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Self-Governance Report

REPORT ON SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT

FISCAL YEAR 1996

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa has submitted the following Self-Governance annual report that contains budget data, program highlights and executive summary for Fiscal Year 1996.

We are pleased with the compact and feel our program accomplishments reflect a successful year in meeting our objectives to improve the quality of life for our Membership.

The goal of the Bois Forte Band is to create a social and economic environment that will improve the quality of life for their membership. The Fiscal Year 1996 Self Governance Compact provided the Governing Body of the Tribe to manage and design programs that enhanced their ability to improve the delivery of services to meet the stated goals. Program changes that had a direct benefit to the people can be identified in the following service areas; Higher Education funds, Adult Education funds and Tribal resources were combined which provided scholarships to all Tribal members who applied and were approved to attend College or Technical School. This represents approximately a fifty per cent (50%) increase in members attending college. Executive Direction and Administrative funds that were previously used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs were redirected to increase educational scholarships, expand our Judicial Services Program and to consolidate Tribal Natural Resources programs. This helped to facilitate the establishment of a water quality laboratory on the Reservation which will assist in the protection of the surface (lake) and drinking water. A Human Services Division was established that consolidated all Social Service programs both Federal and State of Minnesota which improved the delivery of services to clients in our service area, and allowed the Tribe to obtain additional outside funding for new services. The Operation and Maintenance funds in the compact and other program resources allowed for the development of a Public Works Department. This program not only allows for a more efficient use of current Tribal equipment, in addition it will provide a program to inventory, maintain, and manage the equipment to be used by all programs on the reservation. The Tribe has assumed the responsibility of day to day direction of the Law Enforcement program. This will enhance the Tribes ability to provide increased protection to the membership and their enterprises by establishing management agreements with the State and Local Enforcement Agencies.

The Self Governance Compact has allowed the Bois Forte Band through each Program Director the flexibility to establish their own operating budget and create program savings to meet long range goals.

FACILITIES OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Subsequent to compacting available funds to operate and provide daily maintenance (as opposed to major facilities replacements which is a separate BIA fund and not compacted) to the Law Enforcement Center, Roads Garage and Forestry Building, a Public Works Department was set up within the Community Development Division. A Public Works Director position was created and filled. This person became responsible for overall maintenance of all RTC buildings as well as those added by compacting O & M from the BIA. The final figure of \$43,021 of direct funding received under the compact did cover the actual O & M costs but only because we did not fill the Public Works position until late in the year. According to the accounting office we have a direct program balance of \$11,123 as of 9/96.

A study of costs will need to be done to determine a comfortable figure for FY 97. There is also a need to hire at least one more person to have sufficient personnel in the Public Works Department. There was discussion at one point of hiring a mechanic who could also operate equipment to help maintain vehicles and perform maintenance tasks.

ROADS MAINTENANCE

This program consists of one Equipment Operator. The Equipment Operator is charged with maintaining all roads in the Nett Lake sector; including traveling, grading, repairing culverts and snow plowing. This is really not sufficient to conduct road maintenance duties throughout even the Nett Lake sector of the Reservation. The Vermilion sector has largely been maintained through the excellent cooperation of St. Louis County Roads Department. Due largely to the fact that we did not know what the overall compacted budget would be, expenditures were made judiciously (perhaps even frugally) to make sure there was sufficient funding to go through the year. According to the accounting office there is a program balance of \$18,000 in this fund.

For next year we should consider adding an additional operator during the summer months, expanding the equipment reserve line item for major replacements and adding to the supplies budget for travel, gas and culverts to substantially improve forest access roads.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT

This program was the subject of TBD (to be determined) for most of FY 96. As such no expenditures for actual housing improvements were made. A HIP Coordinator position was funded, however, who also served as the Coordinator of a number of State Programs (Energy Assistance, Emergency Food and Clothing, Emergency Heat, MEOG, etc.) as well. A short time after a budget became available under this program, the HIP Coordinator resigned. So no construction activity was carried out during FY 96. According to the accounting office there is approximately \$7,500 in program funds

1854 Treaty report...



Millard "Sonny" Myers, 1854 Director

Growing up in the Duluth area, I never had the opportunity to learn the Ojibwe language. While I was attending college I took two quarters with an instructor from Canada and began to learn the language. Since then, though, I have had no opportunity to converse and consequently have lost all that I learned. I would like to use some Ojibwe words as description in upcoming articles, and so starting today I have given this column a new name. Let me also state that if my spelling or dialect needs correcting, please drop me a note, I will not be offended.

I would like to share with you what is on the horizon in regards to *maingan* or wolf in our homeland. As you know, the wolf has been protected in Minnesota for quite some time now, but we are on the brink of seeing this animal delisted from the Federal Endangered Species list and soon management authority for this animal will be handed over to the State of Minnesota. This action will realistically happen within the next few years and we as band members have the opportunity to be intimately involved in this process as it unfolds. As stated in a previous article the 1854 Authority is a technical consultant on the new Eastern Timber Wolf Recovery Team. The charge of the new recovery team is to determine if the criteria originally outlined has been met and should the delisting process move forward. My observation of the delisting matter is that it is not a question of "if" but "when" and it is imperative that we begin the thinking process now. With our Sovereign status and our rights to the natural resources of the 1854 Treaty Area, we could, and should, have a heavily weighed impact on future management of wolves in Minnesota.

To broaden your scope of thinking, let

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available to be carried over into FY 97. In order to carry out a respectable Home Improvement Program there needs to be a significant increase in appropriations to this fund.

LEASING

This program was the subject of much debate in FY 96 in terms of the scope of the program and numbers of staff to carry it out. Currently the leasing program consists of the Leasing Manager. This individual handles the accounts for all current leases and for all lease requests. She has updated appraisal information for the leases on Lake Vermilion and Pelican Lake. She has continued to be paid out of leasing revenues. Under the Real Estate compacted funds we have a carry over of about \$20,000 according to the accounting office.

The carry over could easily be budgeted to the provision of housing site surveys during FY 97 as we have a critical need for additional home site at Nett Lake and Lake Vermilion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This fund has been utilized as a rainy day fund for small economic development needs including consulting services. This program has also been budgeted by the Planning Department for travel, equipment and supplies. This allows a subsidy to other grants administered by the Planning Department and ensures sufficient support for equipment, supplies and travel when outside the scope of other programs.

There is a carry over of about \$11,000 in this fund for FY 97. Budgeting for FY 97 would be at the complete discretion of the RTC as one can never have too much economic development financing available.

COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

This fund has historically been used by the RTC to support the costs of fire protection contracts with Orr Fire Department for Indian Point, and Greenwood Fire Department for Lake Vermilion.

CONSERVATION/FORESTRY/WATER RESOURCES

A number of advantages have accrued to the Bois Forte Forestry Department as a result of the Self-Governance compact. Some of the major specific advantages are:

1. The ability to manage our own timber resources.
2. Approval of expenditures and projects is by the RTC.
3. We do not have to comply with unreasonable, outdated BIA regulations.
4. Approval of timber sales is by the RTC.
5. Reporting is to the Tribal Council.
6. We have been able to carry over funds to increase projects, prevention activities, and long term planning.
7. We have been able to build a water testing laboratory which will reduce our community water supply testing expense and afford possible future opportunities to generate income by testing for others.

Perhaps the most important aspect of Self-Governance is being in control of our own

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School News

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

It is time for the Nett Lake Community and the Bois Forte Tribal Council to act in regard to the State of Minnesota funding of education. How the State Legislature votes on education has a great impact on the Nett Lake School District .

The State of Minnesota currently has a \$2.3 billion surplus and legislators have spent the last several months deciding how to spend this money. All major areas of the state's budget have been allocated on inflationary increases. Some budget areas have received a great deal more than inflationary increases. There is only one major area of the state's budget that has not yet benefited from this huge surplus - **public schools**.

For some reason, public schools have been left out. The House education bill provides for an \$83/pupil increase in the education funding formula over the next two years. The senate only provides \$75/pupil during the same period. Other areas of the state budget are receiving significant support compared to education. This is strange since educating our children affects more people in this state than any other area of the state budget.

At a time when the state is sitting on this large surplus, you would think that providing adequate funding for schools would be easy to do. It seems difficult for legislators and the governor to take this action. The current proposals of \$83 in the House, and \$75 in the Senate are inadequate and fail to meet the needs of our public school children. Our school needs more funds to help our children. If we can't provide these necessary funds at a time when we have this huge \$2.3 billion surplus, then when are we going to do it. It's not too late to make a difference for our children. Community people and Tribal Council members call your legislators today and urge them to adequately fund schools by increasing the education funding formula. The telephone numbers and addresses for state legislators representing our area are: Senator Douglas Johnson, 205 Capital, St. Paul, Minn. 55155, (612) 296-8881, and Representative Thomas Bakk, Minnesota House of Representatives, St. Paul, Minn. 55155 - (612) 296-2190.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: Temporary Full-Time Secretary/Bookkeeper
LOCATION: Bois Forte Housing Authority
OPENING DATE: April 29, 1997
CLOSING DATE: May 14, 1997
SALARY: \$8.17 per hour

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: Cynthia White-Glasel, Director Housing Authority
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE: High school diploma or equivalent, prior in office experience of 1 year. Knowledge of Microsoft and Excell preferred. Must know WP 6.0 and Lotus. Accounts payable and receivable desired. Good communication skills, writing, filing and general office routine a must.

MAJOR DUTIES: Reads and routes incoming mail. Locates and attaches appropriate file to correspondence to be answered by employer or appropriate person. Composes and types routine correspondence. File correspondence and other records. Answers telephone and gives information to callers or routes call to appropriate official and places outgoing calls. Greets visitors, ascertains nature of business, and conducts visitors to employer or appropriate person. Make copies of correspondence or other printed matter. Prepares outgoing mail. Summarized details in separate ledgers or computer files and transfers data to general ledger. To be assigned accounts payable/accounts receivable, receipt of tenant payment, bank receipts, balance checkbook. Will also assist Tenant Services and Executive Director.

Valid MN driver's license, reliable vehicle and insurance, preferred but not required.

Please send completed application, and/or a resume and cover letter to:

Cynthia White-Glasel, Executive Director
 Bois Forte Housing Authority
 P.O. Box 12, Nett Lake, MN 55772

Indian Preference will apply.
 No phone calls please.

New Lives Collaborative....



Margaret Benner, New Lives

Ah-noon! I thought this would be a good idea to announce the winner of our LOGO contest. But before I do that - I would like to take the time to THANK John Villebrun and Dion Porter for submitting their drawings and appreciate their interest in this contest. We had our regular monthly "New Lives Collaborative" Core Group meeting on April 22, 1997. I brought the talented drawings to our meeting and we decided that they were all very good and wished we could have used each one. Brenda Dettman, Community Consultant from the Duluth Clinic donated \$25.00 to each runner-up because they were all excellent. Next, we decided to let the community vote and were set-up for that on Tuesday, April 22, 3:30-6:30 in Nett Lake, and Wednesday, April 23rd at Vermilion at Ke Zha Wus So Center. We did this during

the Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Awareness Week. The winner of this contest is Donald L. Chosa Jr. Congratulations!! The New Lives Collaborative Team is very excited about getting our brochures printed up, which will happen real soon. We had 2 - Door prizes (\$21.00 bingo packs) for the voters, and the winner for Nett Lake was Ray Villebrun, for Vermilion was Richard Miller. No, I didn't do the drawings for the door prizes (haha). I would also like to thank those people who came to vote. Reminder: New Lives has monthly Nutrition and Parenting workshops held in the E.C.F.E. room, and at the Vermilion Center. I want to encourage anyone or everyone to attend these. We are getting these services free from the Minnesota Extension Service and the Duluth Clinic and wouldn't want to see these discontinued. I will post them when they are being held. Until next time.... I am submitting the winner of the LOGO drawing.



Patricia Fairbanks speaking at the National Honor Society Awards recently.

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I attended the Bi-Annual Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indian Programs Tribal Consultation Hearing at the Fond Du Lac Tribal College on April 24, 1997. The purpose of the hearing was to hear testimonies from School Administrators, Superintendents and Tribal Education Directors who are directly involved with the concepts of the Bureau of Indian Affairs operated Tribal Schools. We heard testimonies from the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe, Bug o Nay Geshig, Nay Ah Shing and The Circle of Life Schools. The Bois Forte (Nett Lake) is a State operated school and we are very fortunate because we don't have to worry about problems with the maintenance, utilities and technology costs that some of the BIA schools are having. I have a concern for The Strategic Plan for the Office of Indian Education Programs. I am preparing a written testimony on 25CFR40, section 40.4 item 6. which says; a statement agreeing for students to repay the education grant if they fail to enroll, withdraw in a proper manner or are expelled, unless there are mitigating circumstances. The Bois Forte Tribal Education Department is finally showing statistics on the growing number of resident Reservation enrollees who are completing their GED's and continuing their education by attending the area community colleges and Vocational schools. We are proud of our students who have achieved by getting on the Dean's list for Winter Quarter. They requested to keep this information quiet. Section 40.11 states that we need to identify ways of collecting the grant money, if a student fails to meet the agreements. Number 6, part (b); By November 1, of each year, the Tribal Education Director will submit a Higher Education Grant Annual Report for the preceding academic year to the Director of the Office of Indian Education Program, in Washington, D.C.

I also attended the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at the Kelly Inn in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Nett Lake School was awarded \$46,508.17 for the Post Secondary Preparation Program for funding year 1998. The St. Louis County Schools were awarded \$44,402.17 for the first time. Twenty-One schools were

funded out of the 36 eligible applicants, so we are expecting the remaining 15 schools to make their appeals. Michelle M. Leecy, Bois Forte Band Member, who is attending the Fond du Lac Community College is the recipient of the Ethel Curry, Scholarship, in the Undergraduate level. She will be receiving \$3,000.00 for the 1997-98 school year. She is majoring in Law Enforcement. There were 21 eligible applicants, 11 were Graduate students and 10 were Undergraduates. They are enrollees from Bois Forte, White Earth, Leech Lake and the Red Lake Reservations. The Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program's QUARTERLY report dated, 4/11/97 shows that 58 Bois Forte Students were funded for \$109,219.00 so far. it will be more than that when the school year ends. Joe Aitken informed us that he will be funding some summer students, and as usual, we submitted our students names to him.

Funds appropriated by Congress-Authority: 25 U.S.C. Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (65 Statute 1262)

Section 40.8 part D. - Students to remain eligible for continued funding, must submit a grade report or transcript for each term to the Bois Forte Tribal Education Program. Reminder letters were sent by certified mail on April 11, 1997, to the students who did not submit their Winter Quarter grades/transcripts. Failure to do so will DELAY their next quarter funding. There are students who are on the semester system, whose grades will be sent when the semester ends.

Twelve Orr High School Senior graduates will be receiving \$100.00 each from the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council and the Tribal Education Department. \$500.00 will be awarded to the High school graduate with the highest Grade Point Average. There are no graduates from the Tower High School.

Gerald Wayne Chicag, Jr., Bois Forte enrollee, graduated from the Universal Technical Institute, Phoenix, Arizona on May 2, 1997, with honors. His major is Automotive/Diesel Mechanics. Congratulations!

Submitted by: *Joanne Donald, Director*

A POND OF PROBLEMS

Contributed by *Shante Drift*

When a person throws a rock into a clear and calm pond, it ~~makes~~ a splash and sends out ripples. Eventually the ripples pass and fade out. Well, that what happened with our ancestors and the spirit of change but we are still stuck in the ripples. It's not our ancestor's fault, it's ours because we don't try to get out of the ripples.

The ripples are: Money, Power, Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling and anything negative, the loss of the gifts and the great spirit or god, the harmony and balance. We are selling ourselves, each other, the kids and also the future generations out.

If I don't believe we can get this unique way of life back and get out of the ripples, then I'd have lost my faith and let go of my hope. I asked myself this question. "Is this the kind of a reservation life I want to leave for my children and my children's children as well as the generations to come. I also think of the other ripples that are coming.

Drugs are illegal, but, if you drink and /or gamble, don't let it run and ruin your life.

There is a unique way to get this for ourselves, the children, and the generations to come. We start with ourselves, the simple unique gestures, the belief in God or the Great Spirit. Start to learn how to use the money, power, and politics in a positive way and to restore the gifts.

"The pond is made of tears that came from the ones that passed on and are now looking down upon us."

The Great Spirit or God are here to guide and help us. Nature is still trying to teach us. It's All Possible.

Newport Pee Wee B team nets state championship

PROVIDENCE - Rob Bennett scored midway through the third period off assists from David Sayer and Craig Goodsky to lift the Newport County Youth Hockey Association Pee Wee B Whalers to a 5-4 victory over the Edgewood Hawks in the State League Championship Sunday.

Bennett's goal, at the 8:28-mark, broke a 4-4 tie. Dana Hardy, Tim Gallison, Ben Wickes and Goodsky also scored for Newport, with assists credited to Sayer (2), Goodsky (2), Neal Biddick, Wickes and Bennett.

On Friday, Dale made 10 saves to lead Newport to a 7-1 playoff win over Providence.

With the score tied at 1-1, Newport exploded for six unanswered goals in the second period to take the win. Gallison and Goodsky each scored two goals in the period.....

The Newport Pee Wee B Whalers blasted West Bay 8-2 in the second round of state league playoff action.

Craig Goodsky opened the scoring with two short-handed goals thirty seconds apart in the first period. Goodsky was assisted on both goals by Tim Gallison.

MIDDLETON - The Newport Pee Wee B Whalers knocked off first-place Edgewood 4-1 Sunday at St. George's School.

Newport took the lead for good on Ryan Mahoney's unassisted goal at the 5:27-mark in the second period. Dana Hardy added a goal off an assist from Craig Goodsky to make the score 3-1.

Goodsky scored in the third period off a nice feed from Tim Gallison for the game's final score.....



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Axel J. Holmes Sr. — Editor

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In the News...

April 5, 1997

Dear Mr. Axel Holmes.

I am writing to you in hopes that you might print an article in the Bois Forte News about my son, Craig, and his accomplishments. I am very proud of him. he's a wonderful son.

Craig is 13 yrs old and in the 7th grade. He is an Honor Roll student and an accomplished athlete. His athletic ability is what I am writing to you about. This was Craig's second year of playing youth hockey. He is a center and on occasion he will play defense right wing. He is very talented. He scored a total of 17 goals and 24 assists throughout the regular league games, not including the scrimmages. This year the team he played with the "Newport Whalers" won the State Championship for the Pee Wee B division. Our team was in second place, up until the playoffs. Last year our team was in last place. It was a mighty duck type thing.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Craig. "Thank you for keeping your grades up and for being such a wonderful team member, your enthusiasm is outstanding. Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars, son. With all our love and support,

Your loving family."

I am including a copy of some articles from the local newspaper about the State Playoffs and a photo of Craig.

Thank you Mr. Holmes for your time.

s Lela M Correa

Pelican Bay

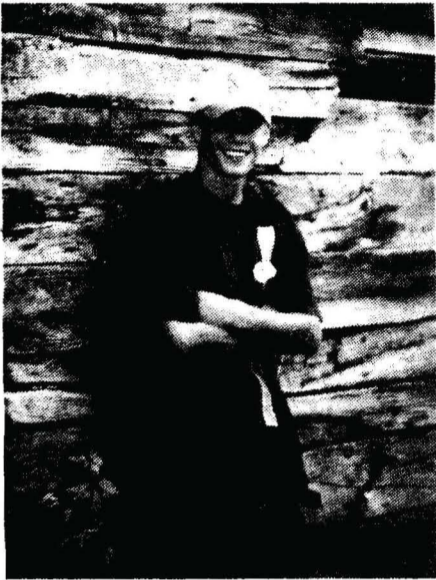


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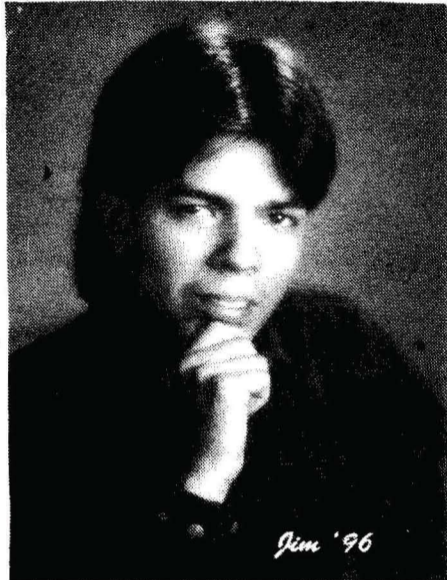
- Expanded Grocery Store with:
 - ✓ Complete Fresh Meat Dept.
 - ✓ Large Fresh Produce Section
- Bakery and Deli

Pelican Bay IGA is three times larger than the old Paul's IGA. You will find a well-stocked, fresh produce department, an extensive array of fresh meats for your selection, as well as row upon row of groceries and household items of your choice. A full-service in-store bakery and deli round out your shopping trip to Pelican Bay IGA where you can relax and enjoy some of our deli specialties while seated in a booth in the cheery coffee shop right in the store!

Here's To You! GRADUATES



Jonathan Barto



Daniel James Boney



Gina Boshey



Wendy Drift



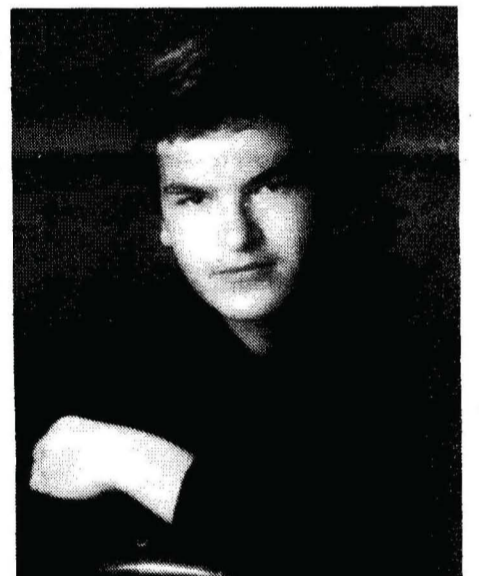
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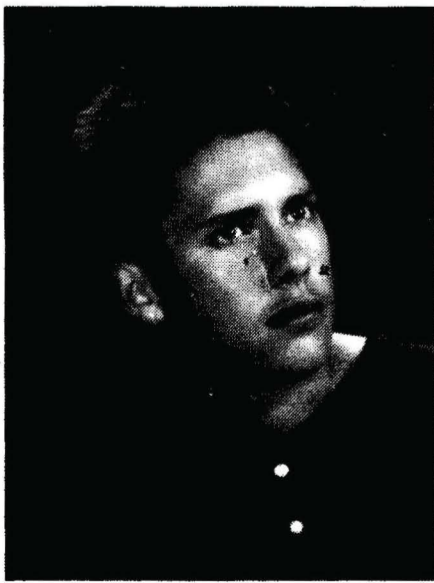
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Henry Villebrun



Angeline Whiteman



Joseph Whiteman



Kristy Zika

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS



The Colors are presented by the American Legion Color Guard and the Bois Forte Color Guard. Presenting the Bois Forte Tribal Flag was Jerome Witeman.

American Legion Post 480 dedicates their new home

It has finally happened. After much hard work and planning, the new Orr American Legion Post 480 is a fact. It was dedicated last Saturday morning with over 50 Legionnaires in attendance. The ceremony was enlightening and afterwards refreshments were served. A dinner was held that night and then a dance to kick off the new building.

Commander Neil "Skip" Hoffer, without whose leadership this building may not have become a reality, ran the dedication and kept things going.

Eight District Vice Commander Leonard Bouchie said, "Orr is a wonderful community that has backed this post. The members gave of themselves and their pocketbook for this post."

Orr mayor David Glowaski spoke of memories he had of the old Legion building and how new memories will be made of the new building. He added that the American Legion Post 480 "continues to be a very fine organization." The city of Orr was a big supporter of the new post/community building.

Mel Jacobson, who has held every position in the American Legion, gave a speech on the American Legion. He thought it was wonderful to come back to Orr from his winter stay down south and see this "wonderful" building.

The Bois Forte Drummers under the direction of Gene Goodsky, with dancer Jerome Witeman and Color Guard members Bill Lyght and R. Wilke helping, blessed the new building.

Closing prayers and then it was time to celebrate and have fun. After two tough years with many discussions being held, the new Orr American Legion Post 480/Community Building is a fact, thanks to the Legion members, the city of Orr, the IRRRB, the DNR, Fortune Bay and many more.



The Mt. Iron Eagle Scouts presented a program on the history of the American Flag from 1775 to today. It was a fantastic program.



Jerome Witeman in his authentic American Indian dress presents the Bois Forte Flag to the Orr American Legion.



Leonard Bouchie, Eighth District vice commander, commented there were few posts as energetic as this one.



Commander Neil "Skip" Hoffer was the master of ceremonies for the dedication. He steered the building project through a lot of turmoil to get it completed and is to be congratulated for his work.



Fran Ofstad, American Legion Auxiliary president, spoke of the planning and hard work of the members to get the new building built.



Former Commander and Adjutant Mel Jacobson told the assembled crowd what a beautiful homecoming the new post was for him after his winter down south. He added that this was the "beginning of a new era in our history." He complimented the auxiliary by saying that every successful post has a super auxiliary supporting them.

CONGRATULATIONS

* Health News

News from ICWA.....



Yvonne King, ICWA Director

Well, hello everyone! I would like to take this opportunity to explain what the Indian Child Welfare Program is and what the program has available to the community.

Right now, the Indian Child Welfare has a staff of four; (1) ICWA Supervisor, myself, (2) ICWA Advocate/Foster Home Worker, Angela Wright, (3) Family Based Worker, Debra Geyer-Smith, and (4) Secretary/Receptionist, Cisco Isham.

Some of the services which are provided by the ICWA program are: Support and Advocacy, this includes meeting with local Social Service Agencies, attending Court

Hearings on behalf of our clients and meeting with clients to develop a plan of action. We also work closely with families involved in our program, providing family assessments, intake and admission, coordinate family treatment plans with Indian Child Welfare staff, plan family recreation, assist families to carry out case plans. We work with Social Service Agencies for the best interest of Indian children. We assist in investigations of child abuse and neglect cases on the Bois Forte Reservation, as needed. We also coordinate available services and develop case plans for high risk individuals and families. We work other personnel to develop programs in the area of child and family services for the reservation and provide information and referral services to high risk families. We also, recruit and license foster homes within the reservations boundaries.

These services previously described are just some of the services we provide and are available for anyone who is need of them. Should anyone have questions or would like further information on the Indian Child Welfare program, please contact one of our staff at Bois Forte Human Services located at the Nett Lake School or call 218-757-0111. Until next time..

Mental Health news..



Frank Connor, Mental Health Worker

Boo-shoo! Bois Forte Mental Health wishes you good fortune and health in these warm, sunny days of spring. There is not much news from this Human Services Division. I have been in the process of filing the mental health quarterly reports, attending some meetings with St. Louis County, one meeting on Health care reform, and one with the state Department of Human Services/Mental Health Division. I have also been in Tower on Wednesdays.

Quarterly reports are for both the funding source and us to track the program participants, mission of the contract and available funds remaining. The process is complex and differs in various divisions that use other funding sources. The DHS Mental Health Division is on a calendar year so our quarterly reports are due every three months starting from January. Allan Morrisseau, the Mental Health Technician, also works for Chemical Dependency part-time and that division is on a fiscal year so their year starts in July, with quarterly

reports every three months from July. Some people (like Allan) are quite good at filing the reports, unfortunately I am not one of them and am relieved that they're all done with. Our meetings with St. Louis County are mostly of accommodation for each other, how we can help each other with the Bois Forte or Native population. We hope to build this relationship stronger in anticipation of the profound affects of welfare reform on our people. The Health Care Reform meeting was on how Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's) are handling the welfare reform act and it's implementation in Minnesota Indian reservations and Tribal enrollees. The last meeting was with the DHS/mental health division at Fortune Bay. Representation by each six Minnesota Chippewa Tribe reservations was present along with guest speakers from the Department of Human Services. Other news is this writer now meets criteria for Rule 25 assessments, but hope not to be doing very many of these type assessments...meaning that I hope chemically dependency in our population would decrease. I would invite anyone who feels a need to discuss a predicament about themselves or family to give us a call at Human Services: phone # 757-0111 Mii-gwitch

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.

Contract Health news...



Cathy Chavers, Contract Health

Since my last article a lot has changed with regard to the Bois Forte Health Services Division and the Bois Forte Contract Health Program. Currently, the Bois Forte Medical Clinic is now without the following services: Physician Assistant coverage, Family Nurse Practitioner coverage and the pharmacy in the medical clinic has been closed temporarily. Due to this provider shortage in the medical clinic we only have nine (9) days that there is physician coverage for patients. These nine (9) days are physicians from the Duluth Clinic-Int'l Falls who are providing some physician coverage. One positive note to this is that we did get two (2) days of coverage for the medical clinic at the Vermilion Reservation for the month of May, 1997. The Bois Forte Medical Clinic schedule for the month of May, 1997 is published in this edition of the Bois Forte News for your information.

Without the every day medical coverage as we have had in the past, the Bois Forte Contract Health program has increased costs as we are now having to pay outside providers for care to our people as we do not have the coverage here at Nett Lake and

Vermilion. Any patient in need of medical attention is asked to try and utilize the nine doctor days we have and two in Vermilion and if that is not possible that they seek medical care at an outside facility and notify the Contract Health office prior to their appointment for authorization. If patients have any questions or concerns on this matter they can contact the Bois Forte Contract Health program and talk to either Cathy Chavers or Connie Harju at 218-7573295.

With regard to the pharmacy, any patient in need of medications are asked to contact the Medical Receptionist at 218-757-3650 and she will in turn refer what medications are needed to the nursing staff in the clinic and they will make the necessary calls etc. to get the order filled. If a patient calls in with a medication refill and there are no refills on the prescription we are asking that patients notify our office and a referral will then be authorized to an outside clinic so the patient can get a new authorization for their prescription. Best thing to do, is if you are unsure of what to do is to call us at the contract health office and we will try and assist you in any way we can and to answer any questions you may have.

The Bois Forte Dental Clinic is now without the services of a dentist and hygienist so all of this type of care is being referred to outside facilities. If a person is in need of dental care, they are asked to contact the Bois Forte Health Services division and talk to Cathy Chavers or Connie Harju for prior authorization. If Cathy or Connie are out of the office, then contact Jeneal Goggleye, Health Director.

This whole situation with the Bois Forte Medical /Dental Clinic is somewhat confusing and at times an inconvenience to patients however we ask for your patience and cooperation in this matter and hope that in the near future that these services will once again be available.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE HARD HAT ROAD AND TIBBETTS TRAIL STREET IMPROVEMENTS BOIS FORTE RESERVATION

A public hearing will be held concerning the proposed improvements to Hard Hat Road and Tibbetts Trail which are part of the Indian Reservation Road System on the Vermilion Lake Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation. The hearing will be held as follows:

Location: Vermilion Lake Reservation Social Center

1610 Farm Road South
Tower, MN

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 1997

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Project LocaHons:

Hard Hat Road is located in Section 25, Township 62 N., Range 16 W. approximately 2 miles northwest of Tower. Tibbetts Trail is located in Section 35, Township 62 N., Range 16 W. approximately 2 miles west of Tower. Both projects are located on Tribal Trust property, within the jurisdiction of the Bois Forte Reservation.

Proposed Work: The proposed projects will consist of grading, drainage, gravel base, and bituminous surfacing. The Hard Hat Road project will include an extension to the existing road, and the Tibbetts Trail project consists of an extension of Tibbetts Trail linking it to Skogmans Road. Maps and plans will be available for review at the hearing.

Statements concerning this project may be submitted at the hearing. Written statements may be submitted to the Superintendent of the Minnesota Agency within five (5) days after the date of the hearing. Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel will be available to answer questions before and after the hearing at the addresses and phone numbers listed below. If there are questions concerning these projects, please contact the Agency Superintendent or BIA Roads personnel at the following addresses:

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Minnesota Agency
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Bemidji, MN 56601
218/751-6913
/s/ Joel Smith
Agency Superintendent

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Bemidji, MN 56601
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April 21, 1997
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AMERICAN INDIAN BABIES AT GREATEST RISK FOR SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS), BUT SIMPLE STEPS CAN SAVE LIVES, HEALTH EXPERTS SAY

American Indian babies are at greatest risk to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) -- almost three times more likely than Caucasian babies -- but there are some simple steps all parents and other caregivers can take to reduce the risk of SIDS.

SIDS is the sudden and unexplained death of an infant under one year of age. It strikes nearly 4,000 babies in the United States every year. The causes of SIDS are still unclear, and it is currently impossible to predict which infants might fall victim to SIDS.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says the most important way to reduce the incidence of SIDS, sometimes known as "crib death," is to place babies on their backs to sleep. While health experts are uncertain about the link between the stomach sleeping position and SIDS, there is some evidence that air can become trapped underneath a sleeping infant, causing the child to rebreathe exhaled air. The Academy has stated that sleeping on the back is preferred; however, the side position is considered an acceptable alternative.

Other steps that parents and caregivers can take to reduce the risk of SIDS include:

Babies should sleep on firm surfaces free of fluffy bedding and soft toys or pillows.

Expectant mothers receive early and regular prenatal care. Mothers should not smoke, drink alcohol, or use drugs (unless prescribed by a doctor) during pregnancy.

+ Create a smoke-free environment around your baby.

+ Keep the temperature in the baby's room so that it feels comfortable to adults. Babies should not get too warm when sleeping.

+ Caregivers should ensure that babies receive immunizations on schedule; and if the baby seems sick, contact the baby's doctor or clinic right away.

+ If possible, consider breast feeding your baby.

"We want to make sure this advice is

heard throughout the American Indian community," said Dr. Kermit Smith, Acting Chief Medical Officer of the Indian Health Service. "Everyone who takes care of infants needs to know how to reduce the risk for American Indian babies."

Dr. Smith added that public and private groups must redouble their efforts to reach populations with the highest incidence of SIDS - such as the American Indian community.

Dr. Smith's comments are part of the "Back To Sleep" campaign that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Clinton Administration are now expanding beyond parents to include grandparents, baby-sitters, and day care workers.

A convenient new source of SIDS information for parents and others is the Gerber Products Company, which plans to print helpful tips on the backs of three million Gerber rice cereal boxes beginning in June 1997. The Gerber Products Company will also include the message in mailings to 2.7 million parents of newborns. In addition, a recorded message about SIDS is currently playing on the Gerber toll-free information number (1-800-4-Gerber), urging parents to place their babies on their backs to sleep and to talk to their doctors for more information on infant sleep position. The message is playing on the Gerber toll-free information number 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

The NICHD and its partners in the campaign launched "Back to Sleep" in 1994.

Ambulance news...



Marcella Connor, Ambulance Director National Emergency Medical Services Week is May 1 8th May 24th. Bois Forte Ambulance Service has eighteen (18) members. Fourteen (14) Emergency Medical Technicians and four (4) Certified Drivers. The following are Ambulance personnel and years of dedicated service:

- Marcella Connor 8 years
- Allan Connor 6 years
- Floyd Morrison 6 years
- Len Thompson 6 years
- Janice Connor 4 years
- Kris Salmela 4 years
- David Danz 2 years
- Billie Mason 2 years
- Corey Strong 2 years
- Teresa Strong 2 years
- Miranda Villebrun 2 years
- Mike Connor (new) 2 months

These persons have dedicated their time to aid those that need assistance when the need is the greatest. Time has no meaning when the pager goes off, either day or night. Their only thought is that someone needs help and need to respond immediately to the emergency.

Thank these dedicated people for a job well done. They need a pat on the back for all the times they have left a family gathering, a nice warm bed or some special occasion to help others.

I would like to thank the Ambulance personnel for all their tune and endless effort in making the Bois Forte Ambulance Service a special part of the Bois Forte Health Services.

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- David Morrison Sr. 13 years
- Leslie Connor Jr 12 years
- Wendy Morrison 10 years
- Teresa Morrison 10 years

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11	12	13	14 Dr. Helleloid	15	16 Dr. Hardwig Vermilion	17
18	19 Dr. Berlin	20	21	22 Kathy Jacklyn (Audiologist)	23 Dr. Hardwig	24
25	26	27 Dr. Vergeldt	28 Dr. Helleloid	29 Dr. Knaak Vermilion	30	31

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: Full-Time Temporary Maintenance Person
LOCATION: Bois Forte Housing Authority
OPENING DATE: April 29, 1997
CLOSING DATE: May 14, 1997
SALARY: \$8.50 per hour

EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE: Vocational education in related fields and/or 2 years experience. Must be proficient in all phases of carpentry, plumbing, heating, electrical, septic systems and appliance repairs. Possession of valid driver's license. Good organization and problem solving skills. Good communication and public relations skills. Ability to work with minimal supervision.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Position requires physical fitness and stamina to perform functions including (but not limited to) heavy lifting, outdoor work, exposure to the elements, etc. On call 24 hour/day for emergencies. Regular vehicular travel throughout reservation.

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Please send completed application, and/or resume to:
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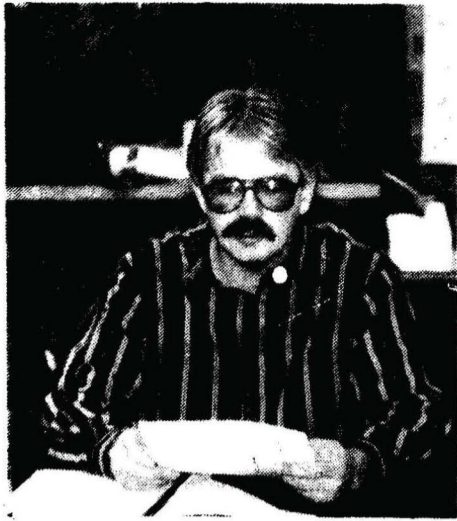
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David Danz's column...



David Danz, Reservation Planner

A public meeting was held on April 22 to allow community members to see the plans for the Senior Assisted Living Center project. Mark Speer of Architectural Resources was here with some large scale drawings of the facility and of the individual living quarters. A number of elders, health staff and Tribal Council members Doris Isham and Mona Villebrun were on hand for the presentation. I was pleased to have folks come, ask questions and comment on this project while in the design phase.

As a result of this meeting, the architects are back at their shop working on engineering requirements for utilities and the full scale drawings and construction specifications. We will be completing the topographic survey of the site very soon. It is anticipated that the bid package will be prepared for publishing in the Builders Exchange in early June. Hopefully we'll receive competitive bids and construction can begin sometime this summer.

I spent a couple of days with Bill Connelly, Director of the Minnesota Indian Economic Development Fund. Bill's program is a Statewide loan program for Indian owned businesses. He was also in the banking business for a number of years. A couple months back, Bill offered to assist the Band with its business loan program.

What that essentially means is that he met, or will meet, with all of the current recipients of financing through the Band's loan program. The purpose of this contact is to assess the current status of the loans, perfect collateral that has been pledged, and discuss repayment provisions. A report will be prepared on the status of each client and this will be presented to the RTC.

While discussing the issue of the Band's loan program with the Tribal Council, I was directed to review the current guidelines and application process. I spoke at some length with Bill Connelly about the desire of the Council to reestablish this program. Some good ideas were kicked around. Alternatives to improving the success of this program will also be presented to the RTC in the near future.

We received some technical assistance from Ed Rossbach with the Minneapolis Area Office of the BIA last week. Ed has worked for a number of years with the Home Improvement Program. The administration of the HIP program at Bois Forte rests with Eileen Barney. As such, a number of folks; including Eileen, Mona, JR, Jackie, and I spent a day with Ed to discuss how best to get this program up and running again. A two or three day training session is being planned for HIP Coordinators that Eileen will attend prior to initiating this program. Community members will be notified when this program gets off the ground.

A couple of grant application packages hit my desk in the past few days. One is the HUD Community Development Block Grant that Andy D. and I generally team up on. The other is a new program called Local Law Enforcement Block Grant that I will prepare in consultation with Captain Wilkie.

Oh, and Boozhoo to Ann and Young Mike C. in San Diego. Hope all is well out west.

Andy Datko's column...



Andy Datko, Assistant Planner

As I write this column I am nursing a very sore body. On April 17 and 18, I and a crew of nine volunteers organized by JR, went to Grand Forks to help with sandbagging efforts. My wife is from Grand Forks so we spent a couple days there helping to shore up dikes. JR and the crew worked on the East Grand Forks side similarly helping prepare sandbags and shoring up dikes. As you all undoubtedly know by now, it was a hard fought but losing battle. The extent of the destruction caused by the flood, and subsequent fire, is almost unfathomable. While thousands of people either lost their homes or suffered significant damages, and tens of thousands were left temporarily homeless, at least no one was killed. The experience left me awed by the sheer force of nature and thankful that we don't have to contend with flooding of that magnitude. The Red Cross is accepting contributions to aid flood victims and I am sure that any donations will be appreciated by those in need. Anyway, on to project updates.

HUD has just issued its annual Notification of Federal Assistance for Community Development Block Grant funds. This is the program that we have successfully competed for over the last few years to build the Nett Lake Senior Assisted Living Center (to begin construction this year), the Vermilion Family Resource Center (Kezhawusso), the Nett Lake Community Center, and improvements to the sawmill. Applications for FY 98 funding are due into HUD in July. The planning department will be submitting a list of potentially fundable projects to the RTC at their next meeting. Among the projects being considered are the replacement of the clinic/community center at Vermilion, construction of a new roads maintenance/public works garage, water and sewer improvements at Nett lake and Indian Point, and development of a commercial/industrial park along Co. Rd. 77 near Fortune Bay. We can only apply for one project, up to \$300,000.

This month I also submitted a preliminary application for \$200,000 to the IRRRB for some of the funding needed for

a new Vermilion community center and clinic. These funds could be combined with CDBG funds and funds that Health Services was planning to spend on remodeling the old clinic.

We are still in contention to receive \$100,000 from the LCMR towards construction of a Bois Forte museum and heritage center near Fortune Bay. The Bush Foundation is also considering a \$100,000 grant request for this project and are sending a program administrator up to review the project in late May. I have also submitted a preliminary application to IRRRB for \$150,000 for this project.

We are still planning to extend water and sewer lines to Cemetery Road, Hard Hat Road, and Farm Point at Vermilion this summer. I am waiting on the final letter of conditions from USDA Rural Development. The Tribal Council will then have the opportunity to review the final terms of the financing and decide whether or not to proceed. The preliminary word I have from Rural Development is that this project qualifies for the maximum amount of grant (75%). This means that the project, which is estimated to cost \$740,000, will be financed with a \$554,500 grant and a \$185,500 loan. The loan would be a 40 year loan at 5% and would be paid back out of monthly sewer and water fees. This is based on a monthly user fee of \$10 per month for sewer and \$10 per month for water. Hopefully this project will be finalized by next month so that construction can occur this summer.

Rural Development is also holding a \$10,000 pre-development grant for us for the self help housing program. That program will get under way as soon as the new housing development coordinator is hired. That position will be responsible for both the HOME home loan program and the self help program.

In response to the lack of available home sites on the Reservation, the planning department is recommending to the RTC that some new housing lots be surveyed and platted in Nett Lake, along Hard Hat Road at Vermilion (off-lake), and in the area between Tibbetts Trail and Skogmans Road, also at Vermilion. These areas were recommended based upon the work done on the Vermilion and Nett Lake land use plans and the possibility of extending sewer and water to serve these new lots. The surveys hopefully will be done this May and some new lots should be available to lease later this summer. The Hard Hat Road lots should have an improved road and water and sewer services available by the end of this year. Contact Jackie Villebrun in the leasing department if you are interested in one of these lots.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SUGARBUSH ROAD AND INDIAN POINT ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS BOIS FORTE RESERVATION

A public hearing will be held concerning the proposed improvements to Sugarbush Road and Indian Point Road which are part of the Indian Reservation Road System near the Nett Lake Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation. The hearing will be held as follows:

Location: Nett Lake Community Center

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 1997

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Project Locations:

Indian Point Road is located in Section 1, Township 64 N., Range 20 W. approximately 1 mile west of Orr. Sugarbush Road is located in Section 11, Township 64 N., Range 20 W. approximately 2 miles west of Orr. Both projects are located on Indian Trust property, within the jurisdiction of the Bois Forte Reservation.

Proposed Work:

The proposed projects will consist of grading, drainage, gravel base and bituminous surfacing. Maps and plans will be available for review at the hearing. Statements concerning this project may be submitted at the hearing. Written statements may be submitted to the Superintendent of the Minnesota Agency within five (5) days after the date of the hearing. Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel will be available to answer questions before and after the hearing at the addresses and phone numbers listed below. If there are questions concerning these projects, please contact the Agency Superintendent or BIA Roads personnel at the following addresses:

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Minnesota Agency
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Cass Lake, MN 56633
218/335-6913

s/ Joel Smith
Agency Superintendent

Ron Skunes, Agency Engineer
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Housing news...

The following article appeared in the 'Speaking of Ourselves - Ni Mah Mi Kwa Zoo Min' newspaper dated April 1997, by Martin Jennings of the Leech Lake Housing Authority and is re-printed by permission. While the article concerned the Leech Lake Reservation, it is also of concern to all Reservation Housing Authorities and Tribal Councils.

Boo Zooo. Ga Za Ga Skwa Ja May Cog Anishinabeg!

Last October when the President signed the Native-American Housing and Self-determination Act he set in motion a continuation of the government's efforts for tribes to be self-determined or sufficient. The changes under this act will go into effect October 1, 1997. The primary change underneath this legislation is the separation from public housing which Indian tribes have requested ever since they became eligible for these program dollars in the early 1960's.

Another thing this legislation does through its passage Congress is to recognize that the provision of housing is a responsibility of the federal government. Many Indian people have not been aware that Indian housing was merely an afterthought of public housing which was created in the 1930's as part of the Roosevelt Administration war on poverty.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs traditionally has carried the government's responsibility through the HIP program to meet the housing needs of the Indian people. Many of the complaints of the regulations in Indian Housing stem from the fact that these regulations were intended to govern large inner-city housing developments. Now that there is a separation from public housing, ~~tribes for the first time will be~~ given more flexibility to administer these programs more consistently with local needs. The flexibility unfortunately will not allow tribes to do away with the 30% rule which determines the household rent nor will it totally free us from the dependence on the need for sustained funding.

I have been fortunate, along with 48 other men and women, to have been appointed by the Secretary of Housing to sit on a 48-member negotiated rule-making committee. In the passage of the Act, one of the key areas tribes and housing authorities lobbied for was that many of the minor points be left up to the negotiated rule-making process. This committee which is made up of tribal leaders, housing board members, executive directors, and legal staff is currently reviewing the various titles underneath the law to propose the

necessary language to clarify the intent and implementation process of this Act. This committee has already met for two weeks and is currently scheduled to meet for an additional six weeks through the end of April. It is the negotiated rule-making committee's intent to complete this process within the mandated time-line of the Act. The committee looks to have a draft rule to be developed and out for public comment sometime in mid-May to early June. This is the first time that I am personally aware that tribal governments have had the opportunity to draft both the legislation and the rules that will go into implementing this Act. I feel honored to represent the Leech Lake Reservation and all reservations across the United States in the development of these rules. I also feel honored by the opportunity to listen and learn from some of the more prominent leaders throughout the country as well as prominent housing figures. There is a downside to this legislation, however, and that is the funding levels that have been proposed for this program. Right now there are less than 200 housing authorities that receive the national allocation of housing dollars. These dollars currently cover operating subsidies for the low-rent and mutual help program, modernization funding, development funding, homeless funding, as well as other housing related initiatives. The legislation changes the recipient from the housing authority to the tribe who then designates who the administering entity will be. There are over 500 federally recognized tribes in the United States. As more of these tribes develop housing entities, there will be increased competition for housing services. I believe there is probably a two to three year window for current housing authorities to position themselves more competitively with private sector housing before the funding levels get to the point where there is not even sufficient operating subsidies. Even in the next two to three years, I believe the existing 200 IHA's will probably be limited to just receiving subsidies to maintain what has been previously developed in the mutual help and low-rent programs. Any substantial development and modernization in this time period will also have to be funded by non-HUD sources.

We have been told by HUD throughout the 90's that our IHA's need to operate more like private sector businesses. It is clear now why they were telling us this. The change that we have wanted for so many years is finally approaching. With this opportunity also comes the responsibility to operate more efficiently and effectively with less. What this means is those IRA's that are progressive and can diversify, will survive into the future and those that continue operating at a status-quo level will probably be shut down within five years unless the tribe is able to finance their programs.

This change parallels congress' efforts to reform our welfare system. Underneath the proposed welfare reform there is a gradual phasing out of the federal

assistance to families who have typically not been able to provide for themselves due to lack of jobs or disabilities. Presently, on the Leech Lake Reservation, it is estimated that 50% of our households receive federal assistance whether it be AFDC, SSI, food stamps or miscellaneous assistance. On Leech Lake this could mean as many as 500 adults could be affected by this change. Here, again, this will tie back into housing and the family's ability to pay rent. As with all change, we need to take this opportunity to become informed and cooperate in the transition of this type of assistance.

It is unfortunate as we look back through the years to see that with the abundance of programs that we have on this reservation, that instead of enabling us to a self-sufficient people, they were often times misused resulting in more of a dependency. If the Republicans continue to have their way, this change will occur even faster.

Again, what can we do today knowing that this change is coming? We can prepare ourselves by being more responsible. We can strive to help others to help themselves. We can teach and educate our people to learn job and life coping skills. We can also become educated and informed about the various legislation which affects us and advocate for our people to our legislators. For far too long, we as Indian people, have sat back and taken what has been given to us and maybe a part of that is we all want to believe the federal government will honor its trust responsibility to us. I think history has shown that this is not true and the safety net under us has been removed and we as a people need to start taking care of our people and ourselves. Biz-an-dow-an. Chi-me-gwetch.

AmeriCorps report....



Kelly King, AmeriCorps Director

Hello from AmeriCorps! I hope everyone is enjoying this spring weather. Along with spring weather comes spring cleaning. Well you may have been surveyed by an AmeriCorps member about your yard. We are working on a spring clean-up project, hopefully all the communities will be willing to give us their input and help with our project. We will be meeting with the different programs to find how all of us can work together to clean-up the four areas around Nett Lake. We will be starting with the Village, then going to Palmquist area, Indian Point, and Vermilion. We need to coordinate our efforts, so when we pick up all the different items, and they won't sit around for a long period of time. The recyclable items are tires (without rims), car batteries, appliances, scrap metal, and automobiles. The nonrecyclable items are wood products, furniture items, old toys, general yard debris, and hazardous household materials (paint, paint thinner, oven cleaners, liquids you not supposed to pour down the drain). Motor oil can be disposed of at the transfer station. We absolutely will not take any household garbage at all. We will be sending out flyers door to door when we finally nail down dates when we start collecting. If you have not been surveyed, we may have come to your house and looked at your yard, and still need to call you about taking the stuff out of your yard. If you want to make sure we stop at your house, because you have a lot of items, please call one of the AmeriCorps members-Jessica Knott or Tara Villebrun. I would like to welcome the new part-time members-Sunshine Knott, Eric King, Tara Villebrun, Mike King, Brian Bundy, and Robbie Goggleye. Congratulations to Farrah Drift for completing her part-time service, she successfully finished her 900 hours of service.

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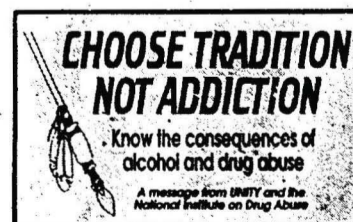
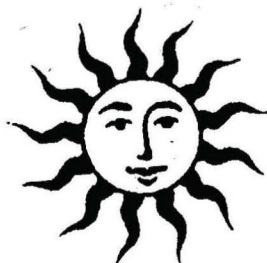
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Conservation notes...



Ray Villebrun, Sr., DNR Director

Hello again, to all you Bois Forte News readers. Spring has finally sprung I think..... As I am out and about in my daily routine I see everyone doing their own little outdoor activity, people cleaning their yards, burning grass, etc. I stopped by the "old-Man's" place the other day and saw "Mutt" and the boys feeding their faces with fish. I think he was looking for a cold one to top it off, fish gets a man mighty thirsty just ask Danny. With a little rain, everything should green up in the next few weeks or so this would be good, because we have some Forestry people walking around looking pretty nervous.

On with the news and notes from the Conservation Department, and I do not mean the conversation department, as the ladies in the Headstart like to say.

Project Grow for 1997 has been going rather slow. As of this writing, we only have about 20 applications received. I will be ordering supplies for those applicants around May 1st, but I can order supplies throughout the spring, as long as you can get your garden in the ground in time for fall harvest, I can get you the things you need, please give me a call, stop by the office, or whatever it takes, I am willing to help out. By the way, we did purchase a new tiller so we now have two tillers for your gardens. I also plan on getting the community garden behind the RTC building up and growing it will take some work, but I feel confident that our task can be accomplished. I also want to thank Ameri/Corps for their help with Project Grow, the success of Project Grow for this year will fall on their shoulders. But I have all the faith in the world in my man Dave to work hard insuring that everyone has a successful garden this year for Project grow.

Getting back to the fire danger situation,

high winds coupled with a dry spring will drive up the fire danger very quickly. I would like to remind everyone to pay close attention to the fire danger on the Rez or where ever you are at, watch whatever you are burning very carefully stay with your grass fire until it completely extinguished. Careless burning can and alot of times will cause major damage. Also please do not throw your cigarette butts out your car windows use your ash tray alot of forest fires are started that way. Also, you do need a burning permit to do any open burning. Contact the Forestry, or any Game Warden for a permit to burn it, is the law. Just a reminder, if you do see a fire please call 911 or your local fire department. The Nett Lake Volunteer Fire Department phone number is 757-0100.(a shameless plug for the boys).

A brief note concerning the Roads Department. Our roads man Frank would like you to obey the "road closed" signs that he has posted on a few of our rez roads. He is only trying to protect the roads from any further damage. Attempting to travel on the roads during breakup when they are soft from the snow will only tear them up more and that makes them harder to maintain after they have dried out.

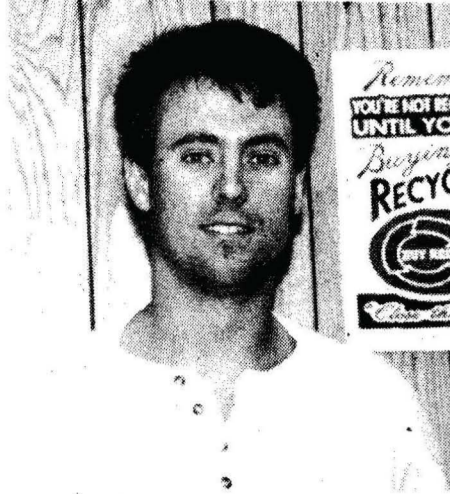
No Beaver Bounty for this Spring! We do have some money left over for beaver control and we will be purchasing some explosives with it. I haven't ruled out the possibility of setting up a beaver bounty this fall. Watch the Bois Forte News for further information.

I received a call from big John Persell from the MCT Water Lab about his mercury study on Lake Vermilion. He asks that we give him a hand in gathering samples of fish to complete his project. I told him that the DNR staff will gladly assist him and so we will be on the shores asking our netters to help out and allow us to take a few fish for this very important project. Our Dr. Holm told me that he would like to give John a big hug of appreciation as soon as he sees him, so look out John.

On May 3-8, 1997 yours truly will be in the great state of Montana for the Native American Fish&Wildlife Society National Conference. This year the conference is being held in Bozeman, Montana. It should be an interesting trip and I will let everybody know what went on in the next exciting issue of the Bois Forte News.

Well, that is all I've got to report for this month. Oh, by the way, don't forget Mother's Day May 11th. Until next time.....

Environmental Updates...



Darin Steen, Environmental Specialist

Since the deadline for this month's issue is rapidly approaching (Editor Holmes is standing in my doorway tapping his toe), let me briefly inform you of two recent environmental activities I have been involved with.

I recently attended a three-day workshop at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 office in Chicago, Illinois with environmental staff from the other tribes in our region. All of us look forward to this annual event as it is an excellent opportunity to receive training and information directly from the source. Many EPA staff from the Air, Water, Solid Waste, and other programs give presentations on relevant tribal issues, provide copious quantities of literature and environmental education materials, and provide training on tribal environmental management topics including Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Also, a new twist was added to the workshop this year. Two-hour break-out sessions were scheduled into the afternoons to provide us with an opportunity to meet with EPA staff individually to discuss specific tribal priorities and funding needs and to seek

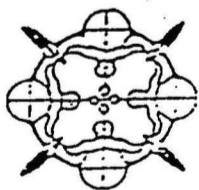
information to assist with our management efforts. This was very beneficial to me and the reservation as well.

The second item of interest I would like to share with you is the progress that has been made on the Minnesota Tribal Environmental Agreements for Fiscal 1998-2000. Tribal Environmental Agreements are a formal planning process whereby Tribes document their top environmental priorities outlined in terms of logical steps to address them and a cost estimate for each. The agreements are negotiated with EPA and are used by EPA in their planning and budgeting process. EPA agrees that the steps to address each Tribal priority are reasonable and uses the TEAs to appropriate funding so that environmental results can be achieved. In 1995, Minnesota Tribes were the first in the nation to complete this planning process for Fiscal 1995-1997. We have now completed the Minnesota Tribal Environmental Agreements for FY1998-2000. A formal signing ceremony is scheduled for May 12 where all the Tribal Chairs meet with EPA Regional Administrator, Valdas Adamkus, to finalize the completion of these important documents. Once again, Minnesota is leading the nation with the significant progress that has been made with Tribal/EPA planning and negotiations. We are anticipating many benefits from this process which may include increased funding for tribal priorities, improved Federal/State/Tribal relations, and, improved environmental protection for each reservation.

Well, as I stated earlier, time is short and I believe Editor Holmes patience has run out. Look for next month's issue for more environmental updates and if you have questions or comments before that time, please give me a call. Miigwech!!



Gene Goodsky at annual sugar bush explains the process of making maple syrup.



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E. Curt Goodsky, Water Lab Technician

Well HELLO THERE, READERS. I HOPE THIS DAY FINDS YOU IN GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD CHEER. IN REGARDS TO BUSINESS, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME TWO NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LAB CREW. JERRY AND ROBBIE GOGGLEYE HAVE JOINED US FROM THE J.T.P.A AND AMERICORPS PROGRAMS RESPECTIVELY. THEIR HELP WILL REALLY COME IN HANDY THIS SUMMER AND EVEN NOW THEIR ASSISTING WITH FINISHING UP AND DEVELOPING NEW FILES TO BETTER MANAGE OUR LAB INFORMATION. ALSO, WE HAVE RECEIVED WATER SAMPLES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OUR ASSIGNMENT WAS TO TEST THE SAMPLES FOR BACTERIA. IF MY TESTING PROCEDURES WERE DONE CORRECTLY AND I REPORTED ACCURATE RESULTS, THEN WE WILL HAVE MET ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING E.P.A. CERTIFICATION IN REGARDS TO TESTING FOR BACTERIA. IF ANY OF YOU READERS REMEMBER TAKING YOUR FINAL EXAMS, LIKE YOU, I STUDIED AND PRACTICED AND YUP, FOUND A QUESTION I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE. I'M GLAD DOC HOLM WAS THERE TO ASSIST. I DO FEEL GOOD ABOUT OUR RESULTS THOUGH. SOMETIME IN THE MONTH OF MAY THE WATER QUALITY LAB WILL BE RECEIVING A VISIT FROM THE E.P.A AND THIS VISIT WILL SATISFY ANOTHER CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION. THESE VISITORS WILL LOOK AT OUR WHOLE SET UP FROM THE FILES THROUGH THE SAFETY EYE WASH STATION. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS VISIT AS I SEE THIS AS A CHANCE TO

RECEIVE SOME CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM TO HELP US GROW AS A QUALITY LAB. THE WATER QUALITY LAB HAS APPLIED FOR FUNDING THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO HOLD SOME SUMMER YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SESSIONS. WE WILL NOT KNOW THE STATUS OF THIS GRANT UNTIL SOMETIME THIS SUMMER AND HOPEFULLY WILL HAVE THESE SESSIONS NEXT SUMMER (1998).

ON A PERSONAL NOTE I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE MY NEPHEW CRAIG A. GOODSKY ON A GREAT HOCKEY SEASON. HE LIVES OUT IN RHODE ISLAND WHERE HE PLAYS FOR THE NEW PORT WHALERS. DURING A SWEEP OF 5 GAMES TO WIN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, CRAIG SCORED 7 GOALS AND HAD NUMEROUS ASSISTS. CRAIG IS VERY LUCKY TO HAVE FOUND SOMETHING HE ENJOYS SO MUCH AND ALSO HAPPENS TO BE GOOD AT IT. THAT'S A VERY PRECIOUS GIFT INDEED. AS HIS UNCLE I AM VERY THANKFUL FOR WHAT HE HAS BEEN GIVEN. UNTIL NEXT TIME SLEEP WELL AND FAIR WINDS.

HELLO THERE READERS, I RECENTLY ATTENDED A "SEMINAR ON THE EVALUATION OF EXISTING DAMS" IN DENVER COLORADO. THE MAJORITY OF THIS SEMINAR FOCUSED ON THE MUCH LARGER DAMS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES (50-200 FT HEIGHT). HOWEVER, I WAS ABLE TO LEARN QUITE A BIT ABOUT THE NAURE AND EVOLUTION OF BUILDING DAMS AND THE MAINTANENCE OF EARTHEN AND CONCRETE STRUCTURES. WHILE THE NETT LAKE DAM IS APPROXIMATELY 12 FEET IN HEIGHT BY 100 FEET IN LENGTH, THE CONCEPTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE IS BASICALLY THE SAME. SOO...MY WORKLOAD JUST INCREASED TO GATHER INFORMATION AND UPDATE THE FILE ON THE DAM. OTHER NEWS: OUR REGULAR MONITORING OF THE WATERS WITHIN THE BOIS FORTE BOUNDARIES SHOW A DECREASE IN ALKALINITY LEVELS. THIS IS A NATURAL OCCURENCE DUE TO THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF WATER FLOWING THROUGH THE WETLANDS (BOGS) WHICH CONTRIBUTE

News from the Biologist...



Dr. Chris Holm, Ph.D., Biologist

Well, I zipped when I should have zagged and Mr. Holmes caught me, so here's another in a series of dynamic articles (this one is short!) submitted for your reading pleasure.

Bois Forte Council and staff recently attended a Tribal - United States Department of Agriculture Summit meeting in Cloquet, Minnesota. This unique meeting was sponsored by the Fond du Lac Band, and they did a very nice job hosting the event.

The purpose of the summit meeting was to develop technical working relationships between the USDA and the Bands. The USDA has been a sort of "forgotten" resource to Bands, and this agency does have a fair amount to offer, both technically and financially. Bois Forte has worked quite extensively with the USDA on a variety of projects including natural resource management plan development, community development planning and rural development, archaeological site assessment, and the like. Most recently, we have been working with this agency and exploring the possibility of insurance coverage for Nett Lake rice under what is called the "non-insured crop disaster

assistance program", or NAP. This would be a very unique program, if it happens. Some details still need to be worked out, so I'll spare you the boring insurance man talk at this time. we'll keep you informed as this process develops. In the near future we will also schedule some public meetings to discuss the ins, outs and concerns that might develop through this program. Be looking for meeting notices!

The LCMR grant for biological control studies work here is still under review in our wonderful MN State Legislature. The Senate finance committee has approved the project (\$100,000.00 funding level) while the House finance committee has not. A conference committee meeting was held on May 5, so with a generous two-day notification, I trundled down to St. Paul to provide testimony for the project...AGAIN...We'll have to wait a week or so until we see how this thing falls out. Needless to say, I'm bent on getting this project going soon irregardless of the availability of State funding.

If you are out on Nett River road in the next month or so, you'll notice some ground clearing being done along the river banks. The cleared areas will become duck-feed plantings this year. As soon as the areas are cleared, we will go in and plant buckwheat, millet and combination plots of both these grains as alternate food resources for waterfowl along the Nett River.

Finally, I would mention that we have some new faces in our department. Gerry and Rob Goggleye have recently joined our department as technicians-in training through the JTPA program and the AmeriCorps program, respectively. Both are already quite busy learning about natural resource management and going about the business of protecting Reservation resources. Welcome aboard, men!

TO OUR WATERWAYS. WETLANDS (INCLUDING BOGS AND SWAMPS) BY NATURAL COMPOSITION TEND TO HAVE A HIGHER ACID CONTENT. THEREFORE THE CONCLUSION IS - HIGH ACIDITY = LOWERED ALKALINITY AND VICE - A - VERSA. IN RELATION TO HEALTH OF LIFE, THE HIGHER THE ACID THE WORSE YOU FEEL . TOO MUCH ACID, AND HIGHT... YOUR BUMMIN. WELL I'VE GOT A BIT OF A COLD AND MY LIL' MIND IS TIRING. SO UNTIL NEXT TIME. SLEEP WELL AND FAIR WINDS.

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Women's Wellness...



Dana Erkila, Prevention Specialist

On April 30, 1997, one hundred fifty-two women gathered at Fortune Bay Hotel and Convention Center for the sixth annual Bois Forte Women's Wellness Day. What began as a small gathering of thirty-two women in the basement of the Baptist church has really grown! It was a day packed with information, speakers, a wonderful lunch and great gifts.

Phyllis Boshey was the first speaker of the day following a blessing by Katie Laitinen. Phyllis shared her thoughts on women and leadership. Everyone also heard some excellent history about the settling of Nett Lake and Vermilion and how the communities developed. Phyllis is well qualified to speak about leadership as she has been a member of the council for many years.



Dottie Whipple

Elizabeth (Liz) Jaokola, a music teacher and songstress from Fond du Lac, ended the day with a wonderful display of her talent. Many of Liz's musical selections were sung in Ojibwe, but a few of the especially entertaining songs were sung in English. The laughter could be heard throughout all of Fortune Bay! What a great way to finish up the afternoon.

The women attending Wellness Day not only listened to wonderful speakers, but also received many door prizes thanks to the generosity of area merchants. Tote bags and flowers were also presented to every woman in attendance.

Many thank-yous must be extended to Fortune Bay, especially to Dorothy Blaeser the banquet manager, for providing such a wonderful facility for the day and feeding everyone a delicious meal. Fortune Bay was also kind enough to provide guided tours of the new hotel after the day's presentations were over.

A huge thank-you to all who assisted in making the Bois Forte Women's Wellness Day a success.



Katie Laitinen



Elizabeth Jakola



Women's Wellness Day luncheon participants.

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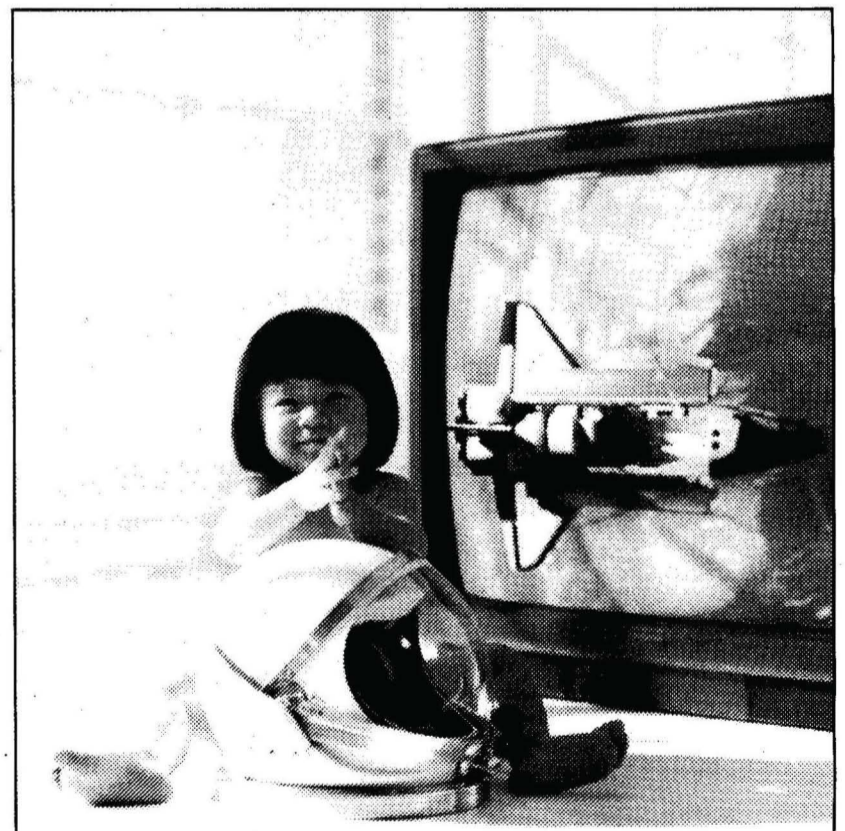
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Effie "Dolly" Drift, ENP Director

On March 27th & 28th, the Elderly Activities Committee sponsored a trip to the Minnesota Historical Society's Indian Museum that recently opened on the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation.

After an Easter dinner at the ENP, twenty three elders boarded the Subat bus and were on their way to Mille Lacs.

We arrived at the Grand Casino about 3:00 p.m. and everyone had a buffet supper and then explored the rest of the evening.

Friday morning, we had breakfast and then headed out to the museum. It was very nice. The Four Seasons room was best of all. They had native American Scenery for four seasons and was all based on how things were long ago. Even our tour guide was a real live Indian!

Everyone enjoyed the Native American artifacts, music and beadwork. Right up until Effie walked into the pole, which had everyone laughing. (Poor Effie.....Ed.) Our only regret was that the Mille Lacs ENP cancelled lunch due to a funeral they were having. Overall the trip was a huge success.

The Elderly Activities Committee would like to thank the Tribal Council for helping make our trip possible.



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Early Childhood programs..



Judy Anderson, Director

The last month of the program year is here already! Each month goes by so fast and summer is almost here. It will be a busy one - with new regulations for the Head Start Program (which need parent and community input), new rules and forms for the Child Care Block Grant, and six or so grants due in by the end of June. In addition, the Program Report for Head Start is due May 31 st. As I said, the next two months are challenging. Programwise we need to finish out the year and close the records as much as possible. Because of the new transitioning rules, we also need to continue follow-up with our children even after Head Start.

The National "Stand For Children" Day is June 1, 1997. The National Indian Child Care Association supports this effort as a day for us to make a commitment to improve the lives of our children. Please say a prayer to your Creator for our Bois Forte children and for all children that day. See "Why Children Need Us To Stand For Them In America" near this article.

Graduation Day for Head Start: Nett Lake and Home Based Vermilion

All the community is invited to the graduation.

Thursday, May 29th 10:00 a.m. School Cafeteria

Will be in June see next month's article

We hate to be nags...BUT we are still going to be bugging our parents about completing the medical and dental requirements-- even if the child has graduated-- see the above note about the new transitioning regs. We still don't have a lot of the medical and dental information we need for the children's files. Also we will need the same medical and dental screenings and follow-up for our returning kids!

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- Is born to an unmarried mother and father.
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- Lives with only one parent.
- Is born poor.
- 1 in 5:** Is poor now.
- Is born to a mother who did not receive early prenatal care.
- Lives in a family that receives food stamps.
- 1 in 7:** Has no health insurance.
- Has a worker in his or her family but is still poor.
- 1 in 8:** Drops out of school.
- Is born to a teen mother.
- 1 in 9:** Is born into a family living at less than half the poverty level (\$5,490 for three).
- 1 in 12:** Has a disability.
- 1 in 14:**

- Is born at low birthweight.
- 1 in 21:** Is born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.
- 1 in 25:** Is reported abused or neglected in any year.
- Lives with neither parent.
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 - Speak out for children and support effective groups that help them.
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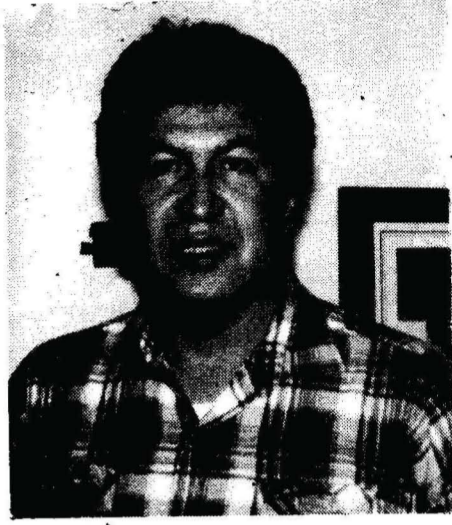
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May birthdays...

Allan M. - Grieving Process..



Allan Morriseau, CD Counselor

The grieving process while recovering from chemical dependency.

When a person decides to stop using drugs and or alcohol, a change takes place. S/he moves from a drug/alcohol lifestyle. Letting go of an old way of life is not easy. One must accept the fact that the using/drinking way of life was not working and a complete change in lifestyle must take place if recovery is to happen. This change is a process, the change takes place in stages. Change is just like death, it is traumatic. In order to recover from the loss of an old way of life, one has to go through a grieving process which will take time.

Here are the stages one goes through:

Denial (... I am not addicted, I can quit on my own, I will quit for a year. Maybe it will go away if I move. I do not need self-support groups. Treatment does not work...) This type of thinking has to be let go. One must get honest with her/himself and admit that once s/he is using/drinking it causes problems. When one who abuses drugs/alcohol stops using, s/he does not have problems that they cannot handle.

Anger (... I like to use/drink, why do I have to be one who cannot use safely? Why can I not be like other people? I am not drug

addicted! I am not a damned alcoholic!...) This feeling, with the knowledge that one learns in treatment can help one take a look at one's self:

Blame (... I am not treated right at home! It is my parents fault, they should have been there for me when I need them. Everyone drinks at home. The police just pick on certain people. We do not have a very good judge. I am here because of the Family Services.)

The moment a person stops blaming others and owns up to the fact that no one is forcing her/him to use drugs/alcohol, s/he can start to get well.

Despair (... How am I going to live without drugs/alcohol? Will I ever have fun again? Most of my friends are using/drinking I will never be happy without the use of drugs/alcohol... Can one be happy sober?) This feeling can help bring about the realization that using drugs and/or alcohol will bring on more pain. It can help one decide to make a change.

Acceptance (... Using drugs/alcohol is what causes problems in my life...) Once a person has accepted the fact that chemical use has and will continue to cause problems, s/he must make a decision to stop using drugs/alcohol and seek the help of others who will help him/her stay straight/sober using a program of recovery.

If one accepts her/his chemical abuse or dependency and begins to use a program of recovery, a change begins to take place. Over time one gradually gets well. If one has learned about chemical dependency in treatment program and follows the treatment plan developed by oneself and the treatment staff, s/he should stay sober. Staying sober is not easy, but there are a lot of people who do not use/drink and who used to. Grief because of the loss of an old way of life will take time to get over. Easy Does It.

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* Twins, evidently.
Most popular day in May to be born? the 26th with eleven. The least popular? The 14th with only one.

UofM May Starwatch...

In May we bid farewell to Comet Hale-Bopp as it drops into the southern sky. Its departure leaves Venus, poised to return to the evening sky, with a tough act to follow. On the morning side, Saturn eases into sight behind Jupiter, and Mercury makes a brief and barely visible visit.

On the 6th the comet slices through the ecliptic plane, that is, the plan of the sun's apparent motion against the stars. Hale-Bopp will come out low in the west-northwest after sunset and will continue to sink as the month goes by. Sometime around the middle of the month, it will disappear from view from Midwestern latitudes. The comet is sure to be much missed, especially by rural viewers and astronomers all over the world, who had a field day studying its strange and wonderful double tail.

Hale-Bopp's departure leaves Mars to dominate the evening sky. Bright and bold at the beginning of the month, the red planet fades more than half a magnitude during May. Still, it makes a good appearance in the south below the hindquarters of Leo, the lion. Persistent viewers may detect its slight eastward drift toward Virgo.

Venus, coming out from behind the sun, edges into the evening sky in the west-northwest. But, this brightest of planets sets less than an hour after the sun for most of the month, so it will be hard to find.

Jupiter shines high and yellowish in the southeast at dawn. Much lower in the east, Saturn just squeaks into the sky ahead of the sun early in the month, but appears noticeably higher later on. The two planets are quite well separated now, but are approaching each other and will meet in about three years. Mercury, too, ventures over the eastern horizon at dawn, but it will be too low for good viewing.

The moon begins May in the morning sky, waning its way between Jupiter and Saturn. On the 6th it becomes new, and on the 8th its thin crescent joins Hale-Bopp for a final spectacle. Look for the comet about four degrees, or eight full moon widths, to the upper right of the moon. The full moon on the 22nd has been dubbed the full corn planting moon by Algonquin Indians, and has also been known as the milk moon. Actually, this full moon arrives at 5:15 in the morning, so the evening of the 21st will be a better time to see it.

The stars of summer are fast wheeling onto center stage. Brightest is Arcturus, the "keeper of the bear," anchoring kite-shaped Botes, the herdsman. The star gets its name from its position near the handle of the Big Dipper in Ursa Major, the big bear. To find Arcturus, just follow the curve of the handle. Arcturus traces an unusual orbit around the center of the galaxy. Instead of moving in the disk of the Milky Way, the giant orange star orbits

at a sharp angle and is now plunging down through the disk. Only 36 light-years away, Arcturus is 10 times the diameter of the sun and 100 times as bright.

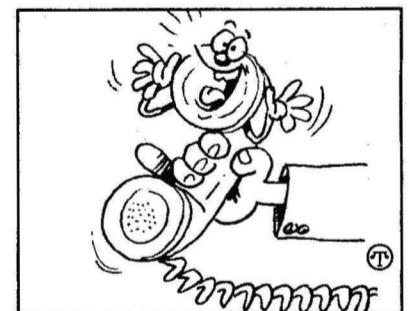
Below Arcturus, the white star Spica marks an ear of grain held by Virgo, the virgin. Together with Arcturus and Mars, Spica completes an almost equilateral triangle in the southern sky. When Mars isn't around, Regulus, the brightest star in Leo, makes a near-isosceles triangle with the other two stars.

May Day, more widely celebrated in Europe than on our shores, stems from the Celtic holiday known as Beltane. It's a cross-quarter day, midway between an equinox and a solstice. Traditionally it was a time for music and dancing to celebrate the planted fields as they began to sprout and also a day for the pairing-off of young couples.

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.



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Alma Goodsky boiling the sap.

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• 1854 Treaty
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me share some information that I learned recently and actually is an issue I have been thinking about for quite some time. The concept of the wolf being a true wilderness animal is being challenged by anecdotal evidence as well as documented observation. It is true that since the Europeans set foot on this continent that the wolves soon learned to stay away from humans, and for good reason. The wolf was viewed as an enemy, a cold blooded killer, a hindrance to the advance of so call civilization. Consequently this prevalent attitude led to the near extirpation of the wolf.

Soon the wolf was scarcely seen and would flee at the sight, scent or sound of human activity. As far as our generation has been concerned, the wolf was a true wilderness animal, elusive, rarely seen except maybe an occasional glimpse sighting, a track left in the snow or mud, but for the most part the wolf learned to stay away from humans. None too soon, attitudes toward wolves began to change. Thus, for the last couple of decades, the wolf has been protected and a healthy food base has been available. As a result, the wolf has flourished and has begun to show up in places and do things that were once unimaginable.

From a biological standpoint, the forested regions of northern Minnesota are saturated with wolves. In response, wolves are spreading out to find new territory. Wolves are now showing up in southern Minnesota, close to big cities. Wolves are migrating out of Minnesota and traveling hundreds of miles to the UP of Michigan and Wisconsin. One such wolf traveled 350 miles from Ely, Minnesota to down near Madison, Wisconsin. And closer to home in northern Minnesota stories of wolf encounters are becoming common place. there are also reports coming in from other countries of wolves coming out of the mountains and cruising the villages at night looking for food. In some cases they have taken to eating garbage. There are reportedly wolves in Denali (Alaska) that have become so accustomed to humans that they are now being fed. Much like the bears in Yellowstone.

Why am I telling you all this? Well, at one time it was thought that wolves needed large tracts of uninhabited land in order to survive. That does not appear to be the case any longer. Wolves appear to be as adaptable to human activity as many other animals. For the first time in history, we have a large population of people living in the same area as a large population of wolves. I would admonish you to think about the situation with the wolves and write to me at the 1854 Authority office with your comments. As mentioned earlier, soon the wolf will be delisted and management will be handed over to the State of Minnesota. At that point we can and need to provide significant input to the process. One thing is for sure, we can not let history repeat itself in regards to the status of the wolf. I think it is important that we ensure for future generations that the 1854 Treaty Area is a MA INGAN IKAN (PLACE WHERE THERE ARE WOLVES).

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• Self-governance

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community, assets, and destiny. We believe we have provided better services than under a 638 contract in previous years, and we will only get better.

HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Division consists of the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Social Services programs. These programs have been enhanced in a number of important ways by the implementation of Self-Governance. Among them are:

1. We have been able, with the RTC's help, to fund a Human Services Director. These programs were previously supervised by the Health Services Division Director. The Health Services Division is the single largest program on the reservation, and the Director's responsibilities were unrealistic.
2. We have been able to coordinate the BIA funded Indian Child Welfare Act program with the Indian Child Welfare Act Advocacy program funded by the State of Minnesota.
3. We have dramatically increased ICWA services:

	FY 95	FY 96
Court Hearings	16	28
Case Management	177	295
Family Based Services/Contacts	94	116
Families Served	5	116
Community Education	3	5
Foster Home Placement	7	13
Parenting/Family Skills	0	5
Information/Referral	67	149
Number of Cases/Family Based	20	19
Home Visits	47	32
Transports	25	40
Licensed Foster Homes	7	8
Trainings	5	14

AID TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Approximately \$14,000 of the Aid To Tribal Government was used to maintain the tribal enrollment. The balance was transferred to programs which were under funded such as Tribal Courts and Education.

TRIBAL COURTS

The Tribal Courts program is badly under funded. It is necessary to contract with attorneys for the judge and prosecutor positions. Their reimbursement includes travel expense. Since the reservation is a considerable distance from any labor market that would include eligible attorneys, these contracts are very expensive. The Tribal Council has been able to allocate funds from Administration and Executive Direction in addition to supplemental tribal funds to completely fund the court.

EDUCATION

The Education Department consists of our Self-Governance line items: 1) Scholarships, 2) Johnson O'Malley, 3) Direct Employment, and 4) Adult Education. In recent years we have experienced a great demand for scholarship funds, and a relatively small demand for adult education funds. Because of the flexibility self-governance provides, we were able to use adult education money to fully fund scholarship requests for the first time. The Johnson O'Malley and Direct Employment fund were used for their respective purposes.

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Statement of Secretary Babbitt on release of Strategic Plan by Special Trustee for Indian Affairs.

I was briefed this morning for the first time by Special Trustee Paul Homan on his final Strategic Plan to reform trust fund management for Tribal and individual trust funds and resources.

The plan represents his views, independent from the Department of the Interior or the Office of Management and Budget. Before I make final recommendations, I intend to give the Strategic Plan close and thorough study.

However, based on a brief review and today's briefing, I have significant concerns. First, it adds another new layer of bureaucracy by creating a quasi-private, quasi-government agency to manage and administer trust funds. Creating new bureaucracies does not necessarily serve the goal of solving problems. Second, it requires large, new budget outlays, and we will need to evaluate each aspect of the proposal. Third, and most important, it seems to lack a fundamental understanding of the relationship of sovereign tribal governments and federal trust responsibilities. Indian Tribes are sovereign nations, not business enterprises to be run for profit.

I cannot support, and I believe that most tribes will not support, the separation and dissipation of the government-to-government trust relationship that extends well beyond funding to upholding the social, economic and cultural best interests of tribes and individual tribal members.

**Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
 Self-Governance FY 1996 Compact Budget Summary**

Program Name	FFS Code	AFA Amount	AFA Funded	Tribal Budget	Program Expenditures
Aid to Tribal Government	39220	30,350	28,387	36,132	14,004
Self-Governance Compacts	39240		112,866	112,866	112,866
Social Services	39310	29,316		25,000	14,961
Indian Child Welfare Act	39320	54,800	73,814	93,954	93,954
Scholarships	39110	114,312	99,244	99,244	246,546
Johnson O'Malley	39140		12,300	12,300	10,241
Tribal Courts	39410	138,900	118,420	147,457	205,254
Community Fire Protection	39430	1,472	1,278	1,647	
Direct Employment	39530	8,305	7,210	7,210	8,100
Adult Vocational Training	39540	49,032	42,569	42,569	12,591
Economic Development	39510	14,325	13,874	17,660	1,449
Housing Improvement	39570		35,961	25,795	25,799
Road Maintenance	39550	88,631	76,948	97,944	76,228
Natural Resources	39605	27,448		138,475	133,270
Forestry	39630	100,531	189,881	227,788	183,668
Water Resources	39640	15,210	15,195	55,738	17,351
Wildlife & Parks	39650	87,300	110,935		
Real Estate Services	39770	23,752	21,888	27,860	1,190
Executive Direction	39810	20,071			
Administrative Services	39820	60,250			
638 Pay Cost					
Tribal Priority General Increase					
Facilities Ops & Maint	31500	45,466	43,021	43,021	40,744
Forest Development	33910	52,680			
Lease Compliance	34330	3,982			
Area Operations					
Aid to Tribal Government	36420	2,840			
Social Services	36510	1,062			
Housing Development	36730	3,848			
Economic Development	36710	2,003			
Natural Resources	36810	1,085			
Agriculture	36820	853			
Forestry	36830	10,063			
Forest Marketing Assistance	36831	3,819			
Water Management	36840	2,773	40,000		
Wildlife & Parks	36850	1,172			
Real Estate Services	36940	2,266			
Environmental Quality Services	36970	775			
Executive Direction	36100	2,186			
Administrative Services	36200	17,053			
Safety Management	36210	1,623			
Facilities Management	36270	2,770			
Wildland Fire Management BLM	92120	41,888			
Contract Support					
			208,016	208,016	
		1,064,212	1,251,807	1,420,676	1,198,218

