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Doris Isham's column...



Doris Isham, Acting Chairperson

The Bois Forte community has recently gone through a very difficult time in a removal process of one of our tribal council members. We hope it never needs to happen again to our community. One positive point that this process brought out was that this removal action reinforced that we as tribal council members are, by tribal law, accountable to the people we serve with a reminder of consequences if we are not.

Now we need to look to the future and get on with business at hand. We need to work together to improve the quality of life of our community.

To begin the healing process, the council asked our Spiritual Advisor, Gene Goodsky, to conduct a healing ceremony. We were provided words of encouragement by Margaret "Jessie" Drift and Jess "Porky" Goggleye during the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a fish fry was served to approximately one hundred people. Everyone enjoyed this time together.

The council has plans to work at improved communication with our off-reservation enrollees by holding annual/semi-annual informational meetings in Minneapolis, Duluth, Virginia and International Falls. The first session is scheduled for August 11, 1997 at the American Indian Center in Minneapolis, we encourage all urban band members to attend.

At the July quarterly meeting, the council voted unanimously to establish a committee to review and revise the I-65 Ordinance which are the by-laws that establishes how our Reservation Tribal Council operates.

This ordinance was originally enacted on July 28, 1964, and hasn't been revised since. A sign-up sheet for interested persons to sit on this committee has been posted since July 8th, 1997.

This committee will also develop an Ethics Ordinance for Tribal Council Members. Both ordinances will be made available to you as Band Members for input/comment prior to council action.

There has been a number of recent inquiries regarding the trust funds derived from the 1854 State Agreement. So, for clarification purposes, I will briefly explain its status.

The trust funds are deposited with Dain-Bosworth, who is the administrator of the irrevocable trust program. Deposits are

made at the same time that per capita payments are made. The current interest rate is .03% and comparable to other money market rates. The council chose to put it in a money market because it was the safest form of investment as opposed to a higher rate in an insecure investment. To do so could possibly have showed a loss or no interest gain, based on the changes in the stock markets. We periodically check other sources to ensure the highest rate for all our investment accounts.

Parents may request a copy of their child's trust account balance by contacting either Dain-Bosworth, toll-free 1-800-753-3246, or the RTC office, (218) 757-3261.

In other news, the tribal council recently approved the FY97 (October 1, 1996-September 30, 1997) operating budget and 1854 budget which will be published in this newspaper. We will be working on FY98 budgets in the next couple of weeks which, also, will be published.

Discussions were held on the 1854 Per Capita payments, and how they affect AFDC recipients. Since this money comes from an agreement with the State, it is considered as income. It is our belief that these payments should be excluded from income because payments made under the agreement are intended in part to compensate for the hardship caused by restrictions placed on 1854 Band members to exercise tribal off-reservation hunting and fishing.

This council will aggressively pursue congressional legislation to address this issue for next year's per capita payment. We will keep you informed as progress develops.

On a personal note, I'd like to encourage each band member to practice his/her right to support and vote for the candidate of his/her choosing in the upcoming special election.

I'd also like to encourage that we respect each other's opinions and beliefs and not to take them personally. We all have to work together to make our community what we want it to be. Thank you.

Special Election Set...

SIX FILE, FIVE CERTIFIED FOR CHAIRMAN VACANCY

At a special meeting of the RTC on Friday, July 25th, 1997, the following candidates were certified to file for election to fill the unexpired four-year term of Chairman: Lela Goodsky, Mark Drift, Gary Donald, William Tibbetts and Doris Isham.

Candidate Clint Langren failed to be certified. A motion for certification was made by Ramona Villebrun but the motion died for lack of a second.

Of the five certified candidates, two have RTC experience, Gary Donald who served as chairman from 1976 - 1984 and from 1992 - 1996, and Doris Isham, the present acting Chairperson, has served as District I Representative from 1980-1984, and from 1990 to present.

The vacancy occurred by recent

action of the Tribal Council who acted upon a petition signed by 20% of the resident voters calling for the removal of then Chairman Clint Landgren. A special RTC meeting was called to consider the petition and to hear Landgren's answer to the charges.

A special edition of the Bois Forte NEWS was printed and mailed to all band members. That edition described the charges and allegations and the RTC's decision on each of them, which resulted in the removal of the chairman, and a notice of the forthcoming special election to fill the vacancy.

Under new election by-laws, a primary election is called for September 4, 1997. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will run in the special election on October 9, 1997.

Ballfield dedicated...

1st Annual Dan Morrison, Sr. Men's Softball Tournament held on the field.



Brandon Benner, Sportswriter

Over the weekend of August 9th and 10th the first annual Dan Morrison Sr. Mens Softball Tournament was held. Despite the weather and a couple of teams not showing up it turned out to be a very successful weekend. A good time was had by everyone as there was a lot of joking around and laughter, which is not uncommon at a Nett Lake tournament.

At 11:00 o'clock the tournament was stopped for a dedication ceremony of the Nett Lake Recreation area. Doris Isham, David Morrison Sr., and Ramona Villebrun from the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council were on hand for the dedication. The recreation area was dedicated to the NETT LAKE WARRIORS BASEBALL TEAM from the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council. A plaque was given to Dan Morrison Sr. as the last remaining member of the team and each of the Tribal Council Members spoke and thanked everyone for

coming. A moment of silence was had for the members of the team that are no longer with us and the unveiling of the sign was next. It is a beautiful sign that Mr. Dave Danz with a few swift and knowledgeable strokes of a pen aquired. Stop by and check it out. On to the tournament:

The teams that were entered were: Donnel's Plumbing-Red Lake, Bernie's Main Dry-Keewatin, Johnny M's, Boozehounds, Nett Lake Braves and the hometown favorite- **BOIS FORTE PONIES!** The team that traveled the area and put Bois Forte on the map as far as softball is concerned was reunited for the first time in a few years. Team members include: Manager/Catcher- Dave Morrison Sr., George Laroque, Willie Laroque, Ed Villebrun, Corey Strong, Eric Strong, Kent Morrison, Travis Morrison, Randy Holman, myself, and the Master of the Mound- Ray Hawk. With all of the brothers and good friends on this team it was very clear to see what made this team special then and now- UNITY.

Due to the 2 teams that didn't show, a consensus of all of the managers was gathered and it was decided to play a round robin tournament. The new tournament format was set up by David Morrison Jr. and Jerry Goggleye-MANAGER OF THE BOOZEHOUSES. They did an excellent job and I thank them for it. Match play was played on Saturday with Donnel's Plumbing and the Boozehounds going as the only two undefeated teams for the day with perfect 2-0 records. Johnny M's and Bernie's Main Dry went 1-1 for the day while the PONIES and the Braves were 0-2. Sundays single elimination tournament

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School's Open

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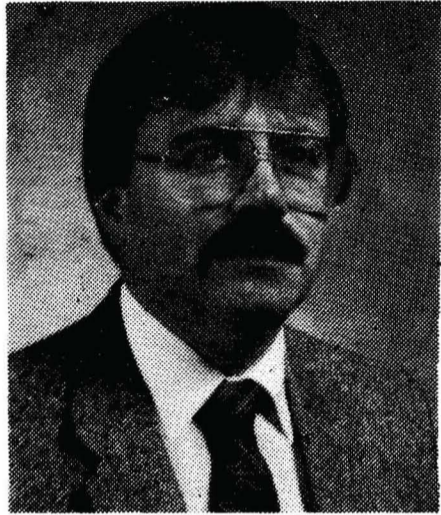
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School News

School Starts Sept. 2nd

Breakfast 8:00 a.m.-8:30a.m.
 Classes begin 8:30 a.m.
 Lunch 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
 Classes begin 12:30 p.m.
 Daily dismissal 3:15 p.m.
 Palmquist Addition children must be ready for pick-up by 7:45 a.m.

Superintendent's letter...



Ray Toutloff, Superintendent

Once again the school year has come upon us faster than I expected. The summer break never seems to be long enough to get all the projects completed that had been planned. Of course the main concern is having the classrooms, the school, the teachers, and the curriculum ready for the students on the first day of classes. I can assure you we'll be ready for the kids.

We have experienced major staff changes over the summer due primarily to staff taking positions with other districts, staff on child care leave, and adding staff positions.

The impending movement toward implementation of the graduation standards has required that the Nett Lake School District add a half-time graduation standards technician. Lu Ann Henrickson of Littlefork will undertake this position. Her major tasks will be to participate in all training for graduation standards technicians, keep the school district administration and board apprised of all new information, and train district teachers on implementation of the graduation standards into the curriculum. Lu Ann has been teaching in Hacienda Heights, California since 1990. She has recently moved back to Minnesota with her husband, Doug, who has taken a teaching position in the Indus school. Daughter Jessica, 8 years old and son Ryan 8 months old, decided they would move back to Minnesota with their parents.

Byron Negen will be replacing Teresa Strong in the 5th /6th grade combination classroom. Teresa will be working as the part-time early-childhood family education coordinator while she is on child care leave from the full time teaching position. Byron Negen has worked in the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley school district for the past three years. Besides his classroom duties Byron was also the head boys high school basketball coach at W-H-A during the past school year. Byron and Jody have a two year old son named Bryce.

Nate Simon, our Media Specialist, has taken a new position in the Farmington School district as their Media Generalist. Therefore, we not only lose Nate, but lose his wife, Dawn Simon as our Special Learning disabilities teacher. We will be replacing ML. Simon with veteran teacher

Katharine Long. Mrs. Long, who had been the 3rd/4th grade combination teacher has extensive training in media technology and will be highly capable in filling this position.

Stacy Aune of Britt, Minnesota will fill the void left by Dawn Simon. Stacy has been teaching pre-school children and substitute teaching in the Iron Range schools since graduating from Bemidji State University in 1995. Stacy's college background qualifies her to teach students with special learning disabilities since her emphasis in her undergraduate degree was special education.

Rae Wilkie-Hayes will be teaching the 3rd/4th grade combination classroom replacing Katharine Long who will now be the Media Specialist for the Nett Lake School District. Rae is returning to us after spending a year teaching Kindergarten in the Red Lake School District. Rae was the Post-Secondary Preparation Program Indian Tutor at Orr High School during the 1995-96 school year, but left last year when she had the opportunity to teach kindergarten at Red Lake. Teaching a kindergarten class was one of her life goals, so she seized the opportunity. Now that she got that out of her system we're very happy to have her back with us. She will do an excellent job.

Rounding out the teaching staff are veteran teachers: Karen Fink - 1st/2nd combination, Nancy Fogelberg - Kindergarten, Eugene Goodsky - Ojibwe Language/Culture, Denise Johnson - Post-Secondary Preparation Program, Joan Kjorsvig/Beans - School Psychologist, Bruce Roberts - Chapter I Services, and Julie Whiteman - Music.

INCREASE YOUR CHILD'S SELF-CONFIDENCE

Your child's self-confidence depends upon two things:

- (1) How well your child **thinks** of himself and
- (2) His sense of worth that comes from **using various skills successfully**.

General praise does not provide much self-confidence. **Specific**, genuine, unexaggerated compliments are much better. You can become a self-confidence builder for your child by using the following ideas:

+ **Accept** your child for who she is. **Listen** to your child's ideas and value her interests, even if you would not have chosen them. This shows appreciation of her as an individual.

+ **Spend time alone with each child** in the family. In **addition** to going to special activities together, let your child know that he can count on having your undivided attention on a **regular basis**.

+ **Give your child responsibility**. When too many things are done for children they feel inadequate. True self-confidence grows when children make **real** contributions to the family. Along with small daily tasks, give your child a special big project

that you also enjoy, so he will have something big to show now and then.

+ **Treat mistakes and problems positively**. Create a climate that encourages your child to try again. Persistence is a key factor in building self-confidence.

+ **Set reasonable standards**. Unrealistically rigid or high standards can produce low self-confidence. Help your child be successful at **what she can be** by emphasizing her strengths and focusing attention away from weaknesses.

+ As children grow older, how they feel about themselves is very dependent on what others think of them. Children who help, share, and cooperate are generally

socially successful and therefore usually have enough self-confidence. Continue to help your youngster understand **why** people do what they do - this understanding will foster friendships. Resist the urge to say, "Why do you care what John thinks anyway? You don't need him!"

+ Help your child think good thoughts about herself. Remarks such as, "I'll never get this", set up failure. **Teach** your child to **replace such remarks** with **positive self-talk** such as, "I'm better at this than I think." "I'm as smart (strong, good-looking) as **most** kids." "I'll ask more questions when I don't understand." "I'm getting better - I can do this!" This helps children overcome their negative beliefs.

Early Childhood Programs



Judy Anderson, Director

Where has the summer gone! We've been busy with training on the new Performance Standards, writing grants and generally trying to adjust how we do business before the new year.

Reminders to our parents.... We want a copy of the child's physical and dental exam at registration. Remember that the Clinic is short on medical staff and the dental status is uncertain! Also, we have tried to help our parents who owe old Day Care bills, but arrangements have to be kept. Soon, all billing will be done not by us but by the Accounting office, and they will not be as lenient as we've been.

I was extremely honored this summer to be awarded a fully paid fellowship to a Head Start Management Program at the University of California, Los Angeles. This program helps Head Start Directors increase their management skills and is sponsored by Johnson & Johnson. It is a two week school, which ran from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm, including school on the weekend, covering all areas of business management. The professors are from

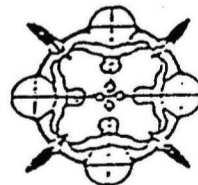
around the United States, and were all at the top of their professions. It was an exhausting, exhilarating experience, and quite an honor to be chosen. Now I have all that to share and live up to for Reservation families.

At Nett Lake, Day Care begins September 2nd, and Head Start begins September 29th because of ricing. Day Care will be available for Head Start children the month of September, however will be billed to either St. Louis County (for those eligible) or directly to the parents. If you are thinking of using child care for September, please make an appointment with Dave Swenson, 1-800-450-9777 or 749-9746. Remember that Child Care is not a social service program, there is no waiting list currently and family income can be quite high and the family will still qualify. Beginning September 29th, Head Start will be from 8:00 to 4:30, with NO day care hours billed to parents except for the first and third Wednesdays of each month, beginning October 15th. These days are absolutely necessary for staff training and meetings.

Vermilion Head Start will also run from 8:00 to 4:30 beginning September 2nd. This year we will be very persistent about getting the necessary information required by the Feds because we are under new and very stringent laws, with severe penalties if we do not meet regulations.

Please watch for announcements posted if there are any further changes.

The first day staff returns (August 18th) we will meet at Fortune Bay at 8:30 a.m. for an all day staff meeting and training. Do not be late! We have lots to do and hopefully the day will be full and interesting.



Indian Legal Assistance Program

107 W. 1st St. Duluth, Minnesota 55802

218-727-2851

PROVIDING REPRESENTATION FOR NETT LAKE RESIDENTS IN:

CRIMINAL CASES (ADULT or JUVENILE):
 In Tribal, State and Federal Court

CIVIL CASES (ST. LOUIS COUNTY ONLY):

Dependency/Neglect (CHIPS)
 (Indian Child Welfare Act)

Dissolutions

Public Assistance Terminations
 (AFDC, GA, Food Stamps)

Social Security/Unemployment Denials

Landlord/Tenant

Consumer Problems (Contracts)

Wills

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

LOW INCOME ELIGIBILITY BASED ON USDA FOOD STAMP GUIDELINES

FY97 Budgets Approved...

On August 14, 1997 a resolution will be adopted by unanimous vote of the RTC appropriating the following budgets, which have already been approved by the Council. The political differences which have delayed agreement on these budgets until now have been resolved. Acting Chairperson, Doris Isham, stated, "It is unfortunate that these budgets could not have been approved at the beginning of the fiscal year [October 1, 1996]. Now, we have to live with the expenditures that have already been made, and are unable to increase the per capita payments as we intended. That will not happen again. Next year's budgets will be completed on time." Doris says she is determined to seek legislation that will place the per capita payments on the federal exempt list (from income tax, AFDC, etc.) for 1998.

These two budgets represent the discretionary funds controlled by the RTC. Budgets for other funds (programs) are based on negotiated grants, contracts, compacts, or agreements with granting agencies, or pre-determined RTC policy commitments (employee fringe benefits, etc.). They are available to Band Members at all reasonable times, however, space limitations prevent them being printed here.

**BOIS FORTE RESERVATION R.T.C. FUND
FY97 BUDGET (10/01/96 - 09/30/97)
APPROVED: August 14, 1997**

	FY 97 BUDGET
REVENUES:	
State Tax Refund	490,000
Casino Income Tax	360,000
Lakeshore Lot Leases	70,000
Vehicle Leases	15,000
US Postal Service	5,500
Interest Income	17,000
BIA SG-Compact	122,673
Miscellaneous	20,000
Total Revenue	1,100,173

EXPENDITURES:	
Salaries:	
Chairman(50%)	42,248
Sec-Treasurer(50%)	32,500
Council Members(50%)	75,625
Executive Director(50%)	22,557
Public Works Sup.	40,000
Personnel Director	12,288
Casual Labor	40,000
Postal Clerk	7,000
Asst Enterprise Accounta	24,803
Secretaries	9,300
Comptroller	7,034
Administrative Assistant	23,410
Background Clerk	12,054
Total Salaries	348,818

Fringe Benefits:	
FICA(7.65%)	26,685
FUTA(.8% max 7000)	504
SUTA(6.8% max 15,300)	9,547
WORK COMP(1% avg)	6,976
PENSION(5%)	17,441
HEALTH INS(185.22/em)	21,600
LIFE INS(grossx2/1000x)	1,674
FLEX	150
DISABILITY(.44/1000/m)	1,842
DENTAL INS(14.94/emp/)	1,614
Total Fringe Benef	88,033

Telephone	22,000
Postage	100
Continuing Education	7,000
Travel	70,000
Supplies	10,000
Vehicle Expenses	5,000
Heavy Equipment Expenses	6,900
Building Maintenance	22,000
Office/Equipment Maintena	5,000
Utilities	10,500
Insurance	10,000
Donations	27,035

Other Direct	17,000
Total Direct Expe	649,386
Indirect Costs	185,075
Expenses Not Subject to Indirect:	
Consultants	30,000
Legal	65,000
Fire Protection	5,000
Equipment Purchases	20,171
Miscellaneous	20,350
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS:	
Transfers to Programs	3,121
Ambulance(188)	12,426
Vermilion(850)	41,400
Human Services Dir.	35,000
Transfers to Enterprises	25,000
Total Expenses	1,091,929
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURE	
	8,244



**Gordon Warrick,
Comptroller**

**BOIS FORTE RESERVATION 1854 TREATY
FUND - FY97 BUDGET (10/01/96 - 09/30/97)
APPROVED: August 14, 1997**

	791 FY97 10/96-9/97 BUDGET
REVENUES:	
1854 Treaty	1,895,818
Revenue-Other	30,000
Total Revenue	1,925,818

EXPENDITURES:	
Per Capita Payments	1,300,000
Office, Misc.	1,200
Indirect Costs	0
Transfers to Fund 810-R	0
Special Projects:	
Food Commod. B	45,000
Education(ISD 70)	44,000
Elderly Fund	30,000
Funeral Fund	5,000
Education(Scholar)	149,000
Econ Developmen	55,000
1854 Authority	70,000
Ambulance	30,000
Steer Sum Yth E	30,000
Sah Gi Bah Gah P	5,000
Fire Dept	20,000
Bois Forte Daycar	20,000
Verm LIEC	50,000
Vermilion Kitchen	1,200
Vermilion Ctr Roo	2,750
Nett Lake Cemete	12,551
Purch Jasper Pea	1,600
Sewage Lagoon F	2,000
Snow Blower-Ver	24,012
Americorps Admi	24,000
Total Sp Project	621,113
Total Expenditure	1,922,313

EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURE	
	3,505

1854 Authority news...



Millard "Sonny" Myers, Director

July 21, 1997. I figure between the time I write this article and the time it comes in my mailbox, the weather in the north land has usually taken an 180 degree turn, so I might as well quit commenting on the weather, but boy we have had some wissagatewin. The weather has been very good for vegetation growth though, my garden is growing like crazy. I was in the BWCAW this last weekend and I noticed the wild rice was beginning to stand up. I also noticed there was a lot of it, so maybe this will prove to be an excellent year for wild rice.

Speaking of wild rice, there are a few informational items I want to pass along. We are going to be posting selected lakes within the Ceded Territory in cooperation with staff from Fond du Lac and Nett Lake in an effort to protect the wild rice crops from any unnecessary damage this upcoming season. These lakes will then be closely monitored to determine when the rice is ready for harvest. There is an informational brochure available from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or from your local reservation natural resource staff which can explain further what is going on. Many hours have been spent in an effort to combat the possible negative affects of the state's blanket opening date of July 15th and hopefully this is the beginning of a perpetual effort to protect this precious natural resource.

In other wild rice news, the wild rice video mentioned in the last article was shown on local television, but unfortunately the announcement came out in the paper after the program was aired. In retrospect, 4th of July weekend was

probably not the best time to have the video aired I am going to write a letter to the local public television station to see if one of the local educational/informational programs would air the video. For those of you that missed it for whatever reason, the video is an excellent portrayal of not only the ecology of wild rice, but the importance of this natural resource to tribal people. We have copies available that we plan to distribute for educational purposes. If you could put this video to good use, please write or call us and we can get one out to you.

We are also gearing up to continue our wild rice survey of the 1854 Treaty area. We collected some good information last summer and we need to pick up where we left off. Our goal is to develop a comprehensive list of wild rice lakes in the 1854 Treaty area which will enable us to push for better protective measures in the future.

We recently held a meeting of the 1854 Authority boards of directors and I would like to share some positive actions that were set in motion. It was agreed upon by all that we need to address the BWCAW issue from a proactive and positive posture. To get this process rolling, another meeting has been scheduled in the very near future to receive legal council on how best to proceed in this area I will keep you informed on the progress of this issue.

For those of you who actively exercise their hunting, fishing and gathering rights in the 1854 Treaty area like I do, then we have shared frustration at times in trying to figure out how to legally follow our conservation code. As an example, if our walleye limit is 12 on such and such lake, but the MDNR has decided to use such and such lake as an experimental trophy lake and has imposed a minimum size fish of 18 inches, where does that legally leave us? There are questions like that which need to be addressed. Like every constructed document, sooner or later it needs to be revisited and revised. Now is the time. The 1854 Authority Board of Directors has enacted the conservation code committee and soon the process of review will begin. If you have any particular concerns, please jot them down on a piece of paper and send them to me.

Don't forget, our new address is:
**1854 Authority, Airpark Square, 4428
Haines Road, Duluth, MN 55811**

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Fortune Bay Resort & Casino is seeking qualified individuals to fill the following positions:

- Line Cooks
- Prep Cooks
- Breakfast Cooks
- Dinner Cooks
- Deli Workers
- Change Runners
- Housekeepers
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Applications can be picked up at Casino Guest Services or by calling 753-6400 or 1-800-992-7529.

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R.T.C. minutes.....

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 27, 1997, Nett Lake School, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Innovation and food offering by Gene Goodsky.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Frank Annette; Mark Anderson; Vicki Holmes, RTC staff and members of the community (108 total on sign-up sheet)

Chairman dispenses with the minutes of the last meeting.

Gary Adams, Human Services Director, gives an update on the work being done by the Welfare Reform Task Force Committee. He will be attending a meeting in Mille Lacs on February 28, 1997, during which the Committee will be finalizing the draft legislation for Indian provisions for welfare reform. Gary informs the Council there are various options in how the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) may be administered and a decision will have to be made once a proposal is accepted by the State. Lester Drift, Chemical Dependency Supervisor, presents quarterly program reports for Chemical Dependency, Chemical Dependency Outpatient, Indian Child Welfare, Domestic Assault and Sexual Assault, and Mental Health.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison; to adopt Resolution No. 111-97, Special Focus Grant for Indian Child Welfare Program from the state of Minnesota for \$87,971. Carried 4-0-0.

Jeneal Goggeye, Health Services Director, presents quarterly program reports for Combined Health Services and Food Distribution.

Chairman Landgren questions Jeneal Goggeye as to the status of Mr. Hawk. Jeneal informs Ray Hawk is on leave until Monday. Discussion follows relative to Ray Hawk's plans to continue his employment with Bois Forte. Further discussion is held between Frank Annette and Chairman Landgren relative to Ray Hawk's salary. The Council is addressed by individuals (Raymond Drift, Adeline Anderson, Dan Morrison, Sr., Mark Drift and Marcella Connor) in regard to Ray Hawk, Sandra Marcy and other Health issues. Doris Isham goes on record stating "I don't think the Council should be discussing the employee's salary in public."

Sandra Marcy, Nurse Practitioner, addresses the Council concerning her views on how the clinic is managed and relates conversations she has had with Ray Hawk about her duties at the clinic. She states, "I don't want to go back into the Nett Lake Clinic the way things are particularly if Mr. Hawk is still on board" and requests to work at Tower. Chairman Landgren asks questions of Sandra Marcy concerning Ray Hawk. Sandra Marcy answers the questions.

Doris Isham states she would like to go on record "opposing the discussion of the personnel matters in an open forum".

David Morrison, Sr. addresses the audience concerning the issues at Health Services and suggests the Council meet as soon as possible with Ray Hawk and other Health staff.

Earl Day addresses the Council and says he and another person are writing grant proposals for help with powwows. Earl also requests the Council help the people with their traditional ways.

Dan Morrison, Sr. addresses Chairman Landgren asking why didn't he donate to the powwow committee. It was explained to Dan the Chairman cannot authorize donations without Council approval.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to change the service area guidelines for the Bois Forte Elderly Needs Program to a five-mile radius of the reservation boundaries and to change the Bois Forte Elderly Needs Program Board to include Jeneal Goggeye, Barb Richards, Len Thompson, Adeline Anderson, Effie Drift, Eileen Barney, Cecile Warren and Cindy Glasel as an alternate; seconded by Phyllis Boshey. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Landgren, as requested by the Executive Director, announces that Tadd Johnson, a Bois Forte enrolled member, has been nominated by the President of the United States to sit on the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission. Chairman Landgren announces a short break will be taken.

The meeting reconvenes at 9:14 p.m.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt Resolution No. 112-97; grant application to the Bush Foundation for \$100,000 for the proposed cultural/museum and heritage center. All in favor. Motion carries. 4-0-0.

Dave Danz gives a brief background on the wild rice marketing venture for which the Council purchased rice from local pickers. Tom O'Leary presents the Council with a check for the reservation's return on their investment.

Dave Danz presents the Council with a loan resolution agreement from USDA Rural Development for \$500,000 which will be used in the construction of the Senior Assisted Living Center. Discussion follows concerning repayment of the loan as well as the anticipated operating loss. Item is tabled.

Discussion between Chairman Landgren and Cindy Glasel, Housing Director, concerning possible housing for Jose and Rita Vidal who recently lost their home to a fire.

Cindy Glasel addresses the Council on the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act. and "requests the Council charge the Housing Authority with the task of organizing a planning team and initiating a planning process" in order to meet HUD's one-year and five-year plan, the submission of which is needed to continue to receive funding. She further informs the Council "this change that's gonna happen on October 1 does relinquish the Housing Authority back over to the tribe".

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the current Housing Authority as an interim entity to go forward with the planning. All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0-0.

Next Council meeting is set for Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at 1 p.m. at Fortune Bay.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adjourn meeting at 10:29 p.m. Motion carried. 4-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held March 5, 1997, community center, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 1:34 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes;

Ruth Ann Strong; Lucille Morrison; Rosemary King; Joanne Donald; Mavis Drift; Rita Vidal; Jose Vidal; Andy Datko; Dave Danz; Gordon Warrick; Milo Villebrun, Sr.; Bill Light; Jackie Villebrun; Marybelle White; Ruth Connor; Lafayette Connor; Darin Steen; Judy Anderson; Donna Hoffer; Captain Wilkie; Ray Villebrun, Sr.; Ernest Landgren, Jr.; Patti Wilkie; Wendy Morrison

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to table the minutes. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the Bois Forte Business Development Loan Program loan recipients. Mr. Bill Connelly from the Minnesota Indian Economic Development Fund had offered his assistance in servicing the existing loans. Mr. Connelly would meet individually with each one of the recipients, take a look at their current status to come up with recommendations on expanding their business, refinancing or alteration to existing loan to collect the loan, or perfect any liens against property or items purchased through the program. Dave Danz presents a draft letter to be signed by the Chairman which would go to each of the recipients introducing Mr. Connelly and why he is here. Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve sending out the letter. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the Senior Assisted Living Center. When the grant application was submitted to Rural Development other funding sources needed to be identified. The RTC was identified as the other funding source at that time. Phyllis Boshey said Cindy Glasel may be able to use the housing block grant for this. Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt the loan document resolution as presented by Dave Danz pending use of HUD grant. Carried 4-0-0. Jackie Villebrun asks for direction on what to do with the lease for Mr. Lackner on Lake Vermilion. She had sent him a letter informing him his lease was going to expire. She never received a response. She wants to know if she should send another letter asking if he wants to renew his lease or assume he's no longer interested and make it available for somebody else to lease. Jackie is directed to send the information to the tribal attorney and get his opinion on sending Mr. Lackner a certified letter giving him five days to respond.

Jackie Villebrun asks for direction on requests for lots at Indian Point. There may be grave sites on/near some of the lots. An archeological Report was done on Indian Point last summer. Jackie is directed to hold off on those leases because the Council want to go out when the snow melts to see where the lots are and where the gravesites are.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #113-97, lease renewal - Ramona Villebrun. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #114-97, lease termination - Dale Leecy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #115-97, lease renewal - Steven E. Walz. Carried 4-0-0.

Resolution #116-97, new lease - Ernest Drift, Sr., is tabled.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #117-97, lease renewal - Leo V. Rothmeier. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #118-97, gravel permit for Bois Forte Roads Department. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #119-97, sand, gravel, and/or clay permit for Bois Forte Roads Department. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #120-97, transportation planning funding. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #121-97, adding roads to the BIA Road Inventory. Carried 4-0-0.

The director's reports are tabled. An informal meeting will be scheduled later for them.

Joanne Donald informs the Council the Education Advisory Committee did not make any provisions for open enrollment students when the criteria for selection for the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal High School Academic Scholarship was developed. The Education Advisory Committee is requesting number 1 be taken off the criteria which is "must be a resident of Nett or Indian Point" for Orr High School students and number 1 be taken off the criteria for Tower High School students which is "must be a resident of the Vermilion Reservation". The Council is informed that Eugenia Boshey is the recommendation of the Education Advisory Committee to receive the Orr High School award. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve the revision of the criteria for selection for the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal High School Academic Scholarship. The number one criteria will be "must be a Bois Forte Band Member residing in the I.S.D. #2142 service area of the Orr High School." and "must be a Bois Forte Band Member residing in the I.S.D. #2142 service area of the Tower High School." Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion is held on the funding for the Education Department. Joanne Donald is requesting authorization to send out-of-funds to students applying for financial assistance. Joanne is directed to hold off on the out-of-funds letters until she hears from Gordon, Mick or Chairman Landgren. Joanne was also requesting approval for the Career Education Specialist to take a medical layoff on March 1 4th. She is informed that does not need Council approval.

Frank Annette distributes, for informational purposes, copies of the accounting report and budgeting procedures, and a draft of the clinic survey.

Phyllis Boshey stated the people at Vermilion want the name Lake Vermilion Reservation instead of Vermilion sector of Bois Forte Reservation. Phyllis gives a history of how the reservation came to be. They want that name in remembrance of "The Renegades".

Phyllis Boshey makes a request for the purchase of a snowblower for Vermilion. A decision will be made after meeting with the auditors in the morning.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn meeting at 4:45 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.

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• Ballfield dedicated

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matched the two 1-1 teams against the two 0-2 teams, with the Undefeated Boozehounds and Donnel's waiting for these teams to scrap it out. As everybody knows who plays softball, Sunday is CRUNCH time. Time to play ball! In the first round, the PONIES just utterly took it to Johnny M's team and Main Dry ended the N.L. Braves reunion. It was good to see the mighty little league team from a few years ago play together again, they did a good job. Round 2 matched the Boozehounds and PONIES, and Donnel's played Bernie's Main Dry, with the winners playing for the championship. In the first game, the PONIES outlasted the Boozehounds in a match-up of the town's Classic team and the town's quickly Up and Coming team. This game was an up and down, 'round and 'round game between good buddies. Good buddies doesn't count for much when it comes to softball I guess, but, anyhow. The PONIES advanced to the CHAMPIONSHIP against the mighty Donnell's Plumbing team from Red Lake. Donnell's put on a hitting display throughout the entire weekend, and there was a lot of talk about a \$1000.00 dollar bat or something. I say they are just good hitters who know the game. The only knock on this team was their pitcher, who was quite lippy and cocky.

Good thing we had one too! Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha.... just kidding HAWK. The game was close for 5 innings as our crafty old veteran pitcher held their big bats at bay, but, didn't get any run support. As good teams always do, they find a way, and Donnell's found a way unleashing for a number of homeruns and ending the game.

Our first baseman, George Laroque, said on the bench, "Ah, 10 years ago we would have kicked 'em!" It's amazing how one little comment like that makes all of the sense in the world and quickly takes the bitter taste of losing out of your mouth. Back to bat issue, if there was one, our famous Power Hitter, Corey Strong, once again saved some of our face, as he proved that: "It is not the bat and its price.. you just have to eat lots of Mac and Wild rice!" He outgunned their big boys stroke for stroke with a wooden bat I think. Something like 20 homers in 2 games or something. O.K. not that good, but, teamed with his brother Ric, Travis, and Kent, we were no slouches in the "Power" department either. Oh yeah, I forgot about Shotgun Will, sorry Will. I think he came close to the fence once. Speaking of Shotguns, Randy Holman ended up smucking Chico in the behind with a wild throw. Next time you are in grocery store, pick up a steak and slap it as hard as you can, and you will know how it sounded. Ha-ha ha-ha-ha. I better go I am having too much fun here. But, before I go, there are a number of people I must thank for helping make the First Annual Dan Morrison Sr. Tournament a great one:

First of all, thanks to Priscilla, for putting up with, whipping in to shape, and taking care of one of the best guys around. I would like to thank the Morrison family members for their help. A mighty thanks to Fortune Bay for putting on a fish fry on Saturday. Patti Wilke, Lucille, and Marcella for making Indian Tacos. Rocky Klestchka and Lil' Jones for being "hired ball shaggers". Thanks to everyone that brought something for the concession stand. Special thanks to the Bois Forte Health Services, Bois Forte Housing Authority, Paul's IGA, and Ray Toutloff.

Speaking of Ray, he always seems to be kidded about being tight with the purse strings, yet, whenever myself and the

youth or the basketball team approach him, he seems to dig deep. Call it the Great Ray Toutloff Mystery. Back to the thank you, thanks to all of my buddies that umped the games this weekend, especially Mike "Susy" Villebrun who is always willing to help a good cause. And last but, certainly not least.... a **BIG THANK YOU** to David and Teresa Morrison who held a VERY successful! stand to benefit the Orr Girls Basketball Program. Your commitment and dedication to the girls is very much appreciated. You are a BIG reason why "our" girls are one of the well dressed teams in the area and why they have the nice stuff they do.

The team will win a few games for you this year. If there is anybody I missed, I am sorry.

Thanks to everybody for showing up and we'll see you at the "2nd Annual".

BOIS FORTE PEOPLE IN THE NEWS....

Belinda Chosa, 14, and her sister Jeanette, 13, have earned Abby Awards for outstanding community service in the Phillips and Powderhorn Park neighborhoods in south Minneapolis. The awards are given by the Abbot-Northwestern Hospital and includes \$250 and a memento.

Their story appeared recently in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune. Belinda and Jeanette work nearly every day at the Phillips Community Television station, directing and producing shows about their community. They both also are photographers.

The two girls began work at the station about a year ago after John Gwinn, program coordinator, visited their school in search of student workers. The sisters have worked their way up from running errands to visualizing shows and helping create them.

Shy and soft-spoken, they both admit they would rather be behind the camera interviewing young people on hard-hitting subjects: crime, gangs, drugs, teen pregnancy, homelessness and the environment. Belinda says she continues the work for her self-development. "I can learn new things," she said. "It's fun." Belinda is a Bois Forte enrollee, however, Jeanette is enrolled in another tribe.

USDA YOUTH PROJECT LOANS

The USDA makes loans to individual rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H or other similar organizations.

There are a few simple requirements to qualify for youth loans. Applicants must be between the ages of 10 and 20 years of age; live in a town with a population under 10,000; be unable to get loans from other sources; and be capable of planning, managing and operating the project under the guidance and assistance from a project mentor.

The variety of money making projects is endless. Projects could include: Lawn and garden services; repair shops; pet sitting services; arts and craft sales; or catering services, to name just a few. Loans can be used for the purchase of animals, rent, equipment, or to pay operating expenses.

To receive a loan the youth must sign a promissory note. The loans will be secured by liens on products produced for sale and on chattel property including equipment, live-stock, and fixtures purchased with loan funds. The schedule for repaying the loan will be worked out with the FSA county supervisor. Payments will be tailored to the type of project for which the loan was made. Some may be repaid when the produce is sold or others may be repaid from weekly and monthly earnings.

Please note that funding is not unlimited and it is better to allow time for the paperwork to be processed.

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* Health News

News from Mental Health..



Frank Connor, Mental Health Worker
Boo-shoo!

July went by fast for most of us at the Human Services Division and soon it will be fall and harvest time. Best wishes during this season and also to the students who will soon be returning to their studies. Bois Forte Mental Health is writing the grant for continuation of funding for the next two years and I would like to thank Gary Adams and Allan Morrisseau for their insight of grantsmanship and comments. There are many aspects of grant writing that differ with each entity that offer grants and how/what terminology should be included. Research, means of executing and measurement tools are essential elements to be included with grant proposals. Gary and Allan offered excellent advice on how the grant should be done. With the grant now submitted and waiting for the state's response there are other things I should be writing... last July 22 I traveled to Mille Lacs to attend a health care reform meeting. The meeting was attended by chemical dependency and mental health workers from throughout Minnesota. At the meeting it was decided that a committee be formed, of chemical dependency and mental health workers, to help the public keep informed and organize strategies and propositions to present to respective tribal councils of the fast-paced healthcare reform. There are many current and new healthcare issues that need to be addressed by each reservation, such as designation of billing processes, entrance to HMO's, and interpretation of literature

between the county, state and federal governments. There may be a blending of chemical dependency and mental health workers in the future to suit the trend of "more quality treatment for less money", a common objective known throughout the history of health care. Officers for the new committee will be selected this October at the Minnesota State Indian Mental Health quarterly meeting at White Earth, MN. Our offices at the Vermilion Reservation are directly across from the Social Center, the building is now yellow and my schedule will remain the same on Wednesday. I'll be at the Center, Human Services building, home visits, etc., while at the Vermilion sector. In other news, we are trying to get my friend Dr. Sampson on a half-time basis in the future as he has many clients on Fridays and sometimes scheduling is difficult. It would be nice to have him around more to help with writing aspects of the Mental Health program also. With that slight of humor I'll wish all a warm and happy ricing and happy August!
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Kelly King, Coordinator

Hello from AmeriCorps! We have been very busy this spring. We recently returned from our June Jamboree in Crookston. The three day trip was a successful effort for AmeriCorps to help flood victims. The first day we traveled about 4-5 hours to get there, after we got into the dorms at the University in Crookston, AmeriCorps staff set up a informational video and safety facts, for us to be aware of situation in Grand Forks. The second day started early and ended late, we traveled to East Grand Forks to help a family clean up around their house. We power sprayed furniture that

could be saved, tore down a chimney, cleaned two basements, pulled down walls, pried nails out of boards, and had to be careful how we did things because the left over layer of dirt was contaminated. The third day we hauled sand bags from the banks of the Red River, we formed a line to bring the bags to a dumping area, then started a new area once that part of the line was done. I was exhausted by the time we got on the bus to go back to the campus. The members that participated in the June Jamboree should be recognized for their great efforts to help others less fortunate than ourselves. We had about 325 Minnesota AmeriCorps in Crookston for our three day trip, almost all of them ages 17-25, they were young and they did the best they could. So when people say that young people don't live up to their potential and they don't care about anything, just let them know that there are a few in Bois Forte that are the exception to the rule. Some of the other projects we are doing: elderly mowing, hauling scrap metal and tires, and staining the pow-wow grounds bleachers. Some of our upcoming projects are planting 5000 trees, brushing by the new cemetery, and picking berries for the elderly. Well until next time...have a great summer.

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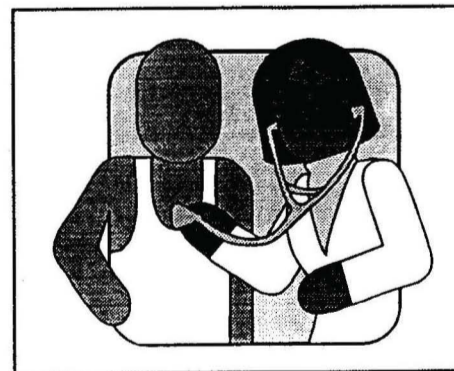
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VOTE FOR LELA M. GOODSKY



LELA M. GOODSKY FOR CHAIRMAN

Dear Bois Forte Band Members:
 As a candidate for the Bois Forte Tribal Council Chairman I would like to take a moment of your time. My name is Lela Mae (King) Goodsky. I was born and raised in Nett Lake, the daughter of Melvin "Rip" King Sr. and Jennie (Roy) King. I have four children and am the proud grandmother of eleven beautiful grandchildren. I moved back to Bois Forte after living and working in Minneapolis for 19 years and am currently an employee of the RTC. Since being back home I have been serving on the Independent School District #707 Board.

I believe that our future depends on issues concerning the *Circle of Life*. As I see it, this circle evolves around our people, spirituality, schools, employment, our land and businesses, and our sovereign rights. My concerns are all connected. For example; I am aware that for schools to get funding they need head counts of students, to get students you need families. People need housing and employment, employment means businesses that last and bring people back home to help our community grow and be proud of our heritage.

Some of the primary components of the *Circle* would be her *People* - sticking together, *Education* - to enhance ourselves as individuals within a whole. *Employment*

- to recognize and use our skills to our fullest capacity. As a dedicated enrollee, here are a few issues I would strive for:

- *People*: Address your valuable ideas and concerns pertaining to the well-being of all Bois Forte enrollees on and off the reservation.
- *Education*: Support through awareness and availability we can achieve the **courage and self respect** to grow as individuals and to strengthen our community as a whole, not just to survive but to get ahead and stay ahead.
- *Employment* - I would like to see that we utilize and strengthen the skills of our band members through leadership training programs both on and off the reservation. Recruiting and developing businesses on the reservation has been an ongoing issue, I intend to make it a **priority!**

Thanks for your time, you will hear more from me after I win the primaries on September 4th. If you want to reach me before then, my free telephone number is 1-800-484-6684, pin #3167.

Please remember to VOTE for me!!!
 Respectfully,
/s/ Lela M. Goodsky
 Lela M. Goodsky

VOTE FOR LELA!!

GARY W. DONALD for TRIBAL CHAIRMAN



GARY W. DONALD FOR CHAIRMAN

TO THE BOIS FORTE BAND MEMBERS:
 I am announcing my candidacy for the Chairman of the Bois Forte Reservation to fulfill the vacated term for the next two (2) years and ten (10) months. I held this office as Chairman from 1976-1984 and from 1992-1996. During my tenure as Chairman throughout these years, many goals were accomplished and there are many new challenges facing us. I was instrumental in making positive decisions in the developments affecting our Reservation and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. I have gained a whole new perspective on extending communications beyond the structure of the Tribal council and the Key Administrative Staff.

There is a process by which we can establish our overall visions, goals and objectives. We can define ways to achieve strategies and policies, develop detailed actions to make sure the desired ends are realized. I will work towards mobilizing all of our Resources and the development of the support structure from the existing programs to provide for social and economic growth on the Reservation, as I have done in the past. Our Resources will be wisely managed for the future of every Bois Forte Band Member.

I believe that I have the experience and vision needed to lead the Bois Forte Band into the 21st century. I look forward to assessing the status of the Reservation Business with a positive outlook. I am committed to representing the interests of all band members and the members of other tribes, who choose to make their home with us, including future generations. Collectively, we can accomplish the goals and objectives that we have set forth to meet the challenges of the future.

If elected, I will be available at the Tribal office on a daily basis, and will conduct business as a full-time Chairman, unless I have to attend meetings out of town.

In order for me to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a Tribal Leader, I will need help from the people to make the changes happen. I need your vote at the Primaries on September 4, 1997. Thank you.

/s/ Gary W. Donald
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WHAT ARE YOU AS A BAND MEMBER LOOKING FOR IN YOUR TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON?



STRONG FAMILY VALUES

Doris Isham and her husband Ira have three children, Teresa, Billie and Ira (Sonny). She has four grandchildren, little Corey, Jalen, Marissa and Felicia. She is a lifelong resident of Nett Lake and has raised her family there. Doris's children are raising their children in Nett Lake. Doris and Ira's lives have been centered around their children and families. She has encouraged her children to achieve. Teresa has earned her Bachelor's degree and is a teacher at the Nett Lake Elementary School. Billie is earning her degree in accounting and is currently an intern in the Accounting Office for Bois Forte Reservation. Sonny, too, is pursuing higher education in Computer Information Systems. Doris knows the value of a close knit family, one that is supportive of children and one that provides opportunity for the future.

AN EXPERIENCED, RESPECTED TRIBAL LEADER

Doris was first elected to the Tribal Council as a District I Representative in 1990. These past seven years have produced an experienced, seasoned Tribal leader. Doris has represented Bois Forte on the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Education Human Services Subcommittee, State Indian Education Boards and the 1854 Authority. Doris has been named the Outstanding Elected Official in Indian Education by the Minnesota Indian Education Association. Doris has earned the respect of her elected counterparts at the State Legislature, the Congress and throughout Indian Country.

A PROVEN TRACK RECORD

Look at the State of the reservation over the past seven years.

Employment on the Reservation has gone from 150 jobs seven years ago to over 500 today.

Community Facilities at Nett Lake, the new Community Center, permanent pow-wow grounds, new softball field, Food Distribution Warehouse, addition to the Nett Lake School, road improvements coming to Indian Point and Sugarbush.

At Lake Vermilion, the new Hotel and expanded casino, HeadStart and ChildCare Family Resource Center, new softball field, community water and sewer, road

improvements coming to Hardhat and Tibbetts Trail.

Housing through Band administered low interest HOME loans, a stronger Housing Authority with renovation and replacement of housing units, participation in the HUD loan guarantee and VA direct loan programs and the Self-Help Housing program now being developed.

Programs and Services such as child care for parents working or going to school, higher education scholarships, business loans. For youth with AmeriCorps, Summer Youth Employment, recognition of educational achievement. For elders with recognition dinner and gifts, the Elderly Needs program, Band representation on the Minnesota Council of Indian Elders personal guidance and advice.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE BAND AT HEART

Doris is looking to the future for you and your children. As your Tribal Chairperson Doris is committed to:

- The creation of more permanent full time jobs.
- Assistance to Band members in this era of Welfare Reform.
- Becoming a player in our region for attracting outside industry.
- A larger Band presence at the State Legislature and the Congress.
- Establishment of a Council of Elders to provide guidance to the Tribal Council.
- Open lines of communication with all Band members, on and off the Reservation.
- More new housing and repairs to existing homes.
- Improved roads.
- A secure and positive work environment.

DORIS IS COMMITTED TO UNIFYING THE BAND IN ACHIEVING THESE GOALS.

VOTE FOR UNITY IN THE BAND

VOTE FOR DORIS ISHAM

Bill Tibbetts for Chairman

"Government should not dictate our lives. It should give us the power to control our own lives."

RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

Bill was born and raised at Nett Lake. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1975, achieving the rank of Master Sergeant E7. He supervised a squadron of 400 men and oversaw a \$50 million budget.

Since his return from the military, Bill has worked in tribal-related jobs and has broad experience in tribal affairs.

He is responsible for community relations, government affairs and media relations at Fortune Bay Resort and Casino. He has represented Fortune Bay on a variety of federal, state and local boards and organizations.

- National Indian Gaming Association
- Minnesota Indian Chamber of Commerce
- Minnesota Indian Gaming Association
- Northern Lights Tourism Alliance
- Tower-Soudan, Cook, Ely, Virginia Chambers of Commerce

As a contract officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bill administered all contracts and grants awarded to seven Chippewa Tribes in Minnesota.

As executive director of the Bois Forte RTC, he supervised tribal government staff and was responsible for overseeing all RTC administered programs.

WORKING FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Bill has always worked to improve the quality of life for Bois Forte members. Bill

has earned respect by contributing his time and talents in many ways through his work and through the following organizations:

- Bois Forte Military Honor Guard
- Bois Forte TERO Committee
- Greenwood Township Ambulance Committee
- Minnesota Council on Compulsive Gambling
- Penguin Snowmobile Club, Board Member
- St. Louis county Planning Commission, Commissioner
- Minnesota Juvenile Justice Board, past member, appointed by Governor

-Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, past board member, representing Bois Forte

-Selected to attend the Blandin Foundation Community Leadership Program

BILL TIBBETTS WORKS FOR RESULTS

Bill has over 10,000 hours of post-secondary education and training in various fields including tribal government administration, contract administration, supervision and management, public affairs, corrections, criminal justice and more.

"The Bois Forte Band members are who I'm representing. My job is to listen to my constituents and act accordingly. Contact me at 218-753-4340."

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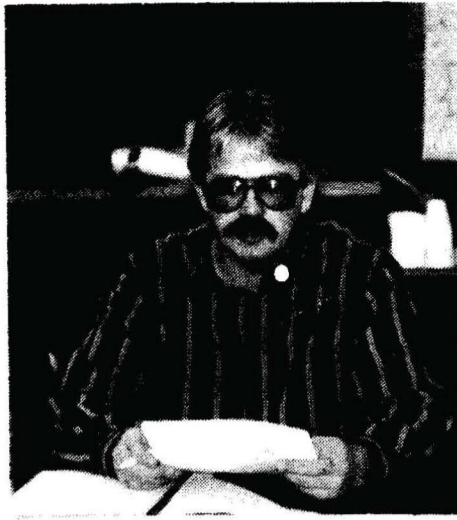
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David Danz, Reservation Planner

Projects, projects and more projects. Plans and specifications for the Vermilion water and sewer extensions on Cemetery, Hardhat and Farm Point roads will likely be out on bid by the time you read this column. All indications are that these projects will be completed this fall.

Plans and specifications are complete for the four road improvement projects. These include Tibbetts Trail extension, Hardhat Road, Sugarbush and Indian Point Roads. Within a matter of days the Band will receive correspondence from the BIA offering these projects under a 638 contract. The pros and cons of contracting these road construction projects will likely be discussed at the next Tribal Council meeting. Every effort will be made to get these road projects going this fall.

Final plans and specifications for the Senior Assisted Living Center in Nett Lake are nearly complete. A meeting with the architects has been set up for August 12 to review the plans prior to finalizing them. Bid solicitations should go out before the end of August. This project is a bit behind schedule, and as with the water/sewer and road projects we must contend with a fast approaching winter season. (Yiii, don't say

that) We will have to discuss with the selected contractor, their ability to get the foundation in the ground and the building enclosed prior to freeze up.

I completed the Community Development Block Grant application to the U.S. Department of HUD. This is a \$300,000 request for the replacement of the Lake Vermilion Social Center. This is a very competitive application which we should receive a thumbs up or down on within 3 months. It's always nice to finish a major application. Of course it's much nicer to have that followed up with an award letter.

A meeting was held at Fortune Bay with a representative of the Bush Foundation. This is regarding an application in the amount of \$100,000 for the construction of a museum and heritage center at Lake Vermilion. The lady representing Bush asked many questions to determine the extent of this project and our level of preparedness. Rick Anderson then took her on a tour of the old gold mine and fur trading post areas by the lake. She will present her recommendations to the Bush Board of Directors in November.

I continue to work with Bill Connelly of the Minnesota Indian Economic Development Fund. These discussions surround the development of a relationship with the MIEDF and the Bois Forte Business Development Loan program. To increase the effectiveness of the Bois Forte loan program, the Tribal Council is contemplating partnering with the MIEDF and also requiring bank participation in future business loan lending. Parameters for this partnership will be presented and discussed at the next Tribal Council meeting.

A new Planner, Peter Abbey, has been hired to fill the position vacated by Andy Datko. He brings considerable education and experience to this job. I look forward to working with Pete on existing and future projects.

another hour and a half to camp. We got all our luggage out of the bus carrier and stood around for about fifteen minutes. We then got on a motor boat that took us to base camp. When we got there we were assigned cabins. When we got to the cabin we unpacked and fixed our beds. We hung around and waited for the bell to ring which means it is time for supper. We gathered around the bell to say we were thankful for the food or something. Then we ate and when we were finished our plates were checked to see who had the most food left on their dish. The person who had the most food left on their plate had to go around and scrape all the other food left on the dishes. After supper we passed out books and sang. It was then decided who would go on kitchen patrol (kp). Then the canteen would open and we would just hang out again. The bell would ring again and we were to go to the camp fire place. After the camp fire we would get ready and go to bed. The next day we would get up and go to breakfast and do the routine all over again. After we were done with breakfast we went back to our cabins to straighten up. The bell would ring and we would have to go to the mess hall for a meeting about our camping trips. We talked about who would go and where.

This took three days of decisions and plan making to get ready for our five day camping trip. We started our camping trip by canoe. We paddled over to customs at the Canadian border. Then we traveled all day by canoe to the camp site. When we arrived we set up camp then had supper. Then we went to bed at dark. The next morning we got up early, quickly ate breakfast and got ready to leave for another day of traveling in our canoes. During our traveling I saw two Bald Eagles and eight Loons. Then we got two another camp

site. We did the routine again. We traveled all day again and saw more Bald Eagles, Loons, and a Golden Eagle. We got to another camp site and did the routine again. During our last day we went through three portages before we reached base camp. At base camp we ate supper and enjoyed the canteen after supper. The bell rang and we went to the camp fire and talked about our camping trips. The very last day we paddled to a different beach and went swimming all day. I went in the sauna. We got ready for bed. The next day we headed home. I really enjoyed this trip and would recommend going to anyone who has the chance. Respectfully submitted by Kim King.

Tribal Court...

March 26, 1997

Terry Alan Lightfeather, 22, Assault, 3rd, 30 days, 10 suspended for six months; fined \$150.

James Robert Schroeder, 40, Child Neglect, fined \$200, 30 days; Child Neglect, fined \$300, 30 days concurrent.

Jacqueline Hester Smith, 40, Driving under Influence, fined \$500, 30 days suspended for six months.

Charlene Denise Hindsley, 21, Furnish Intoxicants to Minor, dismissed.

Eugene Alfred Boshey, Jr., 38, Driving under Influence, fined \$500, days; Driving after Revocation, fined \$300, no additional sentence.

Axel James Holmes, Jr., 38, Probation Violation, 30 days, credit for time served, 16 days house arrest.

April 22, 1997

Daniel Edward Lightfeather, Driving after Revocation, Speeding; failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$350.

Diane Rae Goggeley, Probation Violation, probation period extended thirty days.

William David Chavers, Probation Violation, 30 days, to serve four days, 26 days suspended.

Waylon Wayne Drift, Probation Violation, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$750.

Rhonda Faye Hoagland, Probation Violation, probation period extended sixty days. Diane Lynn Brown, Probation Violation, probation period extended three months.

Clarence Ernest Day, Probation Violation, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$536.

Louis Strong, Jr., Driving under Influence, 90 days, fined \$750, one year's probation. Driving under Influence, 180 days, \$1,000 fine, one year's probation. Probation Violation, 30 days, sentence is consecutive, 180 days suspended for two year's probation. Refuse to Allow Breath Test dismissed.

Brandon Dean Benner, Order to Show Cause, \$50 fine or ten hours community service.

Sarah Kochie, Order to Show Cause, \$50 fine.

May 14, 1997

Robert Edward Keezer, 25, Driving under Influence; Driving after Revocation, Pro-

bation Violation, failed to appear, bail ordered forfeit, warrant issued, bail set at \$1000.

William Wayne Deegan, 32, Probation Violation, dismissed.

Lonny Warren Benner, 21, Theft, dismissed.

May 28, 1997

Clinton Bruce Landgren, 54, Speeding, fined \$50.

Brandon Dean Benner, 25, Driving under Influence, fined \$400, 30 days suspended for six months; Seat Belt Violation, fined \$50.

David Henry Villebrun, Jr., 25, Driving under Influence, fined \$400, 30 days suspended for six months; Open Bottle, fined \$100.

Gary Richard Boshey, 40, Driving under Influence, 90 days and \$500 fine; Malicious Mischief/Vandalism, one year and \$1,000 fine; Recklessly Endangering, 90 days and \$250 fine; Recklessly Endangering, 90 days and \$250 fine; Disorderly Conduct, 15 days and \$75 fine; sentence is consecutive.

Vernon Dean Boney, Assault, 2nd, dismissed.

Deanna Renee Drift, Assault, 3rd, dismissed.

Joseph Wayne Hoagland, Assault, 3rd; Disorderly Conduct, dismissed.

Mark Lawrence Littlewolf, Disorderly Conduct, dismissed.

Bradley William Day, Assault, 3rd, dismissed.

Arthur Wayne Dupree, Disorderly Conduct, Assault, 3rd, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$150.

Brian Lee Whiteman, Disorderly Conduct, Disorderly Conduct, failed to appear, warrants issued, bail set at \$75/\$75.

Waylon Wayne Drift, Disorderly Conduct, failed to appear, warrant issued, bail set at \$75.

Louis Strong, Probation Violation, 90 days.

Audrey Kay Knott, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75, bail posted applied to fine; Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75 or community service work; Assault, 3rd, dismissed.

Terry Rose Conno, Speeding, fined \$50.

TERO/JTPA news...



Kim King, TERO/JTPA Coordinator

Hi, I have been ratified as TERO/JTPA Coordinator. This month I am scheduled to go for training in Minneapolis. This training is a three day training on Basic TERO and Commission Training presented by the Council for Tribal Employment Rights. I have been getting many questions as to when some of the work projects are going to start on our reservation. The only word I have received is that the projects are tentatively to start in August. So please be patient. There will be notices posted on the reservation as soon as I know the starting date. I will also notify those of you who have taken the time to come into the office to see me. My understanding of how the TERO program operates is as follows: There is currently a list of applicants for TERO. This list was

started back when TERO first started on our reservation. The information on this list is name, phone number, qualifications, and TERO number assigned. When I receive a call from an employer I am to go over the list of eligible applicants and determine who is the first eligible applicant and make a recommendation. Once you have a job you name is then put on the bottom of the list for further reference. These are the instructions I have read in the TERO Commission meeting minutes. The JTPA program has a separate application to fill out and there are different forms and eligibility requirements. So please make it clear which program you are interested in when you come to the office. When I first came on board I was received a phone call from Barb Adams. Barb wanted a few individuals interested in going on a camping trip. So I sent out my research team (Brandon, Shane, John) to get the names of some of the youth interested in going. The team came back with a few names. One of the participants wrote a short story about her trip to share with all the readers.

Lake Trails by Samantha Thompson

I left my home in Nett Lake at 9:00 am Wednesday morning and arrived at Patten's in Orr around 9:30 am. We sat and waited for awhile. We saw the van that was to pick me up and take us to Roseau. I rode in the van for about two or three hours. We stopped and ate at Hardee's and waited in the van for half-hour for the bus to arrive. We got on the bus and rode for about

Happy Birthday to you!!!!

- 01 - Shannon M Columbus, Mildred R Holmes, Frances MI Pickeren, Chance B Potter, Mary E Rich, Antonio D Solis
- 02 - Gary W Donald, Robbi E Goggeye, Jennifer L Medicine, David C Morrison Jr, Darlene Sabherwal, David E Sam, Danielle L Santa
- 03 - James R Coonts, Carl E Hedlund Jr, Jessica R Lien, April L Myhre, William Tibbetts II, Sidra J Whiteman
- 04 - Patricia K Cameron, Dustin L Chapman, William M Sheehy, Mary K Weiss
- 05 - Sharon L Burke, Kathleen R Carriveau, Tanya L Deegan, Ashley A Goggeye, Carlin R Santa
- 06 - Thomas A Helgerson, Susan E Menz, Joseph M Monetti, Patricia A Nuckolls, Leigh A Villebrun
- 07 - Leslie D Bedell, Rachelle M Chicag, Susan M Chicag, Clarence E Day, Lawrence D Milbridge, Diane M Raxter
- 08 - Bruce Ellis, Theresa M Morrison, Nancy L Porter
- 09 - Marie Burnside, Charlene J Jack, Tashina D King, Darrin J Lightfeather, Jamie E Littlewolf, Audrey F Lumbar, Howard McLaine, Alan Sam, Jeralyn J Smith
- 10 - Debra L Curran, Taryn A Fuller, Kyle A Juliano, Donald L King, Eric E Milbridge, Anna Pete, Nina R Villebrun
- 11 - Rose M Dufault, Myrna J Kelsey, Theodore L Lien
- 12 - Michelle M Adams, Mardell R Columbus, Gary W Jennings, Diane L Konczak, Beverly M Steel
- 13 - Amanda R Boshey, Deanna R Drift, Linden M Gawboy, Teague E Goodsky, Susan Jenkins, Trudy L King, Raven K Morris, Susan L O'Leary, Rebecca J Rios, Craig M Stepec, Bruce E West
- 14 - Aaron H Benner, Harlan R Boness, Gail M Amitrano, Floyd L Morrison, Michelle L Schuster, Mary Strong, Adrienne R Zapata
- 15 - Thomas J DeSautell, Gary L Gotchnik, Yvonne F King, Angela M Porter
- 16 - Valerie A Boness
- 17 - Robert A Carlson, Catherine J Chavers, Dennis J Dix, James W Gawboy, Lavaugh A Kuderer, Lewis Strong III, Samantha L Whiteman
- 18 - Billie J Boshey, Andrea L Miller,

- Daniel A Rabbitt, Rachel J Sam, Jeanine F Steel
- 19 - Helen Drift, Earl G Emery, David N Gawboy, John L Hackey, Joseph E Klutschka, Dale J Leecy, John S Whiteman Jr
- 20 - Madge D Walcome-Dukes, Lela M Goodsky, Shanna L Isham, Walter J Nevitt, Nichole L Ranum, Joyce M Skadsheim
- 21 - Vera B Branstrom, Diana L Chosa, Peter J Deegan, Charles D Goggeye Jr, Beemus A Goodsky, Melissa M Jordan, Michael T Rowlette
- 22 - David S Anderson, Burton F Benner, Jeanne D Rose, Keith B Boshey, Joanne Chosa, Gaakoons K Columbus, Christopher D Drift, Jenny L Goodsky, Frederick A Gruenhagen, Frances L Jack, Nathan G King, Amanda J Myhre, Joseph L Rettke, Cynthia E Steinbach, Alice Whiteman
- 23 - Bradley W Day, Sheldon W Geshick, Victoria A Holmes, Florence M Huisentruit, Michael JH Norton Jr, Ernestine L Stanley
- 24 - Vaughn M Bass, Darlene M Chosa, Ronald W Fisher III, Camille Helgerson, Kristina R Lammi, Patricia A Southerling
- 25 - Richard Geshick, Paul W Shea
- 26 - Milton D Barto, Elyce MK Drift, Harold E Goggeye Jr, June M Kendall, Daniel E Lightfeather
- 27 - Christopher D Anderson, Gary D Bishop, Steven W Boshey Jr, John P Klug, Harriet J Lightfeather, James H Rolando, Shannon Whiteman
- 28 - Laura E Fissette, Randolph J Kelley, William Light, Ronald A Rolando, Ryan J Sam, Kenneth A Strong Jr
- 29 - Sabra M Fisher, Regina S Howe, Edward W Isham, Debra L Konczak, Gordon A Rogers, Ellen Rolando, Corey Strong, Elizabeth A Whitebird, Robert W Zalokar
- 30 - Darrell L Connor, Neil W Havron, Edna M Kelley, Mary F Koutsky, James D O'Shea, Shawn T West
- 31 - Leslie D Emery, Angela D Geshick, Marc L Grauman Jr, Renee Johnson, Pamela M Sherman, Vickie A Strong

Although brown hairy tarantula spiders look fierce, their bites are no more dangerous than bee stings.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

1. Present yourself before a Notary Public: **IN NO CASE, HOWEVER, MAY A CANDIDATE OR A MEMBER OF A CANDIDATE'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY BE THE NOTARY PUBLIC WHO ADMINISTERS THE OATH.**
2. Mark ballot.
3. Place ballot in envelope marked, "ABSENTEE BALLOT" and seal.
4. Place sealed "ABSENTEE BALLOT" envelope in pre-addressed envelope and seal.
5. Complete and sign "affidavit" on reverse side of pre-addressed envelope and do it before a Notary Public. **IMPORTANT!!!** If affidavit is not signed by a Notary Public the envelope will not be opened by the Election Board and your vote will not be counted.
6. Your absentee ballot must be received by the GENERAL RESERVATION ELECTION BOARD no later than the closing of the polls on September 4, 1997 or the envelope will not be opened and your vote will not be counted. Your absentee ballot may be mailed to the GENERAL RESERVATION ELECTION BOARD, any mailed absentee ballots received after 4 p.m. on Election Day, will be invalid. You may hand-deliver it, but if it is delivered, it must be **HAND-DELIVERED BY YOU PERSONALLY** or it will not be opened and your vote will not be counted.

Send all absentee ballot requests to: BOIS FORTE GENERAL ELECTION BOARD, PO Box 23, Nett Lake, MN 55772. Hours for contacting the board: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., telephone 1-218-757-3261. Contact persons: Mildred Holmes, Judge; Marybelle White, Clerk; Frank Porter, Teller, Viola Villebrun, Alternate.

obituaries

JOHANNA SAM
Tribal rites for Johanna Sam, 56, of Minneapolis, formerly of Nett Lake, were held Friday, Aug. 1 at the Nett Lake Community Center. Burial was in the

Nett Lake Cemetery. Arrangements were by Range Funeral Home in Virginia. She died Sunday, July 27, 1997, at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. She was born May 27, 1941, to Anthony and Lillian (Goodsky) Harding in Nett Lake.

Bois Forte Transfer Station Hours
April 1, 1997 - October 1, 1997
Monday - Wednesday - Saturday
2-6 p.m.

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

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 707
NETT LAKE, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. #707, Nett Lake, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 1997, for the purpose of electing two school board members for four year terms.

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts by those polling places will be as follows: Nett Lake School District:

Nett Lake Education Center
13090 Westley Drive
Nett Lake, Minnesota 55772

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 2:00 o'clock p.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election days.

Dated:

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Mildred Holmes
School District Clerk

SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM

I am an enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

I will be unable to register at the designated polling place.
(Alternate) I have never resided at the Bois Forte Reservation.

I am requesting an absentee ballot for the election to be held on September 4, 1997.

Signature required: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE DATE OF BIRTH AND ANY NAMES YOU HAVE BEEN ENROLLED UNDER.

A Notary Public will be at the Nett Lake polling place on election day.

Conservation Information

RUFFED GROUSE POPULATION UPDATE

According to 1997 MNDNR ruffed grouse population surveys the birds are most likely nearing the peak of their 10-year cycle, also nesting conditions this spring have again been favorable. Drumming counts of male ruffed grouse were up for the fourth consecutive year, increasing 21 percent statewide from 1996. Drumming counts are only an index to the populations hunters will find in the woods next fall. Much will depend on the success of the current grouse nesting season. The Bois Forte Natural Resources Department currently does not conduct drumming surveys and have to rely on MNDNR surveys for our grouse estimates, but we hope to start with our own grouse surveys as early as next year.

1997 CHANGE IN THE RUFFED GROUSE BAG LIMIT. The Bois Forte Conservation Committee has increased the bag limit of ruffed grouse to 10 daily for the 1997 grouse season which starts September 1 and runs through December 31.

Any questions, please contact the Natural Resources Department.

WILD RICE UPDATE

The wildrice on Nett Lake looks very good for the 1997 season. Mallard Bay and Lost River Bay are looking very good. The first aerial survey was done on July 25th with none other than our fearless pilot and Reservation Comptroller, Gordon Warwick. Riding along with Gordon was Dr. Chris Holm and his trusty sidekick Curt Goodsky. Curt took some very good video shots of the lake rice beds, if any one would like to take a look at these and other aerial fly overs, stop by the Department office we will be glad to hookup the video camera and show you how the lake looks from 200 feet in the air.

We will again be conducting our wildrice yield per acre assessment this year. Some of our staff will be at the lake shores weighing your green rice as you come off the lake. Please this is a voluntary action your part, but this is a very important project for our lake study, so please help us out.

Also, we will be buying green rice for this years reseeding project, we do not know



Ray Villebrun, Sr., D.N.R. Director

how much we can purchase as of yet, but we will be posting a notice in the near future.

The ricing opener cannot be predicted at this time, but I am confident that it will be as it has been in the past few years, which was around Labor Day.

TRUMPETER SWANS ON NETT LAKE

Throughout the spring and summer our hard working water lab staff has seen a pair of Trumpeter Swans on Nett Lake. There were no sightings of any young swans however. I wanted to mention this because as you may or may not know, the Trumpeter swan is a federally protected bird on the endangered species list. And the maximum penalty for killing a trumpeter swan is \$5000.00 dollars and 6 months in prison.

There are similarities between the Trumpeter Swan and the Snow goose, but if you are careful you can easily distinguish the Trumpeter swan simply by the swans larger body and long neck.

A call was placed into the U.S. Fish&Wild Service and information pamphlets were requested and they should be available at our office soon.

So be careful out on the lake this fall when you are on your duck hunting expeditions, we have a few precious birds out there that we all want to protect.

DUCKS AND GEESE

The Bois Forte Natural Resources Department has already received a number calls in reference to the upcoming 1997 duck season so I decided not to wait until the official word came down from the U.S. Fish&wildlife Service to inform all you duck hunters of the season dates and bag limit change for the 1997 MN state duck season.

The duck season will likely be expanded to a 60-day, six-duck daily bag limit season, with an opening date of October 4. Goose seasons will also open October 4, except in the Lac qui Parle and West Central Goose Zones, where the opening date will be October 11.

I do not anticipate any changes to this proposed season, but if there are any changes, I will let everyone know in plenty of time to make your duck hunting plans.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Bois Forte Conservation Committee has discussed the possibility of imposing a LEAD SHOT BAN on Nett Lake, but have not come to a conclusion whether or not to have the BFRTC activate this for the 1997 season. For now we can only suggest that hunters use a lead free shot shell when hunting ducks or geese on Nett Lake.

1854 AUTHORITY MOOSE SEASON

The deadline to submit your 1997 Moose season applications was August 15th, and their was plenty of interest this year. The Natural Resources Department handed out 28 applications in Nett Lake alone. The selection process will take place the following week at the Authority office in Duluth. Successful applicants will receive a moose hunt information booklet. Successful applicants will also receive a permit and carcass tag which they must carry on their person while hunting. If you have any questions concerning your application contact the 1854 Authority at (218) 722-8907. If you have a chance, stop by their new office at Air Park Square, 4428 Haines Road in Duluth.

1997 season dates are OCTOBER 4-19, 1997.

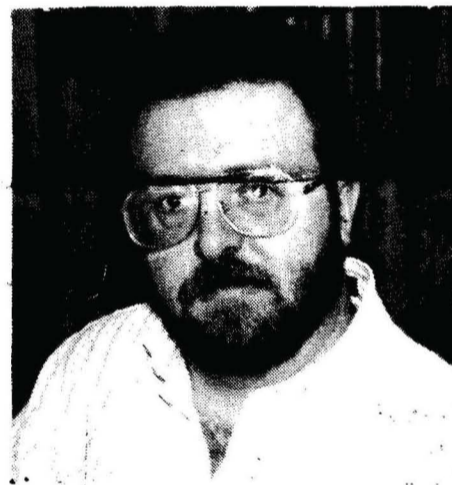
Officer George Mihelich stopped by the other day and told us that there was plenty of moose sightings on the Echo Trail area, so if you selected this zone your chances are pretty good that you will fill your permit.

SPECIAL REMINDER

A drawing for a rifle will be held at the end of the season for all bulls registered.

Good luck and good hunting.....

News from the Biologist...



Chris Holm, Ph.D., Biologist

Our DNR Water Section is pleased to have Mr. Les Connor on board with us through the summer months. Les has completed his third year at BSU and is majoring in Biology. Since he's interested in genetics, we're designing a little genetics project using Nett Lake rice. Many of you have noticed that the rice size varies on Nett. Why this is happening? It could be just a natural environment thing, caused by some chemical differences in sediment, water depth variation, closeness to tributary inflow, or whatever. It's possible that we have separate subspecies of rice out there: there could be some cross-hybridization going on within the existing rice beds: or, maybe it's a combination of all these possibilities. In any case, Les is on a mission to learn something of the "genetic constitution" of Nett rice. To do this, he'll collect green rice, extract its DNA, and then use restriction enzymes (sort of like "chemical" scissors) to chop the DNA into fragments. Next he'll do two things. First, he'll put the DNA fragments on a chromatography gel (sort of like a flimsy photo film) and send an electric charge through the gel. This causes the fragments to move, and different sized fragments move to different spots on the gel. Then he can "develop" the gel and look at the fragments and how far they moved. If he runs short rice and long rice together, and sees differences between the two rices' DNA fragment movements in the

gel, then we start to think that maybe there are different cultivars or varieties of rice out there. If he sees no difference, maybe it's just varied, natural conditions in different parts of the lake that are affecting the rice. The second thing Les will do is send the broken-up DNA from different sized rice through something called a polymerase chain reaction unit, or PCR. This is just a machine that looks at the DNA sample, compares it to other known DNA sequences, and reports matches. So you end up with lots of sequenced DNA segments, then you put the sequences back together and learn how the genes of rice are ordered on the chromosomes. That's the gist of his project, but here I'll abide by the mercurial polemic proffered by my enlightened colleague Bill Whiteman and refrain from more extensive and detailed explanations.

And now a few "word-bites":

The rice on Nett is looking good again this year. As of last Monday (6/30), a lot was still floating; it's started to stand up in the upper bays near swamp island and Mallard creek. All the rain we've received during the past two weeks is not helping that much, and we are holding water levels steady until we get some dry, hot weather (30 degrees at Cook on 7/7....Yi!) and the floating stuff is standing. Once its all up, we'll start fly-over surveys and map-building again...

Enclosed in this issue of the BFN are (I hope) the results of the lead shot survey sent to you this past spring. We had a 17% return rate. Of those surveys returned, about 91% said that lead shot should not be used on Nett. Most people who responded (85%) said that lead shot should not be used on any Reservation waters, and 91% believe that lead from deposited shot is toxic to plants and animals. We're working with some manufacturers to get you some information on those forms of alternative shot, as you've requested. This survey information has also been presented to the Conservation Committee,

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ELDERLY FUNDRAISER

Every Thursday at 6 p.m.

Smear at ENP Kitchen

NOTICE OF FILING DATE FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. #707 NETT LAKE, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. #707 shall begin on August 26, 1997, and shall close at 4:00 o'clock p.m. on September 9, 1997.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday November 4, 1997. At that election, two member's will be elected to the School Board for four year terms.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, Axel J. Holmes Sr. The filing fee for this office is \$2.00. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 4:00 o'clock p.m. on September 9, 1997.

Dated:

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Axel J. Holmes Sr.
School District Clerk

• News from the Biologist

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whose decision as to what to do next is forthcoming....

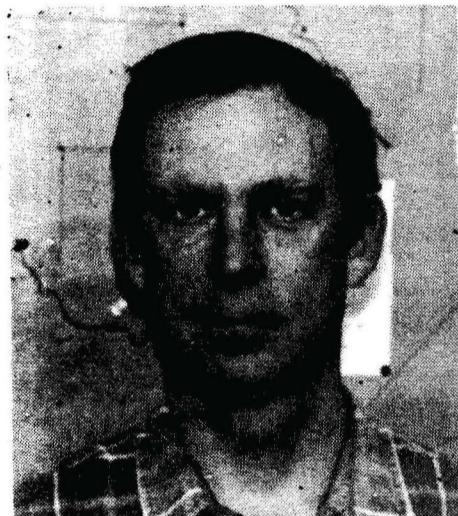
The Tribal-State DNR rice lake protection/enforcement co-op program is a done deal and is in place. New informational signage will be placed at priority rice lake landings by July 15, hopefully warding off any over-eager rice pickers; new informational brochures have been created for rice licensees that list Band priority rice lakes, better information on rice ecology and sustainable harvesting techniques (available also in main RTC building), and Band DNR phone numbers to call to find out when the rice is *really* ready to pick...

The "Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program" (e.g., NAP ... shouldn't the acronym be NICDAP?? - there's an interesting idea - an abbreviated acronym) insurance coverage for Nett Lake wild rice is in place...it's not tremendous coverage, but it will cover basic losses of the green product...

BIA circle of flight seed planting areas still "slogging" along... haven't had a lot of good weather to finish breaking up the seeding areas... hopefully we'll plant by Christmas...

We've been setting out salt blocks for deer all around the Reservation...seems, however, that the bears have been dragging the salt blocks off...that's life in the DNR... more in the next dynamic issue of the *BFN* !!!

News from the Forester...



Chuck Whitmore, Forester

By the time this article appears, the blueberries and raspberries should be ripening. It looks like a good berry year again and the usual picking spots should have them. Look for cutover areas in the jack pine and red pine stands near the West Boundary, the Sucker trail and around 4-corners. Some aspen areas along the Tote Road are also good. There are a lot of raspberry bushes in the aspen cut over areas along the Tote Road and blueberries in some of the more open aspen stands.

We just recently had an oral auction for seven timber sales on tribal land and we are planning on holding another oral auction this Fall for some of the winter cut areas on

tribal land. Primary timber species on this upcoming sale are aspen, black spruce and pine.

There should also be several forest development projects such as plantation release, aspen thinning and pine pruning available by this fall. These will be advertised locally to tribal members only. If you are interested in these projects, you should contact forestry to get your name on the mailing list for the project advertisements.

With our fire season over until fall, the fire crew is hoping to get an assignment out west again this year. So far, the fire season out west has been pretty quiet and they are receiving near normal precipitation and temperatures. However, things can change fast when fronts move through with lightning in them. As many as 1000 lightning strikes in 24 hours can occur in a single state. This is where most wildfires start from out west. There are quite a few trained firefighters on the reservation and I encourage you to contact forestry as soon as you can to get "red carded". You must pass the step test each year to be considered qualified for firefighting. When things start heating up out west, the different agencies are always looking for qualified firefighters to fill out crews. Usually all you need is a good pair of boots; the agencies supply the rest of the gear.

Benner & Summer Youth..



Brandon Benner, Summer Youth

Well, the Bois Forte Summer Youth Program for 1997 sure flew by fast!!!! And you know what they say, when time flies by you are either working hard, having fun, or doing something wrong. Now, depending on who you talk to we were doing all of the above. If you come and talk to me I will tell you that the first two fit this years' program to a "T". I am very proud of this year's "crew". They worked very hard out in the sun on some very hot days, but, never

complained too bad.

We got a lot of projects done with what little equipment there was to start the program. We would like to thank David Morrison Sr. for helping us getting some much needed equipment. Through the RTC he helped us purchase 3 lawnmowers and 3 weed eaters. When we received this equipment the grass started really flying! We also received some great comments for helping out Effie Drift and the ENP Crew with their 1st Annual Elderly Cookout. Effie did a great job. Among the people giving us good comments was Ramona Villebrun- Tribal Council Member. She said that we could all be proud of our youth, and they represented us well. It really felt good to have a couple of the "big boys" help us out and have good things to say about the youth.

We also finished up the "lake shore" project and the Bois Forte Signs. These were two projects that were suggested by Texas Dale Leecy. When the program first started he told me that we should brush the lakeshore and take down the Bois Forte signs and repaint them. He did not say anything about hauling the brush away or putting the signs back up! After getting

Wild Rice Genetics Project

Les Connor, Jr., Intern

The end of June has seen the beginning of a new project for the Bois Forte Department of Natural Resources involving the genetics of wild rice. The project is being undertaken by the Summer Biological Science Intern, Les Connor, and supervised by Chris Holm. The scope of this project is to compare the genetic differences between the rice plants with long kernels and the plants with short kernels. The methods employed are scientifically accepted and will be carried out at the Bemidji State University Molecular Genetics Laboratory. The initial research for printed literature regarding rice is still being completed and is proving to be a difficult process because of the lack of research regarding wild rice. In the mean time, DNA extraction from the rice grains

can begin and this stored until the actual analysis can be started. Analysis will begin with the selection of an appropriate target DNA fragment to use for study. The whole DNA will then be broken into fragments and sorted by size. The target DNA fragment is then amplified to produce many more fragments of the same type and length. Once this is done then sequencing of the DNA will be done and compared. The expected results of this project are to determine the similarities and dissimilarities of the two wild rice plants. This will in turn lead to further studies regarding the storage of the DNA, determination of the specific location on the DNA which is responsible for the size difference of the rice grains, and gene manipulations which will produce a rice plant which offers better production.

Joanne & Tribal Education

Sixteen students from Bois Forte attended the Mesabi Community College, ten students attended the Eveleth Technical College for the 1996-97 school year. We disbursed \$37,683 to Mesabi, and \$11,056 to the Eveleth Campus.

I attended the Advisory Board meeting at the Mesabi College on July 9, 1997. There is a possibility of having a Federal or State Work Study Program for qualified Bois Forte students through the Bois Forte Tribal Education Office in Net Lake for the new school year, 1997-98. I will be collaborating with Margaret King=Tantuu on this and the Anishinaabe/Ojibwe language and culture classes.

On July 16, 1997, Joe Aitkin-Scholarship Officer from the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Office in Bemidji and I started funding the Bois Forte Students who have completed their financial aid process to start school for 1997-98. We funded nine students so far.

Higher Education, six students -total winter/spring	\$11,380.
AVT Adult Education, three students - winter/spring	5,337.
Total Allocated 7/16/97 Bois Forte compact	16,717.
Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program	
Summer Session 11	994.
Fall Quarter Allocations	8,567.
Winter Quarter	8,345.
Spring, 1998	6,000.
Scholarship Total Awards so far	23,906.
Remember: if you did not send your grades in to us, your funding will be delayed.	
FY98 compact - Higher Education Bois Forte	99,244.
FY98 compact - AVT Bois Forte	42,569.
Submitted by: Joanne Donald, Director	



Bois Forte Honor Guard at the dedication.

numerous calls on both projects we decided to take care of them. Just kidding ARM, thanks for the ideas. We would also like to thank Corey Strong and Troy King of the Bois Forte Conservation Department and Arnold King for helping us out at the lakeshore.

Jim Deegan and the Vermillion crew kept busy cleaning and beautifying around the Vermillion Center and overall took care of that sector of the Res.

This years' supervisors did an excellent job with the youth. They are John

Whiteman, Shane Drift and Jim Deegan. I would like to thank all of them for all of their help and expertise.

All in all, the youth gained some valuable work experience through a great program funded by the RTC. I would also like to say "so long" again to all of my friends at the Bois Forte RTC, as always, it was a pleasure working with you. So until next time... Brad Radke is the man, the Vikes RULE, and the best is right around the corner for the Lady Braves. Be Happy!