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Bois Forte Honor Guard...

The Bois Forte Honor Guard was a sight to see. They made their debut at the Mid-winter pow wow on February 22, 1997. At the first Honor Guard meeting, there were only four members present, since that initial meeting on October 5, 1996 the Guard has grown and is made up of seven committed members at the present. They are as follows: Captain William Light, CoCaptain Richard Wilkie, Member Jerome Whiteman, Member Eugene Goodsky, Member Bruce Isham, Member Barry Porter, Member Milo "Buster" Villeburn, Patti Wilkie, Treasurer and Effie Drift, Secretary/Organizer.

Initially, Effie had made efforts to include the Elder men in activities for the elderly. Most of the time when activities are scheduled for the Elderly Nutrition program, the participants are mostly the Elderly women. So she decided to organize this Honor Guard for the men. In so doing, other Veterans became interested. At one point in time, she was told it wouldn't happen and she would have a difficult time getting anyone to participate. But, as many of the pow wow participants found out, she proved them wrong and the Honor Guard made a spectacular performance. In Effie's words, "I don't let anyone tell me I can't do something, because I know I can." She said, "This makes me try that much harder to make it work." Well Effie, you did and have done a wonderful job at that. Although she has been very instrumental in the organization of the group, she said it couldn't have been accomplished without the input, advice and help of these dedicated members.

Some of the activities and functions they are looking to be involved in are of course pow wows, parades, burial detail, presentations at schools and school activities. Special occasions will include Veteran's Day activities and Memorial Day activities. Some of the upcoming functions they will be participating in are, March 13 they will be having a fund raiser. They will be having an Indian Taco Sale. The fund raisers will help offset the costs of their uniforms and also provide monies in the event they must travel. Watch for the posters and give them your support. Another event is the upcoming pow wow in April in Virginia, and an event they have already participated in was the "Honor the Wolf" pow wow held in Ely on February 15, 1997. One activity that was intriguing is the fact that this Honor Guard has dreams of possibly competing on a national level. **GO FOR IT GUYS!!**

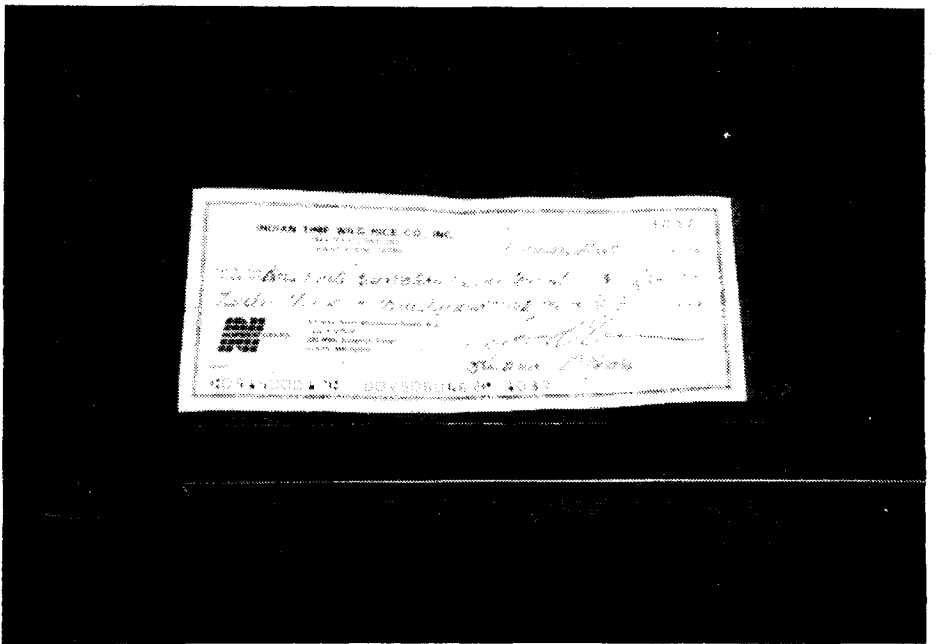
The group has ongoing practice to sharpen their skills. In their words, they are a silent precision drill team. It looks like they are off to a great start. The Guard is continually seeking and recruiting new members, so if you would like to be a part of this group, you can contact either the Captain, Co-Captain or the Secretary. They meet every first Tuesday of the month at the community center. For further information again, you can contact the above mentioned persons. These men represent the Ogichidaa of our people as well as the widows and children of those warriors who have already gone on during battle or later. Congratulations, the community is very proud of all of you.

A \$\$\$\$ deal..

A \$12,331 check, made out to the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, was handed to Clint Landgren, Chairman of the RTC, by Tom O'Leary, a Bois Forte band member, for 2,200 lbs of wild rice. This represents the culmination of a wild rice deal made with Mr. O'Leary who was the middle man in the arrangement to find a market in Europe. A Danish company was first contacted and through their advertising efforts a market was found in Germany.

David Danz, reservation planner, reported the arrangements in the February issue of

the NEWS. The rice was placed in storage while arrangements were being made and all expenses, i.e., storage, insurance, transporting, as well, as business expenses such as phone calls, faxes, etc., to overseas contacts were paid for by Mr. O'Leary. The RTC investment to buy green and finish the rice amounted to \$7,961 and with a 50% profit above and beyond guaranteed, the \$12,331 check proved a wise investment. Mr. Danz looks forward to a continued market in Europe, and notes that their advertising there is not just for 'Wild Rice', but for 'Nett Lake Wild Rice'. It is his hope that the marketing plans for the 1997 crop will be made in the very near future.



First check ever for Nett Lake wild rice sold in the European market. (More pictures on Page 7.)

Doris w/R.T.C. news...



Doris Isham, RTC Representative

This article will highlight a few of the meetings I've attended during the past few months.

On January 21, 1997, I attended the Indian Affairs Committee which was held in St. Paul. State Commissioners and staff were introduced to the board, and each gave a brief outline of departmental activities and legislative issues.

Of particular interest was Commissioner David Doth's presentation on the proposed Welfare Reform bill. Commissioner Doth shared his views and expressed support of the inclusion of language relevant to tribes

in the proposed bill.

Time has passed quickly these past few months, as tribal entities formed a task force to develop language and meet the deadline for inclusion to the proposed bill. A total of twelve tribal governments, including the six bands within the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Red Lake and Sioux Communities, along with representatives from the Department of Human Services, Department of Children, Family and Learning, Department of Social Security and Ms. Ann Glumac, liaison to the Governor's office, have developed the final draft for negotiations by the tribes. I'd like to recognize Gary Adams, Henry Beauduy and Judy Anderson for their dedication and commitment put forth on behalf of Bois Forte people in working with the task force.

I believe that in just a few short years we all will have felt the effects of Welfare Reform on a personal level. But by having language that recognizes tribes in the legislation, our work as tribal leaders will be made a little easier. However, there still remains the overwhelming issues of housing, employment, health care and potential implementation of a cash assistance program that tribal govern-

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School News

HeadStart, DayCare news...

CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS NEWS



Judy Anderson, Director

I look out the window at the snow piled a foot deep against it, so it still looks like winter here at school, but yet it's warmer, the deer are moving about, and the children are getting restless, so we know Spring is coming.

We're moving along in our Policies and Procedures, almost ready for the parent/community input before they go to the Tribal Council. It's a giant task and will be revisited annually, but only for changes. We always want parent and community involvement, yet struggle with how to get that with parents working and staff with children all day, all week. My next task will be to get this set up.

Our federal assessment date is being changed but we don't when yet. They have to give us 30 days notice, which wasn't done. We need to have time to arrange meetings with key people, including parents, a family for a home visit, and administrative people.

A team from Head Start attended training on strategies to use in behavior management of children, especially those with disabilities. This training can be used for all children and is specific to our questions. The second session will be in April.

I hate to nag, but we still have many children with missing dental appointments, medical information, and other information. We have phoned, sent letters, and nothing has happened for follow-up. We need this all complete or are out of compliance for the OSPRI. Please get these appointments made and keep them.

The State is hosting a meeting for Department of Economic Security grantees at Fortune Bay on March 4th. This includes Head Start, Energy Assistance and Economic Opportunity grantees. It will be a good opportunity to meet with the other Indian Head Start grantees from Minnesota, as well as show them our new Center at Vermilion. In addition, we should hear better what's going on in the State with Head Start and Welfare Reform.

This has been an interesting year with new buildings, new staff and new Performance Standards (our Head Start law book)- these will be introduced to us with trainings for staff and parents later in the Spring and Summer. So we will again

make some changes in Policies and Procedures to accommodate them.

We want to encourage parents to volunteer, especially at Head Start at 10:00-11:00. You could read to the children, help at a Learning Center, or just visit you child. If that is difficult for you and your child, volunteer some time in Day Care.

We have slots so please contact us if you know of anyone. We are currently searching for a replacement for JoAnn, our Home Visitor. We have ten families who are waiting for their visits to resume. We are also waiting for approval of the Maternal Child Health/New Lives Collaboration Coordinator, the Family Service Coordinator, and a new Cook for Vermilion. Some of these positions were due to new grants, some to staff leaving for other jobs. We will also be contracting with someone to conduct the Planning Grant for Child Care services in our communities, which is also a new grant. Lots of new and exciting projects for our programs.

Meanwhile, as the sun shines in the window, reflecting off the snow outside, we're all thinking SPRING in our programs!

Kindergarten.



Nancy Fogelberg, Kindergarten

We are always busy in Kindergarten. We are starting to learn our letter sounds and we are even able to read some simple stories. We have learned our numbers to 12 and have learned how to tell time to the hour. We have been studying our 5 senses in social studies and have learned how magnets work in science. We are learning how to jump rope in p.e. We are going roller skating for our February reward activity and we are also traveling with the early childhood family education to the Laurentian Center the first week in March (rumor has it we are going to go for a dog sled ride!) Fun!!!! We are thinking that spring is coming. The groundhog did not see his shadow!! These are some of the things the children want to do when spring finally does come.

1. Krystal LaRque - jump on my trampoline.

2. Ryan Morrison - go to my grandma cisco's and my grandma Agnus and Ruthie.

3. Don Chosa - go to my grandma Karen's.
4. Amber Geshick - ride my bike.
5. Michael Connor - ride my bike.
Have a great March!

5th & 6th grades....



Teresa Strong, 5th & 6th grades

Myself and Dawn Simon (Special Education Instructor) have been the Student Council Advisors this year. It has been a fun year and a great group to work with. The Student Council members include: President - Jeanna Day, 6th grade; Vice-President- Andrea Day, 6th grade; Secretary/Treasure-Rebecca Adams, 5th grade. Nina Drift, 6th grade; Lance Mitchell, 6th grade; Lyle Connor, 6th grade; Ashley Goodsky, 5th grade; Renika Hoagland, 5th grade; Marlene Spears, 5th grade; Mark Connor, 4th grade; Jon Strong, 4th grade; George Strong, 4th grade.

They have worked very hard and have provided some terrific activities for the school. Some of which include; A Back To School Dance, Halloween Spook House, for the school and for the community. Thanksgiving Food Drive; 78 lbs. were collected and donated to the local Food Shelf.

Thanksgiving/Food Shelf Dance Name The School Contest; School name is now the Nett Lake School Golden Eagles!! School Valentines Party.

Student Council Members have a lot more ideas they want to complete before school lets out. A few of which included; A Spring Blow Out (similar to Homecoming Week but without King or Queen), more charitable work, Easter Egg hunt.... If you have any fun ideas, we would love to hear about them.

The members who have stayed in Student Council throughout the year have represented the school and them selves very well.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE NEWS

The class has been busy extremely busy these last few months. I expect these last few months of school will be just as busy with graduation, Outward Bound, 6th grade Orientation along with all the fun activities that go along with the end of school.

Along with the routine subject areas, the class have been participating in some great projects!! Here is just a few of them.

Inventors Fair

Most of the 5th / 6th grade and a few 4th graders participated in an Inventor's Fair held in Duluth. The students invented and designed their own inventions. The inventions were then placed on display and judged along with other inventions from schools all around Northern Minnesota.

Myron Graue and Dave Chavers won the "Kids Choice Award"!! Their invention was called "The Portable Lamp", it was designed to provide light during camping or during a power outage. We are all proud of Myron and Dave to represent our school and reservation so well.

Other inventions from the 5th and 6th included; "No Fall Off Headphones" invented by Ray Villebrun Jr., "Can - Can Phone" invented by Ashley Goodsky, "Water Saver" invented by Rebecca Adams and "Punch" created by Lyle Connor. These students worked very hard at creating and perfecting these inventions. Please ask these students about their inventions if you every remember too.

District Spelling Bee -

The entire 5th and 6th grade participated in the School Spelling Bee on February 6th. All participants did a great job. Marlene Spears out spelled all others to become the Spelling Bee Champion. Rebecca Adams put up a hard battle Becca will be the Spelling Bee Alternate. Both girls will travel to the Regional Spelling Bee on March 4 in Duluth. I have no doubt these two will represent the Nett Lake School terrific!! Good luck girls!!



Spelling Bee winners (l-r): Rebecca Adams, runner-up; Marlene Spears, champion.

1996-1997 Yearbook -

This year the 5th and 6th grade had the opportunity to design this years school year book. Throughout the year the class has been taking pictures, designing the cover and laying out the pages. The final layout was due February 24th. The kids worked hard and I am pleased to say they met the deadline. We are all excited to see the results!!

Class Trips

The class took a reward trip to Giants Ridge. Students had to earn this trip. Requirements needed to be met were: All work needed to be turned in for the 2nd Quarter also, positive behavior had to be demonstrated throughout the quarter. We had a good turnout and a lot of fun was had by those who worked hard and qualified to go on this reward.

Another reward trip to Duluth is planned as a reward trip for the 3rd quarter. So far the kids are doing great and I expect to have a lot of eligible kids going on this trip!!

The 6th grade has been taking the annual Outward Bound trips. So far they have been canoeing / orienteering and snow shoeing / dog sledding. Both trips have been a lot of fun!! This Spring they will be Rock Climbing!!!

These are just some of the extra activities we have been participating in as a class!! Even though it has been a great year, we are looking forward to these last few months!!

Kim King's column....



Kim King, Career Education Specialist

Hi, I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful weather lately. I have a lot of information to share with you. The month of January I went to quite a few workshops. The first week in January I attended the Minnesota Association of Financial Aid Administrators (MAFAA) in Minneapolis. The conference started with a Pre-conference workshop, "Understanding the Philosophy and Process" this mini session included information on how and why MAFAA got started. At the same time this was going on there were vendor displays and registration. In afternoon we listened to Mark Therrien give a talk on "The Power of Positive Insanity". The effective use of laughter can make for a more joyful workplace. Mark Therrien kept us laughing while he illustrated how important a lighthearted attitude is for living and relationships. I found this particularly interesting because as Native Americans we use humor a lot in our daily lives. I also took in "Dealing With Difficult Customers". Difficult customers can be hard to deal with. They can be complainers, pushy, or in some cases, screamers and yellers. In this session I learned how to work with these difficult customers and recover from the bad moments that often accompany a difficult customer. Another session I found interesting was "Multipurpose Campus ID Cards". A panel of financial aid administrators and financial institutions representatives discussed features of these new cards and their impact on financial aid

offices. My understanding of the new card is to make the financial aid process more efficient. Some other important information from the conference is there is going to be an increase in the amount of financial aid a student is eligible for from the Pell Program. The conference wound down on Friday morning and I headed north. During the month of January I represented the Bois Forte Tribal Education Department at The Minnesota Indian Financial Aid Workshop scheduled for:

Leech Lake, January 22, 1997. Fond Du Lac Community College, January 30, 1997. Kelly Inn, St. Paul, January 31, 1997. The workshops are designed to assist first year financial aid offices and provide updated information on Indian Scholarships and grant programs that are offered on each Reservation Minnesota. During this time I had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program, Fond Du Lac Nation, Grand Portage Nation, Leech Lake Nation, Mille Lacs Nation, and the White Earth Nation. All of the representatives shared information on how to serve Native Americans in higher education institutions. I did get to meet a few of our Bois Forte enrollees attending college or technical school. I also attended a workshop in Bemidji, put on by the Indian Health Services, on January 23, 1997. The information shared at this workshop will help Native Americans that are eligible and interested in a career in the health field. The deadline for this scholarship is April 1, 1997, for further information please contact our office as soon as possible. On February 12, 1997, I traveled along with Denise Johnson-Tutor Orr High School, and Kelly King-AmeriCorp Coordinator, five Orr High School students, and three AmeriCorp workers to Lake Superior College in Duluth. We arrived around 11:15 am, toured the college, visited the many display tables, had lunch, and returned to Nett Lake. So you can see I have been very busy lately. Another Bois Forte student sent me verification that he made the Dean's List at Lake Superior College. Congratulations to Elmer Boshey, keep up the good work. Until next time. In Spirit.

Nett Lakers in the News...

From "The Insider", a Bemidji Area Schools District Newsletter, Volume 1, Number 17, January 31, 1997.

"Spotlight" on Gayle Donald Littlewolf Gayle Littlewolf is a teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. She spends her day working with fourth grade students. This year Gayle has a classroom of twenty-eight students. She has taught at Lincoln for seven years. Prior to Lincoln, she worked at Paul Bunyan for two years as a first grade teacher.

Gayle received her Bachelor of Science degree from Bemidji State University. She also attended the College of St. Scholastica. Gayle has lived in the Bemidji area for approximately twelve years. After living in North Dakota for a time she decided that it was time to come home to the place she knew.

"Ever since I was a child I have wanted to be a teacher, part of a school environment. I have always enjoyed learning," replied Gayle in response to the question of what made her decide to become a teacher. Gayle discussed those individuals who influenced her as a child. Among them were her teachers and most of all her parents who taught her respect.

Gayle teaches many different subjects to her students. Her favorite area to teach is creative writing, such as poetry. In her classroom Gayle pushes the importance of accepting people for who they are. She wants her students to be able to appreciate all different types of personalities.

If she had to pinpoint one aspect of her work that she most enjoys, it would be the interaction with the children. "I really feel that the teacher/student contact is important," Gayle said. "I love knowing that I am making a difference in a child's life, that I am impacting people in a positive way."

Gayle has a family of her own. She and her husband, James, have been married for twenty-two years. Together they have three children and one grandchild.

Between managing a career and a family, Gayle finds time to enjoy sitting down with a good book. One of her favorite authors of all times, for both children and adults, is Shel Silverstein who has written books such as *The Giving Tree*.

In closing, Gayle reflected on how much she enjoys teaching. She said, "I cannot picture myself doing anything else, I am sure I will teach until it is time to retire." by Angie Holmes, High School student.



Shown above are Milo Villebrun Sr. (left) and Axel Holmes Sr. (right) with the award.

Holmes honored...

Axel J. Holmes, Sr., of Nett Lake, was honored at the Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on January 16-17, 1997.

Mr. Holmes received recognition for thirty years service to the Nett Lake School District as a board member. Axel was one of only two people receiving this honor.

Richard Anderson, Executive Director of the Minnesota School Board Association, commented on Axel's dedication and caring for the students of Nett Lake. He reminded everyone of the sacrifices of time, energy and family recreation that Mr. Holmes has given up over the thirty years so that education would improve for all Nett Lake children.

Axel has served on the Nett Lake School Board since 1961. He has planned and participated in two major building renovation projects for the Nett Lake school. In 1976, a new library, classrooms, a board room and a gymnasium were constructed. In 1993-95, Axel was instrumental in the building and remodeling of the Nett Lake Education Center which featured the collaboration plan between the school district and the tribal programs of Human Services, HeadStart, Education and the Community Youth Programs. Axel Holmes has been a key player in educational improvement for Nett Lake children. If you have a chance, the next time you see Ax, say Congratulations and Thank You!

FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—For information on the All-America City contest, contact the National Civic League at 1-800-223-6004 or at the Web site <http://www.ncl.org/ncl>.

A colorful free booklet with ideas for bath and powder rooms is available from the Kohler Co., at 1-800-4KOHLER.

For a free revolutionary phone card that saves people \$100's a year (just 19¢ per minute—use any phone to anywhere) call 1-908-396-0413.



For free information about preventing silicosis, or to attend a U.S. Department of Labor conference on the life-threatening disease, call 1-800-35-NIOSH at the National Institute for Occupational Safety



Gayle is the daughter of Gary and Joanne Donald, of Tower, MN, and was raised in Nett Lake. She is a graduate of the Orr High School.



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1854 Biologist...



Sonny Myers, 1854 Biologist

If many of you are like me, when talking to people and the subject of treaty rights comes up, I find the conversation to be loaded with ignorance. With the recent Mille Lacs ruling and the potential exercise of those rights beginning this spring, I believe those ignorant attitudes will become even more prevalent in future conversations. What I would like to do is provide you with a summary of our off-reservation harvest for the last three years. Even if you are not a hunter or fisher, this information can be useful in diffusing the sometimes contentious attitudes that non-Indians have towards the exercise of treaty rights.

1994:

Moose Permits Issued	47
Animals registered	36
(26 bulls, 10 cows)	
Deer Animals registered	115
(44 bucks, 71 does)	

1995:

Moose Permits Issued	47
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Animals registered	38
(26 bulls, 11 cows, 1 calf)	
Deer Number of Hunters	250
Animals registered	142
(48 bucks, 94 does)	
Bear Number of Hunters	13
Animals registered	4
(3 males, 1 female)	
Trapping Number of Hunters	19
Animals registered:	
Pine Marten	256 (165 M, 83 F, 8?)
Fisher	3 (1M, 1F, 1?)
Otter	4 (2M, 2F)
1996:	
Moose Permits Issued	43
Animals registered	27
(21 bulls, 6 cows)	
Deer Number of Hunters	219
Animals registered	119
(40 bucks, 79 does)	
Bear Number of Hunters	17
Animals registered	1 (1 male)
Trapping Number of Trappers	21
Animals registered:	
Pine Marten	281 (178M, 102F, 1?)
Fisher	19 (10 M, 9 F)
Otter	4 (2 M, 2 F)

There are three(3) basic points I bring up when discussing the exercise of treaty rights with people. The first and foremost is that this a right, not a privilege. Second, we are taking part in a subsistence harvest, not a sport harvest. And thirdly, our impact on the resources of the ceded territory is minimal. Basically what we take to subsist on has no negative biological impact on the wildlife populations of the 1854 Treaty Area. I hope this information can be of value to you. I am hoping in the near future to develop some literature that will specifically address the Treaty of 1854 that we can distribute and use for educational purposes.

Leasing particulars....

Jackie Villebrun, Land/Leasing

Hello everyone. My name is Jackie Villebrun, the Land/Leasing Manager for the Bois Forte Reservation. We have new procedures when selling personal property and/or giving up or transferring a lease. The Seller will need to send a Notice of Intent to Sell form, supplied by our office, to the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, P.O. Box 16, Lake Shore Dr., Nett Lake, MN 55772 with a price and terms. During the thirty (30) days after receipt of notice, the Band and Band members can exercise the option to purchase at list price and at terms or negotiate with seller. If there is no agreement within thirty (30) days, then the Band or Band member can make a final or

best offer. An Appraiser determines value, parties have ten (10) days to accept or reject. If seller rejects, then no subsequent transfer will be approved. If the Band or Band member rejects, then seller is free to sell on open market and consent to the transfer of the lease is assured.

There are four (4) cabins for sale that we are aware of at this time. All are on Lake Vermilion. Locations are as follows: Duffy Point Road, Lot 10, fire number 1276; Duffy Point Road, Lot 13, fire number 1270; Whiskey Point Road, Lot 5, fire number 1541; Cemetery Road, Lot 8, fire number 1451.

Currently, the lots open for leasing are as follows: Lot 28, Duffy Point Rd., 0.11 acres; Lot 50, Tibbetts Trail, 0.77 acres.

Due to costs involved in preparing, printing and mailing the BOIS FORTE NEWS we find it necessary to charge a subscription fee. We have estimated our costs and are asking the lowest price we can afford: \$4.00 a yearly subscription.

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Enclosed is a check for \$_____. Please begin sending the Bois Forte News for the next _____ year(s) to:

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P.O. Box 16, Nett Lake, MN 55772

Water & San...

Each month the Water & Sanitation Department is required to do a bacteriological test (bac-t) on the community water systems: Nett Lake, Indian Point, Palmquist, and Vermilion Farm Point. This is a test to see if there is bacteria present in the water.

When a community bacteriological sample is positive, the Water & Sanitation Department is required to do four repeat samples the same month and five samples the next month plus distribute a Public Notice to the consumers of that community water system.

The bacteriological results will be mailed to you the same month of that test. The test will be taken the first week of each month.

The Water & Sanitation Department also

does a weekly Fluoride test on these community systems. Fluoride is added to the water systems to help with tooth decay prevention. The effective range is 1.1 parts per million (ppm) to 1.7 parts per million. Fluoride can be found naturally, but usually the amounts are not high enough to be effective to prevent tooth decay.

Bacteriological results for February 1997 are as follows:

Nett Lake	: Negative
Palmquist	: Negative
Indian Point	: Negative

Fluoride results for February 1997 are as follows:

Nett Lake	: 1.85 ppm (this has been lowered)
Palmquist	: .97 ppm
Indian Point	: 1.39 ppm
Vermilion	: .97 ppm



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More of the Lady Braves...



John Villebrun, Coach

Hello Bois Forters, this month we feature only three basketball players, due to lack of pictures. I don't want to profile any players without a face to go along with it. The basketball team recently conducted our free throw shoot fundraiser on February 26th and 27th. The girls are now in the process of collecting the money, so if you pledged for a player, you should be hearing from the girls anytime soon. We hope to have all the money in by March 7th. Val King made the most free throws out of the team making 371 out of 500, 74%. Good job Val!! We would like to thank all of those who signed up to support the team. We are also sponsoring a Men's Basketball Tournament on March 8th and 9th to be held at the Orr High School. From the looks of the teams entered so far, it is going to be a very exciting tournament. So get out and watch the tournament, and don't forget to stop by the concession stand. Next month I hope to have the rest of the team, complete with pictures.



Name: Amanda Gogleye
Height: 5'6"
Year: 8th Grade

Position: Center/Forward, #32
Nickname: "Beegs"
Favorite Player: Scottie Pippen
Good rebounding abilities, and can help bring the ball up the floor when needed. Great shooting form. Her school activities include Volleyball, S.O.R.A. Club, Cheerleading, and is part of the Junior National Honor Society. "Beegs" likes to talking on the phone, listening to music, and hanging out with friends, "What else is there to do around here?" Amanda's friends let me know that one of her favorite things to do is embarrass them in public places. Team favorite Tupac Shakur performs "Beegs" favorite song "All eyes on me", and of course Rap is her favorite type of music. Amanda wants to attend college and become a Lawyer.



Name: Jesse Forsman
Height: 5'4"
Year: Junior

Position: Forward, # 23
Fast (even though she doesn't think so), isn't shy about shooting the ball, and a very strong basketball player. She was the manager last season and joined the team this year, "Basketball looked like fun so I just had to join." School activities include Volleyball, Drama club, Football Cheerleader, Band, National Honor Society, School Newspaper- "Brave Reporter", and is on the A-Honor Roll. Big snowmobiling fan, likes snowshoeing, and beadwork. She also helps her mom train search and rescue dogs (cool). Moved to Orr 4 years ago from Virginia and says "Orrs' better than Virginia, all the way." Jesse would like to go into the Navy, or go to college for accounting. I told her that she could come up and work for the Rez.



Name: Kate Hoffer
Height: 5'4"
Year: 6th Grade
Position: Guard, #11
Favorite Player: Michael Jordan
Our manager, and she also is the Point Guard for the 6th Grade squad. Very smart, helped me teach the offenses early in the year. Wants to be a college basketball player for the University of Minnesota. In her free time she likes listening to music and having friends over at the house. Kate's favorite musical acts include TLC, No Doubt and Celine Dion. One word to describe herself: "Average", I told her she should add the word "Above" to that. Her career highlight was winning the Consolation Championship over Tower-Soudan by eight points in triple overtime. It happened in the sixth grade tournament in Cherry earlier this year. I would like to thank "Kater" for being our manager this season. You did an outstanding job, and it wouldn't have been the same without you. Good luck as a player next season.

The Minnesota State Board of Education received a \$1 million endowment last year from the estate of Ethel Curry for scholarships for American Indian students. Those scholarships will be available for the first time this year to eligible American Indian students pursuing college degrees or other post-secondary education.

The scholarships are based on academic merit and are available to college juniors, seniors and graduates who are residents of Minnesota and at least one-quarter American Indian from the state's eleven Minnesota-based tribes or communities.

Scholarship recipients will receive \$3,000.00 each year for undergraduate studies and \$6,000.00 per year for graduate studies. Applications will be accepted annually, with priority given to Ethel Curry scholars who maintain a minimum grade point average. Approximately eight scholarships will be awarded each year.

The deadline for applications for the 1997-98 school year is Tuesday, April 1, 1997. For further information or an application form contact the Office of Indian Education at 612 196-6407 or write: Ethel Curry Scholarship, Office of Indian Education, Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning, 740 Capitol Square Building, 550 Cedar St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2273.

Ethel Curry grew up near Black River Falls, Wisconsin, and developed many friendships with nearby American Indian children and their families. She specified that upon her death, which occurred last year, the money be used for scholarships for American Indian students.

For more information, please contact: Joanne Donald at 218 757-3107, or write PO Box 16, Nett Lake.

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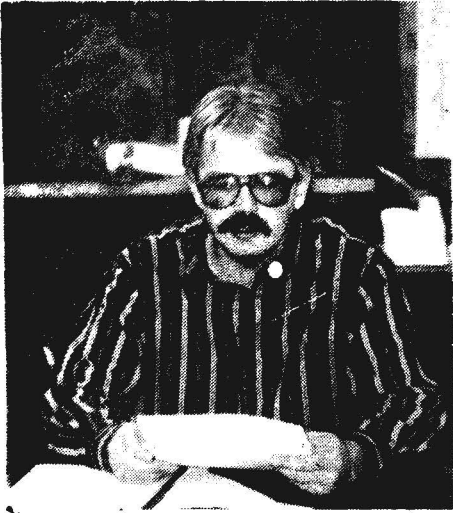
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LOW INCOME ELIGIBILITY BASED ON USDA FOOD STAMP GUIDELINES

March 1997 Elderly Activities Calendar

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2	3 Shopping Day	4 9-11 Talking Circle	5 Basket & Pie Social, 6 p.m. N.L. School	6 9-11 Talking Circle	7 Recreational Day: Cards, Board Games 9-11, 1-4	8
9	10	11 8-9 Exercises 9-11 Macrame Chairs	12 12:30 - ? Free Bingo	13 Visiting Day Coffee - Cake	14	15
16	17	18 Elderly Mtg. 11:30	19 9-11 Talking Circle Chair Exercises	20 Recreational Day: Cards, Board Games, Puzzles, 9	21	22
23	24 Holiday (Easter)	25 Visiting Day Coffee - Cake 9-11, 1-3	26	27 Mille Lacs Trip	28	29
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David Danz's column....



David Danz, Reservation Planner

And so paper pushing continues to move the Senior Assisted Living Center forward. Monthly devotees of this column can surely recite the unfolding legacy of the Great Pursuit for financing this project. First, a grant was awarded in the amount of \$300,000 through the HUD CDBG program and more recently attention has been focused on the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan program. The issue of borrowing a portion of the necessary financing for this project came before the Tribal Council and community at the open RTC meeting held on 2/27/96. A number of questions were raised by community members in attendance about the Band incurring additional debt. The Tribal Council decided, based upon the concerns raised at this meeting, to delay a decision on borrowing until its next meeting.

Why borrow to build this facility, you ask? At the time the Tribal Council decided to pursue the CDBG grant funding, the source of the balance of the financing needed to complete the project had to be identified. HUD would not find a general statement about seeking some as yet unknown private foundation, State or Federal agency acceptable. Without a solid potential source of financing the rest of the project, our CDBG application was doomed from the get go. It was imperative

Andy Datko's column...



Andy Datko, Assistant Planner

February has proven to be a pretty busy month in the planning department. I have started working on a couple of new projects, as well as continuing to work on several on-going

projects. Let me tell you first about the new projects, or at least potential projects.

I met with Phyllis Boshey, JR Landgren, Adeline Anderson (representing the Vermilion Health Clinic), and others to discuss the need for improving or replacing the existing Vermilion Social Center/Clinic building. The general consensus of the

to identify another source of financing. USDA Rural Development has a low interest community facilities loan program which Tribes are eligible for. As far as borrowing goes, its the cheapest money around.

Once the decision was made back in July to apply for CDBG funding to construct the Senior Assisted Living Center, the decision was also made to pursue Rural Development loan financing. The financing instrument would actually be a bond issue by the Band. But, when you have to pay money back, it really doesn't matter what you call it. This program is competitive. Over the past 8 months we have been completing the very extensive application requirements for the loan. It appears that Rural Development is poised to offer financing. It is now up to the Band.

In other arenas, at Tribal Council direction I have been working with Bill Connelly of the Minnesota Indian Economic Development Fund to analyze the status of the Bois Forte Business Development Loan program. A few years back, the Council established a revolving loan fund to stimulate private sector Indian entrepreneurship on the Reservation. We have had mixed success. Bill Connelly has offered to assist the Tribal Council in improving the integrity of this program. Private enterprise is this nation's principal economic stimulus and employer. The Bois Forte program is based on this premise. More on this in later issues.

I worked with Andy D. and Bill W. to consolidate the existing Bois Forte HOME Program and the proposed Rural Development Self-Help Housing Program. I believe Andy's riveting column has more on what the Self-Help Housing Program is all about. And in conclusion, I also worked with Frank Villebrun Sr and JR Landgren on the roads maintenance budget, Eileen Barney on the HIP (that's home improvement program to the non-acronymist) budget, and Jackie Villebrun on the leasing budget. All of these stem from the Bois Forte Self-Governance compact with the BIA.

group was that the existing structure is fundamentally deficient and should be replaced. There are many basic safety and fire hazard concerns with the existing building, and its size greatly limits the type of health, dental, and social services that can be offered there. I will be begin looking into possible sources of funds to replace the structure, including Indian Health Services and a Community Development Block Grant. If you have any thoughts about the need to improve or replace the center, or about the types of services that should be available there, please contact me or Phyllis Boshey.

I have also begun working with Darin Steen, the Reservation Environmental Coordinator, on a proposal to the BIA to fund a minerals assessment at Nett Lake. The purpose of this assessment would be to identify sand and gravel deposits on the Reservation that could be used for roads and other construction projects. The assessment could also look at the potential for developing clay deposits for commercial applications. That proposal is due at the end of March.

On-going projects that I continue to work on include transportation planning, water/sewer extensions at Vermilion, a museum proposal, and a "self-help" housing

program.

The Tribal Council and a few staff met with MN:DOT officials on February 25 to discuss the condition of State Highway 65 through the Nett Lake community. While MN:DOT made no commitments about upgrading the road, they did promise to take a closer look at their maintenance procedures. They are planning to better coordinate snow plowing and grading. They will be doing some surface patching of the segment from 4 comers south, and will consider widening some of the more dangerous curves on the segment from 4 corners west. They will also look at the possibility of applying an additional gravel layer on that segment. I am still hopeful that eventually that segment can be upgraded and paved, but the relatively low traffic volumes make that a long-shot unless we can find a creative financing method, I am talking to the BIA about this, and some funds might be available. Because this would be a fairly major and expensive project, it would probably only get done in small segments over a long period of time. In the meantime we will continue to press MN:DOT on maintenance issues. We also asked for better enforcement of spring time weight restrictions, since it is the heavy logging trucks that do the most damage to the road.

Those of you who drive on highway 65 have probably noticed a new stop sign at 4 corners It is located on the northbound leg of highway 65 and is intended to correct a

very dangerous situation. There have been several near misses at this intersection involving northbound passenger vehicles fuming east onto Palmquist Road and almost being hit by east bound logging trucks coming across highway 65 through the intersection towards the sawmill. The only traffic control at this intersection has been a stop sign for west bound Palmquist Road. The new stop sign is intended to prevent what could be a serious accident at the intersection Please be careful if you drive through this intersection, especially this time of year when the logging trucks are really moving.

As soon as I finish This article, I will be working on a proposal to the Bush Foundation for funds to build a Bois Forte heritage museum near Fortune Bay. I also continue to work with U.S.D.A. - Rural Development on funding to extend water and sewer throughout the Vermilion community. I am optimistic that we will be able to proceed with that project at Cemetery Road, Farm Point, and Hard Hat Road this summer.

Finally, we are still waiting to hear if our application for a "self-help" housing program has been approved. We have posted a position for a new housing coordinator who would be responsible for the self help and HOME programs If you have an interest in this position contact the Bois Forte Human Resources Department at Nett Lake.

• RTC news

(Continued from front page)

ments will need to deal with.

I am pleased to hear that we have had a steady increase in Bois Forte enrollees attending higher education according to our Tribal Education Director, Joanne Donald. I would encourage those present and potential students to complete their education in preparation of Welfare Reform.

On January 28th, Ray Toutloff, Nett Lake School Superintendent, Ron Dicklich, Bois Forte Lobbyist and myself, traveled to St. Paul to meet with Senators Lawrence Pogemiller and Jerry Janezich regarding legislative initiatives regarding the Nett Lake School. The meeting seemed very positive and after this legislative session we can report on whether or not it was successful.

On January 5th, I attended the American Indian Education Committee meeting held in St. Paul. This committee is advisory to the State Board of Education and oversees Indian Education programs such as Bi-Lingual/Culture, Teacher Training programs, etc. The next day I attended the state Scholarship Program which is also advisory to the State Board of Education and oversees the Minnesota State Indian Scholarship Program, Post Secondary Preparation Programs and the newly formed Ethel Currey Foundation. Joanne Donald is the representative on this committee, however, was unable to attend due to illness.

The governor's budget for Indian Education Programs is two million dollars total for this year. This includes tribal schools. One concern that I brought to these committees was the need to increase the budget in Indian Education Programs, particularly the Scholarship Program. With more students attending colleges and tuition costs increasing steadily over the years, \$400,000 just doesn't go very far. At this point, any increase to the Scholarship line item would mean a decrease in another, unless an entire

different source of funding is identified. Hopefully, tribes will make this a priority for future legislation. At Bois Forte, the council contributed its own resources of approximately \$150,000, this year, to higher education.

The annual legislative dinner, sponsored by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, was held January 6th. Dave Morrison and I shared a table with Commissioner David Doth, and enjoyed a light discussion regarding Welfare Reform. Also at our table was Dr. James Bensen, President of Bemidji State University. Dr. Bensen was very friendly and shared a genuine interest in the possibility of bringing college courses to the people through interactive TV.

During the social hour, I had the opportunity to speak with Senator Jerry Janezich and also to meet Ms. Janet Daley, Director of the USDA Rural Development Association. This is the organization from which we have a loan request in the amount of \$500,000 to complete the funding package for the Senior Citizen Assisted Living Center. I have spoken to her on the phone before, so it was nice to meet her face to face.

In other news, the Indian Point Archeological Report has been completed, and the Tribal Council will need to make an official decision whether to allow future development, such as home sites or economic development, or to register the remaining undeveloped land with the National Register of Historic Places, as recommended by the survey report.

Elderly people will be contacted through our Spiritual Advisor, Gene Goodsky, to get their opinion on this matter prior to any decisions being made. If you readers would like to comment please contact Jackie Villebrun, 757-3261, or any council member. The area has a total of 40 acres located south of Indian Point between Pelican Lake and Orr Bay, and is the largest known historic habitation site in the region. Very interesting.

This is all for now.

Jessica's article...



Jessica Knott, AmeriCorps worker

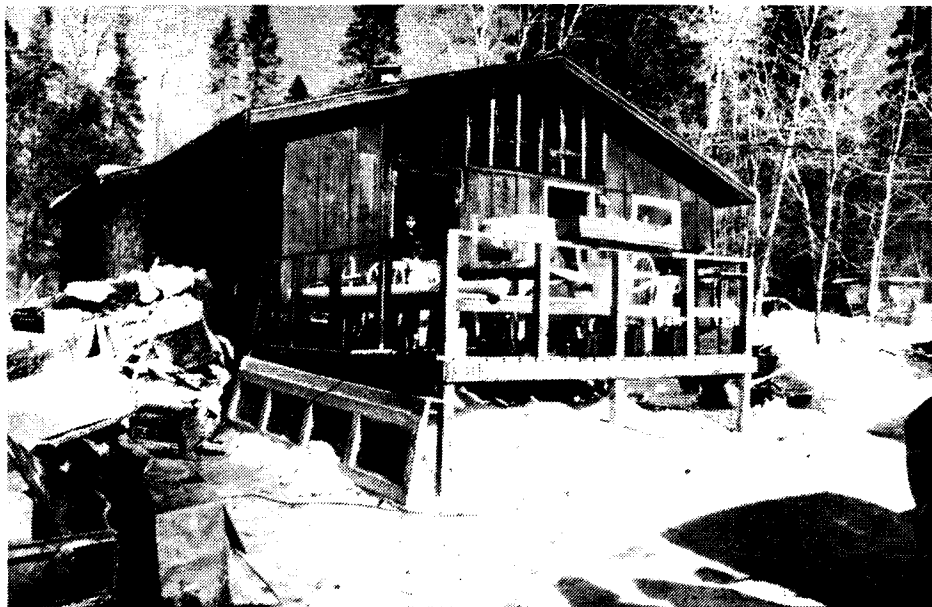
Hi everybody! If you haven't read my article a couple months ago. I'm still working on the office recycling program at the RTC office. I started out trying to keep track at the Health office but I thought Virgil is doing a good job as it is. They are doing a great job recycling in their office! There are a couple of things I've been doing for the past couple months. The first project I've been keeping up on is collecting and keeping records of the recyclables at the RTC. I'm trying to get

Bill Light to realize the importance of recycling but hopefully he'll catch on soon! I started collecting the recyclables in the middle of January. Over a two week period the RTC generated approximately 10 bags of recyclable paper, 2 bags of glass, and 3 bags of plastic.

For the month of February it was a little more paper. Over a three week period they generated 11 bags of recyclable paper, 1 bag of glass, and 3 bags of plastic. I think their all doing a great job recycling in the office! But I will be sending out flyers just to remind them not to forget to recycle! I can hardly wait to see how much more recyclables they generate next month

Another project that Darin and I have been working on and is almost completed is a recycling information book. This book has everything you could possibly think of about waste management. We should be mailing or sending them out in less than a month.

Well people I'm going to get this article to Axel and I'll be sure to inform you of any activities that should come up. If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns about recycling please call Jessica Knott or Darin Steen at (218)757-3261.



Vidal home destroyed in fire

The house belonging to Jose and Rita Vidal was almost completely destroyed by fire, on the night of Thursday, February 27th. The fire, which started in the garage, was discovered approximately 10 or 10:30 and the 911 number was activated. The Bois Forte Volunteer Fire Department responded as well as units from the Orr Fire Department. In all, five units, including water units, were at the scene. The fire destroyed the garage and had begun burning the side of the house but it was brought under control and by 2 a.m. the units left. However, the fire flared up again in the attic of the house, and the Bois Forte Fire Department responded again at 4:30 a.m., along with the Orr Fire Department who were again called for mutual aid, and this time considerable damage was done to the living room and kitchen, where all contents were destroyed. The family was away at the time visiting in Cook and were not aware that their house was afire. The exact cause of the fire is unknown although Jose suspects the wood heater stove may have been the culprit. Most of his refrigeration tools were destroyed as well

as refrigeration and propane heater equipment.

Volunteer firemen responding included: Bill Whiteman, Barry Porter, David Danz, Allan Connor, Janice Connor, Francis Goodsky, Mark Salmela, Knute Graue, Marty Connor and Shane Drift.

Mona Villebrun, RTC council member, called the RTC staff together at a meeting the next morning to make plans on how to help the Vidal family in their emergency. Onetime payroll deductions were authorized, as well as placing receptacles around the village for donations. A spaghetti dinner was also planned, with Kelly King, Coordinator for the AmeriCorps and her workers prepared and delivered the dinners. Appeals for assistance were also made to various newspapers. Any items of furniture, dishware, silverware, pots, pans, etc.. will also be appreciated.

Temporary housing for the family is also being considered. One house, occupied by Troy and Ellen King, will be vacant after they move to their new house at Indian Point may be available.

\$\$\$ deal...

(More pictures to go with story on front page)



Tom O'Leary handing the check to Clint Landgren.

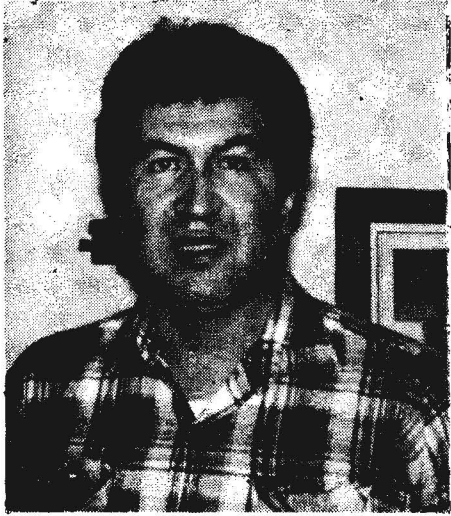


Tom O'Leary explaining his part in the deal



HEALTH NEWS

A Gathering.. Ambulance news..



Allan Morriseau, C.D. Counselor

A men's gathering was held Thursday, February 13, 1997, at Fond du Lac's Black Bear Casino. There were about two hundred people in attendance.

Don Goodwin was the master of ceremonies, making introductions of guest speakers and information of events of the evening.

Paul Richie from Grand Portage did the spiritual presentation, singing two songs, one of welcome, the other honoring the Ojibwa people. He spoke of cultural awareness and its importance in bringing people together. He spoke of values like caring, respect, and trust, a way of bringing native people back together, talking to each other about important life experiences that gives pride to people who are Indian. He talked of the importance of events, like the protest at Wounded Knee, that gives Indians a voice in the direction of self determination. He spoke of honor which must come from a spiritual base.

Other events at the gathering were a supper, drumming and singing by two groups. A health evaluation of those who chose to participate, this helps one see how healthy one is. Other speakers were Sonny Peacock, Chairman, Fond du Lac, Frank Goodwin, and Eugene Begay. The speaker theme was talking to each other as men.

The biggest event of the night was the social part of the gathering. Talking to one another. There were a lot of men smiling.

Don Goodwin closed the event. Another gathering is planned for next year.



Marcella Connor, Ambulance Director

On January 31, 1997, Doris Isham, Julie Whiteman, Teresa Morrison, Billie Mason, Les Connor, Janice Connor and myself attended the 17th Annual Arrowhead Emergency Medical Services Conference at the DECC in Duluth. The two full day workshops were comprised of four separate sessions each one was a different topic. The sessions started at 8:30 each morning and ended at 4:30 p.m. The EMT's had two tracks that they could choose from. An example of the sessions that were attended were AIR: CURRENTS for SUCCESS, this program reviewed anatomy, physiology and physical assessments of the airway. SO YOU WANT TO BE MOST EXCELLENT, this session explained on critiquing patient care. The EMT's did not all attend the same sessions there was a choice of 5 sessions that could be taken each day. There was a lot of information to be absorbed in such a short time.

Ambulance Services from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa had members attending. Booths were set up by vendors displaying new equipment. Ambulance rigs and helicopters were exhibited. Ambulance rigs were priced

from \$60,000 to \$94,000. This is the price before any equipment is installed for delivery. St. Mary's Life Flight had their helicopter on display. This gave everyone a first hand view of the inside and how patients are transported by air. These helicopters can carry two

patients plus crew members, which comprise of two nurses and the pilot. Flight time from International Falls is about 40 - 45 minutes. These are usually called out for extremely traumatic or life threatening emergencies.

After the sessions were over for the day the EMT's took in some of the other entertainment for the evening hours. Some stayed at the Hotel and went swimming and others took in movies. Several of the EMT's went to the Omni Theatre for the first time. I would not recommend it to anyone that suffers from motion sickness. St Luke's Hospital and Trauma Center sponsored a social hour, banquet and dance on Saturday evening. I have not heard if any of the Bois Forte EMT's attended.

THE BOIS FORTE AMBULANCE HAS MISPLACED A FEW ARTICLES. IF YOU HAVE ANY BLANKETS, PILLOWS OR OTHER ARTICLES THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT AT YOUR RESIDENCE, PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE HEALTH OFFICE. WE NEED THEM WHEN TRANSPORTING PATIENTS TO THE HOSPITAL.

NOTICE

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

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

IF YOU BURN, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW

BACKYARD BURNING CAN CAUSE SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS

Burning your garbage at home, i.e., burn barrel or open pit, harms human health and the environment. Smoke from burning trash may contain: arsenic, benzene and other solvents, cadmium, carbon monoxide, chromium, dioxide, formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, lead, nitrogen oxide and sulfuric acid.

Small particles and smoke from burning trash may cause eye, nose and throat irritation, lung irritation and congestion, skin irritations or burns, stomach or intestinal upset, eye damage and headache or memory loss.

Repeated exposure over a long time may cause developmental problems in children and can increase your risks of developing cancer.

Pollutants left behind in the ashes also contaminate soil and groundwater creating additional health risks. For more information, please contact: Jessica Knott or Darin Steen at (218) 757-3261.



Elderly ladies making lawn chairs: Effie Drift, ENP director, watches Ruth Ann Strong.

MARCH 1997 MEDICAL CLINIC SCHEDULE						
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1st Annual School Health Fair



"Don't Get Sick, Wash Up Quick" — Natalie Smith, Damian Zorne and Aimee Morrison.



'Bird' house being remodeled in Palmquist

Housing Happenings....



Cindy Glasel, Housing Director

What a busy winter... Many, many wonderful things have been happening. First the HA did receive \$738,000 in funding under the "COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" referred to as 'CIAP' to give much needed repairs to homes in Nett Lake and Palmquist. How exciting. This grant was funded at only 34%, however near double the amount of CIAP "909" for \$438,000 from last year. This "909" funding was used to add repairs to the water and sewer connection lines for the ten new homes, steel siding to all of the Farm Point homes, as well as replacement windows, kitchens cabinets, exterior doors and more.

We are now in the process of advertising for bids for the assistance of a Architect/Engineer person, to assist us in the preparation of scope of work outlines, specifics to details and more.

We are still waiting on word from HUD, Chicago Office in reference to the DEMO GRANT '96 which was submitted in August 1996 for replacement of sixteen homes. Total is \$2.5 million. It sure is tough being patient...

On October 3, 1996, the United States Congress passed the "NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING AND SELF-DETERMINATION Act. (HR 3219) The Act becomes effective FY '98. This act separates Indian Housing programs from Public housing, reverting to the Tribe. Housing will no longer be a separate part of the Tribe. This gives more flexibility to Tribes in scope of work performed, design, types of construction with cultural considerations, rent charges and more. This Act also provides a block grant to Tribes and their "Tribally Designated Housing Entity" (TDHE). In the past, Indian housing authorities received operational and categorical grants for a variety of programs like the rental housing, and

mutual help homeownership program. The Act will provide one block grant that will be used for activities defined in an "Indian Housing Plan" which the Tribe and TDHE will write and submit to HUD for approval by June 1, 1997. This Act also recognizes in housing legislation, for the first time ever, that the Federal Government has the trust responsibility to house Native Americans. The Act states: "the Congress, through treaties, statutes, and general course of dealing with Indian Tribe's has assumed a trust responsibility for the protection and preservation of Indian Tribes and for working with Tribes and their members to improve their housing conditions..." The Federal Government has long-stated that housing was provided to Native Americans because they were "low income"; not because it recognized it as part of its trust responsibility. (Sec. 2(4)). Also it defines the TDHE as the existing IHA which was established "for the purposes of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937...(and)...is acting... as the Indian housing authority for the Tribe...(and) is not an Indian Tribe". Tribes can also establish other entities through self-governance powers or by state law. (Sec. 4(21)(A)(B)) If Tribes do not specify a TDHE, then the IHA is considered the TDHE. Too, is requires the Tribe and TDHE to submit a 5-year Indian Housing Plan. The Plan will include a mission statement, goals and objectives, and an activities plan. The activities plan will describe actions that the Tribe will take to meet its mission and its goals and objectives. The plan will be updated every five years by submitting only those changes that occurred since the plan was submitted. (Title I. Sec. 102(b)) Also, requires a 1-year plan for the upcoming fiscal year. On an annual basis, the TDHE will submit a plan describing goals and objectives, needs, financial resources, affordable housing resources, and certification of compliance. The statute contains a list of requirements that will further detailed in regulations HUD develops under negotiated rule making. The plan will be updated every year by submitting only those changes that occurred since the plan was submitted. (Title I. Sec. (102)(b)(1)) Again, requires HUD to use negotiated rule making when developing regulations and an allocations formula. HUD must establish committees made up of representatives from Tribal Governments (or TDHEs if appointed by the Tribe) and the Federal Government. The committees must have representatives from Indian Country that are geographically diverse from small, medium and

large Indian Tribes. (Title I. Sec. 106(b)(2)) HR 3219 was one of the last items approved by the House before the 104th Congress adjourned and considering it under "suspension" was the only way to move it through before adjournment. (Sec. 108) It also allows the TDHE to use the block grant for development, rehabilitation, acquisitions, housing support services, such as counseling or loan processing and to initiate model housing programs. This provision in the statute allows the TDHE to use its block grant for other purposes in addition to the operation and maintenance of existing units. (Title II. Sec. 202) Also, permits the TDHE to set a maximum rent that do not exceed 30 percent of the monthly adjusted income of low income families in the rental program. In the 1970's Congress amended the U. S. Housing Act of 1937 (with the Brooke Amendment) whereby IHAs had to charge 30 percent of a family's monthly adjusted income for rent. HR 3219 will allow the TDHE to charge less than 30 percent thereby bringing relief to tenants in rental housing. (Title II. Sec. 203 (a)(2)) Also, requires the TDHE to use the block grant to operate and maintain current housing units. This provision guarantees that Tribes and TDHEs continue to operate and maintain existing housing stock built under the 1937 U.S. Housing Act. (Title II. Sec. 203) Plus, this gives Tribes the discretion to use grant amounts for affordable housing activities through equity investments, interest-bearing loans or advances, non-interest bearing loans or advances, interest subsidies, and leveraging of private investments. It also allows the Tribe to set their own terms of the assistance. This expands the IHA's current functions and is an attempt to bring more private sector dollars into Tribal communities. (Title II. Sec. 204) This will also distribute the grant through an allocation formula that is developed under negotiated rule making. The allocations formula will be used to determine how much each TDHE will receive in its block grant. (Title III. Sec. 302) The too requires, HUD to monitor non-compliance and to take steps when compliance does not occur. If HUD determines that a TDHE is not complying

with the provision of the Act, it must terminate payments to the Tribe, to reduce payments by the amount that was improperly spent, limit access to funds not affected by the improper use or replace the TDHE until the entity complies. This provision requires HUD to monitor the program and take steps in non-compliance occurs. (Title IV) Plus, the Act terminates existing Indian housing programs. In order to implement the block grant, existing Indian housing programs must be terminated so that the funds can be allocated to it. It repeals assistance under the 1937 Housing Act and terminates such programs as the Indian HOME set-aside, Youth Sports, rental assistance, youthbuild, and the Indian homeless set aside programs. (Title V) The Act authorizes a new Federal guarantee program whereby the TDHE can use, with the Secretary's approval, a Federal guarantee, to undertake affordable housing activities, that does not exceed 5 times the amount of the TDHE's block grant. The Secretary can guarantee up to an accumulated amount of \$400 million for this program over a five year period. (Title VI) In addition to, this Act reauthorizes the Indian Housing Loan Guarantee programs (Sec. 184). This program was authorized in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and is incorporated in HR 3219. (Title VII. Sec. 701) Also, the Act extends leasehold interest in trust or restricted land for housing purposes to 50 years. This provision allows for trust or restricted Indian lands, used for housing development or residential purposes, to be leased for 50 years. This provision is self implementing and does not require any rule or regulations from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Sec. 702) Wow...

Well, I think I've really explained it, I hope Mr. Editor likes this article as well as you the readers, to the Bois Forte News. This change in Indian housing will be felt all across the

U. S. This is an awesome task, and time is short to implement it all, however, all of us here at Housing, as well as many at the RTC are ready to roll up our sleeves and get busy.

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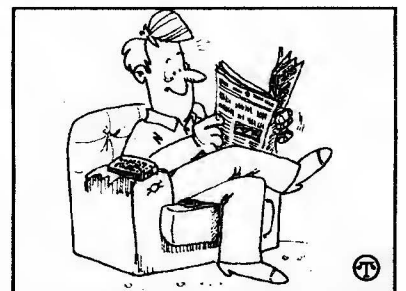
(NAPS)—ADP AutoConnect (<http://autoconnect.net>), a leading on-line automotive information source, with the assistance of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, brings travelers a comprehensive list of driving safety tips for this winter's hazardous weather.

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Dr. Holm, the Biologist...



Dr. Chris Holm, Ph.D., Biologist

As many of you know, last fall the State Legislature ratified a statute (MN Stat. 1996, Ch. 84, section 105) that established ricing season on off-Reservation rice lakes between the months of July 15 and September 30. Obviously, July 15 is much too early to begin rice harvest. Band Members (as well as our DNR) were upset with this action, and we initiated dialog between the ricing Bands, MN State DNR and the Governor's Tribal-State liaison to address this issue.

We have been pleasantly surprised by a general willingness to address Band concerns about abuse and damage to green rice as a result of this early opening date. Through a series of very positive meetings, we have been able to design a "cooperative management" plan which will do several things to protect numerous priority rice lakes identified by the Bands. In particular:

- (1) the plan will allow cooperative enforcement authority by Tribal and State DNR enforcement officers;
- (2) Band Elders and Rice Committees will have substantial responsibility for setting opening dates for priority rice lakes;
- (3) The State and Bands will cooperatively post all priority lakes with new informational and enforcement signage;
- (4) Rice lake "zones" will be established, and Bands located in those zones will provide public information on rice condition and opening dates;
- (5) The Bands and the State will cooperatively develop new informational packets to include with ricing licenses; these will include better descriptions of the

resource and tribal phone numbers to call for rice lakes updates.

It is possible that we may, in the future, also create a clearinghouse information number where all Band information can be directed for public information purposes.

This initial, yet major step toward sustainable management of the rice resource in Minnesota would not have occurred without considerable effort on the part of the Bands and the State. All parties involved have worked very hard on this issue, and it has been very satisfying to watch this very positive program development happen.

We're starting to get our spring ducks in a row here-lots of other interesting field and lab projects will be underway as soon as the ice and snow go away. I expect our water-boys to receive their open-water diving certifications this spring, as we have several grant-funded projects lined up that will require a bit of underwater work. We'll also be working out near the Nett River, establishing some seed grain plantings for waterfowl when the frost leaves the ground. I anticipate us also doing additional lake work over on Vermilion this year.

Lab man Curtis recently received a trial-by-fire learning session in grant writing, which I'm sure he will elaborate about in his article. I think we produced a good project that hopefully will be funded. The grant request is for federal funds to create an "environmental learning center". High-school youth groups chosen from student populations in Tower, Nett Lake, Cook, Orr and Minneapolis/St. Paul will spend weekends here and at Vermilion learning traditional land use practices and natural resource stewardship issues. We hope to create several camp sites here and at Vermilion, where students can spend time with Elders, teachers and Community Members learning outdoor skills. We also hope to create a broadcast-quality film that describes the natural resources of Bois Forte and incorporates historical and current perspectives by Community Members. We'll let you know what happens on this one. Since time is on the wane and Mr. Holmes needs his article IMMEDIATELY, I'll close now and save more details for the next dynamic issue of the *Bois Forte NEWS*.

which caused serious damage to the winter crops, the price of vegetables is already soaring and predicted to go higher. This will be a very important year for Project Grow. We will also have the eyes of the people that support Project Grow upon us as well.

One more word about Project Grow before I move on. If you have a question about your garden, please contact me, that's the only way I can help you.

Off-reservation wild rice lakes.....

Next up, some information concerning wild rice activity on off-reservation lakes. As you may or may not know, Bois Forte as well as other Reservations that have an interest in ricing on the state lakes, have been meeting to discuss the possibility of assuming the responsibilities of managing the state wild rice lakes. Last year the Minnesota State Legislature passed a law that says that the state off-reservation wild ricing season will open on July 15th of each year. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will not be managing the rice crop as they have done in the past. They are basically leaving the decision to harvest wild rice in the hands of the permit buyer. Yes the MNDNR will still require you a purchase a permit, and it is still illegal to harvest wild rice before it is ripe. So you can see what this is going to do to the off-reservation rice crop. If this went unchecked, it would all but destroy the wild rice beds for off-reservation lakes.

In a nutshell, the MNDNR will charge people to pick rice, but they will not put any effort into wild rice management.

That's where the tribes come in. We have been meeting with MNDNR officials since this fall and after our last meeting, we have come up with an alternative that should satisfy the concerns of our fellow members that have traditionally picked rice on state lakes. Each Reservation has designated lakes near their own area that are of special concern for their members. Lakes that their people have traditionally riced on. Each Reservation will assume the duties of monitoring these lakes, such as checking the wild rice to see when it will be ready for harvesting. And when the time comes, posting those lakes for the opening of the ricing season and what hours wild rice harvesters will be allowed to pick. Each Reservation will use the knowledge and experience of their own Elders to decide when the lakes are ready. If you would like to help out the Natural Resources Department, please let us know, we would be glad to talk to you about this project.

I heard a very interesting proposal at this meeting. It came from one of the Fond Du

Lac Rice Committee members. He stated that they wanted a state ban on the use of steel duck bills on push poles. Their committee claims that the metal duck bills cause severe damage to the rice plants. The duck bill somehow cuts the plants at the roots, killing the plant. This was very interesting to me because this was the first time that I had heard this. They use a forked pole to propel their canoes. If you agree or disagree, or have anything further to add please let me or Chris Holm know thank you.

Conservation Code update.....

The Bois Forte Tribal Council has appointed a new seven member Conservation committee. The main task at hand for this committee is to update our present conservation code. We are attempting to complete the code by July 1, 1997. There are a number of additions to the new code that I am proposing. but I am not talking about restricting the hunting and gathering activities of band members, I am talking about protecting the natural resources of the Bois Forte Reservation.

One of the big questions that this committee will have to decide is the lead shot question. Are we hurting our lake by continuing to use lead shot? We are in the process of sending out a questionnaire to get some community input on the lead shot controversy. Look in your mail boxes and please respond to the questionnaire.

Some Forestry news.....

We have a problem in the Forestry Division. We have a number of forest development projects that will have to be completed during this upcoming growing season. This is the problem, we would prefer that tribal members do the work. The last few projects that were contracted out to our own tribal people were never completed. We need reliable hard working people to complete these projects. If we don't get tribal members we will have to go looking off the reservation. We do not want to do that. The bottom line is that we need to get these projects completed and we would like to utilize tribal members to do it. So look for our project announcements they will be posted soon.

Well this closes another edition of the conservation notes. I just want to say a few words about the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers Basketball team. Hey, I can here you say "enough with the sports already". Hey, I am a fan of the Gophers and have been ever since I was in grade school. I wish the "mighty U of M" good luck in the NCAA Tournament and I will predict that they will go far maybe even get a chance to win the National Title. I can dream cant' I?

Remember my door to my office is always open. Until next time.....

Conservation Notes....



Ray Villebrun, Sr., Director BFDNR

Hello out there to all you faithful Bois Forte News readers. It's news time again, so here is the latest edition of the Conservation notes.

First of all let me congratulate all the "cheese-heads" out there for winning the NFL Championship. It's just my opinion but, I think the Super bowl be really

decided when the NFC Championship game is played. The teams in the American Football Conference just plain stink! I do not know when the ABC will field a team good enough to make a serious challenge to the mighty NBC. I will say it right here and now, watch out for the "Niners" in 1997. On with the news.

Project Grow Update.....

I have sent out a 1997 Project Grow application to everyone who applied last year. Please take the time to look over this year's application and get it back to me quickly as you can. Also, if you know of anyone who would like to start up a garden this year have them contact me as soon as possible, I will gladly send them an application. I would like all applications back right away so I can order supplies for everyone.

We will have three Americorps workers assigned to Project Grow this year, so we will be able to help out Elders and anyone else that needs assistance with their gardens. Because of the harsh winter that our Southern states have experienced,

Environmental Update...



Duren Steen, Environmental Specialist

Greetings, environmental news fans!! It's time for another "fascinating" article on Bois Forte environmental issues. With spring right around the corner, many of us are preparing for the busy field season

ahead. There are many interesting spring and summer projects which are now in the planning stage. Here are just a few of the projects I will be working on in the following months.

As you know, Jessica Knott and I have been working on implementing a recycling program for the RTC office. Changing people's habits regarding waste management is a difficult task but I believe a majority of people in the office are finally catching on. What's even more exciting is that the Nett Lake School wants to jump on the recycling bandwagon. The school recognizes the importance of recycling and would like to begin a recycling program. Jessica and I have been working with the school and the St. Louis County Solid Waste Department to develop a program that works for all of us. To make the

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recycling program a success, I hope to involve everyone, including the teachers, staff, and the students. We plan to kick off the recycling program on Earth Day (April 22) by providing awareness and education on this important environmental issue. Once again, I see this as an excellent opportunity to educate the entire community on solid waste and recycling issues as the employees and students bring this information back to their homes.

Last month I told you about a booklet Jessica and I have been working on which is designed to educate the community on waste management and recycling. The book discusses the history of solid waste management, disposal fees, provides instructions on recycling, and also lists the services provided at our solid waste transfer stations. We want to develop a booklet full of important information that would answer the community's questions. As we developed the services provided section, however, we found ourselves asking many questions. What about batteries...what about household hazardous waste...what about fluorescent bulbs...what about corrugated cardboard...etc??? There are many wastes which cannot or should not go into the regular trash yet we do not have a program established to deal with these materials. I've been working closely with the county to develop ways to handle these special wastes and expand and improve the services at our solid waste facilities. When the Utility Board, Tribal Council, and county solid waste department all agree on these changes, we will include them in our booklet. The final product should be an up-to-date resource guide on how to properly dispose of any kind of waste you may have, the disposal costs, and where it goes after you "throw it away".

Another project I am currently working on is a grant proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a minerals assessment within the reservation, specifically for identifying sand and gravel deposits. Sand and gravel are primarily used for fill or base materials in roads and building construction projects. These resources are not only needed for reservation projects but are also a valuable commodity which could be sold outside the reservation for similar projects. This grant opportunity will provide funding to do the field work needed to identify sand and gravel resources such as soil borings and excavations and also for generating the data and reports needed to document the availability, location, type, and volume of sand and gravel deposits. I will keep you informed on the status of this project as it develops.

The Emergency Planning Committee recently held a meeting with the St. Louis County Emergency Management Director to discuss the development of the Bois Forte Emergency Operations Plan. We are required by law to have a plan established for responding to emergency situations such as natural disasters, fires, or chemical spills. St. Louis County has a county-wide plan but it does not address our needs within the reservation. The intent of the emergency planning committee is to develop our own plan and coordinate emergency response with the county and other local governments through mutual aid agreements as needed. Each responsible department or division with emergency response duties has agreed to develop their own sections of the plan which will be compiled into a master document, i.e. the Bois Forte Emergency

Operations Plan. This is a lengthy process which will involve input and review from many people including other agencies, the Tribal Council, and hopefully, the community. If we all do our part, we can hopefully have a rough draft developed in a few months. I am sure you will hear more about this important plan as various departments seek input on developing standard operating procedures for emergency response.

Last, but certainly not least, is the process of trust land acquisition for the Vermilion Reservation. The federal government requires Level I Contaminant Surveys, or environmental site assessments, to be conducted prior to placing land into trust to identify any possible contamination of the property. The federal government does not want to place land into trust which they may be liable for cleaning up as the "property owner". This also holds true for anyone who purchases land or a home. You should be aware that if the property you own or are purchasing is contaminated, you may be held liable for clean-up or remediation costs. This spring after the snow melts, Level I Contaminant Surveys will be conducted on a number of parcels of land near Vermilion which are to be placed into trust for the Bois Forte Band. The survey reports documenting the environmental conditions of the property are just one of many requirements in the trust acquisition process. Since the Bois Forte Band compacted these responsibilities from the BIA through self-governance, the Land/Leasing Department is now the responsible department for completing the paperwork and procedures needed for placing land into trust. It should be interesting to see how the process operates more efficiently when operated by the Band as opposed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

One last item of interest to mention before I send this off to the illustrious Editor Holmes.... The Natural Resources Department is sponsoring a booth at the Environmental Awareness Fair at the Thunderbird Mall in Virginia on March 15. If you happen to be in the area, please stop by to visit and check out what we have to offer! Miigwech!!

Card of Thanks

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We wish to thank all the friends and relatives who helped with the arrangements and food preparations during our recent loss.

We also wish to thank the people for being there and thinking about us.
The family of Frank W. Dupree

One of the memories of Frank W. Dupree, who recently passed away, is that he was the first winner of the MegaBingo prize of \$500,000.00. Another memory is that he, along with Harry Boness Sr., were the first ones to organize an Alcoholics Anonymous chapter in Nett Lake along with Orlin Ofstad and Melvin Scott of Orr. As more people joined the group, they began participating in various activities. They were transported by bus to various pow-wows, participated in parades in Hibbing and Tower, gave a performance in Ely, and later began the first series of meetings that resulted in the first Sah gii bah gah Days pow-wow.

Frank was an army veteran of World War II, was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans where he served out the remainder of the war as a POW.

Water Laboratory report...



E. Curt Goodsky, Water Lab Technician

Today is the 4th day of March, 1997. I just now received a visit from our faithful editor Holmes inquiring about an article referred to by my supervisor Dr. Holm. Well here it is. February 21, '97 was the due date for an EPA grant that myself and Chris were working on, and mind you we were working on this grant prior to this date. Well the powers that be decided to grace us with necessary changes requiring all night work-a-thon. We finished writing said grant 34 hours later, any later and we would have missed the postmark deadline. I thought I had some grant writing experience before this attempt; how little I really did know definitely became apparent. Even though I was getting a little crabby and couldn't talk straight, I did thank Chris for this learning experience. The grant that we were working on, and did send off in time, requests funds from the U.S. EPA to develop a "Youth Environmental Education Learning Project" which would also cover the cost for a natural resources film. As covered in previous articles I mentioned that we were looking into how we could teach our youth about our responsibility as Natural Resource Stewards, and how to include our local history and dialect pertaining to our Anishanaabeg Heritage. Hopefully this grant will fund this much needed awareness project. As this project grows, our elders, local community members,

youth off and on the reservation including the Twin cities area will also benefit from this project. The potential audience that would hear our message about natural resources through our film is awesome. Well this project has taken up a lot of my time lately and now it's time to focus on main lab issues such as, databases, collection site determinations, collecting the samples, writing reports and articles, etc..etc..

I would like to mention that the lab has started testing for the presence of lead metal in our lake water, I would like to point out that some toxic metals do occur naturally in the environment; however, should we see any indication that the levels of toxic metals are reaching unacceptable limits then we would want to propose alternatives for management.

The mission of our lab facility is to monitor the quality of waters within the Bois Forte boundaries, and to establish criteria in which to develop water quality standards for the protection of our water resources. Also, there will be a survey coming out soon requesting input for natural resource management, and if you would like to participate in small coffee information sessions to learn more about what is going on here in the lab or the Natural Resources Department, please call and let us know or write it down on the comments section of the soon-to-be-distributed survey.

Sooo, until next time, sleep well and fair winds.

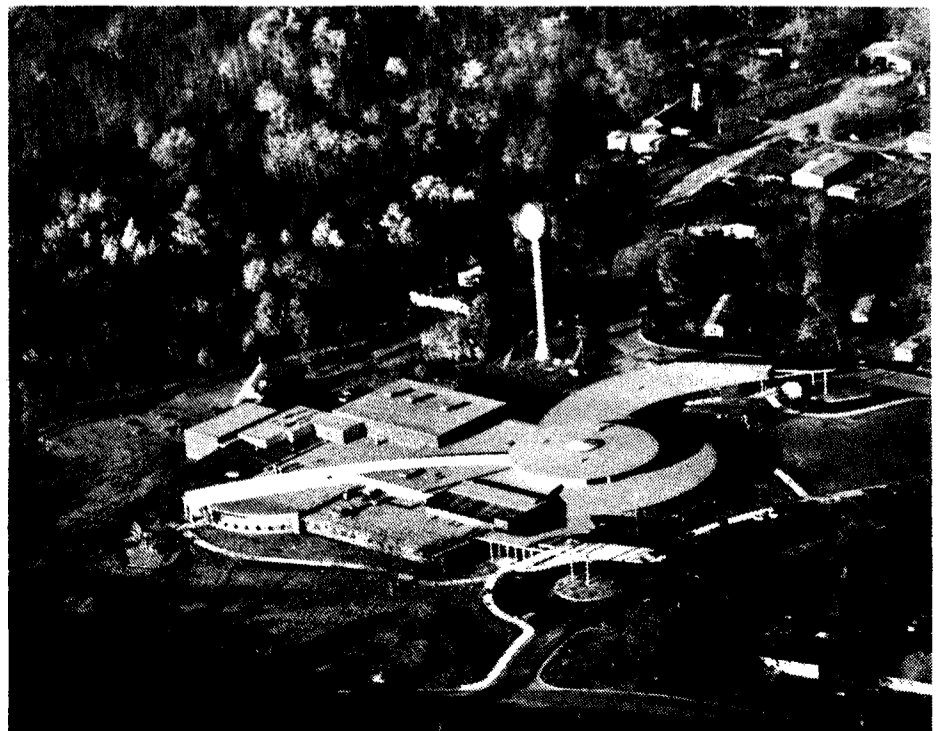


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R.T.C. minutes...

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held January 23, 1997, Fortune Bay Resort & Casino, Tower, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:52 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; Jackie Villebrun; Cecile Warren; Bill Tibbetts; Ray Villebrun, Sr.; Bonnie Lowe; Linda Troseth; Gene Goodsky; Rosemary Goodsky; Cindy Glasel; Gary Adams; Dave Danz; Bill Whiteman; Andy Datko; Patti Wilkie; Sherry Erickson; Lester Drift, Sr.; Henry Beauduy; Ernest Landgren, Jr.; Norm Adams; Vickie Hackey; Rick Anderson; Andrea Maple

Gene Goodsky and Rosemary Goodsky do the invocation and ceremonial offering.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held on January 9, 1997, Tower, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to appoint the following individuals to an initial 1-year temporary appointment to the Conservation Committee: Vermilion Community representatives - George Mihelich and Bob Zika, Nett Lake Community representatives - Michael Connor, William Isham, Walt King, Sr. Carried 4-0-0. After the one-year period, if they are active members, they will be appointed to 1 year or 2 year terms. If they are inactive, one of the alternates will be appointed (alternates - Geraldine Hanks, Frank Porter, Earl Day, Effie Drift, Marybelle White, Mavis Drift, Bill Light).

The request from Cecile Warren to 1) define the service area for the Bois Forte Needs Program to include the cities of Nett Lake, Orr and Tower, and 2) appoint the list of individuals she has to the advisory board is tabled. Cecile is to restructure the Bois Forte Needs Committee to have seven members with a quorum of four and amend guideline #4 to change the service area to an eighty mile radius of Nett Lake (which is the same as the IHS service area guidelines). She is to bring these back to the next meeting so action/approval may be made.

Bonnie Lowe gives a presentation on how the welfare reform bill passed by Congress will affect everyone. She also gives pros and cons of the State administering the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the pros and cons of Tribes administering this program. This program replaces the AFDC programs.

Recess at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 1:17 p.m.

Bill Whiteman informs the Council he is withdrawing his resolution for a new van for the Vermilion ENP program because the deadline for submitting it has already passed.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to authorize the release of information to Issue Strategies Group, Inc. for use in the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association (MIGA) Media Kit as requested by them. The information will include the number of enrolled members on and off the reservation, the number of machines and tables, number of employees, annual payroll and related taxes paid. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Anderson is to send a letter to the Insurance Company that they are authorized to pay a reasonable amount in the Notice of Claim by P. Wegener. Mark Anderson is to call Mark Stagberg to

make him aware of steps/procedures he could take to resolve the issue (claim by Frank Villebrun, Sr.).

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to not waive subrogation in the Gloria King case (#5 on the list of options). Carried 3-1-0. Ramona Villebrun against.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #93-97, Chemical Dependency funding request from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, American Indian Program, Chemical Dependency Division. Carried 4-0-0.

Recess at 3:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 3:20 p.m.

Cindy Glasel informs the Council an internal spot audit check was done by HUD. The actual work on the new homes were checked as well as the tenant files, tenant accounts receivables and the Housing Authority's Policies & Procedures. The audit report will note the Housing Authority is "In progress Of" the necessary steps to correct the deficiencies under the Corrective Action Order and the Housing Authority will need to continue its efforts.

A letter is to be sent to HUD in Washington informing them that when an audit is to be done they are to contact the Tribal Council first. Frank Annette will follow up on this and also request a copy of the report.

Cindy Glasel states there is no word yet on either the 1996 Demo Grant or the '94 Demo grant.

There are three upcoming meetings/trainings which Cindy is requesting a Council member or designee attend. The first is the Region II, Tri-State meeting in Green Bay on February 4-7, the next is the #3rd Annual Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. on February 11-13, and the last is the training on the One/Five Year Housing Plan to be held in Denver on March 9- 15. Phyllis will be attending all three meetings. Phyllis and Ramona will attend the meeting in Green Bay. It will be decided later what staff will attend the meetings.

The person providing the technical assistance for the Drug Elimination Technical Assistance Grant will be here in mid-February. Cindy will be sending out notices for meetings to formulate the needs and direction to take to assist in the prevention of drug, alcohol abuse and related crimes.

The Housing Authority has been released from participating in the "Partner's in Progress" recovery program for Housing Authorities under Corrective Action Order. The Housing Authority may now seek outside technical assistance (of which Cindy has contacted the National American Indian Housing Council) to come and provide guidance for the housing staff and commissioners along with input and direction from the Council.

The Housing commission term for Milo Villebrun, Sr. is expiring in January. Cindy is to post this vacancy.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #94-97, grant application to the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund to conduct a field investigation and inventory of the historic fur trade and gold mine sites located on the Vermilion community. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #95-97, grant application for Head Start Supplemental funding for COLA, Transition, and Quality Improvement for FY 97.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve out of state travel for Judy Anderson, Head Start Director, to attend the Child Care & Development State Advocate's meeting in Chantilly, Virginia on January 24-26, 1997, and the Early Head Start Grantsmanship Cluster Training in Rapid City, South Dakota on January 27-29, 1997. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the news article that was in the TimberJay and the Cook News-Herald in regard to Fortune Bay and the lodging tax. Andrea Maple will work with Sherry Erickson on a response to the article. Information is to be given to Doug Asp so he can do an article.

Chairman Landgren informs the Council that Percy Ross contacted him and invited him to dinner. Andrea Maple will also be attending the dinner. \$100.00 will be sent to Mr. Ross to distribute in his column. Mr. Ross will be informed that Bois Forte will continue to sponsor his column in the Biwabik, Cook and Tower newspapers.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #96-97, lease termination - Edward D. Chavers. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #97-97, new lease -Shelly M. Strong and Eric Strong. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to table resolution #98-97, lease request from Nancy Porter. This is tabled until the investigation of the gravesites is complete. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to table resolution #99-97, gravel permit for the Roads Department. Carried 4-0-0. Frank Annette, Andy Datko, Bill Whiteman and Ernest Landgren, Jr. are to look/test for a couple of possible gravel sites closer to the village.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #100-97, lease renewal -Darrell Snidarich. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to table resolution #101-97, lease request from Carol J. Driscoll. This is tabled so Jackie Villebrun can do a more complete background on this. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the rental agreement for the mobile home lots by the Nett Lake Police Department, effective February 1, 1997. The rental rate will be \$35.00 per pad, per month. Carried 4-0-0.

Ernest Landgren, Jr. informs the Council the sewer lines in the village are being cleaned and repaired. IHS will pay for some of the lines, but there is still 2,310 feet to be paid for.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve expenditure of \$4,000.00 to clean the 2,310 feet of sewer lines in the village. Carried 4-0-0.

Because of the amount of time and personnel issues, the executive session will be held tomorrow (Friday, January 24 in Nett Lake).

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to recess the meeting at 5:40 p.m. and to reconvene on Friday, January 24. Carried 4-0-0.

Meeting reconvenes at 2:47 p.m., Monday, January 27, 1997 at Fortune Bay Resort and Casino, Tower, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Norm Adams; Vickie Hackey; Rick

Anderson; Sherrie Erickson

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; to approve a letter to be sent to the MCT Home Loan pertaining to a septic system for Kim King. Chairman calls for a second. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Frank Annette will send a letter to Kim King informing her that her request letter will be sent to the MCT Home Loan that she is on the priority list for wells & septic.

Moved by Doris Isham; to approve membership dues in the amount of \$500.00 to the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. Chairman calls for a second. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to deny a \$2,000.00 loan and to turn this loan request to the Education Director to exhaust all other resources. Carried 4-0-0. A possible resource is the AEOA loan fund for students and employers.

Doris Isham states she has a daughter who could also have used a loan if this loan approved. Vicki Holmes is to look in the minutes where it states that no more loans will be given out.

No action is taken on the request from Chairman Landgren to amend the policy on per out of state travel from \$280.00 to \$200.00 when traveling to Washington, D.C.

A date of 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 1997 is set for a meeting between the Utility Board, Housing Authority, Jackie Villebrun and the Council.

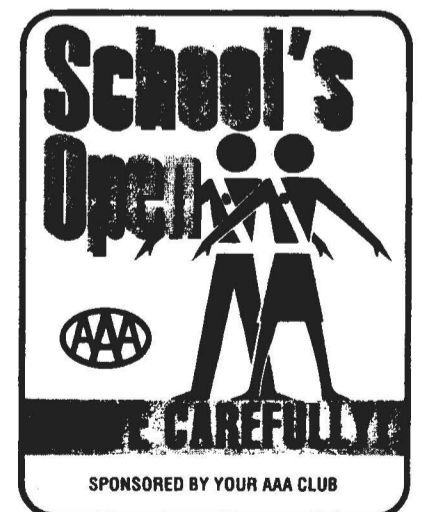
Phyllis Boshey asks if half of Geraldine Hanks salary should come from the Health budget as she is still doing work for Health. Frank Annette said he would be meeting with Jeneal tomorrow after the Division Director's meeting.

Phyllis Boshey also said the dumpster site at Vermilion has not been open. She said she thought the job was posted. She is told that it was posted.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to deny the \$500.00 loan request from Betty Brooks for emergency house repairs. Carried 4-0-0.

Council reviews the letter to be sent in response to the news article. There is one change and it is okay to send to the newspapers.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adjourn meeting at 3:40 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.



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Art Holmes, Counselor

Biblical revelation is defined and described as "an uncovering, a removal of the veil, a disclosure of what was previously unknown. Revelation of God is God's manifestation of Himself to humankind in such a way that men and women can know and fellowship with Him. "The content and process of God's making Himself known to people. All knowledge of God comes by way of revelation... By God alone can God be known."

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia describes revelation as, - "God has intervened extraordinarily, in the course of the sinful world's development, for the salvation of men otherwise lost.... The religion of the Bible presents itself as distinctively, a revealed religion; - announces itself as the only revealed religion..

I have written very briefly about revelations made to Abram in the names of Elohim (Creator), the Most High God (El Elyon) and God Almighty (El Shadday). As Creator, God has created all that is, and we have really no idea of the beauty and the wonders of the garden of Eden before the Fall. Satan engineered the downfall of mankind, brought the death penalty on him and marred beyond description what God had created.

Satan is the declared enemy of man and he is out to get us in any and every way he can. The Lord stated in John 10.10 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.- In John 8:44 He said (about the devil), "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies."

The devil has established a kingdom, - the kingdom of this world. We are born into it by physical birth. We are born alienated, or separated from God, and our tendency is to - love this kingdom of the world, Satan's territory, and while we may be interested in spiritual things, we are not interested in the things of God, especially His laws, morals, ethics and principles, and if we can find any other god, no matter how base, we would rather serve him.

The spiritual world is a world of mystery. God has a kingdom too, which He has established on the earth -- the kingdom of God, or of heaven. Mankind would really not know about it if it was up to him to make the discovery. That is the "why" of revelation..

In the second chapter of Daniel, God gave the king of Babylon a dream, a difficult one but not the interpretation. The king sought for the meaning from anyone whom he thought might be able to interpret the dream. None could. Then Daniel asked the king for a little time and he would interpret the dream. During the

night after much prayer, God revealed to Daniel the dream and the interpretation of it. Through those many years of Old Testament times, the people, prophets and kings knew there was a God, that He had a plan for Israel, all of it made by revelation given to men from time to time.

What God has revealed, He expects us to receive and follow by obedient faith.

Paul the apostle, at first strongly, bitterly, vehemently opposed the church, and attempted to stamp out the new Christian religion. He was converted to Christ one day in a very dramatic way on the road to Damascus. Years later he wrote to the Galatian church and in Galatians 1.11-17 "For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, **but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.** For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure, and tried to destroy it; and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. But when He who had set me apart, even from my mother's womb, called me through His grace, **was pleased to reveal His Son in me,** that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus."

Therefore, when God makes revelation to man, it is extremely important and we had better drop everything we are doing and pay special attention to what He has revealed, and conform, - be obedient to it.

Jewish tradition has it that there were three archangels in heaven. One, Gabriel, who served God the Father; Michael, the second, who served the Holy Spirit; and Lucifer, the third, who served the Son, Jesus Christ. Tradition further has it that Lucifer was the mightiest, most beautiful of the three archangels. He rebelled against heaven and sought to set himself up as God. He was cast down to the earth. The scene is described in Isaiah 14.13-15, "But you said in your heart, 'I will raise my throne above the stars of God. And I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High (or, like Christ, the Son). Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol. To the recesses of the pit....

His devilish plot was to make himself higher than the Son of God (the Lord Jesus Christ), and that is why we are involved in a battle for the minds of men - to belong either to the Kingdom of God, or the kingdom of the world, the devil presiding.

We would know nothing about the kingdom of God unless revelation of it were made to men, nor of the 'so great salvation which He has provided, unless it was revealed to us.

With regard to the church, more revelation would have to be made. Matthew 16.13-17 gives us the insight: "Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He began asking His disciples, saying, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.' He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are

you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

These revelations we need to accept as God's Word directed to us! They give us a tiny peek into the great, wondrous mysteries of God and of the heavenly realms. There is a rich spiritual experience, or experiences in store for the one who begins this spiritual journey. In 1 Corinthians 2.9-10 "... just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him." For to us **God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God** " There is the promise of a lot of spiritual help made available to us by God, - so that no man is without excuse if he fails to heed God's call.

There is one further revelation that all of us ought to be praying for; one that Paul prayed for the Ephesians, in 1.15-19. For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you, and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, while making

mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you **a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the (true) knowledge of Him (Christ).** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe...."

When God the Father chooses to make revelation to you of who Jesus Christ really is, you should count it as the greatest blessing any person could ever receive. God has gone to a lot of trouble to get us out of the kingdom of the world and into the kingdom of God.

Another mighty revelation took place at the Mt. of Transfiguration. It ends with Matthew 17.5 where Peter is admonished for making another of his embarrassing boners. "While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and, behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!"

He has a lot to say to us, a lot to reveal to us, - so he who has ears with which to listen, let him listen,, and live!



If you're coming by air, here's Nett Lake.



Nett Lake Community Center

Toodles and TERO.....



Linda "Toodles" Tibbetts-Barrio, TERO Helio, again. Things have been going pretty slow with the Fortune Bay Resort project completed and "Old Man Winter" having his say with things. I have been getting quite a few questions about TERO. The following is a question and answer fact sheet which was passed on to me at one of my training sessions I attended. I will give you the first ten of twenty and the second ten next month. I hope this will enlighten and provide you with a further understanding of the TERO. So, until next month, take care.....

TERO

The following presents a listing of some of the most common inquiries made about Indian Preference and Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TEROs).

1. WHAT IS TERO?

There are two main elements to TERO:

a. Conceptual- TERO is a sovereignty based, self-help, systematic approach to Indian social and economic self-reliance or self-determination.

b. Programmatic- TERO is also a Tribal enforcement and compliance program which monitors employers to insure optimal benefit is attained from Federal and Tribal employment laws, regulations, policies and procedures.

Most TERO's take a pro-active approach, meaning they use education and synergistic principles to help prevent employer violations of their laws.

2. WHAT IS THE LEGAL BASIS FOR TERO?

A tribes authority to enact and enforce an Indian employment preference law is grounded in its inherent sovereign powers of self-government. This legal doctrine is the most basic principle of Indian laws and is supported by a host of Supreme Court decisions. These decisions have held that - "Inherent sovereign powers derive from the principle that certain powers do not necessarily come from delegated powers granted by express acts of Congress, but are inherent powers of a limited sovereign which have never been extinguished. Tribes have a basic relationship with the federal government as sovereign powers. This is recognized in both treaties or federal statutes. The sovereignty of tribes has been limited from time to time by treaties and federal legislation, however, what has not been expressly limited remains within tribal sovereignty."

One important area in which the inherent powers of tribes clearly apply is in the right of tribes to regulate and tax all commerce activity within the jurisdictional boundaries of their reservations. A full and accurate explanation of tribal sovereignty is found in Felix S. Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law.

3. WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF TERO?

Since the inception of the first TERO programs in the late 1970's, TERO's have evolved rather quickly into sophisticated, well-administered compliance and enforcement programs. The characteristics of the program provide additional and valuable insights into the workings of TERO programs. The following are three vital characteristics of TERO's:

a. TERO is an act of true self-determination - Making the decision to establish a TERO is based on each Tribes values and priorities.

b. TERO's are Action Oriented - TERO's are take action, no-nonsense, results-oriented, hands on compliance programs.

c. TERO's are systematically structured programs - The critical elements are:

- A sound and comprehensive legal framework that utilizes Tribal, contract and federal employment laws to maximize Indian employment.

- A well developed administrative structure and enforcement process.

- Application of Synergistic Principles and Methods.

4. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF TERO?

To access employment, training, business and economic opportunities for Indian and Native People.

a. WHAT ARE THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF TERO?

All employers operating within tribal jurisdiction are required to provide Indian preference in employment, training, contracting, sub-contracting and all other aspects of employment. Below are six major provisions found in most TERO Ordinances that employers must agree to:

1. Submit an acceptable compliance plan detailing employer workforce needs and the steps to be taken to ensure Indian preference. TERO compliance plans are fashioned closely after those used by OFCCP's for affirmative action compliance.

2. Utilize the TERO skills banks for all referrals and consider Indian applicants before interviewing or hiring any non-Indian worker.

3. Agree to hire no less than a specific number of Indians in each job classification and cooperate with tribal training programs to hire a certain number of trainees.

4. Eliminate all extraneous job qualification criteria or personnel requirements which may act as a barrier to Indian employment. TERO's are guided by EEOC guidelines for verifying legitimate Bona-fide Occupational Qualifications (BFOQ's).

5. All employers who have collective bargaining agreements with one or more unions, must secure a written agreement from their unions indicating they will comply with TERO.

6. Agree to acknowledge and respect tribal religious beliefs and cultural differences and to cooperate with the TERO to provide reasonable accommodation.

Tribes have found the most effective means by which they can insure Indian Preference compliance is through the endeavors of their own TERO enforcement programs. The success of TERO programs can be directly attributed to the fact that these programs embody all of the critical elements listed above. Since TERO's are the core of effective tribal employment rights efforts, a close examination of TERO is necessary.

5. IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRIBAL AND INDIAN PREFERENCE?

ERENCE?

Yes, with the Tribal jurisdiction, on Tribal projects which are funded, owned, and operated by the Tribe (i.e., Tribal enterprises), Tribes can require Tribal preference. This is permissible under Federal law because tribes are exempt from Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Executive Order 11246 and most other employment rights legislation.

Indian preference is permissible under some federal laws i.e., Civil Rights, Affirmative Action, EEO, ISTEA and required by others i.e., Indian Self Determination Act, Buy Indian Act and under most Federal laws.

Executive Order 11246 Provides:

"Contractors or subcontractors extending such a preference shall not, however, discriminate among Indians on the basis of religion, sex or tribal affiliation, and the use of such a preference shall not excuse a contractor from complying with the other requirements contained in this chapter."

6. ARE INDIAN PREFERENCE AND TERO NEW CONCEPTS?

No, Indian preference first appeared in Federal regulations in 1834. The first major Indian Preference legislation was the Buy Indian Act of 1910 which has figured prominently in most subsequent, related legislation since then, e.g., the Indian Education Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1974 & the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA).

Tribal Employment Rights Ordinances (TERO's) appeared in latter 1976 and early 1977. Today some 300 Tribes and Alaska Native Communities have TERO's.

A. Why is there a need for TERO?

There are a number of critical reasons why Tribes must take strong action to protect the employment rights of their people.

The following four examples show the application of TERO self-help action is a matter of absolute and grave necessity for tribal economic and social survival.

a. Employment is a Resource.

Like land, water, mineral and other resources, employment and business opportunities are important and needed resources for native people from which they have been unjustly deprived.

b. Unemployment and Resulting Impacts.

Unemployment in native communities remains at shocking levels. The national unemployment rate in America averages 6% while at the same time the average unemployment on most reservations ranges anywhere from 25% to 85%. The dire consequences of these unemployment rates is apparent in that Indians have:

- A median income approximately 1/5 the national average.

- The highest alcoholism rate in the U.S., 48% higher than the national average.

- Epidemic suicide rates. Several studies reveal that Indians kill themselves at higher rates than all groups.

- Among the highest fetal and highway death rates.

- High school drop out rates exceeding 64%.

- Severely substandard housing and health care.

c. Failure of the System and Discrimination.

The failure of America to meet its moral and legal obligations to Indian people is a matter of historical fact. Relative to employment, unkept promises, broken treaties, breached contracts and non-enforcement of Federal Indian Preference, EEO and other employment laws have acted to exclude Indians from economic opportunity.

Discrimination by contractors and other employers both on and near reservations is

still rampant. Additionally, many federal/state agencies and contractors continue to ignore or resist their legal responsibility to enforce or comply with, as the case may be, Indian Preference specifications.

d. Federal Budget Cuts

Congress's "Contract with America" mandates a cut in Federal spending on social programs. By virtue of the acute economic and social conditions that exist on most reservations, tribes are heavily dependent on trust funds and federally funded social programs. While trust funds do not appear to be in jeopardy at this time, any cuts to reservation federal assistance programs would only act to further ravage Indian communities.

7. ISN'T INDIAN PREFERENCE 'REVERSE DISCRIMINATION'?

No. There is no such thing as reverse discrimination. Simply stated, discrimination is discrimination no matter who does it to whom. Indian preference is defined as a political preference not a racial one. which exists because of the nation-to-nation relationship America has always enjoyed with Tribes since Columbian times. TERO's do not violate any U.S. Equal Protection Laws.

In (*Morton vs. Mancari*) the court held that "the preference as applied, is granted to Indians not as a discrete racial group but rather as members of quasi-sovereign tribal entities." Subsequently, the Indian Preference classification is not racially but politically based and as such does not violate Title VII or any other Federal Employment law.

8. WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF TERO JURISDICTION?

To the extent of what is legally described or defined by treaty or legislation which is the exterior boundaries of the reservation including ceded territories and lands where jurisdiction has not been extinguished.

9. DOESN'T TERO DO AWAY WITH THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND FAIR COMPETITION?

No. It provides preference to bona-fide and qualified Indian businesses on projects on or near Indian reservations or lands. As with employment contracting preference is permissible or required under Federal, Tribal, State or other local laws. Preference is not provided to the exclusion of other businesses and price & quality are still primary considerations.

10. ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS TO TERO REQUIREMENTS?

Yes, there are several exemptions. Direct employment by Federal/State governments, schools, churches and some non-profits are not covered by the TERO. Some tribes also exempt themselves from TERO coverage. It is important to note however, that any contract or sub-contract let by any of these entities is covered by TERO.

**Alcohol Kills!
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**CHOOSE TRADITION
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Know the consequences of
alcohol and drug abuse

A message from
United National Indian Tribal Youth

UofM March Starwatch..

March goes out like a lion this year, thanks to the equinox, a lunar eclipse and terrific appearances by Mars and Comet Hale-Bopp, all in the second half of the month. Behind all this solar system activity, the winter stars are dropping out of the sky to make way for Leo, Bootes and other harbingers of spring.

Jupiter climbs into the southeastern sky in the predawn hours, getting higher as the month goes by. Venus, Mercury and Saturn are all too near the sun for good viewing.

But Mars makes up for all the no-shows. Come the 17th, while many of us will be wearing a bit o' green for St. Patrick's Day, the night sky will be decked in red as Mars traverses the heavens from dusk to dawn. The mysterious planet will be directly opposite the sun and thus as close to Earth as it will get for a while, not to mention quite ruddy and bright. Look for it below the tail of Leo, in the east during the evening hours.

The moon wanes away to new on the 8th, then sends forth its thin but growing crescent into the evening sky. On the night of the 23rd, the full moon sails through the upper part of Earth's conical inner shadow, or umbra, and we'll have a near-total lunar eclipse. Only a thin sliver of the moon's upper edge will escape. The moon enters the umbra at 8:58 p.m. CST and reaches the midpoint of its dark journey at 10:39 p.m. At 12:22 a.m. the moon slips out of the umbra and the major part of the eclipse will be over. The full moon of March is called the sap moon, crow moon or Lenten moon. Comet Hale-Bopp has been hanging in the morning sky, but for much of March it will be visible in the north both morning and evening. For viewers above 45 degrees north latitude, the head of the comet should be visible all night long in late March. The best days to see it will be March 26 through April 8, when the sky will be moonless right after dusk. As usual with comets, very dark skies away from city lights will give the best chance of seeing the comet head and tail. Hale-Bopp comes closest to Earth on

the 22nd, when it will be 122 million miles away. Its closest approach to the sun will be 85 million miles, on April 1.

Comets are believed to be among the most ancient residents of the solar system, probably having formed along with the sun and planets 4.5 billion years ago. They may contain the primordial material from which the solar system formed, and may have supplied some of the water that produced the oceans by bombarding the young Earth. Comets come from two areas far out in the solar system. Some hail from the Kuiper Belt, a disk of icy rocks beyond the orbit of Neptune. Others come from the Oort Cloud, a much bigger area that may sprawl to 9 trillion miles from the sun--halfway to Alpha Centauri, the sun's nearest neighbor star. Comets from the Oort Cloud appear in our heck of the woods when they get knocked out of their former orbits by gravity from a star or a cloud of gas and dust in which new stars are being born. Astrophysicists believe Hale-Bopp suffered such a fate perhaps 30,000 years ago. Hale-Bopp orbits the sun about once every 3,000 years, so none of us will see it again. Comets that take less than 200 years to orbit are believed to have come from the Kuiper Belt.

The Beehive cluster, a large starry patch that bears a passing resemblance to a comet, appears due south in the evening. Also known as Praesepe (pre-SEE-pee), or the manger, the Beehive marks the vanishingly dim constellation Cancer. Look for it east of Gemini, west of the Sickle of stars in Leo.

The vernal equinox arrives at 7:57 a.m. CST on the 20th. At that moment the sun will cross over the Equator into the northern sky. The sun will also be moving most rapidly north at that time. That's why, even though the days lengthen right up to the summer solstice in June, it's easiest to notice the lengthening in March. *Starwatch is a monthly guide to the night sky in the Upper Midwest. For a taped version from the University of Minnesota astronomy department, call (612) 624-2001.*

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

JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS.

Fortune Bay Resort and Casino is announcing the following job opportunities.

1. CONTROLLER

The candidate must be highly organized and have proven experience in providing the financial direction and asset management of gaming and hospitality operations. A Masters Degree in Business Administration and Certified Public Accountant licensure is required for the post.

2. HOTEL/RESORT ACCOUNTANT

The candidate must be a Hotel Accountant with a strong background in computerized accounting to set-up and maintain the accounting system for its new resort complex. A Bachelors Degree in Accounting and three years hotel accounting experience is preferred.

3. EXECUTIVE CHEF

Fortune Bay Resort and Casino is looking for an experienced Executive Chef to provide leadership, training, personnel management and cuisine development to its eager and talented staff of the new Tamarack Dining Room. The candidate must have four years minimum experience as an Executive Chef.

4. DINING ROOM SUPERVISOR

Fortune Bay Resort and Casino needs the immediate services of an experienced Dining Room Supervisor to provide training, scheduling and direct supervision to its employees of the new Tamarack Dining Room. The candidate must have a

minimum of five years experience in a supervisory position and experience in training dining room wait staff.

5. PAYROLL CLERK/OPERATIONS ANALYST

We are looking for a highly organized individual who has payroll accounting experience and an ability to analyze numbers and trends. A four year degree in accounting or business management with an emphasis in statistics or analysis is preferred for this technical job. The candidate must have high computer skills and be proficient in spreadsheets, word processing, financial analysis and data interpretation.

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Please send resumes, letters of application and salary requirements to:

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

Fortune Bay Resort and Casino

1430 Bois Forte Road

Tower, MN 55792

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CHILD BULLIES OR IS BULLIED

It is not uncommon for children to bully and be bullied. However, children who are bullied a lot can lose self-confidence and even become depressed. Children who get away with bullying learn that to use extreme pressure in life is acceptable. Here are some ideas that will help to counteract these problems.

BULLYING:

When strong arguing, forceful teasing, fighting, and being ready to fight become fairly frequent in your child's behavior, try to:

- Give clear, firm rules against hurting others. Reason with your child as you give rules to help him put himself in others' shoes. Make sure a penalty is given when a rule is broken.

- Help your child resolve arguments. Teach compromising, discussing solutions, dividing, and tossing a coin, for example.

- Praise and encourage your child's strengths and also when just good effort is being shown. Over time, this quietly teaches your standards and builds his self-confidence so that he won't feel a need to bully.

- Make "doing good" a standing project in your family. Assign family and neighborhood activities on a chart to define what

your child can do to make others feel good. This counteracts self-centeredness and helps your child make friends.

- Turn off violent TV shows and make sure your child is not with a group that bullies.

BEING BULLIED:

Generally teach your child not to be pulled into arguments and fights. when he is confronted, teach him to:

- Not give in. The child who reacts with fear, tears, or by providing what the bully wants gets picked on again.

- Tell the bully he is not frightened and will not give in. Then repeat "I'm stronger than I think" in his head and walk away. Looking bored, not replying and walking away will also work if your child is very young. These unemotional reactions to bullies should be practiced many times by your child while he stands in front of a mirror.

- Use a straightforward but kind approach to the bully at a later time when he and the bully are alone. Your child should state "If you want to be my friend enough not to (whatever the offense), I want to be your friend." Teach him not to criticize the bully or make demands - this brings revenge. To defuse confrontations in this way is an excellent life-long skill to learn.

- Realize that being a clown in class or arguing a lot tends to bring on bullying by others.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor of Bois Forte News
Axel Holmes.

I hope you will include my letter in your next edition of the paper. (You didn't even have to ask for it.)

An Open Letter to Bois Forte

This has taken me 2 months to write.

I suspect you all have realized that I am no longer employed at Bois Forte, Human Services. The circumstances was beyond my control. But to assist me to put a closure to this chapter of my life, there are a few things that need to be said.

I wanted to let my co-workers know, how much I enjoyed working with them and how much I miss seeing them. Some of you will always be close to my heart and I believe you know who you are.

And to the many clients I have seen, I want you to know that I had always fought hard for your children as I would my very own. Tho I may not have been able to give everyone the intense attention as some, I did the best I could. I was deeply committed to justice for Indian children and families and if I had been given a choice, I would of continued to assertively and aggressively (when needed) to uphold your rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act, Minnesota Indian Heritage Preservation Act, along with the Sovereignty of Bois Forte. All that can be said now is a message to all of you to never give up no matter how hopeless it may seem.

Because I do, and have felt that native people are brothers and sisters. We all need to stand together, support and respect each other for who we are without judgement. I know also the Creator has another purpose for me and that things always happen for a reason. I try to find comfort in that. But it is difficult, when I and others have thought and know I was doing my job.

Mii Gwitch! and Boo Zhou.

Sincerely

Susan Strand

Tribal Court..

December 1996

Mark Edward Isham, 35, Driving under Influence; 30 days suspended for six months; fined \$400.

Lonny Warren Benner, 21, Malicious Mischief, dismissed without prejudice
Waylon Wayne Drift, 20, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, 30 days suspended for six months, fined \$750; No Drivers License, dismissed.

January 8, 1997

Wendy Lou Morrison, 42, Driving under Influence, jury finds the defendant not guilty.

January 14, 1997

Francis Joseph Goosky, 18, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75; Illegal Use of Intoxicating Beverages/Alcohol, 30 days suspended for six months; fined \$100; public intoxication dismissed.

Adam Joseph Sadewasser, 18, Illegal Use of Intoxicating Beverages/Alcohol, failed to appear, warrant issued.

Conrad Allen King, 22, Driving after Suspension, failed to appear, warrant issued.

Bartholamy Jake Drift, 22, Probation Violation, failed to appear, warrant issued.
Nancy Marie Morrison, 24, Probation Violation, failed to appear, warrant issued.
E. Curtis Goodsky, 30, Contribute to Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed; Furnish Intoxicants to Minor, 20 days suspended for six months; fined \$750.

Guy Edward Hackey, 40, Probation Violation, sentenced to 30 days.

Clarence Ernest Day, Theft of Services; Fraud, ten days, credit for time served, eight days suspended for six months; fined \$300, \$736.18 restitution ordered.

January 20, 1997

Conrad Allen King, 22, Driving after Suspension, two days suspended for four months; fined \$150.

January 31, 1997

Axel James Holmes, Jr., 37, Probation Violation, failed to appear, warrant issued.
Angela Geraldine Buckanaga, 18, Illegal Use of Intoxicating Beverages/Alcohol; five days suspended for three months; fined \$150 or to perform community service work.

William Wayne Deegan, 32, Probation Violation, probation period extended sixty days.

Mary Frances Boshey, 34, Probation Violation, probation period extended two months to serve 15 days under Huber.

Loralee Tennant, Order to Show Cause, continued two weeks.

Michael Wayne King, 21, Escape, 1st Degree, fined \$1,000; 180 days, theft by receiving, 10 days concurrent, fined \$200, credit for time served; malicious mischief, deferred six months; theft and probation violation dismissed.

February 12, 1997

Mark Lawrence Littlewolf, 21, Assault, 3rd, Disorderly Conduct, failed to appear, warrant issued.

Robert Edward Keezer, Driving under Influence; Driving after Revocation, failed to appear, warrant issued.

Diane Lynn Brown, 24, Probation Violation, failed to appear, warrant issued.

Bartholamy Jake Drift, 22, Probation Violation, 30 days, credit for time served, 10 days suspended.

John Vernon Day, 31, Driving after Revocation, ten days suspended on condition defendant pays \$300 fine, or performs community service work.

Eric Brent King, 21, Careless or Negligent Driving, ten days suspended on condition defendant pays \$150 fine, or performs 30 hours community service work.

Francis Peter Isham, 44, Coercion, 90 days suspended for six months; fined \$500 or to perform community service work.

Charlene Denise Hindsley, 21, No Drivers License, fined \$100 or to perform community service work.

Midwinter pow-wow!

by Linda Tibbetts-Barto

"Everybody dance, Everybody dance!", was the invitation of the Master of Ceremonies at the Mid-winter Pow-wow held on Saturday, February 22, 1997.

It was a wonderful site to see everyone in attendance at the pow-wow. There were approximately two hundred fifty to three hundred there. The dance regalia showed bright and vibrant colors as the dancers twirled, zigzagged and stepped to the drums songs of the singers. The many young people who participated seemed to be having a fun time. We had a total of one hundred to about one hundred twenty dancers. There were eight drums from the local areas as well as Red Lake, Seine River with special guests from Northwest Bay and of course as usual, the food was tremendous. The feast was superb and we would like to thank all of you who helped and donated the chow for the feast. The pow-wow committee would like to extend a special thank you to Kelly King for the excellent coordination of the feast.

The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn.

—David Russell

March birthdays...

01 - Carlene A Adams-Duncan, Louis D Jordan, Joseph L Stanaway

02 - Gina M Anderson, Janet L Autio, John V Day, Mary J Goodman, Nancy L Grauman

03 - Loretta L Emery, Laura J Geshick, Philamay E Lightfeather, Teresa L Sam, William E Tolrud

04 - Mary B Henderson, Barbarina Hursh
05 - Marjorie L Cripe, Herbert King, Jonas J King, Teresa M Morrison, Jacqueline R McKeon, Darlene F Nelson, E Lois Siiro, Robert Strong Jr

06 - Mary A Coonts, Jeanette Deegan, Milton E Geshick, Rachelle R Isham, Steven M Mihelich, Charles A McDougall, Timothy L Rowlette, Roger L Wakemup

07 - Sharon M Day-Garcia, Loretta E Holmes, Walter King, Sandra K Van Vickie

08 - Frederick G Brown, Patrick J Connor, Ada M Johnson, Jacqueline K Koski, Lila Miller, John C Negley, Lorraine L Villebrun

09 - William W Deegan, Garrick J Konczak

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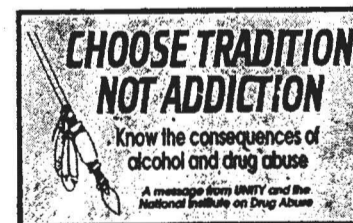
The least popular? A tie, the 4th, 21st and 22nd with two each.

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Hi there everybody! This is Cisco and am I ever happy to share this good news with everyone. I and Danny have a new family member. Her name is Christina Ann Bowstring. Well on the 24th day of January 1997, our oldest son Kent L. Isham and her exchanged wedding vows!!!! So now Chris and Kent are a Mr. and Mrs. Kent L. Isham.

It just makes me get goose pimples to think how romantic it is when you see someone really in love. They asked I and Danny to be their witnesses. That in itself was an honor. Oh, I am so happy for them. At weddings I usually get all cracked up and almost feel like I'm going to cry. Anyway, we just want her to feel accepted into the family.

That very special day was also Nancy's golden birthday.



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