (except in the states of Oklahoma, Alaska and California.) Any future change in this reservation-only provision would make tribal CCDBG funds available to Native Hawaiian entities.

The child care provisions of the welfare reform legislation go into effect on October 1st of 1996. *Welfare Reform and the BIA General Assistance Program*

At no point during the years of debate in the Congress over welfare reform has there been any serious public discussion of the impact of changes - the AFDC program on BIA's General Assistance (GA) program.

The current rule-of-thumb is that GA is available only to persons that don't qualify for AFDC. How many Indian families in reservation areas may be denied TANF benefits and therefore potentially eligible for GA benefits is unknown.

Funding for GA is unlikely to increase. It is now part of the "Tribal Priority Allocation" (TPA) account, and effectively capped.

What will happen to those Indian families in reservation areas who are denied cash benefits altogether because they have lost their TANF benefits and their tribe does not have enough GA funding to help them is anybody's guess.

The new legislation has one provision that deals with the BIA General Assistance program. It sets the level of GA benefits according to the level of benefits paid by each state under the state's TANF block grant.

#### Additional Provisions

Many other aspects of the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act" will also be important to tribes, but are outside the scope of this Coalition Special Report, which focuses on the employment aspects of the new law.

For example, there are many changes to federal child support enforcement legislation that will affect Indian parents. The ability of states to revoke drivers and other licenses will have a direct effect on the ability of non-custodial parents to work, if they are in arrears on their child support payments. A special provision is intended to encourage more tribes to take an active role in child support enforcement.

Cuts in HHS staffing levels mandated under welfare reform will have a serious impact on tribes. The drastic reduction in AFDC and JOBS staff will mean less technical assistance from Regional and Central Office staff in the Administration for Children and Families in HHS.

Welfare reform has come to Indian Country. It's effects will be felt for a long time to come.

The third installment of "... Welfare as we know it" will appear in the next issue of *OURSELVES*, as an interview with Bonnie Lowe, JOBS/STRIDE Director

## Conservation notes.....



Ray E. Villebrun, Sr., Chief Warden

Good day to everyone. I hope you all had a pleasant holiday. A word of encouragement to all you Vikings fans out there, tough luck and better luck next year, but don't expect Brad Johnson to take the Vikes anywhere in 97'. As for the Green Bay Packers, I wish them luck and are my pick to win the Superbowl..... Enough about football, on with the first edition of the Conservation Notes for 1997.

I would like to start off with a reminder about the snowmobile season. Traditionally, the holidays kick off the snow sledding season. And as some of you may know, the number of snowmobile accidents and fatalities are up in Minnesota. Here a few words of advice for every snowmobiler:

Avoid alcohol. Fact: alcohol was involved in 53 percent of last year's fatal

snowmobile accidents.

Operate at safe and reasonable speeds. Driving the ol' double nickel(55) is the maximum speed limit for all waterways and lands. Remember to drive at a safe speed, not the speed limit.

Slow down at night. Most snowmobilers have a tendency to over-drive their headlights and may be unable to stop in time to avoid an accident.

Be wary in ditches. More snowmobile accidents occur in ditches than any other site. Snow covers a lot of objects that can cause accidents, such as rocks, guy wires, as well as fallen trees.

Always wear a helmet. Helmets save lives, need I say more.

Finally, Ride, don't race. Most accident victims are persons that are not operating their machines in a safe manner. They most likely are young men racing around not paying attention to the speed of their snowmobile, and are unable to stop in time to avoid a collision. Remember to respect that machine.

As of this writing, we have just as much snowfall as this same time last year. And what that means is that our deer population will once again have to suffer through another harsh winter. So with that, the Natural Resources Department will have to start our 97' deer feeding project a little sooner than expected. We will begin as soon as we can purchase the necessary deer feed. If you would like more information about our deer feeding efforts, or would like to help out, please give us a call.

The trapping season so far is going very well, according to our local trappers. The prices are up, and the animals are there for the taking. It puzzles me to see so few of our local trappers out in the woods. I was talking to someone earlier this fall, about trapping, and he said that trapping is becoming a lost art. Maybe he was right, maybe this part of our culture is dying out. If there is anyone out there who is interested in instructing our young people about trapping, please let me know, I would be happy to set something up.

#### Project Grow update.

We will have a new and improved project grow for the 1997 season. I have revamped the application, and it will be sent out to all 1996 applicants that received garden supplies in the next few weeks. Also look for announcements in a future issue of the BFNews as to where you can pickup an application if you do not receive one in the mail. And yes, we will have community gardens this year for both Vermilion and Nett Lake.

As you may or may not know, Gil Goetz, Project Grow Director, passed away suddenly, this fall. Gill thoroughly enjoyed his trips to Bois Forte, and he was a huge supporter of Project Grow at Bois Forte. Gil did his best to see that the people of Bois Forte received funding for their gardens. Gil will be dearly missed.

## Tribal Court proceedings....

#### 6 November 1996

Damon Edward Day, 20, Speeding, fined \$50.

Merrilee Ann Connor, 19, Speeding (second offense), fined \$100.

Robbie Eugene Goggleye, 18, Careless Driving, fined \$250; Leaving Scene of Accident, fined \$250, \$200 suspended.

Lewis Strong, Jr., 44, Driving under Influence, fined \$400, 30 days, time suspended for six months; open bottle, fined \$100.

Adam Joseph Sadewasser, 18, Malicious Mischief, 60 days, credit for time served, 40 days suspended for six months; ordered to pay restitution for damages.

Betsy Lee May, 37, Driving after Suspension (805), dismissed.

Margaret Denise Warren, 42, Speeding, warrant issued, bail set at \$50.

#### 22 November 1996

Curtis Lee Drift, 28, Driving after Revocation, dismissed without prejudice.

Chester Emery Graue, 39, No Drivers License, fined \$250, or community service work, five days, suspended for 90 days.

William Stanley Villebrun, 27, Driving after Revocation, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$150.

Jerome Alfred Johnson, 18, Disorderly

Conduct, failed to appear, warrant issued, Probation Violation, failed to appear, bail set at \$450.

Diane Lynn Brown, 24, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75, 5 days suspended for 90 days.

Faith Amber Morrison, 40, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75 or community service work, 5 days suspended for 90 days.

Robert Edward Keezer, 26, Probation Violation, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$500.

Lance Allen Hill, 21, Probation Violation, failed to appear, bail set at \$450.

Diane Rae Goggleye, 36, Probation Violation, probation period extended six months, to pay fine within 30 days.

Axel James Holmes, Jr., 37, Driving under Influence, \$400 fine or community service work, 30 days; Driving after Revocation, fined \$300, 10 days, concurrent, time suspended for six months.

Joseph R. Morrison, 65, Failure to Provide Education for Children, dismissed with prejudice.

Louis Raynaldo Drift, 26, Failure to Provide Education for Children, dismissed with prejudice.

Cecile Marie Strong, 37, Failure to Provide Education for Children, dismissed with prejudice.

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# \* Health News

## Cathy and Contract Health..



Cathy Chavers, Contract Health

### Contract Health Alternate Resources

The Bois forte Contract Health Program is not an insurance company. By Federal law, we are the absolute payor of last resort. If a person is eligible for an alternate resource such as medical assistance, etc., then that person needs to apply. Failure to apply would result in that person being totally responsible for their medical claims. There are two alternate resources that apply directly to pregnant women and also the newborn and a program that deals with children with special health needs.

The first program is the Medical Assistance Program for Pregnant Women & Infants. Beginning Oct. 1, 1996, anyone under the CHS program who becomes pregnant will be required to apply for this program.

Basic information on this program:

Pregnant and can't afford a doctor?

Medical Assistance (MA) will completely cover pregnant women and babies under age two, if your family meets the income guidelines.

If you applied for MA before, and were turned down, try again!

Now the income guidelines for pregnant women and babies under two years are higher than for other people.

**What are the income guidelines for a pregnant woman or infant?**

Family Size*	Income**
2	\$28,488
3	35,700
4	42,900
5	50,100
6	57,312

\* A pregnant woman counts as 2

\*\* Effective April 1, 1996

Family assets such as personal property, savings, cash etc., will not keep a pregnant woman or any babies under age two from getting MA.

**How long will it take for me to get Medical Assistance?**

You should apply for MA as soon as you know you are pregnant.

To get MA for pregnant women, your clinic or doctor must confirm in writing that you are pregnant.

You will find out if you qualify within 10 days from when you had your interview at the MA office.

Your MA can begin in the confirmed month you became pregnant, but no earlier than three months before you applied for MA. Your MA will continue until 60 days after you give birth.

If your baby lives with you, the baby can get MA until her or his second birthday.

Tell your worker when the baby is born.

### How can I apply?

Call your county human service office to make an appointment to apply for MA today!

Call St. Louis Co. Social Services, 1-800-450-9777, or 218-749-7100.

If you become pregnant, you should notify the Bois Forte CHS office as soon as possible.

The other program for children is the Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs. This program used to be called Services for Children with Handicaps. Below is some information on this program.

### WHAT IS MINNESOTA CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS?

Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs (MCSHN) is a federal and state supported program emanating from Title V, Social Security Act. It is the designated State of Minnesota program to ensure family-centered, community based, comprehensive services to children with disabilities, and exists within the Minnesota Department of Health, as a section of Maternal and Child Health Division. It is a program that provides specialized diagnostic, treatment and wrap-around support services to children with special health needs and their families.

MCSHN works collaboratively with various state agencies and other providers to ensure a statewide service delivery system. The program has a health care partnership with MinnesotaCare. MinnesotaCare is a state subsidized health insurance plan.

MCSHN/MinnesotaCare is able to offer a broad range of services to children with special health needs. Please contact MCSHN for more information.

### WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT SERVICES are available at local health care facilities, major medical centers, and MCSHN clinics.

MCSHN must be notified prior to obtaining services.

MCSHN SERVICES may include:

- = Physician and specialist visits.
- = Laboratory tests and x-rays.
- = Medications.
- = Equipment.
- = Hospital services.
- = Dental care.
- = Rehabilitation services.

CLINICS are held regularly in communities throughout the state. A team of health specialists meets with the family and child to determine a diagnosis and set up a treatment plan.

### TYPES OF CLINICS:

- = Cardiac
- = Developmental Learning
- = Facial Dental
- = MN Diabetes in Youth Program
- = Physical Rehabilitation
- = Rehabilitation Technology
- = Speech, Hearing and ENT
- = Transition

DISTRICT STAFF are available throughout the state to assist families with service coordination and resource referral.

INFORMATION/REFERRAL and assistance in accessing services are provided by the district staff.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS are offered in communities statewide and include workshops for parents and professionals. Condition specific information is also available upon request.

### WHAT CONDITIONS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Most chronic illnesses and handicapping conditions are eligible for service. Some of these MCSHN eligible conditions include:

- = Asthma
- = Severe cerebral palsy
- = Cleft lip and palate
- = Congenital heart disease
- = Cystic fibrosis
- = Diabetes
- = Hearing problems
- = Hemophilia
- = Leukemia and other cancers
- = Phenylketonuria (PKU)

- = Scoliosis
- = Seizure disorder
- = Spina bifida
- = Strabismus
- = Vision problems requiring surgery
- = Other chronic medical problems requiring extended care

MCSHN encourages questions about eligibility of other conditions.

NEED ASSESSMENT is an important function of MCSHN. If you need a type of service you have not been able to find anywhere, please call and let us know.

The Bois Forte CHS program will be contacting individuals who may have to apply for these two mentioned programs as they may be eligible for this alternate resource.

Any questions please call Connie Harju or Cathy Chavers at 218 757-3295.

## New Mental Health Worker

Frank Connor, Mental Health Worker

Boo-shoo I hope all are doing well and having a nice holiday season and many new blessings for the future. The year surely went by fast and many new aspirations were realized by this new writer to The Bois Forte News. An introduction of myself and my position with the Bois Forte Human Services would be appropriate at this time. My name is Frank Connor and I work in the Human Services Division at the Nett Lake School as a Mental Health Specialist. My duties include seeing people with any anguish that debilitates their daily living or social functioning. These include family or children problems; physical, psychological or social stressors; academic or work related pressure; crisis intervention and some drug and alcohol guidance. I choose to work with the Bois Forte people after getting a bachelors degree in applied psychology from Bemidji State University and an Associates degree from Rainy River Community College. I hope to relate well with the residents of the Bois Forte Reservation and the Vermillion sector as I was born and raised on the Reservation and lived here

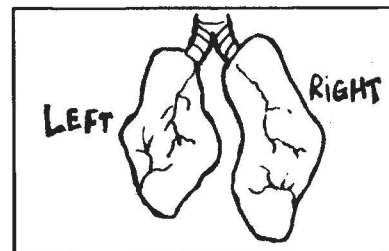
most of my life.

The Mental Health program of the Human Services Division serves the immediate Bois Forte area, the Vermillion sector and a satellite site at the International Falls-North American Indian Fellowship Center. Allan Morriseau, mental health technician, is in the Orr High School on Tuesdays and at the International Falls NAIFC site on Fridays. I am in the Tower school on most Wednesdays and attend some child study meetings on Tuesdays at the Orr High School.

The most anticipated item to be addressed in Mental Health, as in most Health Professions, is welfare reform. This drastic change in the way services are delivered to the public affects everyone and the mental anxiety this reform produces is not yet envisioned. A redefinition of responsibility is expressed throughout welfare reform and it is how we handle responsibility that provides insight through many of the anticipated problems. A local aspect of welfare reform is how the American Indians are going to handle the welfare cuts. On this issue I feel that the Indian people in general are equipped to handle child and elderly care better because of our interaction and knowledge of an extended family system. If extended families systems are stressed in the communities our old or young don't have to be put in care centers and we would be following the home health care trend. Perhaps welfare reform, and its intentions, might promote family systems and values where there were none or very little in the past. But this is a broad and developing subject to discuss as a introductory topic and as mentioned before, the implications are not yet realized by any mental health care worker. Mii gwetch.



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



Yvonne Paetznick, Advocate

Hi, there! I hope everyone has been enjoying the spring weather and has had an opportunity to get out into sun and have a little fun. I've been kept quite busy with paperwork, but was able to get out on one of the community clean-up days and do some outside work and have some fun.

Since my last article, I've attended a workshop on Sexual Assault in Detroit Lakes, which was very informative and allowed me to make quite a few contacts with other agencies that could prove to be very helpful. There was a workshop in Virginia on the Crime Victims Reparation Program and I found out that if anyone has been a victim of a violent crime they should file an application with the Crime Victims Reparation Board and they may be entitled to compensation for any damages, bills, or expenses incurred that was derived from that crime.

If anyone wishes more information on the Crime Victims Reparation, please contact me at the Sexual Assault Program.

I would like to give you a little information on the abused child, these are a few facts that everyone should be aware of. One million children are victims of abuse or neglect each year in the United States--and those are just the confirmed cases. Experts agree that millions of other cases go unreported. One-fourth of the cases we know about involve serious physical abuse: another 15% sexual abuse. Abused children come from all kinds of families, but almost all have one thing in common, they go to school. For many of these children, caring teachers and counselors offer the best hope of relief and protection. Indeed, teachers in all 50 states have a

legal obligation to report suspicions of child abuse to the police or child welfare authorities. Yet research shows that three out of four teachers may be unable to recognize the signs of abuse, even in obvious cases.

The signs of abuse are not always easy to see. Child abuse--particularly sexual abuse--usually takes place in secret, away from school. Nevertheless, there are certain indicators that teachers and other adults should know.

Unexplained bruises, welts, bite marks, burns or fractures--especially if they appear regularly after school absences--may be indicators of physical abuse. Children who engage in self-destructive behavior, are chronic runaways, have unattended medical needs, or show reluctance to go home at the end of the school day may also be victims of physical abuse.

Physically abused children often are wary of adult contact, are unusually apprehensive when other children are upset, give improbable explanations for or refuse to talk about injuries, and pretend that their injuries don't hurt.

Torn, strained or bloody underclothing; venereal diseases; pain in the genital area; or difficulty walking or sitting may be indicators of sexual abuse. Children who attempt suicide, are threatened by physical contact, mimic sex acts, or behave promiscuously may also be showing the signs of victimization.

Sexually abused children often are unwilling to change clothes for or participate in gym, have poor relationships with peers, have a distorted body image (their art work may depict missing or mutilated body parts), become aggressive or violent when provoked, or seem withdrawn, infantile or depressed.

All adults and especially educators should know the common indicators of abuse, but it is just as important that they understand the dynamics of abuse and the psychological effect it has on children. Those who do will not only be more likely to detect and report abuse, but will also be better able to develop teaching strategies to help abused children recover from their injuries. Our responsibility to an abused child does not end when the abuse is reported and stopped; we must nurture that child in ways that help him or her become a healthy, self-sufficient and confident adult.

# Allen & Minor Depression..



Allen Morriseau, C.D. Counselor

Depression is a mental health issue that is experienced by everyone at various time throughout one's week. It is usually brought on by some sort of change that takes place in a persons life. It's a natural feeling that will go away as one adjusts to change. Sometimes people make mountains

out of mole hills. The least little thing can bring on a bad feeling. An example of this could be one person waiting for another who said he/she would be there at a certain time and doesn't show up. In this case depression may show up in the form of anger. If this depressed feeling is not dealt with in a positive manner, it could spoil one's whole day. Another example, in the winter time we experience trouble starting our cars. The thought of being late may bring on feelings of worry or panic, that's depressing and okay as long as we deal with it. Make the phone calls you have to make, telling the people who need to know that you will be late. Then assess your feelings, talk to someone about what is going on with you. Do what you have to get your car running, then get back to business.

A little depression is okay, it helps one adjust to feeling of being uncomfortable. It helps you make plans as to how you will handle a troublesome situation if it occurs again. Example: If you planned to go

# Community Health....



Barbara Richards, CHN.

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. The beginning of the New Year is a time when people are geared up to make changes and resolutions regarding their life styles. This is important for all of us - to try to work at being healthy.

We will be starting 2 groups this month to assist people who are diabetic. At the first meeting we will be asking those people who attend to identify their needs. We will also be deciding on meeting time and frequency based on what is best for those attending.

We can consider an evening time if that would be helpful. I would like to encourage all diabetics to attend the first meeting so we can get a lot of input regarding your needs.

These groups will be conducted by Community Health and Clinic staff. We could invite guest speakers to some of our groups.

First meeting dates:

Tower-Vermilion - Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 3 pm at the Center.

Nett Lake - Tuesday, Jan. 28th, 2 pm at the Community Center.

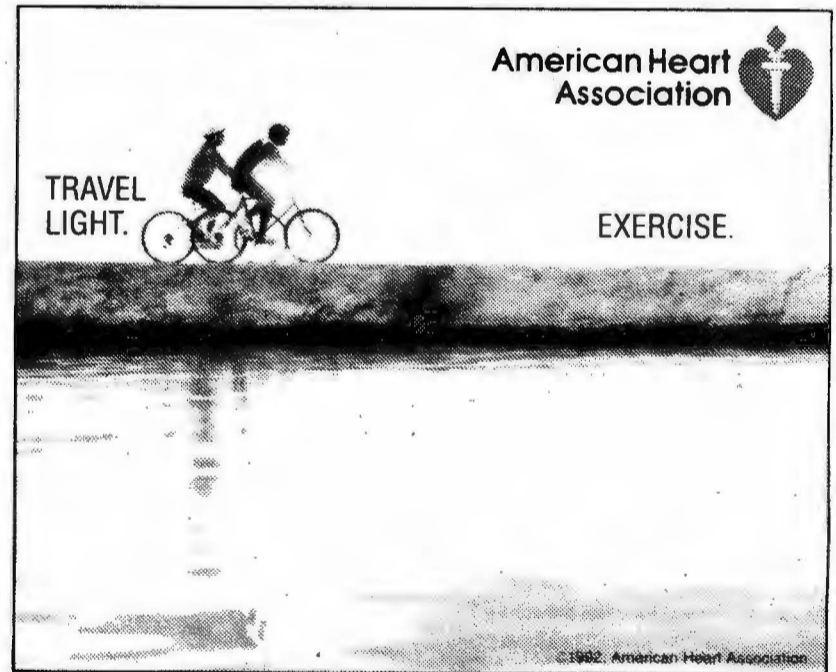
Please plan to attend!

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage family members and neighbors to help our elderly. Winter time is especially difficult for older people. Snow and ice make it treacherous to get around. Cold weather keeps people at home - lonely and isolated. family and friends can do many things to make life more enjoyable and safe for our elderly. Take time to go visit - bring your kids - help them understand how valuable our elderly are. Do little things... they will be appreciated.

I would also like to thank those of you who already help your older friends and family. There are many families on the reservation who do take the time and effort to care for elderly. I have seen time and time again the difference it makes to know that someone respects you enough to make it safe and comfortable.... adds time to life. It also increases the quality of that time.

Elders do not very often ask for help. It is important for us as "younger" people to look and see what needs to be done - and do it. We can also make the first move - and ask if there are things we can do.

Some day we will be elderly. We will be alone and unable to do things. We will hope that someone will know that we are there and let us know that we are still important (more important) in our old age. Age has a lot to offer and we will be repaid tenfold by the relationships we have with our elderly.



fishing and your partner did not show, you may pick him/her up the next time or go with someone else. If you feel bad, you can always find something to do that will make you feel better.

Little skills can be learned to help you deal with minor periods of depression, but you have to do the skill. Learning is the easy part of developing a skill, doing what you learned is the hard part. One of the best ways to deal with minor depression is to take daily inventory of yourself. Take a look at your previous day and feelings, making an effort to change the bad feelings of yesterday, so you can feel good today. If you have to, make amends as a result of negative feelings. Do this on a daily basis. This is sometimes called finding time for yourself.

Another skill is to back off for awhile to give yourself time to think, instead of reacting negatively about a negative

feeling which could cause more depression. Given time, a person can usually think feelings through and do the right thing. Minor depression is a base feeling. It can cause other feelings or other feelings could cause it. Maybe a loved one said something that hurt your feelings, and it depressed you. You could become angry and say something that hurts a loved one, and you become depressed about this later. When assessing your day, ask yourself about the feeling of depression, then the other feelings that could have helped lead up to depression. If you can identify some, deal with them and make positive changes. Minor depression is not like clinical depression, we get over it and learn from it. Clinical depression is an illness that requires medication. If you are constantly depressed, see a doctor and/or a psychologist, they can help you.

## Kids can prevent foodborne illness by practicing food safety.....

Kids today have more independence than ever in fixing snacks for themselves or helping to prepare family meals. Knowing how to handle food safely can help youth avoid food-borne illnesses that can come as a result, according to Bill Schafer, food technologist with the University of Minnesota's Extension Service.

Kids often experience flu-like symptoms, such as vomiting or diarrhea. However, these symptoms do not necessarily come from the flu. They could sometimes come from bacteria or viruses in the food they eat. "These could be the result of food that's been contaminated or handled improperly," says Schafer.

Schafer says that kids should know that there are both good and bad kinds of bacteria in food. Good bacteria are desirable because they produce alluring flavors and sensory qualities in such foods as cheese and pickles. They also help prevent bad bacteria from setting up shop by producing acids and other compounds which may inhibit illness-causing pathogens.

But you can't rely on the good bacteria alone. Many foodborne illnesses occur due to eating food which has been contaminated by human hands or from other contaminated foods. It is especially important to avoid contamination from raw foods, which are a potential source of bacteria and viruses, to food you're about

to eat.

Washing food and the hands and utensils that touch it is an important element of food safety. Encourage your children to wash their hands thoroughly after they go to the bathroom or handle pets and before they make snacks.

It is also necessary to restrict the growth of harmful bacteria. This can be done by keeping hot food hot and cold food cold. Raw meats, poultry, milk, and fresh fruit and vegetables that have been cut or sliced are most susceptible to pathogen growth or survival.

For example, one of your children drinks out of a milk carton and doesn't put it back in the refrigerator. Another one of your children comes along and wants to drink out of the same carton after it has been sitting on the counter for half of the afternoon. What should he or she do?

First, they should not drink the milk. If the first child was carrying any contaminated bacteria, that bacteria will have had time to grow, and the virus may be transferred to the second child. Instead, they should dispose of the milk, and the children should be reminded not to drink directly from the carton or leave it out of the refrigerator. As a general rule, milk and other types of perishable food should not be consumed if left out at room temperature for more than two hours.

Youth need to be particularly aware of

these safe food-handling practices because they are considered a high-risk group "The effects of foodborne illness can be more life threatening for kids than for adults," says Schafer.

## OBITUARIES

### FRANK W. DUPREE

A Mass of Christian burial for Frank W. Dupree, 79, of Tower was held Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Nett Lake Community Center. Celebrant was the Rev. Larry Antus, OMI. Burial was in Nett Lake Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Range Funeral Home of Virginia.

Mr. Dupree died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996, at his home in Tower.

He was born Dec. 10, 1917, in Nett Lake. He grew up in Nett Lake, attending school in Nett Lake and in Orr. He was a World War II veteran, serving in Germany and France. He was a prisoner of war and received the Purple Heart.

On Feb. 12, 1949, he married Evelyn Porter in Nett Lake, where they resided. They moved to Minneapolis, living there for 13 years. He retired in 1980, and moved back to Tower in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, of Tower; four daughters, Vivian Frances (Andrew) Buckanaga, Geraldine Marie (Gene) Hanks, Donna Sue Dupree and Cathy Margorie (Robert) Johnson, all of Tower; 26 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three sons, Terry Allen Dupree, Alvin Lee Dupree and Francis Wayne Dupree.

## Ambulance...



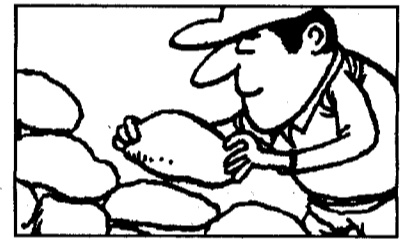
*Marcella Connor, Ambulance Director*  
The Bois Forte Ambulance Service wishes everyone a Happy New year.

The weather has been extremely cold and Frostbite has been one of the emergencies that have been reported. Please make sure that gloves, mittens, caps and scarves are worn by yourself and children. Especially children because they are busy playing and do not realize that they are getting cold. Inform them of the consequences of licking frosty metal objects. (OUCH!). The Ambulance crew spent the evening at Melgeorge's Cedar Inn for their Christmas Dinner on December 20, 1996. While we were away from the area the Orr Ambulance Service was willing to cover for us. This evening when all the members and significant others get together makes it especially nice. Usually we can not do things together because we always need someone on duty for ambulance coverage. During this time away from our regular duties we exchange gifts and spend some quiet time together.

In 1996 we had 55 Ambulance Call Outs/Runs with the following statistics for the Ambulance Service. Falls: 4, Motor Vehicle Accidents: 4, Respiratory: 6, Strokes: 2, Cardiac: 8, Drug Overdose: 5, Snowmobile Accidents: 1, and Other: 25. The category of other include abdominal pain, bleeding, assaults, etc.

December 1996 is not included in these numbers.

In 1983, after holding the America's Cup for 125 years, the New York Yacht Club lost it to Australia's Royal Perth Yacht Club.



You should plan on ordering or collecting two cubic yards of stone for every cubic yard of finishing wall when building a stone wall.

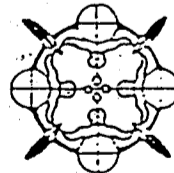
Thomas Jefferson has been credited with introducing the following foods to America: rice, spaghetti, French fries, and ice cream. A lavish entertainer, when he died, Jefferson was \$40,000 in debt.

### JANUARY 1997 DENTAL SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Holiday	2 Dr. Sonday 8:00-4:30 Valerie Flank	3 Dr. Sonday 8:00-3:30	4
5	6 Dr. Sonday 8:00-3:30	7 8:00-3:30 Val	8 TVC Val	9 8:00-3:30 Val	10 8:00-3:30	11
12	13 8:00-3:30	14 8:00-3:30 Val	15 TVC 8:00-3:30 Val	16 8:00-3:30	17 8:00-3:30	18
19	20 CLOSED	21 8:00-3:30 Val	22 TVC 8:00-3:30 Val	23 8:00-3:30 Val	24 8:00-3:30	25
26	27 8:00-3:30	28 8:00-3:30 Val	29 TVC Val	30 8:00-3:30	31 8:00-3:30	

### JAN. 1997 MEDICAL CLINIC SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Ray - Tower Steph - Tower Dorothy Card	3 Steph Dorothy Lance	4
5	6	7 Steph Dorothy D. Johnson	8	9 Steph Dorothy Marcy - Tower Bette - Tower Vergeldt	10	11
12	13 Steph Dorothy Berlin	14	15 Steph Dorothy Helleloid	16 Ray - Tower Steph - Tower	17 Dorothy	18
19	20 CLOSED	21 Steph Dorothy	22	23 Marcy - Tower Bette - Tower	24 Steph Dorothy Lance	25
26	27	28 Steph Dorothy D. Johnson	29	30 Ray - Tower Betty - Tower Steph, Dorothy Knaak	31 Steph Dorothy	



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Wills

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## January birthdays....

01 - Parker E Drift, Rosemary L King  
 02 - Donald W Amitrano, Claire L Anderson, Shirley Benner, Brenda L Benner, Anna M Gawboy, Carol M Geshick, Randy V Geyer, Marjorie A Holmes, Dayle R King, Lucas B Landgren, Walter E Mertins, Robert A Zika  
 03 - Brandon D Benner, Michael L Goggeye, Joseph D Gonier, Sandra R Hill, Donna Hoffer, Roger A King, Sara R King, Brittany A Lambert, Erynn R Morrison, Roger L O'Leary, John S Whiteman  
 04 - Joseph P Day, Lyle Lumbar, Kent L Morrison, Travis W Morrison, Leovel A Vidal  
 05 - Carolyn R Dunn, Dawn R Haugen, Earl F Jack Jr, Leslie D King, Edward J Quan, Jean R Schell  
 06 - Ira A Brown, Jeffrey C Brown, Brandon D Engrav, Katherine M Rewertz  
 07 - Michael D Bass, Jessa E Boyer, Bruce W Cameron, Robert E Cook, Lela M Correa, Marlan L Day, Kimberly Deegan, Charlene M Leecy, John J Littlewolf  
 08 - Cecile M Barto, Mary L Drobnick, Mahlon D Goodridge, Kari M Steele, Melissa A Van Vickie  
 09 - Jeffrey E Anspach, Steven W Boshey, April C Columbus, Shelley R Geyer, Betty A Jack  
 10 - Timothy B King  
 11 - Carl E Carlson III, Roxanne F Fairbanks, Charles D Goggeye Jr, Kevin D Miller, Michelle L Weiss  
 12 - Aaron L Boshey, Danette L Lambert, Jeremy W Samm  
 13 - Kathleen M Fuller, William G Isham, Kenneth E Sam  
 14 - Rhieanna M Connor, Peter R Drift, Stephanie J Harper, Eric J Maurus, Gerald M Pete, Clarence Roy Sr, Nancy J Stanaway, Geno M Whiteman, Mary K Zika  
 15 - Sharlean J Laitinen, Diane M Morrison, Richard W O'Shea, Ernest C Steel  
 16 - Cheryl A Edman, Gerald W Skinaway, Sandee L Unger, Tara G Wagner  
 17 - Arnold Boney, Wyona Dale, Perry L Drift, Joe Knott Jr, Hannah M Lehti, Alyssa B Littlewolf, Pearl Soreyes, Rorie L Thompson  
 18 - Terri A Coonts, Pamela J Dauk, Mattie M Harper, Landon J Isham, James D O'Shea Jr, Josef R Siebert

19 - Maureen Daly, Margaret George, Waubun Goodsky, David R Hartland, Melvin A King, Betty J Van Vickie  
 20 - Matthew M Brown, William A Brown II, Paul A Connor, Rosemary Goodsky, John S Littlewolf, Dean W Lyons, Jenny L Winsor  
 21 - Keith J Roy, Rodney E Strong, Wilbert Strong Jr  
 22 - Jade M Boshey, Cole T Potter, Conrad C Roy, Lucille Stepec  
 23 - Ronald M Chosa, Wendy M Hoagland Jr, Frederick D McDougall, Bobbi Jo M Potter, Andrea R Villebrun, Jerome A Whiteman  
 24 - Joanna L Boyer, Lavon D Brown, Michelle J Leecy, Kelly J Lumbar, Nancy M Morrison, Warren D Porter  
 25 - Linda M Amitrano, Jason L Geshick, Bonita L Gonier, Carol A Lund  
 26 - Merilee R Barto, Francis D Connor, Nathan A House, Matthew D Jurek, Frances S King  
 27 - Anthony F Chosa, Leonard Columbus, Shawn M Day, Albert S Morrison  
 28 - Rachel Thompson, Nicholas L Maurus, Roxanne Tolzmann  
 29 - James E Chosa, Belinda L Chosa, Marcella Connor, Rose M Coonts, Royce A Drift, Theodore R Geyer Jr, Ravyn M Gibbs, Michael J Harding, Delores Ostrander  
 30 - Jennifer L Arn, Ralph Geyer, Jennifer M McCoy, Doris O'Connell  
 31 - Derrick A Geshick, Florence M Grauman, Matthew E McGinley, Sheryl L Sipola, Stephanie Whiteman, Regina F Whiteman  
 Most popular day to be born in January? The 2nd, with twelve.  
 The least popular? The 10th, with one.  
 Twins? None, evidently.



The word "Wyoming" comes from a Delaware Indian word meaning "upon the great plain."

## January Starwatch...

Comet Hale-Bopp, billed as a possible "comet of the century," will probably reveal its true greatness in January. Will it rival Comet Halley's historic 1910 appearance, or will it falter and fade into the dark chasm of space? We'll see. Meanwhile, two things are sure this month; Venus will sink into the morning twilight, and Mars will rise and shine. Venus is falling toward the horizon as it gets ready to circle behind the sun in early April. It appears low in the southeast at dawn and steadily loses altitude as the month progresses. Mercury joins Venus in mid-month; the best days to see it will be the 11th to the 13th. Look for it about three degrees (six full moon widths) to the upper left of Venus. Binoculars will help. Like Venus, Mercury will be heading behind the sun soon. Being speedier than Venus, Mercury will get there in mid-March while Venus won't make it until early April. Mars, now in the head of Virgo, the virgin, is well up in the south at dawn. Mars is getting closer these days as Earth gains on it in the race around the sun. In March we'll overtake the red planet - a situation known as opposition because at that time Mars will be directly opposite the sun. As we draw closer, Mars brightens noticeably and its orangish color becomes more obvious. The bright star following Mars into the sky is Spica, representing an ear of grain held by the virgin. Jupiter, lost in the sun's afterglow, leaves Saturn as the only bright evening planet. It comes out in the southwest after sunset, still sailing along beneath the eastern edge of the Great Square of Pegasus. Telescopically, Saturn looks less like its usual self because its rings appear only slightly tilted from our point of view. Nevertheless, the planet's soft golden hue always makes it a beautiful sight. Comet Hale-Bopp disappeared from the evening sky last month, but in January it reappears in the morning sky. The comet appears as a fuzzy patch in the due east, very low in the first week of January but higher every day. After the 21st, however, moonlight will begin to interfere, so best viewing should be during the third week of the month. Hale-Bopp is supposed to

brighten steadily and reveal a short, dense tail that makes it a delight to the eye. But comets are notoriously unpredictable. Will Hale-Bopp live up to its billing, or will it fizzle into a tiny smudge that can only be seen in binoculars? Take a look and judge for yourself. If it's easy to spot and brightens noticeable, then chances are that Hale-Bopp will put on a spectacle in March and early April, when it achieves maximum brightness and passes closest to the sun.

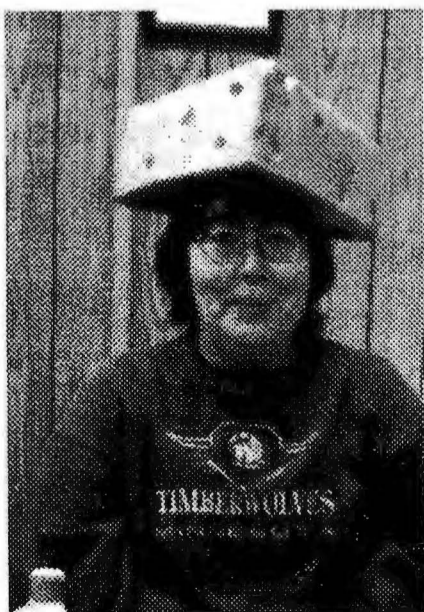
The moon is waning in the morning sky as the new year begins. On the 7th, its very thin crescent joins Venus for a pretty pairing. The new moon arrives on the 8th. The evening of the 9th, a very young crescent may be visible through binoculars half an hour after sunset in the west-southwest. The waxing crescent visits Saturn on the 13th and reaches fullness the morning of the 23rd. This full moon has been called the moon after yule, the old moon or the wolf moon, the last a name given by some Indian tribes for the wolves that howled hungrily outside their villages in midwinter.

January evenings offer the best chance to see the famous winter constellations in their full glory. Directly south stands Orion, raising his club against Taurus, the bull, who lowers his head for the charge. The Milky Way runs like a faint river of light from southeast to northwest, past Sirius, the Dog Star, all the way to Cassiopeia in the north. In the east, just beyond the Gemini twins, the Beehive cluster of stars stands out against dark skies. Like the Hyades and Pleiades clusters in Taurus, the Beehive looks breathtaking through binoculars.

Earth reaches perihelion - its closest approach to the sun at 5 p.m. on New Year's Day. At that moment we'll be 91.2 million miles from our parent star.

Star watch is a monthly guide to the night sky in the Upper Midwest. For a taped version from the University of Minnesota astronomy department, call (612) 624-2001.

Contact: Deane Morrison, (612) 624-2346.



Local Viking fans were appalled to discover two of their most trusted contemporaries, Patti Wilkie and Shirley Bixby, had de-



serted their ranks and are now allied with the hated Green Bay packers as evidenced in the above photos.

**School's open —  
Please drive carefully**

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## Reservation Tribal Council minutes....

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

Meeting called to order at 9:23 A.M.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Mark Anderson; Vicki Holmes; Bob Zika; Andy Datko; Henry Goodsky; Joanne Donald; Jackie Villebrun; Floyd Morrison; Ray Villebrun; Henry Beauduy; Donna Hoffer; Kelly Rutar; Gordon Warrick; Ken Badboy; Gary Adams; Jay Bergman; Dr. Jacqueline Thompson; Ernest Landgren, Jr.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve minutes of a regular meeting held October 7, 1996, Vermilion Social Center, Tower, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve minutes of a special meeting held October 8, 1996, Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve minutes of a special meeting held October 29, 1996, Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the sale of the law enforcement trailer to Henry Goodsky in the amount of \$3,200.00 (payments of \$200.00 a month) with the contingency that he move it by July 1, 1997. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion on lease request presented by Robert Zika for 7.5 acres of land located on the corner of Hwy 169 and County Road 77 near Lake Vermilion. Robert and Dan Zika are exploring the possibilities and seeking finances to construct and operate a convenience store similar to a Lucky Seven. Doris Isham recommends that the Council table his request pending the Council's consideration of whether or not the Band should reserve this prime commercial location for the reservation, for use in future development.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #50-97, option for Robert Zika and Daniel Zika to lease 7.5 acres on Hwy 169 and County Road 77 for commercial development. The option will expire December 1, 1997. Carried 3-1-0. Doris Isham opposed based on her concerns mentioned earlier. Recess at 10:46 A.M.

Meeting reconvenes at 11:07 A.M.

Discussion was held on the Conservation/Rice committee's recommendations for dismissal and appointment of members to the Conservation/Rice committee. Ray Villebrun informs the Council these are two separate committees but for the past 2 years they have been combined. He feels the Code should be amended to combine the two committees to make it one 12-member committee. The request for the dismissals and appointments are tabled until after Ray submits a resolution for the amendment. Ray Villebrun also informs the Council the Conservation/Rice committee is working on the draft of the new Code which should be ready for approval by February.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to renew the SelectAccount cafeteria plan with MII Life, Inc. for the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. Carried 4-0-0. Donna Hoffer is to check to see what other companies would offer.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve \$3,100.00

for two training courses for the Emergency Medical Technicians. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the possibility of changing the 1854 Fund, #790, fiscal year from July June 30 to October 1 - September 30. Gordon Warrick will change it.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve \$124,000.00 in the Education Scholarship Fund to be used strictly for scholarships. This is in addition to the \$25,000.00 already in the fund. Joanne was instructed to form a task force of past and current college students, MC T and State Scholarship staff end the Post-Secondary Advisory Committee members. The purpose of this task force will be to review the current policies and procedures of the Bois Forte Secondary Education Program and to recommend changes if need be that will fit the unique needs of Bois Forte students. Carried 4-0-0.

Frank Annette is to schedule a meeting for the Council to meet with Judy Anderson, Ray Toutloff and Barb Adams to discuss their educational requests for funding.

Joanne Donald requests written authorization to pay school costs for four students who do not fit the criteria for financial aid. These students have requested funds for other items in addition to tuition, books and fees. Joanne will draft a letter for the Chairman's signature stating they may receive funding only for tuition, books and fees.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #51-97, amendment to the Bois Forte Post-Secondary Education Assistance Grants Program guidelines. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #52-97, Bois Forte's participation as a Volunteer Station for the Senior Companion Program sponsored by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0. Effie Drift, Elderly Nutrition Coordinator, will work with Henry Beauduy in the development of this program and it will eventually become her program responsibility.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #53-97, memorandum of understanding between Bois Forte and the Foster Grandparents Program of Northeastern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin. Carried 4-0-0.

Recess at 12:55 P.M.

Meeting reconvenes at 1:57 P.M.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the memorandum of understanding with Independent School District No. 2142 for reporting students who have committed an act involving the consumption of alcohol or other illegal substance. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #54-97, amendment to the Bois Forte Tribal Court Criminal Code, identified as Chapter VI, OFFENSES, Section 633, Intoxicating Liquors or Alcoholic Beverages - Illegal Use. Carried 4-0-0.

Resolution #55-97, collection of financial obligations to court, is tabled.

Dr. Jackie Thompson is introduced to the Council. She provides information on the services she would be providing in regard to the community crime prevention project which is in the planning stages for Bois Forte.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #56-97, formation of the Crime Intervention

Planning Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Jay Bergman, LHB Engineer & Architects, and Andy Datko present the State Trunk Highway 65 Needs Assessment Final Report with recommendations for future actions needed to improve that road. Andy Datko is to schedule a meeting between the Council and MN DOT Road Maintenance and MN DOT District Engineer, to discuss long-term maintenance and improvements.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #57-97, FY 97-99 Transportation Improvement Plan priority list. Carried 4-0-0. Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #58-97, approval of the Plat on Farm Point, Lake Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to recess the meeting at 3:57 P.M. and to reconvene at 8:30 A.M., Thursday, November 14, 1996. Carried 4-0-0.

Meeting reconvenes at 9:00 A.M., Thursday, November 14, 1996, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Jackie Villebrun; Darin Steen; Andy Datko; Gordon Warrick; Ernest Landgren, Jr.; Patti Wilkie; Bill Light

Andy Datko informs the Council the U.S.D.A. Rural Development Service offered funding for 18 homes if Bois Forte takes over the administration of the "Self-Help Housing" program previously administered by the Northeast Minnesota Housing Partnership. A meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 19, 1996 to discuss what all the administration of that program would entail. To be present at that meeting is Andy Datko, Dave Danz, Cindy Glasel and Bill Whiteman.

Discussion was held on the Vermilion Land Use Plan. The name of the plan is to be "Bois Forte Reservation Vermilion Lake Land Use Plan." Andy recommends adopting the maps and the plan as an interim measure until the whole plan is adopted. Appendix A will not be approved at this time. Andy is to come back to the next meeting with a resolution to adopt the plan and the maps as an interim guidance document, pending completion of the Nett Lake Land Use Plan.

Jackie Villebrun informs the Council of property for sale within the reservation boundaries. Jackie is to check on the assessed price, why there is a big difference between 1996 and 1997. Chairman Landgren advised Jackie to call and offer the owner \$1,000.00 for the property. Jackie will work with Chuck Whitmore to research status of all tax-forfeited property within the reservation boundaries.

Resolution #59-97, lease termination - Tom Neukom, is tabled. Frank Annette is to call the tribal attorney and inform him of the non-compliance status of this lease. A letter is to be sent to Tom Neukom, signed by the attorney, that he is in violation of this lease and that he cannot sell his house. Resolution #60-97, new lease, is tabled.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #61-97, lease modification - Harry J. and Helen J. Anderson. Carried 4-0-0.

Resolution #62-97, new lease is tabled. This lease is for a couple who are buying a house from Diane Stewart. Diane Stewart,

Leech Lake enrollee, had sent in a request to lower her lease payments. This was previously denied to be consistent with policies. Jackie is to draft a letter under the Chairman's signature advising her that the Tribal Council is in the process of amending current policies that will address Tribal member lease rates should she wish to maintain her lease.

Resolution #63-97, lease termination, is tabled.

Resolution #64-97, new lease, is tabled.

Jackie Villebrun informs the Council there are two individuals requesting the same lot at Vermilion, both are Band members, both are for residential leases. The Council decides to go on a first-come basis in approving this lease.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #65-97, new lease, Robert Adams. Carried 4-0-0.

The Council is informed of the intent of a lessee to sell his personal property on his leased lot on Lake Vermilion. Jackie is to publish this in the Bois Forte News and also to publish any other property for sale that may be of interest to Bois Forte people.

The Council is informed there are two individuals requesting the same lot at Indian Point. One is for a recreational lease and one is for a residential lease. The Council decides to go with the recreational lease as the lot is not big enough (1 acre) for a septic system that is required for residential leases.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #66-97, new lease - Rae Gail Edstrom. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #63-97, lease termination - Ernest Charles Landgren, Jr. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #64-97 - lease modification - Raymond A. Toutloff. Carried 4-0-0.

Recess at 1:53 P.M.

Meeting reconvenes at 2:22 P.M.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #67-97, lease modification - Floyd J. Blaeser. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #68-97, lease amendment - Gene V. Hermann and Joan F. Hermann. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #69-97, lease renewal - Robert K. Maturi. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #70-97, lease renewal - Donald Randall and Shirley Randall. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #71-97, lease renewal - Ray Grefenberg. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #72-97, lease renewal - Bruce P. Masteller. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #73-97, lease termination - Keith Shepard. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #74-97, new lease - Norene Lee Boness. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the purchase of a large screen television for the Youth Center. Carried 4-0-0. The television is a Magnavox 53" Projection Stereo costing \$2,125.00. Frank will work with Gordon on which specific line item to place this.

Discussion was held on the issue of Cornerstone Sales. Frank Annette is to write a letter to Rosie Gams advising her that the business transaction that she is involved in is not with the Tribal Council, but with an individual member. Chairman Landgren suggests she pursue legal advice/action. The Council discussed the possibility of making her an offer to purchase the remaining items at a very low rate. No action was taken.

The donation request from the Honor Guard is tabled. Bill Light is to come back with an itemized list of the things they are requesting a donation for.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve out of state travel for Ernest Landgren, Jr., Public Works Superintendent, to attend a Construction Inspection training on November 19-20, 1996 in Reno, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve out of state travel for Geraldine Hanks, Secretary, to attend the Amerind Insurance Convention for Bois Forte Housing Authority on November 4-7, 1996 in Seattle, Washington. Carried 4-0-0.

Frank Annette is to inform Cindy Glasel, Housing Authority Director; that in the future, she should send a list requesting out of state travel for the RTC employees attending Housing meetings and trainings.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve out of state travel for Linda Tibbetts-Barto, TERO/JTPA Coordinator, to attend the Tribal Employment Rights Workforce Utilization Training Workshop on December 12-13, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve out of state travel for Ray

Villebrun, Troy King and Corey Strong to attend the Great Lakes Region Native American Fish

& Wildlife Society training on December 10-12, 1996 in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin (contingent on the conservation officers taking the conservation vehicles), and for Chris Holm to attend an Annual Natural Resources Management Meeting on December 10-12, 1996 in Lac du Flambeau. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve out of state travel for Darin Steen, Environmental Specialist, to attend the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program Assistance Workshop on December 11-12, 1996 in Phoenix, Arizona. Carried 4-0-0.

A meeting is scheduled for December 4, 1996 for MCT Attorneys, James Schoessler and Steven

Thorne, to come and explain the MCT claims case, Docket 19 and 188. The meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. in Nett Lake and 2:30 P.M. at Fortune Bay.

Darin Steen, who was present at this meeting to present the water and septic inspection results, is asked to come back to the next meeting to present them.

Frank Annette informs the Council he received a donation request from the Health division for 20 turkeys (10 for the Thanksgiving dinner for the elderly and 10 for the Christmas dinner). Council concurs with this request.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #75-97, attorney contract with Mark Anderson of Jacobson, Buffalo, Schoessler & Magnuson, Ltd., effective October 1, 1996 to September 1, 1997. Carried 3-0-1. Ramona Villebrun silent. Chairman Landgren reserves the right to argue to terminate the contract if there are any problems during this contract period.

Frank Annette will discuss with Mark Anderson the possibility of combining RTC, Fortune Bay and the Housing Authority under one contract, if necessary, a new contract could be submitted.

Frank Annette recommends a 3% COLA increase. Council concurs.

Chairman Landgren recommends a salary increase for Gordon Warrick and Gloria Wengler for additional duties and will request action during executive session. Frank will ask the Miller, McDonald, Erickson, & Moller, Ltd., auditing firm for an opinion as to having one comptroller overseeing both the RTC and Fortune Bay's accounting departments.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the voluntary election to extend the coverage of the Minnesota Jobs and Training law. Carried 4-0-0.

Gordon Warrick informs the Council the State would not approve a program budget because no indirect cost rate was set yet for FY 97. Gordon is to give the Indirect Cost Rate Proposal to Chairman Landgren and he will sign it.

Doris Isham recommends setting aside two days to meet and discuss the budget and make this a priority, canceling other meetings if necessary. When the budgets are finalized, Doris recommends publishing them.

Chairman Landgren leaves meeting at 4:12 P.M.

Vice-Chair Isham chairs the meeting. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun, to adjourn meeting at 4:14 P.M.

Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held December 5, 1996 Fortune Bay Casino & Resort, Tower, Minnesota.

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

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Mark Anderson; Vicki Holmes; Gordon Warrick; Chuck Whitmore; Ray Villebrun; Axel Holmes; Donna Hoffer; Earl Day; Rick Anderson; Gary Gotchnik; Sherry Erickson; Benny Rider; Dave Danz; Larry Morrin; Bill Tibbetts; Captain Richard Wilkie; Norm Adams; Andy Datko; Darin Steen; Ernest Landgren, Jr.; Vickie Hackey; Denise Jasper; Patty Fredericks; Mary Jo Brenden; Roger Wikner; Steven Erickson; Robert Alsop

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve minutes of a special meeting held November 12, Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #76-97, loan documents originated by Miller & Schroeder Investments Corporation for the purpose of funding construction costs and financing to complete the resort conference center. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #77-97, appointing Mark Anderson as agent for the purpose of service of process pursuant to the loan documents. Carried 4-0-0.

The loan documents are all signed.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the formation of a new seven (7) member conservation committee (this combines the conservation & rice committee), a quorum of four (4) members to hold meetings. The committee will consist of 5 Bois Forte Band members, three (3) from the Nett Lake community and two (2) from the Vermilion community, one RTC member and one conservation officer. Carried 4-0-0.

Resolution #78-97, conservation code amendment in regard to the conservation committee is tabled. The resolution is to be submitted at the next council meeting with a recommendation of 5 names to be appointed to the committee.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to appoint Chuck Whitmore as Bois Forte Representative to the Minnesota Historical/Cultural Technical Team. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #79-97, 1997 Timber Harvest Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Ray Villebrun gives an update on the staff Christmas party plans. He is informed there will be a meeting in the morning to finalize the plans.

Axel Holmes and Benny Rider make a request for funding for the Indian Legal Assistance Program of Duluth. This item is tabled until the meeting scheduled for December 19. Benny Rider will ask the Executive Director of the Indian Legal Assistance Program to attend to be available for questions such as: can Bois Forte designate on how the money is to be spent.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #80-97, legal services contract for the Nett Lake Senior Assisted Living Center project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #81-97, Architectural Services Agreement with the firm of Architectural Resources of Hibbing, MN for the Nett Lake Senior Assisted Living Center project. Carried 4-0-0.

Frank Annette will contact Victor Mosser, Lead Negotiator, IHS Bemidji Area Office, to request the preliminary self-governance figures and to schedule a meeting for 10:00 A.M., December 18, 1996, to discuss those.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #82-97, funding application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development for a technical assistance grant to build 18 homes through the Self-Help Housing Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #83-97, gaming license records. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the procedures when an employee is ratified or terminated. The letter to the individual who is ratified or terminated is to come from Frank Annette if it is an RTC employee and from Rick Anderson if it is a Fortune Bay employee. Mark Anderson, Donna Hoffer, Rick Anderson and Frank Annette are to meet and discuss the procedures and appeal process for background checks when individuals are approved or denied licenses. They are also to develop standards that address suitability for employment.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to recess the meeting at 3:59 P.M. and reconvene at 8:30 A.M., Friday, December 6, 1996. Carried 4-0-0. Meeting reconvenes at 8:55 A.M., Friday, December 6, 1996.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Captain Richard Wilkie; Pete Drift; Greg Landgren; Norm Adams; Mike LaRoque; Mike Hayes; Ernest Landgren, Jr.; Darin Steen; Dave Danz; Bill Connelly; Bill Light; Donna Hoffer

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Law

Enforcement Services. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on various issues in regard to the police department. Captain Wilkie is to contact James Pontiac in regard to starting as soon as possible as officer at Vermilion. James Pontiac can also be given moving expenses up to \$1,000.00 including a temporary room if needed. When positions are advertised for the police department they may be advertised tribally. Frank Annette is to follow up on the cross deputization of the police officers. Norm Adams is to meet with Rick Anderson to schedule a meeting between the security officers and the police department to discuss the roles they each have at Fortune Bay. Frank Annette is to contact Joel Smith, Minnesota Agency, to turn the vehicles over to the tribe.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve a letter of support for Jean E. Tye, who is applying for the American Indian Language and Culture Licensure. Carried 4-0-0.

Frank Annette informs the Council that Victor Mosser will be out of the office on the 18th and that he will try to schedule the meeting with IHS on the 20th.

Ernest Landgren, Jr. and Darin Steen give an update on the meeting they had with IHS in regard to the maintenance problems on the water system at Fortune Bay. Darin Steen is to draft a letter to the Area Director, Senator Wellstone and the IHS engineers in regard to the water system and that IHS is responsible to fix it.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the request from Trudy King, Family Based Worker, for the ICWA program to hold a raffle to raise money for gift certificates for families for Christmas. Carried 4-0-0.

The donation from the Vermilion Head Start is tabled until an amount requested is given.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve a \$300.00 donation to the Saint Louis Historical Society for a project centered around a birchbark canoe. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve the 1996 years of services awards to the RTC employees. Carried 4-0-0. The years of service will be given out at the Staff Christmas Party. Chairman Landgren will also give three Chairman's Award of Excellence Awards as follows: a \$300.00 cash award and a certificate, a \$200.00 cash award and a certificate and a \$100.00 cash award and a certificate.

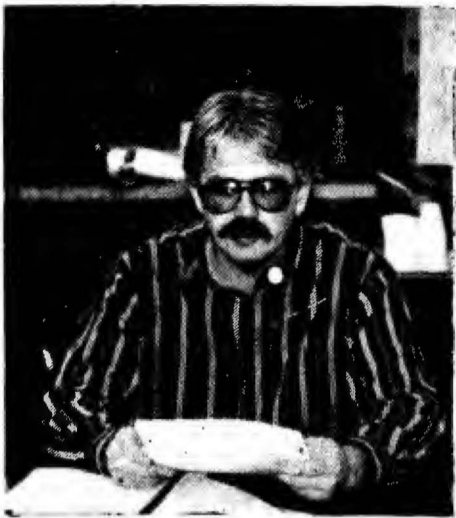
Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve out of state travel for Gordon Warrick, Comptroller, to attend the ITMA/NAFOA training on Reconciliation Report Interpretation on December 9, 1996 in Phoenix, Arizona. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve out of state travel for Geraldine Hanks, Secretary, to attend a Homeownership summit on December 9-11, 1996 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Carried 4-0-0.

Dave Danz informs the Council there is some concern of a possible delay of up to 18 months on the Assisted Living Project. There is a new person in charge at the Rural Development and Dave Danz will inform him we may lose our other funding if there is a delay. A conference call with the state director will be scheduled to discuss this issue.

Dave Danz addresses the Council in regard to the Bois Forte Business Development Loan Program. Bill Connelly, Director of the Minnesota Indian Economic Develop-

## Danz's column.....



David Danz, Reservation Planner

After a holiday respite it's back to the issues that were on my desk, patiently waiting further attention. The chief priority and attention getter is the Rural Development loan application for the Senior Assisted Living Center. The file on this project thickens as we continue to provide information required by this Federal agency which will enable them to conduct their review.

Rural Development officials suggested we visit a similar elderly housing project in Grand Rapids. So, a couple weeks back Andy D. and I traveled to Grand Rapids and met with the developer of a number of independent and congregate housing complexes for elders. Mr. Skip Duchesneau was very open about the projects he has been involved with, a number of which involved financing from Rural Development as well. We toured the Grand Manor senior housing project, asked questions and listened to the advice of experience. Although the project in mind for Bois Forte contemplates a higher level of assistance to resident seniors, Skip's experience as a developer was appreciated.

It is important that we satisfy the loan application requirements of Rural Development on this project. This agency offers a very low interest rate and long re-

payment schedule which make the project as affordable as possible to the Band. I am still optimistic that this project may be on a 1997 construction schedule.

In other matters, Congress passed some sweeping new housing legislation affecting Tribes a couple of months ago. The legislation has been signed into law. Currently Tribes work through quasi-independent housing authorities to pursue housing grants and to subsequently handle the business of managing housing. In addition, Tribes can apply for housing related grants directly in some cases (as in the HOME Program funding received by Bois Forte). Oftentimes the size of the Tribe does not limit the amount one can apply for under a specific grant initiative.

Well, that's going to change starting 10/97. The new legislation calls for Tribes to be grantees. They may, or may not, continue to manage housing through a housing authority. Funding will be based upon a formula and issued as a block grants. Tribes will no longer be eligible for a number of programs they previously could compete for.

It is tough to predict the impact of this law, particularly due to the fact that the funding formula is not yet established. Over the next few months the critical question of how available funding will be distributed is to be answered. This bill became law quickly last fall. Many people believed it would not happen for a year or more. Now that it is passed as written, only time will tell if it is to be praised or damned throughout Indian Country in the years to come.

As of this past month the third member of the mighty Bois Forte Planning team is now comfortably ensconced in his new office. Bill Whiteman was hired to fill the position of Comprehensive Planner. Bill, as readers know, was the HOME Program Coordinator for the past couple of years. As a friend, fellow firefighter and now planning colleague, I look forward to working with Bill in his new capacity.

## Andy Datko's column.....



Andy Datko, Assistant Planner

As this is my last column written in 1996, I want to take this opportunity to recap the major projects of the past year and to look forward to the challenges of 1997. Probably the most gratifying accomplishment of 1996 was the opening of the Fortune Bay Resort Hotel in December. It is truly a beautiful building that will provide jobs and economic benefits to the Bois Forte Band for years to come. In addition to working on the finance for the hotel, I was also involved in the development of the RV Park and Trails system which will be fully completed by this spring.

Along with the Resort Hotel, a new community water and sewer system was brought on line in 1996. Currently that system serves Fortune Bay, Farm Point, and the Vermilion Social Center area. Plans are in the works to extend water and sewer service throughout the Vermilion community over the next few years. I am currently trying to line up financing to extend sewer and water to Cemetery Road, Hard Hat Road, and the Whisky Point areas at Vermilion. This project will likely occupy much of my time in 1997

The Khe za wus so Center (Vermilion [Family Resource Center] was also a very gratifying project that I worked on this past year. The building opened in October, and houses the Head Start program, child care services and family education programs. This center will be an asset to the Bois Forte Band for many years to come. By providing educational services to children, it will have a positive impact on future generations.

Another project that was especially satisfying (not to mention frustrating!) was the new food commodities building in Nett Lake. It has been satisfying because I was able to work on this from its initial conception, through funding, design, and construction. The frustrating part has been the delays in construction. The building is about 95% complete (as of the end of

December) and should be ready to be occupied by mid-January. I want to extend a special thanks to Mavis and Wendy for their patience!

This past year also saw the completion of a comprehensive land use and development plan for the Vermilion community. This plan was adopted as an interim guidance document by the RTC in December. It will be incorporated into an integrated land use and development plan for the Bois Forte Reservation later this year when the Nett Lake portion of the plan is completed. I especially want to thank Phyllis Boshey and the numerous Vermilion community residents who contributed their thoughts, time and effort to the development of this plan.

This past year the RTC approved a plat of six new lots at Farm Point. Four or five of those lots should be available for Band members wanting to build homes under the "Self Help" housing program. I have recently submitted an application for funding this program which will provide which will provide technical assistance and low interest financing for 18 new homes on or near the Reservation. You will be reading more about this program in

future editions of the Bois Forte News.

Last year I also continued to be involved in transportation planning activities for the Reservation. These planning efforts will have real significance in 1997 as several projects are scheduled for construction this year. Improvements to the Palmquist Streets began this past October, and will be completed early next summer. Also scheduled for construction this year are improvements to Indian Point Road and Sugarbush Road. Extensions of Hard Hat Road and Tibbetts Trail are also scheduled for 1997, but could slide into 1998 if full funding is not available this year.

This past year I also worked on proposals to fund development of a cultural museum and heritage center for Bois Forte. We have received tentative funding of \$100,000 from the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, but still need to raise another \$150,000 to \$200,000. This is something that I will be actively pursuing in 1997.

That about sums it up for 1996. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to working with and for the Bois Forte Band in 1997!

## Bill W.....



Bill Whiteman, Comprehensive Planner

Greetings. My name is William Whiteman, and I am the new Comprehensive Planner for the Bois Forte RTC. As Planner I will be working with Dave Danz, Andy Datko and other RTC staff members toward the completion and implementation of a Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Bois Forte Indian Reservation.

This Plan will identify past current and future land use practices and development potential for the BFIR. Related areas would include commercial, residential, cultural and historic, natural resource protection, resource management, cemeteries and sacred areas, community facilities, recreational areas and public utilities. The Plan also will determine the Tribe's legal basis

for zoning, taxation and fee assessment. This Plan will require input from all reservation agencies and the public.

Within the next few days I will be working with John V. sharpening my skills on ArcView, our main data entry tool. I am also looking forward to putting our Digitizing tablet into use. Currently we have access to an immense amount of digital data relating to the previously mentioned categories and fields. Our biggest task will compiling and disseminating this data to create a useable product, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

All interested citizens are encouraged to come to the next public meeting to voice their opinions about land use practices. In fact if you have anything constructive to contribute or concerns to address give me a call or drop me a line at the RTC office.

### NETT LAKE SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Jan. 13 - School Board Meeting - 4:30 pm
- Jan. 17 - End of 2nd Grade Period
- Jan. 20 - HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Jr. (No school) for Nett Lake School students
- Jan. 27 - Teacher Workshop - (No School) for Nett Lake School students
- Feb. 10 - School Board Meeting - 4:30 pm
- Feb. 17 - HOLIDAY - President's Day - (No School)

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## THE CREATOR-GOD MAKES GREATER REVELATION

Genesis 17.1-2 Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly."

A greater revelation of who He is, is made by the LORD, in this new name El-Shaddai, which means Gold Almighty.

The name Jehovah or Jahve is used in some places, translated "LORD" but the name has not been revealed to Abram, to Isaac nor to Jacob. That revelation would come in Moses' time.

The new name is an interesting name. El is God; Shaddai is the One mighty to nourish, satisfy, supply." It is God who pours forth His provision and blessings on mankind. It is also as Shaddai that our Creator-God is going to make a covenant with Abram and Sarai which He still continues to honor and fulfill today. He also promised them a "child of tremendous promise." The whole race of mankind would be blessed through his line.

Up to this point the history of the behavior of mankind has been very poor, or has had a "bad track record." When Adam, ate of the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden, alienation between God and man took place, and Adam hid from God. They had listened to the lies and deception of the devil and they had become sinful, a term we do not like to hear, and worse yet, identify ourselves with. Today even the church is having trouble with that term. It is seldom used in teaching and preaching, but it does describe accurately who and what we are.

Abram and his parents were alienated from God and that is why at age 75 the Creator-God appeared to him, to begin a renewal His relationship with mankind and eventually redeem him back to Himself.

In man's state of alienation he was also "in the dark" with regard to Spiritual things. He had lost his way spiritually, but had a vague sense of the spiritual. Genesis 6. -7 describes this condition in these words: "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." That sentence describes the sinful man. That is our nature. Our trend is to drift away from God and the life He would have us live. Mankind had lost the true sense of who God is, which included the sons of Shem from whom our race springs.

If we are to understand ourselves, the society we are in, and the world and its functions, then we need to have a good, clear view of what sin is.

One writer wrote: "Our daily newspapers record the depressing stories of

crimes but never calls them SINS. Essays and books are written about some of the most shameful atrocities in the history of the human race but do not name them sins.

The daily television newscasts will occasionally warn us that what is about to be shown might be terrifying for some people, but the terrifying deed is not called sin.

If we wish to carry on a thoughtful and responsible discussion of the great disorders and ruptures of the personal human nature we do not use the word sin although sin best describes it. The word SIN is still the best word to describe the evils in the human experience.

By sin we mean the sum total of all the lists of human woes, evils, and sufferings. SIN means the tragic rupturing in the life of human persons as well as the ruptures in the life of a nation and those super-ruptures in international or world-wide relationships.

The list of SIN includes crimes, wars, lawsuits, and mental disorders. It describes all forms of alienation, brutality, and discrimination in our society. It includes those more polite and underhanded ways humans abuse each other. It includes family problems, national problems, and worldwide problems.

It includes personal vices and the vices of governments. SIN is contradiction; sin is violence; sin is sneaky trickery. SIN is moral inactivity; sin is inhuman response to tragic suffering.

Because we sin, when we understand it, we see our court systems are jammed with waiting cases; our penitentiaries are overcrowded; our police forces are overworked and undermanned.

Every school system must wrestle with disobedience, violence on school grounds, and the use of alcohol and drugs.

Every family is threatened by breakup from within and without. War disturbs national and international life.

It is a problem at the center of both personal and social life. It concerns the endless series of crimes police forces must deal with. It is about personal tragedies leading to divorce courts and counselor's offices. It is about brutality, rape, torture, and war. It concerns the perpetual problems educators encounter in the classrooms.

It is not only about the grubby pickpocket, but of the criminal decisions in the offices of large corporations. It is about the Mafia, the numbers racket, and the enormous drug traffic. It concerns the cruel sexual abuse of children and the problems of violence and degradation in penitentiaries. It is about small lies and the betrayal of one's country.

Everyone, Christian and non-Christian, with an open mind, can learn something from each of these versions of human sin and evil.

**Sinful behavior is sinful behavior and not animal behavior.** We murder; rob; we betray. Husbands brutally beat wives. Parents can be cruel and barbarous with children even to the point of maiming them for life or killing them. Adults sexually molest children or engage in child pornography.

The drug traffic thrives with everybody involved aware that some of the customers will undergo the hell of addiction. Humans have found endless ways of torturing each other, the very recounting of which can make us retch (instance, shocking the sexual organs with electric currents or beating the kidneys into pulp with wet towels.

An endless stream of violent, brutal and senseless killings is reported in our

newspapers. Cases of gross sexual perversion move far beyond what might be classed as alternate lifestyles. Kidnapping exhorts maximum sufferings and torture on the parents of a stolen child.

Innocent victims are killed irrationally in the strategy of terrorism. And what a list could be made of acts of violence, brutality, and the rawest sufferings occurring in times of war.

This description of sin by Chuck Swindoll is one the finest, clearest I have ever read. It describes the state of affairs in Ur of Chaldea from which community God called Abram, our uncle.

Abram and Sarai's background--Ezekiel 16.3 "Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem, "Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father (Abram) was an Amorite and your mother (Sarai) was a Hittite." These people had drifted far from God and had become idolaters as was most the world of that time.

Genesis 6.11,12 describes the sinful conditions out of which he called Abram and Sarai: "Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth."

It probably came about in the stillness of one of the hot summer nights in that mideastern country of Chaldea that God, in His still small voice, with which He communicates generally with men, gave the call, in Genesis 12.1-3 to -- "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Uncle Abram was a sinner and God was about to enter into a relationship with him. God did not criticize him, nor judge him, or put him down in any way. In order to have the good, close, strong relationship He wanted with Abram, it now became necessary for the Creator-God to begin to make revelation to Abram of **who He, god, really was!**

The Lord Jesus Christ also endured a lot of criticism because he "ate with sinners..." and spent a lot of time with them.

Christianity is the only religion where we see God coming, looking for sinners. In all of the others it is men trying to find God, and not doing well at all, with the devil intervening and messing them up. He has been doing since that day in the Garden of Eden.

In the name of El Shaddai - the Creator is revealing to Abram that there wasn't anything that God wouldn't do in blessing and providing for Abram. He established a covenant-with Abram or, made a spiritual contract with him. Only Abram was to "walk before Him, and be blameless..." That translates out to simply listen to, believe in, trust and obey the Creator-God.

God had found a man who would listen to Him and obey, and so He called out to him.. The blessing held out to Abram's seed was a blessing in which God would call any person who would listen to Him and trust and obey Him. He called to me, I didn't answer until one day, over the Brenner Pass in Italy, during World II, when I was sure we would be shot out of the sky. I promised obedience upon my return. I have entered into the blessing that uncle Abram had won for all of us on that day when he paced up and moved out of Chaldea to begin his journey into a life of obedience and faith in the Creator whom he was beginning to know through those

revelations. God wants all of us to make our break with the world and with sin. He has paved the way for us. Give it a try as I did on the evening of January 19, 1947. Today I know that that was the wisest decision I have ever made in my life, and I am so grateful that I am included in the covenant blessing made with uncle Abram long ago. It is still as valid as the day the covenant was made. It was also made for you. It will also be the wisest decision you could ever make if you were to decide to make the same vital decision that Abram made; a decision to believe God, to trust Him and to obey Him!

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ment Fund, is here and he offers his assistance in the operation of the Bois Forte Loan Program including the issue of collection. The Council accepts his offer for assistance and authorizes Dave Danz and Bill Connelly to work with on defining the relationship between Bois Forte and Minnesota Indian Economic Development Fund, including the issue of collections. Frank Annette informs the Council that IHS will give us the preliminary negotiation figures. They want Frank and David to go pick them up, either on the 10th or 12th. Council directs Frank to tell them to send them to us.

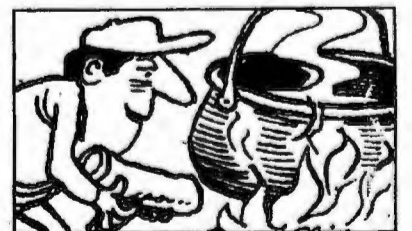
Frank Annette distributes information received from Cindy Glasel, Housing Director, on the Lazzio bill, the home ownership program and the Housing Block Grant. The Council is informed one of the Housing Commissioners term will soon expire.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey, seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a \$250.00 donation to the Vermilion Head Start for Christmas gifts, Easter baskets and Head Start graduation. Carried 4-0-0.

Phyllis Boshey would like to get a John Deere plow for the Vermilion Center. She had quotes but did not bring them to the meeting. It is suggested to Phyllis to also look at a 4x4 pickup with a snowblower attached. The plow at Fortune Bay is to be made available for Phyllis to use. Also, the equipment at Fortune Bay is to be made available for Frank Villebrun to use at Nett Lake.

The dates of January 6 & 7 are scheduled for the Council to meet and discuss the budgets. The meeting will be held at Fortune Bay.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adjourn at 11:54 A.M. Carried 4-0-0.



It takes a cord of wood to boil down one thousand gallons of maple syrup.



Generally, 20 percent of the contributors account for 80 percent of the funds.

# AmeriCorps news..



**Kelly King, AmeriCorps Coordinator**

Hello and Happy New Year from AmeriCorps. You may have heard about or attended our New Year's Eve Community Unity Event. It was quite a good time had by all. We had over 110 people attend the event, and most of them were children. At the card tournament-Dolly (Effie Drift) took first place and won a \$21 Bingo Pack and \$25 Gift Certificate to Pelican Bay IGA. Second place was Troy King he won a \$50 Gift Certificate to Pelican Bay IGA. Third place was Wick-o (Victoria Holmes) won a \$21 Bingo Pack and \$25 Gift Certificate to Pelican Bay IGA.

Due to lack of participation, the cribbage tournaments got canceled. Instead, two dance contests were held for prizes. First place in the children's contest was Jenny Goodsky, she won a \$50 Gift Certificate to Pelican Bay IGA. First place in the adult dance contest was Fred Correa, he won \$50 Gift Certificate to Pelican Bay IGA. Pro Sound and Light Show did the music and karaoke for the dance. Anyone who sang karaoke entered their name into a drawing for Audiovox CD/Stereo/Tape Player, the winner was Craig Goodsky. One mention for one of our karaoke singers-Curt Goodsky has a wonderful voice and everybody liked the songs that he sang. The play place for the kids had many games and different things going on, and everyone left with a prize or two. Balloons were handed out to all the kids.

The costume characters were Frosty the Snowman, the polar bear, and the monkey. The costumes were worn by Lanaya Brown, Heather Villebrun, Brian Smith, Blue (Ron Fisher II), Jerilyn Smith, and Yvonne Paetznick. The costumes were very hot, a big thanks to all of them.

Concessions had Coke products, hot dogs & chips, and Domino's Pizza. The balloon drop at midnight caught everyone's attention, their was \$50 dollars in cash, \$50 in five dollar gift certificates to Target,

\$30 in ten dollar gift certificates to Target and one \$20 gift certificate to Target. Our only wish was that more elders could have attended.

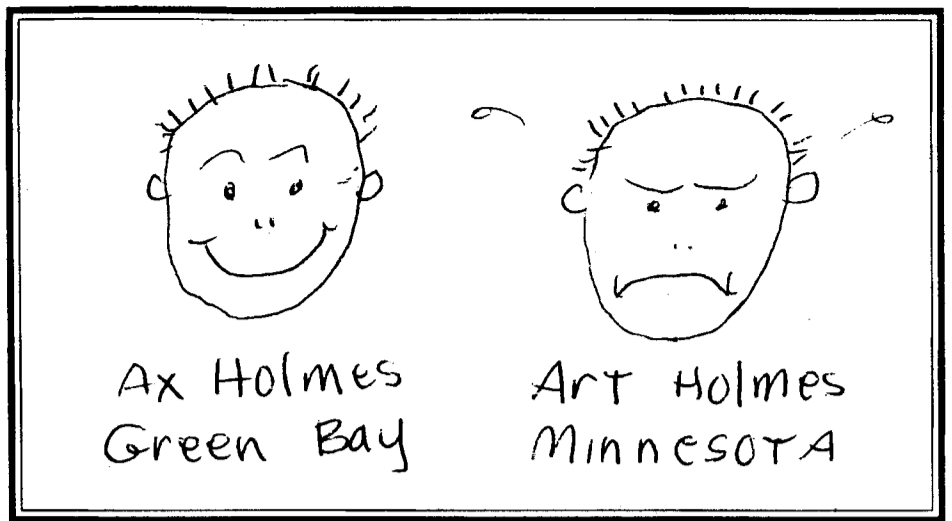
A special thanks to housing and human services for their monetary donations. Thanks to CocaCola, McDonalds, Fortune Bay Resort & Casino, Sunrise Bakery, and Domino's for their donations. Another thanks to all our volunteers who helped out with the festivities that night.

In other news, AmeriCorps will start weatherizing next week. Anyone who answered the flyer sent out or got a call from AmeriCorps, should be getting another call to set up a time and date to come to your house. Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestion for AmeriCorps, I'll be happy to hear them. Because we were so busy the past couple weeks, none of the members had time to write their own article. Until the next time-Kelly King.



**Jessica Knott, AmeriCorps**

Hello there everyone! My name is Jessica Knott and I am with the Americorps program. I am working in the Environmental Department on a recycling program for the RTC and the Health offices. Heather and I had recently switched worksites, so I've only been at this worksite for a short period of time and I think it's going pretty good. But anyway, my new site supervisor is Mr. Darin Steen and we have been working on getting the offices to recycle paper and possibly other recyclables, by putting bins in each office and by asking them what they think would help to make this work for everybody. Like I said, I've only been here for a short while but I hope in the following weeks or months I will be able to tell you all how the program is going. So if you have any questions or need any information, please contact Darin or myself at 757-3261.



## Toodles and TERO....



**Linda Tibbetts-Barto, TERO Director**

Hello again folks! Happy New Year, hope your holidays were everything you wanted them to be. 1997.... are you still writing 1996? It sort of takes awhile to get ourselves into the swing of change. So, on to the business at hand.

The Fortune Bay Resort project has been completed with great success. Many of the workers who were employed with this project indicated it to be a positive experience for them. Many have gone on to other positions with some of the same

companies they worked with and others have found ongoing work with other companies in the area. For myself, it has been a positive experience as well. The contractors, workers, supervisors of the project and foremen made it very pleasurable to work with them on this project. Thanks!

Things that may be upcoming in the future are, the Senior Assisted Living Housing project. Which will hopefully be beginning in the spring, 1997, at the latest, fall, 1997. Another project that is being negotiated on and maybe started in the fall is the Self-help housing program through the Bois Forte Housing Authority. As I stated, it is still in the negotiation state, but Cindy Glasel, Housing Director, said she would keep me up to date with the progress of this project. Another project that will be starting up in the spring of 1997 will be the roads projects. There will be quite a few jobs created with this project, so stay in touch with my office and maybe we can get you lined up with some work. Also, if you have not recently come in and updated your file with me, I suggest you do so. All in all, things are quite quiet on the home front. So, until next month.....*Toodle doo from Toodles!*



**Curt Goodsky singing karaoke.**



**Card tournament. Ellen King, Shane, Dolly (Effie Drift).**

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