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BOIS FORTE RTC EXPLAINS CHAIRMAN'S REMOVAL FROM RTC IN MEETING JUNE 24, 1997.....

On June 24, 1997, the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council (RTC) completed an action to remove one of its elected leaders. The final step in the Constitutional removal process was to conduct a hearing at which Chairman Landgren had the opportunity to answer the charges in a petition submitted to the RTC seeking his removal from office.

Prior to the hearing and throughout the process, the RTC requirements of the Constitution was met. On May 22, 1997, copies of the petition were handed to each RTC member. The RTC also decided who would verify that it was sufficient under the Constitution. The signatures of at least twenty percent (20%) of the resident eligible voters are necessary for the petition to be valid. It was proposed that the three local officials with the most knowledge of just who was a ~resident eligible voter be assigned the task of determining whether the 20% was reached. These officials were the RTC Enrollment Clerk, the Chair of the Bois Forte General Election Board and the Clerk of the Tribal Court. Chairman Landgren and his supporters objected to that proposal, but there was unanimous agreement to submit the petition to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Enrollment Officer to perform the count, and that count was done and certified.

The RTC met on June 2, 1997, to satisfy the requirement that it set a date for a hearing within fifteen (15) days of the date the petition had been submitted to the RTC. If the RTC failed to act, it would have left itself open to the charge that it was denying the petitioner's rights under the Constitution. On that same day, Chairman Landgren was notified by certified mail that the hearing date was June 24, 1997.

When the RTC was notified of the results of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's work on the petition, it was clear that it was a valid petition and that the hearing had to be held as scheduled. Therefore, on June 19, 1997, the RTC declared that based on the official count of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, 122 of 413 (or 29.5%) of the resident eligible voters had signed the petition. On that same day, it posted the official hearing notice in public offices at both Nett Lake and Lake Vermilion - as required by the Constitution. Finally, it appointed Robert Grey Eagle as Hearing Officer. Mr. Grey Eagle was selected because he was an experienced attorney and tribal judge who had no prior affiliation with Bois Forte.

The hearing was conducted as scheduled at the Nett Lake School. The hearing process was explained by the Hearing Officer, and despite repeated interruptions by Chairman Landgren, each of the six (6) charges in the petition were read to the Chairman for his response. All charges were denied.

Chairman Landgren then requested a continuance based on the fact that he was without legal counsel. Upon questioning from the Hearing Officer, it was clear that the Chairman's attorney knew of the hearing, had not previously called or written to seek a continuance, and that no emergency precluded his attendance. (In fact, the attorney was attending a continuing education course in Bloomington, Minnesota, on the day of the hearing.) The Hearing Officer observed that the legal standards for granting continuances had not been met, and none was granted. The Chairman's protest that he was "denied" legal counsel is wrong - the fact that his attorney was not present was not the fault of the RTC or the Hearing Officer. Neither had anything to do with the attorney's absence.

The hearing proceeded, and the assertion was made that the petition was invalid because the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe had questioned the residency of four persons who signed the petition. The Chairman argued that until their residency was determined, the hearing should be delayed. However, the RTC had not included those four when it determined that at least 20% had signed the petition, and there was no reason to delay the proceeding to establish their residency.

Another allegation of the Chairman was that some people had been coerced into signing the petition, that those collecting signatures had misrepresented its nature, and that some signers wanted to remove their names. The Hearing Officer said that the Chairman could call witnesses to testify about coercion, fraud, or duress in the petitioning process, but the witness testified that he had no personal knowledge of such events. He simply repeated the accusations and testified to rumors. There was no evidence presented that a single signature was forged, obtained under duress, or was the

result of fraud. As stated on the face of the petition, each person who signed did so voluntarily and of their own free will.

The next issue raised by the Chairman in his objection to the hearing was that the special meetings held to set the date and appoint the hearing officer were ~illegal" (Continued on back page)



HUD OFFICIAL VISITS BOIS FORTE

Mary White, pictured here with Band Planners David Danz and Bill Whiteman, paid a recent visit to Bois Forte. Mary is a Community Development Representative from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Chicago. Her official duties include monitoring progress and compliance with the Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Grant programs.

While at Bois Forte, Mary visited a number of CDBG funded projects including the Nett Lake Community Center, the Sawmill and Ke-Zha-Wa-So Family Resource Center at Vermilion. She also monitored the HOME program which has provided low interest loan financing for a total of seven homes on the Reservation. An exit interview with Bois Forte staff and

Council member Mona Villebrun was held over a fine dinner at the Country Supper Club. Mary indicated she was pleased with Bois Forte's administration of HUD program funding and impressed with the facilities and homes these funds have constructed.

Several of Mary's colleagues from HUD were also in Nett Lake monitoring the Housing Authority programs. Bill and Dave took them out for a memorable boat ride on Pelican Lake. They all boarded a fishing vessel loaned from Dean and Sidra Boutto. Mary being an Apache from New Mexico and long time resident of the City of Chicago, had never been in such a craft on the water. They all set out from Indian Point for a cruise on the lake. After a motor stall, a fuel shortage alert and nearly running aground on a rocky shoal; to the relief of all aboard, the boat now dubbed "The Minnow" safely returned to shore.

PRESS RELEASE FROM BOIS FORTE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

Contact: Frank Annette, Executive Director (218) 757-3261

On June 24, 1997, the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council (RTC) held a hearing on the charges presented in a petition seeking the removal from office of Chairman Clinton Landgren. The petition was supported by the signatures of at least twenty percent (20%) of the resident eligible voters of the Bois Forte Band, and the hearing was conducted in compliance with the procedural requirements of Article X, Section 3 of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

The Bois Forte RTC found that Chairman Landgren failed to answer the charges in the petition to the satisfaction of the RTC and that the charges constituted cause for removal under Article X, Section 2, of the Tribal Constitution. Following its deliberation and decision on each of the charges, the RTC voted to remove Chairman Landgren from office, effective immediately. Of the four possible votes, three (3) were for removal and one for recall. Pursuant to Article X, Section 3, the decision of the RTC in this regard is final. The Bylaws of the Bois Forte Band provide that the Vice-Chair shall act in the absence of a Chairman, and therefore Doris Isham will be the Acting Chair of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council pending a special election to fill the vacancy created by Chairman Landgren's removal.



School News

New Lives Collaborative..



Margaret Benner, Coordinator

Ahneen! Well it's that time to write to the Bois Forte news again! The month of June just flew by, I really didn't get to do all that I had planned! In fact, it seems like the summer is flying by too fast!! We did two Infant/Toddler training at the KeZhaWusSo Center on June 2nd and June 16th, which was on Temperaments and Working with Temperaments. The staff was real interested and willing to learn. We do want to continue on with the training so the staff will work towards their Child Development Associate Certificate, but just like every place else, the problem is we need to come up with money for the training's. Hopefully the training's will start-up soon. I also attended the Mental Health Conference at the Black Bear Hotel & Casino on June 18 - June 20, 1997. There was some really interesting topics and I brought back some good information for the mom's enrolled in my program. The best part, I enjoyed the most was watching the Fond du Lac children (ages 6 yrs. old to

17 yrs. old) put on a play about "Domestic Violence" and how the staff really supports and takes time with the children. They also had a young boy's drum group singing the "Traveling Song" for the participant's. Today, was the "Welfare Reform Update" presentation held at the Fortune Bay Resort & Casino and it was a pretty good turn out. The presenter's were Judy Anderson, Head Start Director, Sidra Boutto, Family Service Advocate, and Linda Troseth, Job Counselor from the A.E.O.A. Office in Virginia. I'm hoping we have a bigger turn out at the Nett Lake Community Center tomorrow. I would like to say special thanks to these 3 people who volunteered their time and took time off their busy schedules to speak! I would also like to say "Thank you" to the staff at Fortune Bay Resort & Casino for accommodating with the excellence of their services to help with this important event. They provided Child Care for the mom's that needed it and it turned out good. Special thanks to Ann Dreshar, Mn. Extension Service for providing a ride for people from the Virginia area.

The next "Parenting" session will be on "Sexuality" and will be in Nett Lake E.C.F.E. room on July 22, 1997 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. and at the Vermilion Center on July 29, 1997 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Again, I want to encourage anyone to attend. Well one last good news I have is Judy A. is picking up the part I need for the computer so I can start working on the Calendar of our Bois Forte children enrolled in New Lives, and I want to have it ready before Head Start starts. That's all the news from my program until next time Enjoy the summer!!!!



Pictured above are Linda Troseth, Sidra Boutto and Judy Anderson.

Tribal Education news...

Governor Arne Carlson vetoed the 6.7 billion State K-12 spending bill for the next two years because it did not include the \$150 million in tax credits and deductions for education expenses that he desires, including tuition at private schools. As a result, the bill hangs in limbo and a portion of State funding for education will stop at the beginning of July 1, 1997 when the offices will be closed. All of the State Indian Education funding is in the bill, layoff notices were sent to the manager, Yvonne Novack, scholarship officer, Joe Aitken and the rest of the employees of the Indian Education Programs in St. Paul, Duluth and Bemidji, who are paid with State money. Despite the assurances that the layoff notices are strictly procedural measures at this point, it still is pretty drastic. If there isn't a funding bill on July, 1997 and then until the January session, there is no guarantee that there will be an opportunity to act on this bill.

This raises a lot of concerns about what this means to the Bois Forte Tribal Higher Education students. We depend on the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program to fund our Fall Quarter students because our compact money will not become available until November, 1997 for Winter and Spring Quarters. It appears that this is the first visible sign of what will happen if there isn't a bill in place very soon. This is

the current proposed legislation appropriations:

American Indian Language and Culture= 591,000; Post Secondary Prep Program= 857,000; Scholarships= 1.6 million; Teacher Training - 4 colleges= 190,000; 6 schools, NL, RL, FDL, ML, WE, Bug 170,000; Tribal Equalization, 4 schools, WE, CL, ML, FDL= 1.5 million; Early Childhood, 4 schools, WE, CL, ML, FDL 68,000.

Larry Kitto and Randy Asumma, lobbyists did great work for all of us to lobby for the appropriations.

July 2, 1997

Since I wrote the first part of this article, the governor called for a special session with the legislators, and the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program is back on track. Applications are being sent to us by the students on a daily basis. As soon as I complete the application packages for each eligible student, I will be meeting with the scholarship officer in Bemidji to proceed with funding. I am still waiting for some of the students' transcripts from Spring Quarter, I cannot issue any checks until these are received. The needs of the Bois Forte Students continue to grow and I must emphasize that we are accepting the applications on a first come, first serve basis, until we run out of funds

.....Joanne Donald, Tribal Ed Director

Summer Youth news...



Brandon Benner, Coordinator

Hello there Bois Forters, it has been awhile since I have written an article in the illustrious Bois Forte News so please forgive me if I have lost some fans or faithful readers. I was hired as the Summer Youth Coordinator for the summer and it feels great to be back at the once again green pastures of the Bois Forte RTC Offices.

My first duty as the Summer Youth Coordinator was to begin the always difficult process of hiring the youth that applied. This looked like this was going to be a difficult process as there seemed to be

more applicants than positions available. So, myself and my faithful supervisor, Kim King, began looking at the applications and the resources available. We found out that with the positions available through the Bois Forte RTC Summer Youth Program, the AEOA Summer Youth Program, and the Nett Lake JTPA Program we were close to having enough jobs for everyone that applied. I gathered our information and proceeded to go before the mighty Bois Forte Tribal Council with a proposal. This proposal, if approved, would give us the dollars needed to hire every applicant that showed up for an interview. The Council graciously approved the proposal and we immediately let the youth know they were hired!

We are busy trying to keep busy. Some of the projects that we are doing are your typical summer youth type jobs: mowing, cleaning, assisting wherever and whenever, etc. One project that seems to be getting a lot of attention is the beautifying of the "Lakeshore", so if you have some extra time on your hands take a cruise by there and check it out.

Please feel free to contact me at the Tribal Office if you have any helpful comments or suggestions, almost "Vikes" time....

(Sorry, not this year, Brandon....Ed.)

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More on Welfare Reform...

WELFARE TIME LIMITS, WORK INCENTIVES AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS BEGIN JULY 1; MINNESOTACARE CHANGES PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MORE LOW-INCOME PERSONS

Beginning Tuesday, most families receiving welfare in Minnesota will be subject to a 60-month time limit on public assistance, while rules making it difficult to go to work will be eased as the state begins significant welfare reform efforts. Newcomers to Minnesota will be subject to residency requirements.

Changes to MinnesotaCare, also effective Tuesday, will provide health care coverage to more adults without children through the state-subsidized health care plan for Minnesotans with low incomes. Adult-only households will now be eligible for MinnesotaCare if they earn up to 175 percent of the poverty level, \$13,812 per person or \$18,564 for a couple.

"Both the welfare reform efforts and expansion of MinnesotaCare will help working Minnesotans with low incomes and lead to better lives for children," said Human Services Commissioner David Doth.

"While Minnesota families will be expected to work to support their families, we have solid programs supporting their transition to work," Doth said. "These changes are the first significant step in transforming the state system to one that emphasizes work as the way parents support their children. The residency requirements will assure that welfare is a neutral factor in a family's decision to move to Minnesota."

"The expansion of MinnesotaCare means approximately 6,000 more adults with low incomes will have access to health care," he said.

The welfare changes starting Tuesday will bring the state into compliance with the 1996 federal welfare reform law. Changes include:

- A 60-month lifetime limit on cash assistance.

- A 30-day residency requirement. Most newcomers to Minnesota will not receive public assistance for their first 30 days in the state. They will then receive the benefit they would have received in the state where they previously lived if it is lower. Newcomers also will have the time they received benefit in another state applied to the 60-month limit on welfare. If they have used up their limit in another state, they will receive no assistance until they have resided in Minnesota for 12 months.

- Extension of the \$30 and one-third rule. This allows families who go to work to keep more of their earned income while working their way off assistance. Most parents who begin working also will be

eligible to receive help with child care payments and health care. This policy means that people who go to work will be better off financially.

- Elimination of the 100-hour rule that prevented two-parent families from receiving assistance if they worked more than 100 hours a month. This federal rule was a barrier to work.

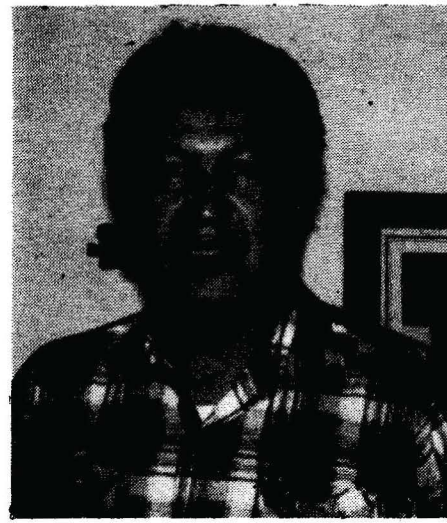
- The end of the \$50 monthly "pass-through" payment to welfare families receiving child support. With the pass-through, some welfare families received an additional payment of the first \$50 of any child support payment made by a noncustodial parent each month. State funds previously used for the pass-through will help pay for earnings supplements for all welfare families who go to work. (Federal funding for the pass-through was eliminated in the 1996 federal welfare reform bill.)

Other major changes in the state's welfare system will occur between Jan. 1, 1998 and March 1998 as counties phase in the statewide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP). In addition to health and child care help, MFIP will give parents help from job counselors with quick job placement and supplement earnings until working families are making 20 percent above the poverty level. Parents who fail to work or follow through with other activities to support their families will have their assistance reduced by 10 percent and then 30 percent.

MFIP is modeled on the nationally recognized state pilot program of the same name begun in 1994, which is successfully moving long-term welfare families to work and out of poverty. Study results released in January show 52 percent of MFIP's hardest-to-serve families were working; 44 percent were living in poverty compared to 60 percent in a control group. Welfare reform could eventually affect the 56,500 families now receiving public assistance.

Raising the income guidelines for MinnesotaCare will increase enrollment by 6,315 people in state fiscal year 1998, according to Department of Human Services' projections. Under previous guidelines, individuals were eligible if they earned up to 135 percent of the poverty level. About 100,182 people are currently enrolled in the program, which provides health insurance to single adults and families with children who don't have access to health care coverage. Enrollees must meet program and income guidelines to be eligible and pay a monthly premium based on income. Some General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) parents and adults without children also will be transitioned to MinnesotaCare; and Medical Assistance and GAMC enrollees are now subject to asset limits.

Family Lives Collaborative..



Allan Morrisseau, MH Tech

A St. Louis County family collaborative meeting was held on June 19, 1997 at the Eveleth Holiday Inn. There were about thirty service providers from various professions, School Teachers, and School Administration Officials in attendance.

Topics of discussion and presentation were:

I. Overview and Highlights of current initiatives. Site and program reports.

Bois Forte Mental Health and Chemical Dependency, Human Service division has three (3) workers on the collaborative team, two (2) have University Degrees. This is the second year that Bois Forte has been involved in part of the Family Collaborative in the Orr and Tower Schools. Mental Health counseling is provided at the schools, one (1) day per week (Tuesday) throughout the school year. Office space is provided by the schools and shared by Family Collaborative members Mental Health and C.D. counseling sessions result through referral or on a "drop-in basis". Services provided by Bois Forte Mental Health are: Individual counseling, crisis intervention, chemical dependency, and anger group sessions. The Chemical Dependency Prevention Specialist is certified by the Institute for Chemical Dependency Professionals of Minnesota.

II. Partner Panel

This a link between local governments and community resources.

Gary Adams is Bois Forte's representa-

tive on the Collaborative Board. The Partner Panels focus is to do something for local communities that is helpful for all people associated with school organizations.

A list of topics that pertain to Partner Panel:

1. The collaborative is a group of people who are not experts, but want to work with others to provide positive outcomes for students in the school system.

2. The collaborative in St. Louis County is working well. Local government, the county, and service providers collaborate well.

3. The collaborative is directed toward service, they do something, provide the resource they have to offer.

4. The collaborative does well building relationships. An example of that is between schools and social workers.

5. The collaborative wants this to continue, sustainability, even if the money (funding) runs out.

III. Outcomes and common indicators

A survey has been done to evaluate the impact that the family collaborative has had a result of the service it has provided up to this point. Indicators show positive reactions to service providers and services offered by the collaborative in the schools.

IV. Where do we go from here?

A list of problems the collaborative will address in the upcoming school year.

1. Community attitude to prevention and early intervention.

2. Drug culture/ Is there support to address this at the community level.

3. Home visits by resource providers.

4. Consistent message from the collaborative and schools/ Alcohol/Drugs.

5. Parent involvement.

6. Welfare Reform.

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The Orr fifth- and sixth-grade girls basketball team.

John V. on Basketball...



John Villebrun, Coach

For those of you who read my article last month, I mentioned that I would have a write up on the 5th and 6th Grade Girls basketball team. Our season ended April 26th at the Region 7 Pacesetter Tournament in Eveleth, which seems like years ago.

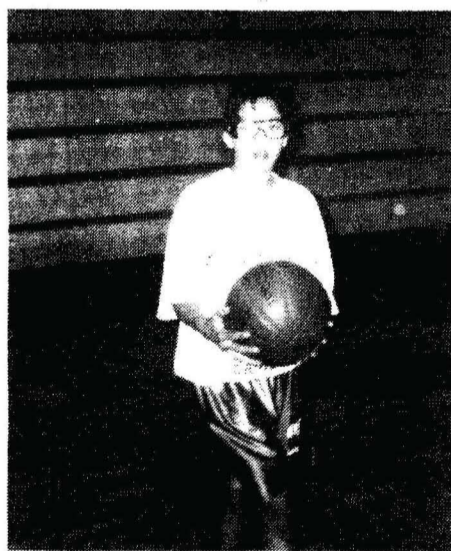
When the Mighty Lady Braves concluded their season, I helped coach the 5th and 6th Grade basketball teams at the Orr High School. I was joined on the coaching staff by Varsity players Karis Flom, Valerie King, Carmen Harsch, and later on in the season Mary Hoffer. I believe the players got a unique coaching staff, at each practice the players got setting similar to a basketball camp with five coaches giving instruction during the drills and scrimmages. We told the players that there was no head coach, all five of us would make a decision together, but I was the spokesman.

When we started the season we intended to take both the 5th and 6th grade teams to the Pacesetter Tournament, but towards the end of the season we had to pull the 5th grade squad due to lack of players. This was a difficult decision for the coaching staff. It was very disappointing for the players, as well as the coaches. At that point we decided to combine both teams and set our sights on the 6th Grade tournament. I want to praise the 5th grade players that didn't quit on us after we made this announcement. They continued to work hard at practice even though they wouldn't get as much playing time.

We took our newly created team over to Cook for a warmup game before the Pacesetter Tournament. I remember the tip-off, we instructed our center Nikki Holden to try to tip it to Ashley Goodsky, which she did, and Ashley did the rest going in for an uncontested lay-up. We

stayed with Cook as long as we could, and in the end they beat us.

After a few adjustments and one last practice, we were ready for the Region 7 Pacesetter Tournament and our first round opponent, Eveleth-Gilbert. We lost the game 14-15, but it came right down to the wire. The score might be a little misleading, but this was a very exciting game. All I can say is you had to be there. In the next two games we were overmatched against International Falls and Chisholm. We had a scare in the Falls game when Nikki Holden went down in tip-off with a sprained ankle, the kids kept their heads and played tough after watching their teammate get carried off the floor. She came back to play in the Chisholm game in which 5th grader Laura Carter got lost in the shuffle somehow and played 11 straight minutes in the 2nd half.



Ashley Goodsky.

I want to thank a few people before I go. First of all the players, who gave the coaching staff their respect and dedication with out any attitude or second guessing what we did. They are: 5th grade- Ashley Goodsky, Rebecca Adams, Jessica Barto, Laura Carter, and Courtney Radle (4th grade). 6th grade- Kate Hoffer, Kirbie Glowaski, Teal Barrett, Danielle Mankus, Nikki Holden, and Kaylee Curtis.

A special thank you to the parents who put their faith and trust into this young coaching staff, and gave us support in all our decisions.

Finally, my fellow coaches for everything we shared over the season, I won't forget. I admire the commitment and effort you ladies have shown. Over the season

the coaches had to deal with everything, injured players and coach, you name it.

But the positives far outweigh the negatives.

Employee Activity Fund Meeting Minutes

Meeting held June 12, 1997, 1:00 P.M. .
RTC Conference Room

Members Present: Ray Villebrun, John Villebrun, Sandy Roberts, Patti Wilkie, Shirley Bixby, Beverly Steel, Wick-o Holmes, Sharon Wagner, Jeanine Whiteman, Darin Steen, Edith Villebrun, Denise Morrison, Miranda Villebrun.

President Ray Villebrun calls the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M.

The Financial Report is presented and discussed.

The Activity Fund has a balance of \$1,537.19 and a membership of 68.

The Annual Activity Fund Golf Tournament is discussed.

Date is set for the Golf Tournament- June 27th, 1997.

The tournament this year will be held at the Virginia Golf Course because there is a Senior Men's Golf tournament at the Cook Golf Course the same day.

Ray mentions that he would like some input from the members on what type of

contests to have during the day, and help naming the awards, Example: Longest Drive- The Animal Award, etc.

Lunch after the tournament and awards ceremony will be at the Olcott Park with Pizza and subs from Dave's Pizza.

John Villebrun will talk to Donna Hoffer about the money left in the Flex Account to help pay for the food and beverages or any other costs.

RTC Employees not in the Activity Fund will be invited to this years tournament, but must pay for themselves.

Other Activities later this summer or fall are discussed.

John mentions that Cathy Chavers suggested to him that the Activity Fund look into the possibility of going to the Paintball course over by Mt. Iron.

Darin Steen suggests having a cookout at a beach where there are rentals for Pontoon boats, Jetski, etc., in July or August. Maybe have this coincide with the Annual cookout sponsored by the Council around July 4th. Door Prize Drawings were held.

The meeting is adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

John V. on Golf...

The Third Annual Activity Fund Golf Tournament this year was held on June 27, at the Virginia Golf Course. The "E.A.F. Open" was in Virginia this year due to the fact that there was a Senior Men's Golf Tournament at the Cook Golf Course that day. The tournament was slated to start at 9:00 a.m., but got off to its usual late start at around 9:30. Shirley Bixby was supposed to take pictures and video, but just rode around in Sandy Roberts' cart instead. We had 30 golfers, which were split into 7 teams, in the tournament this year. This included Mona Villebrun and Eileen Barney who showed up a little late, but thanks to the quick thinking of the tournament organizers, they were still able to get on a team. The tournament, as in years past, followed a "bestball" format. Meaning simply, all members of the team tee-off, then select the best shot and all team members hit their golfballs from that spot to the hole. The process repeats itself until the team finishes the hole.

Like the first two Activity Fund tournaments, there was some controversy. The dispute involved one of the contests, as there were questions to the validity of the Men's closest to the pin winner Brandon Benner and his claims to have come within a few inches of a hole-in-one. But in the end he took home the trophy for the men's closest to the pin, the "Man of Steel Award". The day ended with an awards ceremony and lunch at the Olcott Park. At the awards ceremony, the Tournament co-organizer Ray Villebrun proceeded to hand out some gag awards to his own teammates, sounding a little bitter about his team finishing out of the money. His team shot a four-over par 40. After the tournament Frank Annette complained of a sore back from carrying Ray around all day.

The tournament this year was won by the team of Dave Danz, Eileen Barney, Dion Porter, Geraldine Hanks, and John Villebrun. They won by two shots with a one-over par 37. second place this year went to David "Tines" Villebrun, Eric Strong, Ellen King, and Edith Villebrun, with a three-over par 39. They were awarded a second place via winning a coin flip with the third place team of Sandra

Ronning, Ronald Day, Jackie Villebrun, and Corey Strong who also came in with a 39. The prize for last place went to Cecile Warren, Kathie Holman, Wick-o Holmes, and Troy King who came in with a 7 over-par 43. Cecile Warren took home the most hardware as she collected trophies for Women's Shortest Drive and Women's Closest to the Pin. The tournament this year was a huge success and like the first two tournaments, we were blessed with beautiful weather.

CONTEST WINNERS

Longest Putt-

Men- "Money Award" = Corey Strong
Women- "Show Me the Money" = Sandy Hill

Longest Drive-

Men- "The Animal Award" = John Villebrun

Women- "Amazon Award" = Wick-o Holmes

Shortest Drive-

Men- "Matt Anders Award" = Eric Strong

Women- "Man Crusher Award" = Cecile Warren

Closest to the Pin

Men- "Man of Steel Award" = Brandon Benner*

Women- "Ready for the LPGA" = Cecile Warren

Most Whiffs

"Harvey Rabbitt Award" = Denise Morrison

Most Lost Balls

"Hacker Award" = Dion Porter

Most Water Hazards

"Muddy Duck Award" = Dave Danz

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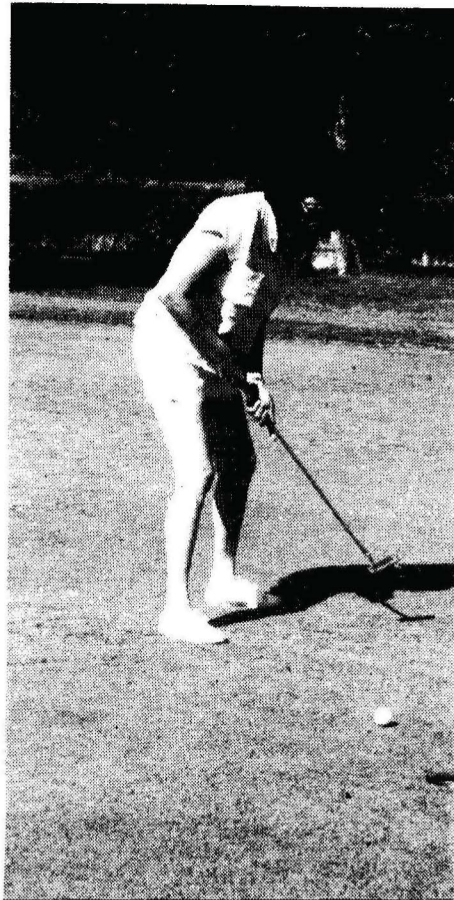
Team Captain	Score
1. John Villebrun	+1 37
2. Dave Villebrun	+3 39*
3. Corey Strong	+3 39
4. Brandon Benner	+4 40
4. Ray Villebrun	+4 40
4. Bill Whiteman	+4 40
7. Troy King	+7 43

*- won coin flip

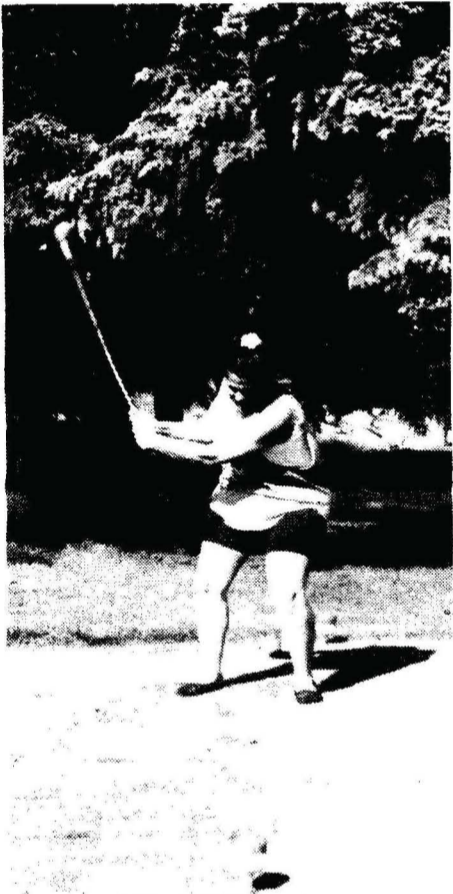
Superintendent's Newsletter



Ray V. and John V. getting ready to give out awards.



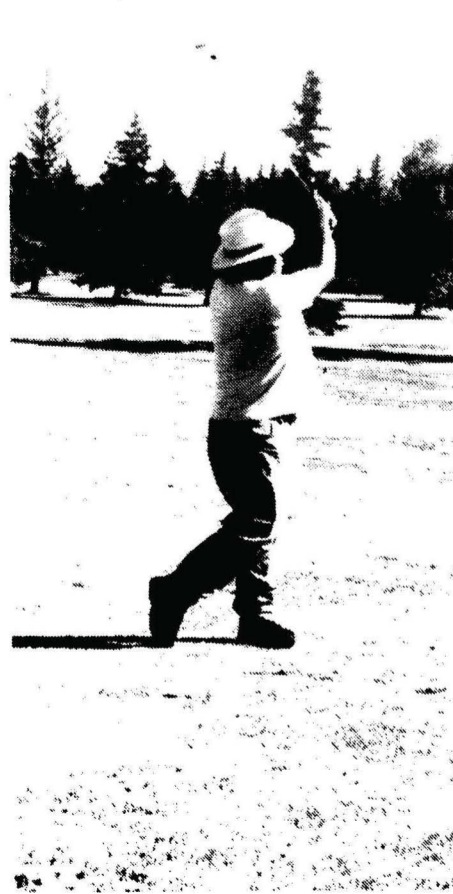
Mona Villebrun lines up for a putt.



Jackie Villebrun gonna knock that ball clean into next week.



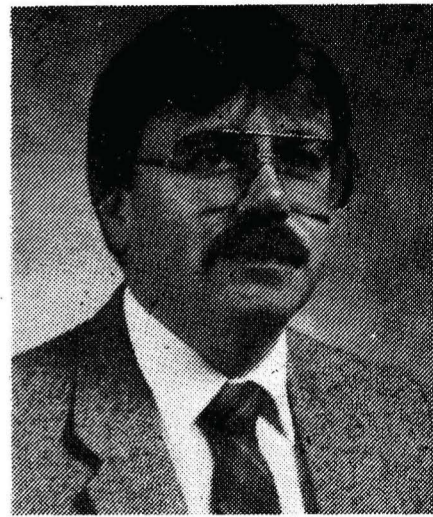
Sandy Roberts...that thing is sure a long ways away.



Bill Whiteman, the ol' pro.



Debra Geyer-Smith.



Ray Toutloff, Superintendent

Ron Dicklich, Bois Forte Reservation lobbyist to the Minnesota Legislature, reports another successful effort on behalf of the Nett Lake School District. In my discussion with Mr. Dicklich he emphasizes the strong commitment of support that area legislatures have to the Bois Forte people and the Nett Lake School District. Senators Doug Johnson, Jerry Janesich, Representatives Tom Bakk, David Tomassoni, Tom Rukavina, and Loren Solberg all play a major role in looking out for the best interests of our school district. Without their efforts we wouldn't have a state of the art school nor would we have done so well in the last legislative session. If you have the opportunity commend them for their effort and say "Thanks"

In the 1998/99 biennium our school district will receive an additional \$120,000 for payment of liability insurance premiums and re-employment compensation claims. An additional \$19,000 has been appropriated for retroactive expenses in this category. A media and technology appropriation of \$35,000 was awarded for the 1997-98 school year as well as \$70,000 for community collaboration efforts for the two year period. These appropriations, which total \$244,000.00 are over and above the annual appropriation of approximately \$600,000.00 that the district receives from the state for operating the school.

Several renovation projects are presently taking place in the school. The ceramic tile mural depicting an Ojibwe cultural scene,

designed by Donald Chosa, is being constructed below the mezzanine railing in the circular story telling area. This will undoubtedly be a very attractive addition to the school. Another tiling project taking place is the new tile floors being laid in the gymnasium locker rooms.

We're nearly to the bid phase of the display case construction project. It doesn't appear that this project will be completed by the time school begins in the fall.

In each issue of the Bois Forte news we will be including a section on parenting tips that you may find helpful to you as a parent, grand parent, other relative or friend. Please try to read these each time they're published. I'm sure you'll discover some useful information. A good idea would be to clip and save them for future reference. The first one is published in this issue and is entitled: School Readiness Check List.

SCHOOL READINESS CHECK LIST

To have complete success in formal schooling your child should be able to master 4 out of 5 of the skills in each area of development listed below:

Language Development

1. Uses the following consonants correctly at the beginning and end of short words by age 5. p b m n t d k g f v y as in "yes".
2. Speaks in sentences of 6 or more words.
3. Listens well and follows directions.
4. Recites words to songs and poems from memory.
5. Recalls main idea and order of events in a simple story.

Concept Development

1. Identifies basic shapes: Circle, square, triangle, rectangle.
2. Identifies and counts numerals 1-10.
3. Identifies six or more colors.
4. Gives his/her full: name, age, address, telephone number.
5. Classifies common objects into categories according to size, weight, color, etc.

Physical Skill Development

1. Throws a ball overhand with direction: catches a ball.
2. Jumps, hops and balances on one foot for 10 seconds.
3. Persists and completes simple puzzles.
4. Prints some letters and first name.
5. Uses crayons and scissors with control on straight and curved figures.

Personal & Social Development

1. Shows independence - dresses, washes, zips, buttons.
2. Completes tasks.
3. Plays competitively and cooperatively.
4. Shows pride and self-confidence.
5. Communicates with most adults and children.

Do you know that you can have a voice in the way county and reservation land is managed? Do you know you can make decisions that will help farm owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers in your area? You can do this by voting for County Committee members in your local Administrative Area. Because the Bois Forte Reservation is managed as forest land, each enrolled member of the band, who is 18 and older, is able to vote for a County Committee representative.

The farmer elected committee is your voice in USDA's programs here in this area. Members of the committee work with area residents to maintain the local focus of many USDA programs, inform people of what's available, and help producers understand how the programs work. Committee members work to help shape national programs into working local programs.

For more information on your local committee or to register to vote, contact Sid Jarvis at the Duluth Farm Service Agency, (218) 720-5353.

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More on Indian Gaming...

NIGA Members Decry Proposal to Tax Tribes

by Tim Wapato, Executive Director of the National Indian Gaming Association - June 1997

WASHINGTON—The National Indian Gaming Association and its 152-member Indian Nations oppose the taxation proposals being offered this month in the mark-up of Congressman Bill Archer (A-Texas), chairman of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee.

This provision was tried in the 1995 Budget Reconciliation and was soundly rejected in the Senate and by the Clinton Administration. This time around, the Clinton Administration and a number of Senators, including the Republican and Democratic leadership, is on record opposing this proposal.

The provision also is being opposed by a significant number of Congressmen in a bipartisan effort.

The reason for the opposition is readily apparent to many people. We do not understand why Chairman Archer insists on pushing a proposal from a few staffers in Congress in a discriminatory attack on Indian gaming. Indian tribes are sovereign Indian Nations—governments that have all the responsibilities of any state or local municipality. They must provide services such as police and fire protection, court systems, health care, education, housing, water systems, roads, elder care, child care and welfare. Gaming revenues provide some of the funding.

This tax proposal cavalierly and with no legal or policy basis, classifies Indian tribes as non-profit corporations, the same as the Heart Association or any other such nonprofit association.

This is an outrageous and unlawful reclassification. It seeks to overturn 220 years of federal Indian law and federal Indian policy. Indian tribes are governments, recognized in numerous acts of Congress as governments and recognized in numerous Supreme Court decisions as sovereigns. This provision would tax Indian governments as corporations.

Chairman Archer has no overriding need to balance his budget on the backs of tribal governments. State lotteries amount to nearly 38 percent of the pie. Why is there no tax proposal for state lotteries? Why this discriminatory tax on the poorest of the poor? Only a third of Indian Nations have gaming and only six are making significant profit.

Tribes Fight Back at U.S.

Janet Reno, Bruce Babbitt Have Caused The Stalemate Over Gaming Compacts, Southland Indians Allege

by Jeff Dillon of the Desert Sun, May 22, 1997

PALM SPRINGS, Calif.—Several Southern California Indian tribes fired back at the federal government this week, blaming Attorney General Janet Reno and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt for the current deadlock over video gaming machines.

Responding to a lawsuit filed by U.S. Attorney Nora Manella in March, counterclaims filed by the tribes say:

- The Department of Justice should be suing Gov. Pete Wilson, not the tribes, over the absence of compacts, or gaming agreements, in California.
- Babbitt has taken too long to develop

rules that would let the Interior Department impose compacts on states that refused to approve them. He first asked for public comments in May 1996, shortly after the Supreme Court ruled tribes can't sue states that refuse to negotiate compacts.

'TAKE ACTION': "it's about time somebody did something about it," said Richard Milanovich, tribal council chairman for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, which owns the Spa Casino in Palm Springs. "We were hoping something else was going to happen, but evidently it's not, so we have to take this action to find some relief."

Spokesman Thom Mrozek said the U.S. Attorney's Office had not had time to review the counterclaims and could not comment.

The news came as U.S. District Judge J. Spender Lets began considering Manilla's request for a preliminary injunction that would force the tribes to shut down the machines until the suit is resolved.

MORE NEGOTIATIONS: At a May 5 hearing, Lets gave the tribes until May 20 to file arguments on whether he had jurisdiction over the case.

Until a decision is announced, the tribes are doing business as usual. Representatives of the tribes and Manilla's office also have met at least once to try to negotiate a settlement.

"A lot of people may have thought that with the supposed deadline that came up yesterday that D-Day was approaching, but today was sort of a nonevent," said Gene Gamble, general counsel to the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, which owns Spotlight 29 Casino near Coachella.

Tribes Point Finger Federal Officials Share Blame For Confusion

Editorial in The Desert Sun, May 24, 1997

PALM SPRINGS, Calif.—The legal counterattack mounted by Indians against federal officials pressuring tribes to pull the plug on video gambling machines is aimed at targets who until now have escaped responsibility for continuing the chaos swirling around Indian gaming industry.

Responding to a lawsuit filed by U.S. Attorney Manella, tribal officials charged that Attorney General Janet Reno and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt have refused to do their jobs. The criticism is entirely deserved.

It is ridiculous for the Justice Department to crack down on the tribes for failing to obtain agreements with the state to operate video gambling machines without taking into consideration five years of stonewalling by Gov. Pete Wilson.

Tribes repeatedly requested that the governor meet with their representatives to discuss a compact as mandated under the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. He refused. Only in the fall did Wilson relent, and then he agreed to negotiate only with a tribe that does not operate a casino.

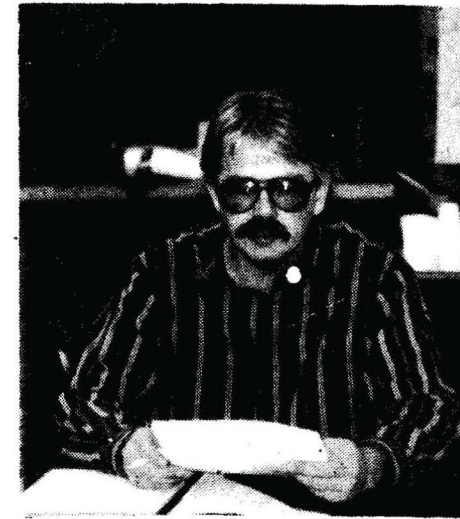
How did Reno and Manella expect the tribes to reach an agreement with someone who would not even sit down at the bargaining table?

As for Babbitt, he was instructed by the U.S. Supreme Court a year ago to come up with the rules that would allow the Interior Department to set up compacts in states like California that refused to negotiate agreements. He still hasn't complied. If Babbitt had done his job, chances are a compact now would be in effect.

For federal representatives like Manella now to decide that it is the fault of the tribes

that no compact exists not only is unfair, it's hypocritical.

Planning news...



David Danz, Reservation Planner

The architects are busy with the design and specifications phase of the Senior Assisted Living Center to be constructed in Nett Lake. The topographic survey and soil borings for the building site on the old ballfield have been completed. We expect to have the plans and specs finished around mid-July which would allow bid announcements to be out before August. With this schedule I am hopeful that construction can begin this summer and the building closed up by winter.

We received a visit from a non-profit firm known as NCALL. This is a non-profit organization who came to Nett Lake to provide technical assistance in the development of the Rural Development Self-Help Housing application. The responsibility for this program has been given to the Housing Authority so Jim Kochevar was saddled with moving this initiative along. Jim will be working on the full application which includes identifying up to 15 families interested in owning a new home. The program is called Self-Help Housing as the participating families will provide equity in their home by assisting each other in the construction of up to six homes at a time. I'll let Jim give you more details as he works on the project.

I am now in the intensive stage of the development of this year's Community

Development Block Grant application. This year the decision has been made to pursue CDBG funding to assist in financing the cost of replacing the Lake Vermilion Center. Several meetings have taken place on this project. A recent meeting was attended by staff from Planning, Health Services, and Human Services; RTC members; Vic Mosser from the Indian Health Service; and project architects. Preliminary plans are now being drawn up and I am working on the application narrative. The CDBG program is highly competitive among the Chicago region Tribes. You have to really do your homework and cover all of the bases to score in a fundable range. We have been quite successful the past five years and hope to see this project funded as well. Deadline is July 25.

A number of meetings have taken place to move the road improvement projects forward. Improvements are planned for Indian Point and Sugarbush on Pelican Lake and Tibbets Trail and Hardhat Road at Vermilion. To use Federal money, you jump Federal hoops. I believe we have jumped them all and am hopeful these projects will go out on bid in July. As we are also doing a water and sewer extension on Hardhat, road improvements must follow the utilities installation. This project will likely extend into next year. We would like to see the other three be complete this fall.

Negotiations are underway for leasing the Sawmill to the private sector. Several meetings have taken place and proposed terms of a lease agreement have been discussed. The idea behind leasing the mill is based upon the belief that a private sector operator can manage a more profitable business than one managed by a public, governmental entity. If agreeable terms can be reached by both parties; the mill would remain under Band ownership, be operated by a private sector businessman with Federal incentives in place to provide jobs to Indian people.

Land Use Planning news...



Bill Whiteman, Land Use Planner

Historically canoes have been single most important vehicle in the Bois Forte Anishinabe culture. They have been used for; gathering wild rice, hunting waterfowl and deer, trapping, fishing, transportation, recreation and also for other forms of commerce. In modern times the canoe has maintained an important role in day to day life. Most recently our people as well as the general population in northern Minnesota have come to regard the canoe as an important recreational vehicle too while maintaining its position in the work place. Almost every facet of Anishinabe life has

been and continues to be affected by the presence or absence of the (ubiquitous) canoe.

It is not necessary for Outdoor Ed to be structured in a formal manner. A person of any age can usually learn as much or more by simply being on a canoe trip or by being on a camping trip as can be taught in a classroom or with a computer. Use of computers and other high tech methods does have its merits in the field of Outdoor Ed. In fact, a close personal friend and I have considered collaborating in the production of a new CD-ROM geography game for the BFIR called "Where On the Rez Is Carmen Sandiego?" or something along those lines. However, use of this media is not necessary. Active participation in outdoor activities can allow an individual to learn much more. One can not teach firebuilding, or parching wild rice or steering a canoe on a computer. Some individuals are bashful or reticent to participate in activities to which they have not been exposed, but after seeing other people do it, they are more willing to jump in and participate. I have seen this on the many camping trips and canoe trips I've been on in my life. In fact anybody with the gumption to go on a camping trip is

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Kim King, TERO/JTPA Coordinator

Hi, I am going to take a few lines and share what I have been doing this past month.

Well for starters I have accepted a ninety-day temporary appointment as Coordinator of the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) programs. The duties of this position are as follows:

1. Negotiate and secure Indian preference in employment agreements with on and near Reservation employers.
2. Develop and submit written grant proposals for specific projects.
3. Direct development of all activities for JTPA program participants.
4. Other related duties as necessary or assigned.

I find this job a real challenge. You ask why? Because employment in this part of Minnesota is scarce. I will do my best to secure employment opportunities on and near the reservation. Another aspect of this position is to assist Bois Forte band members interested in going to the National Iron Workers Training Program for American Indians. The National Iron Workers Training Program requests all correspondence to be provided through the Bois Forte TERO/JTPA office. To enroll in this

program, individuals need to fill out a Bois Forte application form, attaching a copy of birth certificate, degree of blood paper, (request from Patti Wilkie-Enrollment Office, Bois Forte RTC), high school diploma or GED and physical form (from TERO office, RTC).

There is no cost to the applicant for this training except travel on their arrival date.

You will receive weekly subsistence under the BIA Grant and are provided with work clothing and tools. Upon completion of the 12 week training you will be sent home. When you are scheduled for work you will receive placement funding from the National Iron Workers Training Program. If you are interested in this program please contact the TERO/JTPA office and I will be happy to help.

Brandon Benner the Summer Youth Coordinator and I have been busy getting the youth employed for the summer. Brandon has done a great job in getting summer employment for all eligible applicants. The Summer Youth Program runs for eight weeks and pays \$ 4.75 per hour with participants working thirty-two hours a week.

Also working with Brandon are site supervisors Jim Deegan, Vermilion, Shane Drift and John Whiteman, Nett Lake. I am happy to report there are forty youth employed through the efforts of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, Jobs Training Partnership Act, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, and the JTPA New Futures Program. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

I have been receiving quite a few calls on information as to when the Elderly Living Complex Project will begin. I have been informed that the project is tentatively set to start in August. I will contact all those who are qualified and have show an interest in working on this project. This is all the information I have to share for now.

• Land Use Planning

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willing to learn, people do not want to stand around doing nothing. A method which is almost certainly doomed to failure is requiring somebody to do something which they don't want to do.

Designating campsites - Camping on the Bois Forte I.R. has usually been restricted to the Littlefork river valley in the southwest corner of the Rez and seems to be the most likely spot for development. The process of designating campgrounds should be done first hand. Looking at a map and selecting a site is not nearly as desirable as physically going to the site and explore. A roadside campground-wayside rest type area was created between Four Corners and Sucker Trail a number of years ago. It gradually became grown over with less desirable native and alien plants from lack of maintenance and disuse. Rebuilding another in that area or similar areas would probably not be

a wise decision. As I recall it became somewhat of a party area for a short period of time.

Bogwalk or Lakewalk - Through the years I have developed a land ethic which I'm pretty sure is consistent with that of most people in Indian Country and in the beyond. We hear of ecological calamities quite regularly, though to a lesser extent than a few years ago. A significant reminder of our resistance to change is the lead shot issue. For some reason our duck hunters still prefer lead shot, in spite of recommendations against its use. Contrary

to popular opinion we are not the conservationists that people like to say we are. We still litter, though as not quite as much anymore. We continue to engage in behavior which is not consistent with a good land ethic such as improper disposal of household hazardous wastes. An example of this is the placement of a landfill on top of an aquifer. So. The Bogwalk by itself is a fine idea, it affords many people the opportunity to appreciate a part of the ecosystem they may not ever see. However, as noble as it is to offer this opportunity to the general public, it also allows easy access to a relatively fragile ecosystem, to a portion of the public who may not have the respect necessary to properly protect its features. Our lake and the surrounding watershed is an extremely fragile area and requires constant monitoring to ensure its survival. Placement of the sewage lagoon near Goofy's landing has had a devastating effect on the wild rice crop in Mallard Bay and it is only now starting to make a recovery. Construction of a structure such as the Bogwalk in Orr has a great and most probably negative impact on that ecosystem. Altering the habitat encourages the growth of pioneer plant types because of the alteration of the plant succession in that community. Basically plants in a community grow according to a successional pattern depending on their tolerance to shade and other factors. When soil is stripped bare such as during construction or a forest fire it offers a habitat suitable for the growth of pioneer plants like fireweed and common mullein by disturbing the dormant plant

E. Curt's Water Lab news..



E. Curt Goodsky, Water Lab Technician

Well hello there readers! I hope this month of July is good to you. I would like to welcome Les Connor Jr. to the lab crew. Les is joining us for this summer as an intern, after which he will return to Bemidji State University to continue his education in the fall. I am very glad to have the mindful assistance he has already contributed. Now down to business. Chris Holm just handed me a revised project list that includes schedules and priorities: 23 projects scheduled, prioritized as such "immediately, ongoing, fall, spring, July, etc.", talk about keeping busy. If some people are wondering about the "Public Notice" posted at Indian Point beach, well don't let those rumors get out of control. The results of the bacterial tests were positive for total and fecal coliform (bacteria). To verify our first test results, we collected another sample of water from the same site and tested again. The water samples were tested two ways: (1). Membrane Filtration and (2). Presence/Absence. First, Membrane Filtration is an approved method for the detection of coliform (bacteria). The water sample is filtered through a sterile membrane filter, placed in a culture dish with the appropriate media (bacteria food), then incubated for twenty four hours plus or minus two hours at 35.5 C. The colonies are then counted (if present). In this case, I used M-Endo media for total coliform detection and M-fc with Rosolic acid for fecal coliform growth. The bacterial colonies in a 100ml sample were: atypical

= too numerous to count - TNTC (atypical are bacteria that visually do not look like coliform species), total coliform = 9 colonies, fecal = 32 colonies. Presence/Absence is also an approved method for coliform detection. I introduced a chemical reagent (bacteria food) into a 100ml water sample (from the same site), and incubated at 35.5 C for twenty four hours plus or minus two hours and read the results. If turbidity (cloudiness) is present in the container then we assume there are coliform present. If there is also florescence (light given off by E. coli bacteria) then the sample is positive for E. coli. We also inoculated a coliform sample into a vial of EC-Mug to verify that E. coli was not present. Neither procedure indicated the presence of E. coli (E. coli is a human bacteria that if present would be of concern). The coliform present in our test probably is naturally occurring as a result of the totally natural functions of the system. End result? Well, we are advising against the ingestion of this water into your system (i.e. spitting water at each other, drinking it etc..) other than that, enjoy yourself and the beach that our youth and AmeriCorps programs try to help keep clean for your use. That, my concerned readers, is just what we mean by an "ongoing" project. Another aspect of these ongoing projects are testing for lead and arsenic. Now don't get worried, part of our job is to get relevant information to you the public. So, if you hear something, ASK us, we may be busy; but we are succeeding in our efforts for a better understanding of our local ecology. Enough for now? My mind is getting tired, ol' Doc Holm was canoeing me around Mallard Bay at 6:30 am, looking at "Trumpeter Swans" and various vegetation; and yes the rice is looking good. Holm also wants to go canoeing again tomorrow morning too. Oh well, its a great job. Hey! I completed my S.C.U.B.A training and I am now a certified S.C.U.B.A. diver. ho-waa!! Next time I'll try to include our dive plan or let you know how it went. Hope your morning beverage is good. Til next time, sleep well and fair winds. Goodsky out.

seeds or enriching the substrate with more nutrients. Many of these plant seeds lie dormant and would not propagate unless scratched, exposed to oxygen and other factors. Also included are such undesirable species as purple loosestrife, curly pondweed and other noxious weeds. There is a prolific stand of purple loosestrife growing near the Bogwalk in Orr and I don't know for sure if this is due to the construction of the walkway or if this species was introduced by other methods. My advice would be to forego the construction of these types of structures on Nett Lake.

The forgotten man of today is the man who quit advertising yesterday.



Mike, Lee, Cecile and Melanie Warren.

* Health News

Yvonne and ICWA news...



Yvonne King, ICWA Director

Hello out there! I have been really busy these past few months and am very sorry for shirking my responsibility of keeping the community informed as to what's going on with the ICWA department. Since my last writing I have attended several training sessions pertaining to the Indian Child Welfare Act, also CORE training for supervisors and social workers. I was hoping I could report that the Tribal/State Agreement has been signed, but there has been several developments which have to be taken care before the Agreement can proceed. ICWA provided a Basic First Aid training to the community on June 21 at the community center. Also the Human Service division has just received a new coloring book which is culturally specific and it deal with good touch-bad touch. It is produced by the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, with the story written by Kim King, and the artwork by Travis (Sonny) Goodstar. The book is titled CREATOR'S STORY: Anishinaabe (Original People) and Good Touch.

I would like to inform the community of their rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act. If your child is a member of a tribe or eligible for membership in a tribe, your family has the right to protection of the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, and other Minnesota state laws. These rights apply to any CHIP's (neglect/dependency) case, termination of parental rights action, adoption, runaway/truancy matter, or voluntary placement of your children. Also--

PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- receive written notice of the court case by registered mail;
- have a tribe notified of the case;
- have a tribal representative present at every court hearing;
- request transfer of the case to tribal court;
- read all documents given to the Judge;
- have at least thirty (30) days to prepare for the court hearing;
- be represented by an attorney;
- have your children placed with a relative or close family friend if the court takes them out of your home;
- have a Native American guardian ad litem appointed for your children, if any are available;
- be notified any time your children are moved to a new placement;
- visit your children during the first seventy-two (72) hours if placed in a shelter on a police hold;
- have children returned if they were taken on a police hold and hearing is not

held within seventy-two (72) hours (not counting weekends and holidays);

- have an attorney or advocate assist you in setting up a reasonable case plan;
- have notices and court proceedings translated into your own language if you have difficulty with English;
- have a Judge explain to you the consequences of your decision to give up custody of your children;
- have your children returned to you within twenty-four (24) hours if you change your mind about voluntary placement
- change your mind about placing your children up for adoption at any time until the adoption is final;

- withdraw consent to adoption within two (2) years after the adoption is final if your consent was obtained by fraud;

- request that your child be placed with someone with the same religious beliefs as you;

- request services to assist your family;
- ask the Court to set aside court orders that violated the Indian Child Welfare Act.

RELATIVES HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- be given first preference to have the children live with you;
- have your home and family evaluated using the standards of the Native American Community;
- apply for foster care payments, which pay higher monthly amounts than A.F.D.C.;
- have the same rights as a parent, if you were raising the children when child protection got involved;
- grandparents have the right to participate in all hearings if the children lived with them any time in the two (2) years before the case began;
- ask for visitation with the children;
- be notified if the children need a permanent home, especially if they have lived with you in the past or you have maintained a relationship with them while they are in placement;

CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- be notified of all court hearings and to attend of you are twelve (12) years old;
- have your own attorney;
- present evidence to the court;
- have a guardian ad litem who is Native American or who is at least knowledgeable and appreciative of your heritage;
- stay with a relative or close family friend if unable to stay at home;
- object to the transfer of the case to tribal court of over twelve (12) years old;
- be fully informed of your rights;
- telephone your parents, attorney and guardian ad litem;
- live independently under certain circumstances if over sixteen (16) years old;
- request services;
- participate in developing a case plan;
- once over eighteen (18), adopted children have the right to obtain information necessary to establish membership in a tribe;

YOUR TRIBE HAS THE RIGHT TO:

- receive notice of your case;
- participate in all court hearings;
- get information from the child protection worker;
- find out what efforts were made to place the children with relatives;
- request that the case be transferred to Tribal Court;

- make recommendations and submit reports to the Court;

CHILD PROTECTION WORKERS MUST:

- make active efforts to prevent placement and to reunite your family;
- ask questions to determine if your children are Native American;
- notify each parents' tribe of their involvement if there is any possibility the children will be removed from the home;
- make diligent efforts to locate relatives and find Native American foster homes;
- fully cooperate with your tribe;
- return your children from voluntary placement within twenty-four (24) hours after demand is made by the parents;
- use the resources of the tribe and Native American social services agencies when working with a family;
- maintain a record of its efforts to comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act;
- provide culturally appropriate services;
- keep looking for relatives and Native American foster homes if they are not initially available.

THE JUVENILE COURT MUST:

- at the first hearing ask if any of the children are Native American;
- transfer the case to tribal court if your children were only visiting off the reservation when child protection got involved;
- return your children if child protection

Mental Health news...



Frank Connor, Mental Health Worker

Boo-shoo! I am sorry for not writing an article for the June issue of the Bois Forte News. Perhaps it was because my mind was still on vacation or in anticipation for it. May 17 through May 24 I was on vacation and went to South Dakota: Badlands, Rushmore, Devil's Tower, etc.. It was a nice break before the hot summer months. More recently, Allan Morrisseau and I attended the Minnesota Indian Mental Health conference at the Blackbear Casino/Hotel in Carlton MN. This three day conference was a huge success with more participants than we anticipated. There were numerous mental health issues discussed from many presenters from the local, as well as, national areas. This annual conference is indeed getting bigger as I helped discriminate statistics of current and prior years. The gathering also served for the Minnesota Indian Mental Health Advisory Board's quarterly meeting. This quarterly meeting opened Wednesday morning, recessed, reconvened on Friday after the conference and finally adjourned. The Advisory Board meetings serve as an evaluation and purview of other Minnesota Indian Reservations and what they are doing in their Mental Health Programs as well as Bois Forte. Mental health issues are shared not only concerning the reservations, but into the community and larger society, then discussing our reaction to them. The information is vital to the support of Indian mental health programs

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.

does not present testimony by an expert familiar with the standards and child-rearing practices within the Native American community.

- Child protection must return children unless the expert testifies that the children will face serious emotional and physical damage in your care;
- deny adoption if the parent's consent for adoption was given within ten (10) days of birth.

Well everyone, time is getting short and I must get back to work. I certainly hope this article will give the people of the community an understanding of their rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act and if anyone should need assistance in this sort of thing, please, contact the myself or my workers at the Human Service Division, located at the Nett Lake School. (218) 757-0111

statewide.

Another thing I was made aware of at the meeting was our second quarterly reports are due and our RFP (request for proposal) will be for two years. This means the proposal we write for State Mental Health Grant monies will be requesting funding for two years, instead of the usual one year, as in the past. There were no major reductions to our budget and no foreseeable cuts in the future, but this doesn't necessarily translate into good news as the cost of living is constantly rising.

One other meeting I attended this month was at Brainerd Regional Human Services Center, it was on Chemical Dependency issues between the state and reservations. I attended this with Gary Adams, Lester Drift, and Allan Morrisseau. The meeting focussed on future trends in chemical dependency and how CD clients will benefit with counselors who have a mental health and chemical dependency counseling background. There are many dual diagnosis in both the mental health and chemical dependency fields. An example of dual diagnosis would be a person understood to be chemically dependent along with being clinically depressed. As usual, financial consideration plays a role in most service delivery professions and in this case, is causing a blending of chemical dependency and mental health professionals. I would venture to say HMO's greatly influence this trend. On an ending note, BRHSC was where I interned two years ago and I met many familiar people there, some whom I've worked with while I was there. It was encouraging to see them again.

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Millard "Sonny" Myers, Director

As I write this letter it is June 18, 1997. All the warm "nibin" or summer weather we have been enjoying recently in the Duluth area is nothing but a memory. Downtown Duluth is sitting at a balmy 50 degrees with a cool wind off of Lake Superior. My poor dog does not know whether to shed it's fur or grow more. Enough about the weather.

Some housekeeping items. As of the last writing I made mention to the probability that the offices of the 1854 Authority may be moving. It is now official. We will be moving everything June 26 and our first official day in the new office will be July 1st Our new location is:

Airpark Square 4428 Haines Road Duluth, MN 55811-1525.

The new office is located up past the mall area towards the Duluth Airport The phone and fax numbers will remain the same. As soon as we are situated, we will have an open house.

Moose applications for the upcoming season are now available. The application deadline has been moved back to August 15th, so as to give everyone plenty of time to get them in. All the application logistics are explained within the document, so please pick one up for your information. **Note: you must submit an application every year, including this year,** even if you submitted one last year and did not get a permit.

In other news. The biological staff has been and will be busy working out in the field. Most recently the staff was out in the woods hanging sacks of bacon bits on trees in selected areas in an effort to assess the "makwah" or "bear" population in Minnesota These sacks will be checked in a few weeks to see if they were visited by bears, and the data collected will be combined with other agency data. This

type of survey is done about every five years.

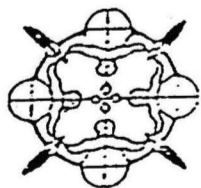
The Biology staff is also gearing up to assess the fish community in the Cloquet River. We have been conducting a complete survey on the Cloquet River from the Island Lake Dam to where it dumps into the St. Louis River. The data collected on this project will be used to formulate a management plan for this stretch of river. The beauty of this stretch of river is that it is relatively void of human development and an untapped resource for fishing. Throughout this survey we have received cooperation from the Fond Du Lac Ceded Territories Fisheries Section and the project has been immeasurable in developing good public relations with those interested in the natural resources of the Ceded Territory.

Another exciting project we will have some involvement with is information gathering on the Swamp River Reservoir near Hovland Minnesota. Recently a large chunk of land was purchased by an environmental organization and given to the State of Minnesota This valuable habitat will be surveyed and managed for the benefit of wildlife into the future. Preliminary reports are this area is rich with natural resources, including moose, deer, waterfowl and wild rice.

One last note. The 1854 Authority has developed a "manomin" or "wild rice" video that directly links the land, resource and people of the 1854 Treaty area. The message of this video goes beyond basic wild rice ecology and stresses the importance of this natural resource to the indigenous people of northern Minnesota. The video is broadcast quality and will be shown on WDIO Channels 10 & 13 on Sunday July 6th at 5:30 pm. I encourage you to make an effort to view this "Award Winning" video as you will not only see an excellent show about the ecology and "manominikewin" or "gathering of wild rice", but you will see many familiar faces. **Megwitch**

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Housing news...

Hello! We would like to introduce a new Housing Authority employee, who was recently hired June 02, 1997 for the position of Secretary/Bookkeeper. Her name is Adrienne R. Zapata (Whiteman). She is the daughter of Jerome and Clara Whiteman of Nett Lake. She recently graduated from the Mesabi Range Community and Technical College with a Associate of Applied Science degree in Administrative Support. Her husband, Rudy U. Zapata is a Navy Recruiter who works at the Navy Recruiting Station in Hibbing. She has two daughters Arianna and Amber Rose ages 4 and 3. She joins the Housing Team with great expectations and a "can do" attitude.



Adrienne R. Zapata

Next, in the News: Cindy Glasel Executive Director, Lafayette Connor Office Manager, Jim Kochevar Project Manager, Frances (Cisco) Isham, and Frank Villebrun Board of Commissioners attended the National American Indian Housing Council Convention and Trade Show in San Francisco, California held June 23-25, 1997. The convention topics were Indian Housing Authorities and HUDs' future plans under the new Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

Under the NAHASDA, each Reservation must submit one and five year plans in order to be funded each year from HUD.

The deadline for submission is October 1, of each year. Each tribal council must designate a (TDHE) Tribal Designated Housing Entity to write and implement the plan before they receive any funding from HUD. This is very important because HUD will not fund any reservation without the submission and approval of these plans by October 1. The Plan must address current and future housing needs of all people living on the reservation.

Other training at the convention were Comprehensive Housing Planning, Welfare Reform, Grant Writing, Internet, and Federal Agency Workshop. They also had a Trade Show with vendors soliciting various services pertaining to housing needs, and vendors with various kind of crafts and beadwork. Their trip was very informational and we at the Housing Authority Office are looking forward to getting started on the Plan. We welcome any data or information concerning the housing needs of the Bois Forte people. Letters, phone calls, and personal visits would be very appreciated. Our phone number and address follows: (218) 757-3253, PO BOX 12 Nett Lake, MN 55772. This is Housing News for now until next time...



Can this be the exec? Is that what they call a "whiff"?

In Self-Defense....

As a part of a three-day women's self-defense workshop held recently at the Vermilion Social Center in Tower, area residents did their best preparing for the very worst that could happen -- a violent physical attack.

Under the instruction of Kurt Metzger, karate instructor and 1st degree black belt with the Northern Dragons Martial Arts School in Cook, workshop participants learned several self-defense techniques and principles based on Wu Lung Do, a form of martial art invented by a woman to thwart attack by larger and often stronger individuals.

Participants of the self-defense workshop learned the best way to stand and move in a violent situation, how to use a "stinger" to break the grip of an attacker, and how to avoid situations where an attack is more likely to occur. They also learned how to better escape a pursuing attacker and what constitutes an appropriate amount of force to use in any violent situation.

Sponsored by the Bois Forte Tribal Court and operated with the help of Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training's New Futures Youth Employment participants, the Bois Forte Crime Prevention Program offered the Women's Self-Defense class in

addition to many positive community-based activities scheduled throughout the summer. Other events have included child identification projects, appearances from McGruff the Crime Dog, a drum group for males of any age and many more.

The Bois Forte Crime Prevention Program is supervised and directed by Probation Officer Rosemary King. It is coordinated with the help of Farrah Drift, 19, a New Futures Youth Employment Program participant. She assists in the overall development of all the projects, including distributing flyers and writing a Crime-Prevention column in the Bois Forte News. In return for her contributions as a youth worker, Drift also earns money and gains relevant work experience toward her intended Law Enforcement career.

For more information about upcoming Crime Prevention events, or to share ideas for other crime prevention projects, call 218 757-3462. Information about the New Futures Youth Employment Program is also available at 218 749-1274.

A Women's Self-Defense class will be held at the Nett Lake School on August 18, 19 & 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Any one interested can just show up (no age requirement).

And the Door was Shut...



Marilyn Rabbitt

Sunday evening during a time of sharing testimonies, our worship leader had something she wanted to share with us that had happened a few years ago. What had taken place came back to her vividly during the sermon the week before. We were in Minnesota at that time getting ready to move our youngest son out here, but she mentioned the pastor had spoke on the parable of the ten bridesmaids. She went on to say she was sitting at an airport waiting for someone and at one of the departure doors the attendant or ticket person called out that the plane was preparing to leave and all persons not yet aboard needed to board immediately. Linda noticed there was a group of people walking very slowly and talking and laughing and it appeared they were walking towards the departure area but in no hurry at all.

The attendant called out again a little more urgently saying "this plane is ready to depart - any one leaving needs to board now!" This group of people were still walking slow and visiting with each other, probably with the attitude they had plenty of time. The attendant came out and called again, saying the plane is ready to depart and the door will be closed in a moment. Two men from that group of people left the rest of them and boarded the plane but the others were still talking and laughing and walking very slowly.

Linda was really watching all of this and beginning to feel really nervous, thinking, "What's the matter with these people, they better start moving or they'll be left behind."

Finally, the attendant gave another anxious call, saying to board immediately or he would have to close the door. The people ignored the urgency of his voice and continued to talk and walk slowly, and the attendant closed the door. When they realized they couldn't get through the door they held up their tickets and exclaimed, "But we have tickets!"

It made Linda think about the parable of the ten bridesmaids or virgins that Jesus spoke to the people about. Parables are story illustrations that Jesus used - it's something familiar to help us understand something new. This method of teaching compels the listener to discover truth for himself. The message gets through only to

those who are willing to listen and learn. The parable is about a wedding. In Jewish culture a couple was engaged a long time before the actual marriage, and the engagement promise was just as binding as the marriage vows. On the wedding day the bridegroom went to the bride's house for the ceremony, then the bride and groom, along with a great parade, returned to the groom's house where a feast took place, often lasting a full week.

This parable is found in Matthew 25:1-13. It speaks of five wise bridesmaids and five foolish bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Only five of them were wise enough to fill their lamps with oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they lay down to rest until midnight when they were roused by a shout, "the bridegroom is coming, come out and welcome Him!!"

All the girls jumped up and trimmed their lamps but the five foolish girls begged the others to share their oil because their lamps were going out. The other five said, "we haven't enough, go instead to the shop and buy some for yourselves." But while they were gone the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

Later when the other five returned they stood outside calling, "Sir, open the door for us?" But he answered "I do not know you."

Then Jesus ended the parable by saying, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming," or in other words stay awake and be prepared!

Many times Jesus says to watch and be ready. When Jesus returns to take his people to heaven, we must be ready. Spiritual preparation cannot be bought or borrowed at the last minute. Our relationship with God must be our own.

In I Thessalonians 4:16-18 it says, "for the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and the dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord. Comfort one another with these words. (5:6). "Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober." One day soon many people will be running to a pastor's house and find him gone, they'll run to every Christian they know and won't find them. They will be like the people at the airport who thought they had plenty of time and suddenly realized the door was shut on them.

I have written other times about the rapture of the church. Study the scriptures to find out for yourselves. The next thing to happen will be the return of Jesus to remove the Christians from this earth. Then God's wrath will be poured upon the earth in judgement against those who hate Him.

I just wrote a birthday letter to my twelve-

year old grandson. Because this is his last year as a pre-teen and I don't think he gives God a thought, I told him about the return of Jesus and if he's left behind, he will know what happened and will have no one to blame but himself. But I also told him if he goes before the Lord with a sincere heart and prays this prayer he can be ready when that day comes.

"Lord, forgive me for the sins I have committed before you. I know you are the Son of the Living God and that you died for my sins, to make a way for me to go to heaven. I know there is no other who can forgive sins but you. I ask that you would forgive me and cleanse me in Jesus' name. Amen."

You can pray this prayer yourself, if you aren't sure you're ready to stand before the Lord, if your heart is true and sincere, a wonderful change will come upon you because God makes us new people, like the article last month about Bullfrogs and Butterflies, you'll be born again into the family of God.

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming (Matt. 24:41).

Marilyn is the wife of band member Harvey Rabbitt, the former pastor of the Nett Lake Assembly of God church.

They now make their home in Toledo, Washington

Biological Science...

Les Connor, Jr., Intern

Hello everyone! My name is Les Connor and I am the new Summer Biological Science intern with the Bois Forte Department of Natural Resources. I will be working with Chris Holm and his many projects.

As some of you know I am a student at Bemidji State University and majoring in Biology and Chemistry. I have one more year to finish and then hope to go on to some sort of Graduate school to obtain an advanced degree.

As part of being an intern, and in the learning process, I will begin to set up a project involving biological science, hopefully a genetic project involving wild rice. Genetics has been my most recent subject of study at BSU. At this point I am formulating a plan to determine the DNA sequencing of wild rice plants which will lead to more specific studies about rice in the future.

This project is the first step in what I feel is an interesting field and could prove to be very beneficial to Nett Lake and its rice stands. If anyone has any questions about my project, feel free to ask.

As many of my fellow students know, it sure feels good to take a break from the books and I hope to get out and about to enjoy the summer. Hope to see many of you about town.

New Officer..



James W. Pontiac, Police Officer

My name is James W. Pontiac, I'm an Ottawa, enrolled at Little Traverse back home in Michigan.

I started as a Nett Lake Police Officer back in December 1996, I then attended the Indian Police Academy in Artesia New Mexico. I graduated from there in April of this year and have been back at Nett Lake for two months.

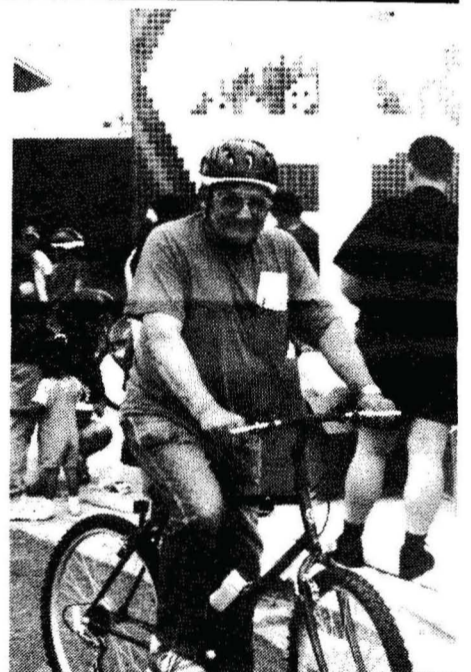
I came to Nett Lake from Montana where I was living with some relatives for about a year and a half.

I was born and raised in Grand Rapids, MI where I went to high school and played on the State Championship football team. My senior year, that championship game was played at the Pontiac Silverdome.

I then attended Grand Rapids Community College and graduated from there with an AA degree. I transferred to Michigan State University where I majored in Criminal Justice. I graduated from Michigan State in 1994.

While at Michigan State I was very involved with the native student group and was elected to several positions. The native student group put on several events, like the annual pow-wow. I also was selected to serve as a minority aide, to assist the other native students on campus.

My mom and dad live back in Michigan with my two younger brothers and a sister.



The editor, after all these years, with his first bike.



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 31 - Lana J Goodsky, Rojean Strong, Ruth D Thompson

UofM July Starwatch...

Taurus the bull winks at us this month, but you'll probably miss it unless you're willing to forego a few winks of your own. The celestial blink comes when the bright star Aldebaran--the orange-yellow eye of Taurus--disappears behind the bright edge of a waning moon, reappearing behind the moon's dark edge about half an hour later. Only trouble is, it all happens in morning twilight rather than the more convenient evening hours.

Such disappearances are known as occultations; they happen when a solar system body--usually the moon--passes in front of a star or planet, hiding it temporarily. Thus, the only stars that can be occulted are found near the paths of the moon and planets. The most spectacular occultation of all is, of course, a total solar eclipse, when the sun disappears behind the moon. Next to the sun, Aldebaran is the brightest star the moon can occult.

If you're up in the wee hours, Aldebaran will disappear behind the moon at about 4:40 a.m. in southern Minnesota, about 4:50 a.m. in northern parts of the state. It'll suddenly pop out behind the dark edge of the moon at about 5:10 a.m. in central Minnesota, a little earlier to the west and slightly later to the east. A triangular chunk of northwestern Minnesota will miss the occultation, but at least Aldebaran will appear very close to the crescent moon. The event should make great viewing, especially through binoculars.

Jupiter makes the best showing among the planets this month. Nestled in Capricornus, the giant planet is well up in the east as the sky darkens. Next month it will move into position directly opposite the sun. Saturn, too, makes a good showing, but in the predawn sky. Viewers with telescopes may want to get up for it, however, because in late July its rings are tilted 12 degrees, their greatest tilt this year.

Venus and Mercury are both low in the west-northwest after sundown, but only brilliant Venus is likely to be visible. Also in the evening sky, Mars appears in the southwest after sunset, a short distance west of the bright star Spica, in Virgo. Mars has dimmed considerably from its winter brilliance and will continue to fade as Earth leaves the red planet behind in the

eternal journey around the sun.

The moon will be new on the 4th; on the 11th, its fat crescent will appear very close to Mars. Full moon arrives on the 19th. Called the thunder moon or the hay moon, its glowing globe precedes Jupiter into the evening sky.

July is also a prime time for seeing noctilucent (night-shining) clouds, very high clouds that still catch sunlight an hour or so after sunset. They float far above other clouds, sailing about 45 to 55 miles above the ground at speeds from 95 to nearly 500 miles per hour. They are believed to be made of meteoric dust coated with ice crystals. They are most common at latitudes between 50 and 65 degrees, but may be seen, rarely, at lower latitudes.

The summer sky is now alive with easily recognized constellations. To the south, the Teapot of Sagittarius pours its contents onto the tail of Scorpius. Red Antares, the "rival of Mars," is the heart of the scorpion, glowing (or maybe glowering) close to the horizon. The Northern Cross, complete with bright Deneb, is high in the east, while Bootes, the kite-shaped herdsman, is high in the west. Coming on strong, the Great Square of Pegasus enters the eastern sky before midnight. Also in the eastern sky, the Milky Way hangs from north to south like a pale curtain of stars.

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

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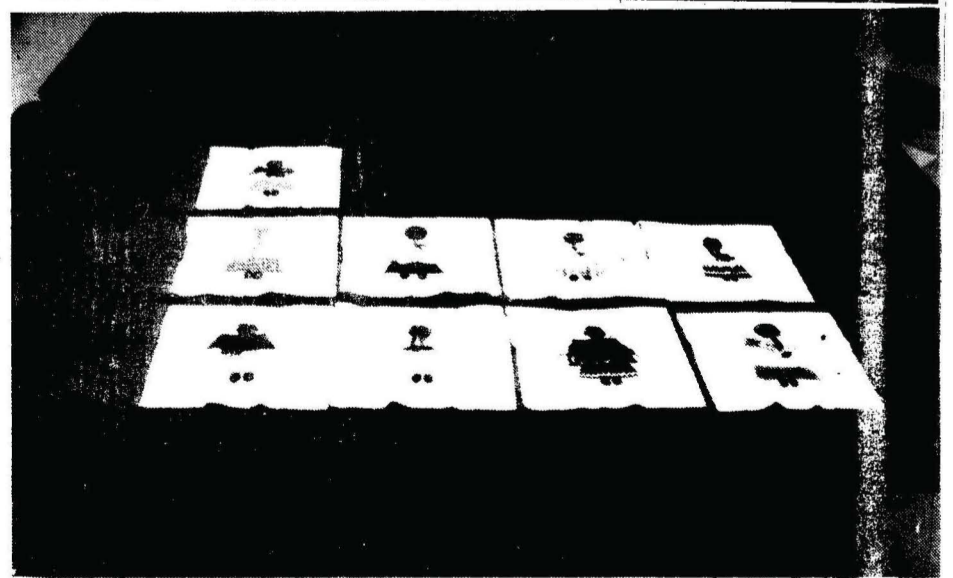
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The Elderly Ladies have begun making quilts. Jane Whiteman came up from Crosby to be our instructor.

The ladies worked very hard on both quilts and we plan to raffle these off when complete. Anybody wanting to buy a ticket for these beautiful quilts, may get them from any one of the elderly who have the tickets.

1st prize = Star quilt. 2nd prize = Pow-wow chair made by Mary Porter, 3rd prize = Homemade pillow by Jane Whiteman. Tickets are \$1.00 so get your chances on these beautiful prizes. All proceeds go toward the Elderly Activity Fund.



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• RTC explains Chairman's removal

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because he had not called the meetings. In essence, the Chairman argued that he had the power to veto or override the wishes of a majority of the Tribal Council. The Chair lacks that power, and it is clear that the meetings were legal under tribal law. Both meetings were called after three RTC members signed a written request, as provided in the Band's Bylaws. Those Bylaws have language identical to that interpreted by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Court in a decision dated October 25, 1996, as follows.

Finally, Ordinance No. 1 allows not only the Chairman, but also at least three members of the RBC/RTC to call a special meeting. Ordinance No. 1, Art. II Sec. 2, Defendant is apparently of the view that Section 2, Clause (b) requires the RBC/RTC to request him to call the meeting and delegates to him the power to deny that request. The only basis for this interpretation is that Section 2, Clause (b) refers to the Council's call for a meeting as a "request." This reading does not stand up under close scrutiny. In the first place, the provision must be read in its entirety as follows:

Section 2. Special meetings may be called:

(a) At any time by the Chairman;

(b) Upon written request of at least three members of the Reservation Business Committee...

The most logical reading of this provision is that both the Chairman and the Committee have independent power to call meetings, but the Committee, being a body, must get a majority of its five members to agree that a meeting should be called. Each of the individual members who sign the documents are making a "request" because no one member (except for the Chairman acting pursuant to Clause (a)) may unilaterally call a meeting. A meeting is called only when the third member of the Committee "requests" it. Also, nothing in Section 2 suggests or implies that the "request" is made to the Chairman. In fact, the requests are made to the RBC/RTC in general and become effective when the threshold level of three "requests" is reached. If the Chairman had the power to prevent a meeting called by at least three members of the Reservation Business Committee, there would be absolutely no need for Clause (b) at all since any one member can request the Chairman to exercise his unilateral power under Clause (a) to call a meeting at any time.

Each of the special meetings was attended by a proper quorum (3), and thus the business conducted was done in legal session. This is clear: everything done leading up to the hearing was proper - including the petition, its verification, setting and publicizing a hearing date, notifying the accused, and appointing a hearing officer.

Similarly, the hearing was conducted in an orderly, fair, and impartial manner. Chairman Landgren was advised of his rights, his opportunity to call witnesses, to cross-examine other witnesses, and otherwise participate in the hearing. He was advised that if he failed to answer the charges to the satisfaction of the RTC, the consequence could be removal or recall. In spite of repeated advice to that effect from the Hearing Officer, the Chairman left the hearing.

With the departure of the accused member, the RTC had the option of either: (1)

proceeding to a vote on whether or not the charges had been answered to its satisfaction; or (2) hearing the petitioner's evidence on the charges and then taking a vote. The RTC chose option two - to hear the evidence offered in support of the charges, deliberate on each charge and vote on it, and then vote on whether or not the Chairman should be removed, recalled, or remain in office. The RTC chose to base its decision on the merits of the charges and not merely on the absence of the Chairman.

Throughout the afternoon, the petitioners presented evidence on each of the six (6) charges in the petition. At 5 p.m., the RTC received instructions from the Hearing Officer on each of the charges, and began its deliberations. Over the next four hours, it discussed and debated whether the Chairman had answered the following charges to its satisfaction:

1) Chairman Clinton Landgren is in direct contravention (violation of the Constitution of the Minnesota Tribe's residency requirements for elected tribal chairs.

2) Chairman Clinton Landgren, as chief executive officer, abused the trust of Bois Forte Band members by making personal charges on Tribal credit cards for unauthorized purchases and unauthorized cash advances for personal use. The listed charges led to the cancellation by the issuer of the credit cards, and damaged the fiscal integrity and reputation of the Band.

3) Chairman Clinton Landgren made unilateral (by himself) expenditures, without Council approval, for the purposes of providing personal favors in the form of educational expenses.

4) Chairman Clinton Landgren usurped (without right) the authority of the Tribal Council by unilaterally hiring an auditor without the consent or approval of the Council.

5) Chairman Clinton Landgren has from time to time committed a dereliction of duties of the Chair by refusing to sign documents necessarily attested by the Tribal Chair, and by refusing to conduct meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order as described in Tribal Ordinance 1-65.

6) Chairman Clinton Landgren has committed malfeasance with regard to Tribal personnel, by intimidating employees, causing situations of duress and undue influences.

The RTC decided that the Chairman had not answered the charges in the petition to its satisfaction. The vote on each charge was announced at approximately 9 p.m. With the exception of Charge #2 on which the vote was 4 to 0, the vote was 3 to 1 on each of the charges.

A separate vote was taken to determine whether the Chairman, having been found guilty on charges which constitute grounds for removal under the Constitution, should be removed, subject to a recall election, or remain in office. Three votes were cast for removal and one for recall. Of the four possible votes, three being for removal (thus 3/4) the vote exceeded the 2/3 required for removal under tribal law.

Pursuant to the Constitution the action of the RTC is final. A Special Election to fill the vacancy has been called with the primary scheduled for September 4, 1997, and the Special Election on October 9, 1997. All adult members of the Bois Forte Band will be eligible to vote in these elections.

Although the removal process has been disruptive to RTC programs and services, the remaining members of the RTC are committed to providing services to members and to moving forward with its normal business.

Bike Rodeo Pictures



Dustin LaRoque.



John Day, Angelique Brown, Josh Villebrun.



Parker Drift.



Officer Chemey leading his gang.