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A Report by Doris....



Doris Isham, Acting Chairman

Recently, the Tribal Council sent you a letter explaining some disturbing events surrounding our recent elections. I want to thank the many Band members who have voiced their support for our tribal government, and to share with you what I think we can do to put these events behind us.

As most of you are all too aware, there are many non-Indians who do not believe Indian people have the talents, the skills, and the smarts to succeed. These people delight in reporting any incidents that cast an unflattering light on Indians. Unfortunately, that is exactly what is happening with the confusion surrounding our elections. Members of the press have pounced on a story that wouldn't have been news if it happened in Minneapolis and Duluth and splattered it across their front pages, simply because it concerns Indians. They are blowing the story out of proportion and implying that we are not capable of governing ourselves, that we are not fit to run our business enterprises, that we are not dedicated enough to work out our differences.

It's a familiar refrain. For as long as any of us can remember, we've had to work twice as hard to receive half the respect non-Indians get.

And we're going to have to do so again. The Bois Forte Band has worked too long and too hard to let anyone rob us of the success we deserve. We cannot let anything or anyone jeopardize the progress we've made. We owe it to our Elders, who protected and preserved us during the harshest years. We owe it to our children,

who are counting on us to keep pushing open new doors so that they can have more and better opportunities than ever before.

How can we keep on the path we've chosen? How can we keep others from believing the lies about Indians - and, just as important, keep ourselves from believing them?

By relying on the one thing no one has ever managed to take from us - our Ojibwe traditions. Our traditions of peace, of respect for others, of thinking carefully, listening patiently and responding calmly.

Of course, we will still have disagreement. Disagreements are healthy, and should be encouraged.

But we must remember never to use a disagreement to help ourselves at the expense of others, especially our fellow Band members. And we must remember to choose our battles carefully and remember why we are fighting.

We are not fighting to be better than each other, or more powerful, or more popular. We are fighting to create jobs, build houses, open schools, start scholarships, offer health care, feed families, and instill a sense of hope and pride in our People. We are fighting poverty, and hunger, and stereotypes.

With so many battles left to fight, we do not have time to fight each other. That is why I urge you to remember our Indian ways. Let's resolve our differences respectfully. We've accomplished so much in the past by working together, and by working together we can continue to improve the quality of life for all Bois Forte Band members.

VOTE!
for
Two Candidates
for
School Board
Tuesday,
Nov. 4, 1997



Gary DeCramer, (front right) state director of the federal Rural Development Agency, hands a check for \$740,000 to tribal council members Doris Isham, David Morrison, and Ramona Villebrun during a ceremony held September 26, at Fortune Bay Resort. photo by M. Helmberger

Reservation receives funding for sewer project

The following article appeared in the October 4, 1997 issue of the TIMBERJAY and is reprinted with permission.

Pats on the back and mutual congratulations were in evidence, September 26, as top officials with the federal Rural Development Agency (formerly Farmer's Home Administration) and tribal leaders gathered at Fortune Bay Resort for the formal presentation of a nearly three-quarters of a million dollar loan and grant award that's destined to pay for sewer and water extensions on the Vermilion reservation. It was the second phase of funding for sewer and water improvements on the reservation. Under the project, several areas will be added to the reservation's new municipal sewer and water system, including portions of the farm Point, Hardhat, Cemetery roads, as well as Tibbetts Trail. together, about 40 home sites will be added to the system, including several undeveloped sites that are set aside for self-help housing.

"It's an excellent project because it will be picking up several areas," said Tom Tschida, an official with Rural Development in St. Paul. Tschida said the project was consistent with rural Development's interest in regionalized sewer and water projects. While the latest phase includes only the reservation, he said nearby residents in greenwood township and Echo Point have expressed interest in eventually tying into the system. The reservation's sewage ponds currently have more capacity than is being used and the reservation has enough property for construction of additional ponds, if needed.

Rural Development officials made clear that they are open to additional funding for future projects. "We'd like your input on ways for Rural Development can provide more assistance to the reservation," said Gary DeCramer, state director of Rural Development, to tribal officials during his formal remarks.

Tribal planners gave Rural Development staff good marks. "They've been excellent to work with," said planner David Danz.

Land claims settlement...
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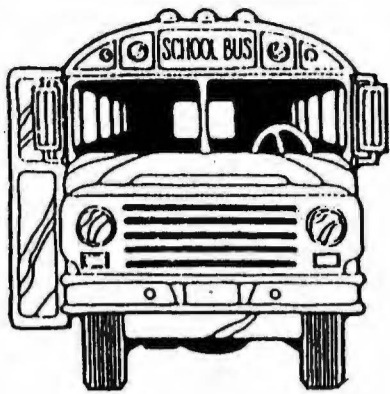
FORTUNE BAY & CASINO NOT AFFECTED BY RECENT ELECTION CONFUSION; CONTINUES TO PROVIDE QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT

TOWER, Minn.--Officials at Fortune Bay Resort & Casino reported today that business there has been unaffected by the recent confusion surrounding the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa elections.

"Our successful gaming enterprise and resort have always provided our guests with outstanding vacation and conference facilities in a safe, comfortable facility offering exciting entertainment options. We will make sure that continues without interruption," said Gary Gotchnik, chairman of the Bois Forte Enterprises' Board of Directors. "We are an integral part of our community, and we owe it to our employees and our neighbors to keep business running as usual."

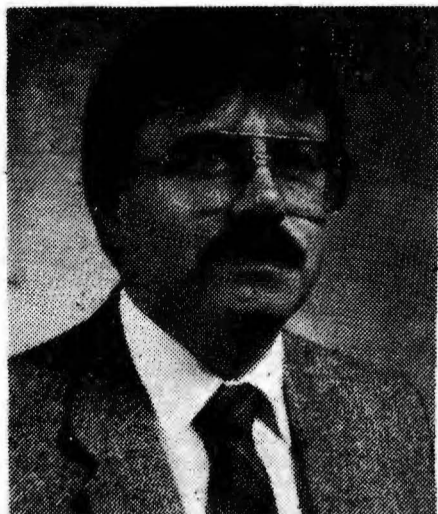
Fortune Bay Resort & Casino, which includes a 24-hour casino and 10,000 square feet of banquet and meeting space, has a large economic impact on its community. It employs 384 people, 66 percent of whom are non-Indian, and has a total annual payroll of \$4.6 million. In addition, the casino works with about 1,500 vendors, 90 percent of which are from the local area.

"We are hoping for a quick resolution to the ongoing confusion surrounding the recent elections," said Gotchnik. "In the meantime, we will continue to keep our operations running smoothly, and we will also continue to keep our guests comfort, safety and enjoyment at the top of our list of priorities."



School News

Superintendent's Letter...



Ray Toutloff, ISC #707 Superintendent

Progress with media and technology continues to improve by leaps and bounds for the Nett Lake School District. We are on the edge of publicizing college course offerings from area colleges that can be taken via interactive television (ITV) right here in the Nett Lake School ITV studio. Four school district staff, Katy Long, Teresa Strong, Don Chosa, and Ray Toutloff are currently being trained to monitor the studio during the broadcasts. These four staff will also serve as the school district ITV committee. Katy Long, Media Technology Specialist is in charge of coordinating the school districts ITV efforts.

Bemidji State University, UMD, St. Scholastica, and Arrowhead Community College all have ITV course offerings that we can tie into. The course offerings from these institutions will be reviewed by the school districts ITV committee to determine which courses will be offered at our studio site.

Our district is also involved with a cluster of Iron Range schools to discuss, plan and develop courses and programs between area school district. Katy Long is our representative in this ITV cluster group.

Applications for Free and Reduced School Meals have been sent home with all Nett Lake Students. I cannot stress enough the importance of parents completing these forms and returning them to the school. The 1997 State Legislature made changes in school funding laws that tie the percentage of eligible families for Free and Reduced School Meals to certain programs. Since our district tends to have a high percentage of families qualifying for meals the funding formulas impact us severely. Therefore, any parents reading this please complete the form that was sent home with your child or if you have misplaced the form, call the school and we will issue another one.

There has been some confusion in our school district over these forms. The past two years, we have not collected the Free and Reduced School Meal Applications. Our district opted to go with a school meal offering plan called "Provision 3 Agreement". This merely meant that we used the September 1995 percentage of approved Free and Reduced families and applied that percentage each month in our request

for funds from the State. During the two year period that we were involved with the "Provision 3 Agreement" we were able to manage our school food service more efficiently. "Provision 3" was easier for us, easier for parents, and easier for the State Department of Children, Families, and Learning.

However, the 1997 State legislature tied the funding of several other programs besides food service to the Free and Reduced School Meal Applications. The academic support program for math and reading, (Title D, and compensatory aid are based on our "Free and Reduced School Meal" percentage. There are considerable dollars involved for our district when food service, Title I, and compensatory aid funds are based on this new funding formula. Estimates range from \$130,000 - \$160,000. I hope parents will understand the importance of completing the application after reading this article. However, if anyone would like to have a more detailed explanation of this situation please call me at (218) 757-3102 and I will be happy to provide you with more information.

Don't forget the school board election to be held in the school lobby from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 4, 1997.

DEFUSE BACK TALK AND TEACH RESPECT

Younger children back-talk and give fresh answers to get attention. Older children use unacceptable language to show how independent they are. The main idea to keep in mind is that your child must understand that there are consequences for disrespect towards you, other adults, and other children. But don't make your child into a bad person while teaching respect. Also, always expect respect and don't tolerate rudeness from others. Your example, over time, will help your child not to have to tolerate disrespect himself. Children have to get some respect to give respect back.

Remember:

1> Do not respond with immediate anger and excitement when back talk or rudeness occurs. If you do, it will spur your child on to greater efforts to shock.

2> Stop conversing and ignore conversation when delivered as fresh-talk, back talk or with disrespectful tones or looks. Your only response during this "cooling off" period should be, "You are wrong to speak that way. there is a right way and a wrong way to talk." Later, sit down with your child and let him know that disrespect will result in specific privileges being taken away.

3> **Teach** respect by discussing phrases your child can use to express anger or disagreement. Teach him to replace, "I wish I didn't have you for a parent!" with, "I don't think you were fair with me today." this will lead you and your child to talk together about specific problems. It will also move him away from attacking the dignity of family and friends in order to

solve a problem.

4> Do put as much of yourself as possible into conversations when your child speaks appropriately. Also, occasionally say, "I really like the way you put that" to accentuate good conversation.

5> Slowly provide more and more age-appropriate activities in which your child

can be independent. If this natural drive for independence is not met, you may experience even more disrespect. also, provide a few, but not too many, ways to get rid of excess emotion. Limiting T.V. time and stressing exercise and hobbies will help.

Child Care news....



Joni Whiteman, Child Care Planner

Just a piece of news from HeadStart/DayCare. While sitting at work today I thought to myself, it must be about time for Axel to be sticking his face through the door and ask us for our news paper articles. Well, I'm one step ahead of you this time, Ax, your article will be ready and waiting for you!

The drawings have been held for those who participated in the child Care Resource survey. Here is a listing of the winners from each area which was surveyed:

Kelly King-- Sah Gii Bah Gah Days

Shelly Bristol-- Potlatch

Christine Toronzi-- Vermilion Enrollment Day

Sheila Cameron-- Vermilion MCH Participant

Karlene Chosa--Nett Lake MCH Participant

Fred Schumacher-- Heritage Days

Mark Grahek-- Fortune Bay Employees

Rick Malmstrom-- Timber Days

Each winner in the drawing was given a \$10.00 gift certificate to Target.

As for the findings of the survey, we have found that there is a shortage of infant care available in our area. Many people also reported difficulty in finding child care for

odd hour care (shifts which do not fit into the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. time slots), weekend care, and sick child care. Most parents will stay home with a sick child but for those whose jobs do not have substitutes available or sick leave as an option, a sick child can be a real problem for a working parent. the cost of child care was reported to be an issue for many families, especially when wages were minimal. Many of these lower income families were not aware of the sliding fee child care program available through the county. this program will help with paying child care costs when parents are working or attending school/college. If you want information about the St. Louis County Sliding Fee Scale call 1-800-450-9777 and ask for child care assistance. this is a helpful program for anyone with children who find it difficult to make ends meet. I would have to say that covers almost everyone these days don't you think?

I am currently working on the Community Assessment for the 3-year grant for HeadStart. Judy put me in charge of getting this important information from the community (Nett Lake and Vermilion) for the grant. I am still receiving surveys back at this time but expect to gather the results next week, as the info must be put together by mid-October.

Things are really buzzing at HeadStart now that the kids have returned. Bus run, breakfast, field trips, lunch, playtime, naptime, snack, art work, newsletter, parent contacts, documentation, screening results, daily notes to parents, talking, singing, fingerplays, listening and laughing. This is just some of what goes on at HeadStart everyday. Come on in anytime and join the fun, have lunch with your child or friends child, volunteer if you can and when you can, then go out in the community and tell everyone how much fun it is to go to HeadStart!!!

E.C.F.E. news.....



Teresa Strong, ECFE Coordinator

The E.C.F.E. program has been having a lot of fun this month. We would like to invite all families with children ages birth-kindergarten to come join us. If you are a "soon to be" parent you are more than welcome to join us also. The following are some of the great projects we have been working on.

The children have been creating a lot of spooky Halloween projects, like spiders,

monsters, ghosts and pumpkins. They made "GOOP" which was a slimy and magical liquid that felt weird in your hands! We also had a lot of fun making rice crispy treat pumpkins and scary looking sugar cookies, both of which were delicious.

The parents have been having just as much fun, playing with and watching their children experiment and learn new things. During "Parent Time" the parents have been having some good discussions. Some of the topics we have been discussing are Brain Development of Children, Discipline, Setting Limits and the Importance of Childrens Play Time.

Doesn't this sound like a good time to spend with your children? Parents have the opportunity to talk with each other to try and become better parents, and the children have a lot of fun learning and playing. Also, you don't have to worry about cooking that night, because we have dinner provided!! You can't beat an evening like that! If you have any questions or suggestions just give me a call.

Remember, E.C.F.E. classes are every

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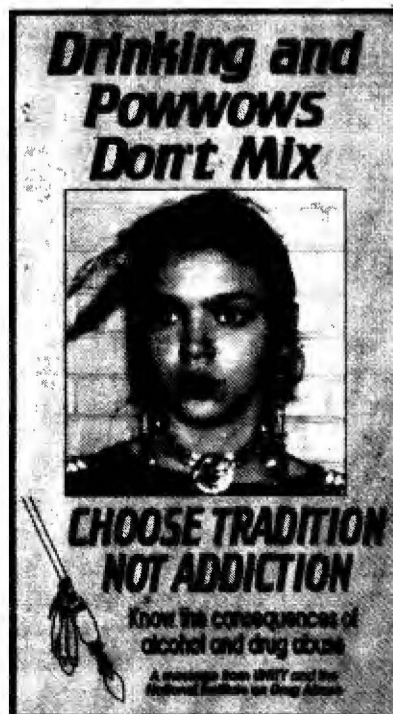
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Wednesday night from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the E.C.F.E. room at the school. We would love to have a lot more families come and participate.

TOP 10 REASONS Why You and Your Child Should Come to Family Center Classes (E.C.F.E.)

10. The stork failed to include an instruction manual when he dropped off the baby.
 9. You can load up on parenting information to show off to your friends, neighbors and relatives (especially the seem to know-it-all types with short, selective memories).
 8. You can skip going to the gym - after all, playing with your child is the best kind of workout you can do for your heart!
 7. It provides the rare opportunity to exchange toilet training and teething stories with others who really are interested and don't just fake it to be polite.
 6. You get to bring home original works of art to hang on your refrigerator to cover those stubborn food stains.
 5. You're able to play with all sorts of cool toys and equipment that you don't have to pay big bucks for or set up in the middle of your living room.
 4. You can meet other fun people like yourself who are sleep deprived, overinvested in film processing and are desperately searching for a way to remove amoxicillin stains.
 3. You can unselfishly give loving, experienced staff and other young children the opportunity to get to know and spend time with the most awesome child in the universe -- your very own pride and joy.
 2. It's convenient, the price is right and it's the politically correct thing to do.
- ...AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON why you and your child should come to Family Center classes...
1. What better way could you spend your time than building a relationship and memories with your child that will last forever!

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Bi-Lingual...

The following letter was received from Mr. Tom Miller of the Cherry School who chaperoned a field trip to Nett Lake during the ricing season.

Dear Gene:

Thank you so much for having us as your guests last Thursday. The students told me that our trip to Nett Lake was superior to the typical field trip. It was interesting, informative, fun and what impressed us all was how friendly everyone was. We really felt welcome. Please thank Curtis (and his supervisor), the Zikas, the Drifts and everyone who went out of their way to make us feel welcome.

Gene, I want to especially thank you for setting up our visit and making all of the necessary arrangements. The information that you gave us about your culture, especially your religion was the first information that most of the students had ever received about the Ojibwa from an Ojibwa, it was positive information. Too often we only get negative stereo-type images. We also appreciated your fine sense of humor. I feel that it is a personal privilege to have gotten to know you through the years.

Very sincerely,

Tom Miller

FOUR HOPEFULS FILE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Frances "Cisco" Isham, whose term was up this year, echoed the words of former President Lyndon Johnson who stated - "I choose not to run".

Milo "Buster" Villebrun, Sr., incumbent, has filed for reelection and the following are also in the race:

Jeanine Whiteman, Karlene Chosa and Lori Drift.

This year's terms are for four years, and the date of the election is Tuesday, November 4, 1997.

Polling place is the Nett Lake School, a.k.a. Nett Lake Education Center and the hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Judges for the election are Chris Salmela and Bertha Graue.

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The Bois Forte Tribal Education Department has funded 18 students from the Adult Education Self-Governance Compact, so far for the amount of \$40,378. There are more applications processing for this program.

Forty one (41) students from the Higher Education Self-Governance Compact were funded for the amount of \$77,354. We are receiving new applications on a daily basis and there are applications being processed for funding.

Here is the breakdown on the allocations made by the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program and the Bois forte Scholarship Program so far:

MINNESOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Adult Vocational Education 18 students \$38,392

BOIS FORTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Adult Vocational Education 18 students 40,378

We package together - TOTAL 18 students 78,770

MINNESOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Higher Education= 41 students 69,051

BOIS FORTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Higher Education 41 students 77,354

We package together for the same 41 146,405

Fifty nine (59) Bois Forte students were

funded by both programs for the total amount of:

MISP \$107,443

Bois Forte 117,732

Total costs 225,175

The reason why Bois Forte is allocating more than the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program is because the MISP does not fund students who are attending out-of-state schools. Many of our students have also exceeded the recommended 15 quarter limit, according to the guidelines of the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Committee. The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council made provisions to fund students with special circumstances.

The Self-Governance Act, Title IV, Section 403, paragraph (b), (3) regarding the annual funding agreement states: subject to the terms of the agreement, authorize the tribe to redesign, or consolidate programs services, functions and activities or portions thereof-which allows the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council to determine the criteria for allocating program funds, including paying scholarships to adults or to students who have exhausted their eligibility, under pre-self-governance criteria. The self-governance education program is working for the Bois Forte people. I am still going through a transition stage in moving from the Nett Lake School, the Bois Forte award letters will be mailed next week.

Submitted by: *Joanne Donald, Director*

Title I news...



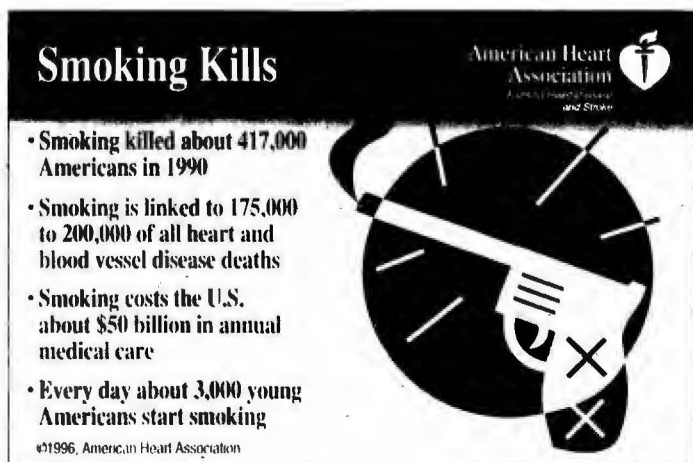
Bruce Roberts, Title I

The school year is off and running and changes continue to present themselves...we are involved with Graduation Standards and this is the phase-in year - kind of like batting practice before the standards are put into the game plan. I welcome you all to stop and visit the Title classes anytime you are near or in the school, I'm sure the children would enjoy a parent visit. Below you will find some information regarding National Education Goal #1, School readiness and some thoughts on parents being their child's most important teacher!!!

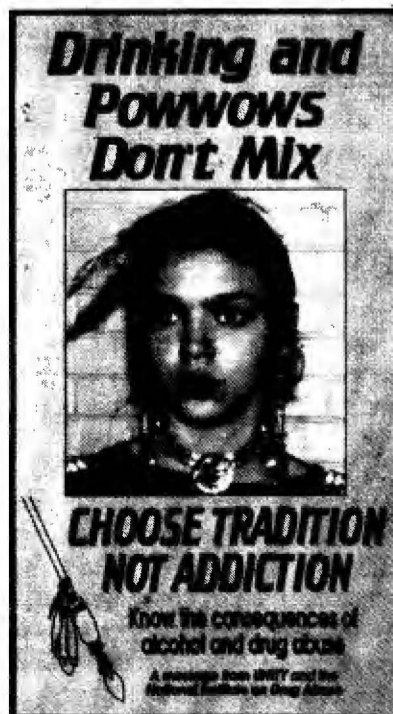
SCHOOL READINESS

BY THE YEAR 2000, ALL CHILDREN IN AMERICA WILL START SCHOOL READY TO LEARN THE OBJECTIVES FOR THIS GOAL ARE THAT...

1. All children will have access to high-quality and developmentally appropriate preschool programs that help prepare children for school;
2. Every parent in the United States will be a child's first teacher and devote time each day to helping such parent's preschool child learn, and parents will have access to the training and support parents need; and
3. Children will receive the nutrition, physical activity experiences, and health care needed to arrive at school with healthy minds and bodies, and to maintain the mental alertness necessary to be prepared to learn, and the number of low-birthweight babies will be significantly reduced through enhanced prenatal health systems.
4. You are your child's most important teacher. In a week, your child spends about 35 hours at school but more than 50 hours at home. Children learn valuable skills from you in the kitchen, in the yard, or at the supermarket. Every place is a learning place. If they help in the kitchen, they follow directions to make something good to eat. If they help fix a bicycle, they learn to choose the right tools and to use them safely.




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* Health News

Community Health news..

Cecile Warren, Community Health Rep
Hi! My name is Cecile Warren. I am a Community Health Representative at the Bois Forte Health Services. I am writing this letter to let you know about the Bois Forte Needs Program, formerly the Elderly Needs Program. This program is for the Elderly and Handicapped of the Bois Forte Reservation. They can use up to \$500.00 to \$800.00 every fiscal year based on the available funding.

This program helps the Elderly and the Handicap purchase large items that are hard for them to purchase on their own. They can get and fill out an application and turn it into any committee member, which are: Jeneal Goggeye, Health Director Barb Richards, Community Health Nurse Eileen Barney, E.A.P. Coordinator Effie Drift, ENP Coordinator Cynthia Glasel, Housing Director Cecile Warren, Community Health Representative This committee meets once a month to go over these applications and determine if we approve, table, or deny these requests. If there is an emergency situation a verbal approval may be obtained. An emergency, for example, could be if your refrigerator goes out and you need a new one immediately. Everything is decided by this committee and no one person on the committee can approve or deny any request that is to go through this program. They can give their opinion on any application but no action will be taken until it goes through the entire committee. Once the committee meets, a letter of determination will be sent to the applicant on our decision.

The program **does not** reimburse under any circumstances. For example: if you purchase or order anything and then fill out an application to have it come out of

the Bois Forte Needs Program, your application will be denied. You must have prior approval before anything is paid out of this program. The program will find the items that are being requested and purchase them for the elderly and the handicapped. If there is a certain place that you want the item to come from, then, you need to let me know or bring in an estimate and the proper procedure will be taken from there, I will contact you with the results on what the committee decides.

There have been many people calling and asking for money out of this program, the program **does not** give cash grants to anyone, it only purchases items that are needed.

This program also helps pay for repairs in the home. If the repair is under \$100.00 all you need to do is contact me. If the repair is over \$100.00 an application has to be filled out and it will then go through the committee. Repairs may be anything from plumbing to fixing a porch.

If you would like a copy of the guidelines for this program or have any questions you can contact me at 218-757-3295.

NOTICE

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

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

Ambulance news...



Marcella Connor, Ambulance Director

The Ambulance Service has been pretty quiet. This is good news because this means that the residents are taking care of themselves by seeking medical attention at the clinic and taking their medications that are prescribed to them. It makes the EMT's feel better because they are not getting out of bed in the middle of the night and are getting a full night's rest. Let's keep up the good work!!!!

The Community Injury Program had a Bike Rodeo in June. New bike helmets were given to all the kids that attended, including adults. Officers from the Nett Lake Police Department, Pete Drift, Mike

LaRoque, and Lloyd Cheney, Fortune Bay Security set up the stations that each child had to complete. The purpose of this activity was to prevent injuries to the bicycle riders during the summer months. A incentive for each person was to receive a free can of pop each time they were seen wearing their helmets while riding and a ticket for the drawing of a new bike. The tickets were distributed by the Police Officers as they patrolled the Village and Palmquist's. The same program was set up at the Vermilion Reservation with Officer James Pontiac giving each person that was observed wearing a bike helmet a small box of juice and a ticket for the bike drawing.

The drawing for the bike was held at the Health office on September 15th Teresa Morrison and Ellen King drew the names and the winners were: Paige Drift of Nett Lake and Jericho Deegan of Tower. The CIP program bought the girls bike and the NLPD bought the boys bike.

The Bois Forte Ambulance service has been awarded a grant to purchase "Jaws of Life" equipment. This has been ordered and the Volunteer Fire Department and the Ambulance Service will be trained in the use of this equipment. The fire department would assist us if the use of this equipment is ever needed.

October will be busy for some of the

Contract Health news...



Cathy Chavers, Contract Health

The Bois Forte Contract Health program is now beginning a new fiscal year effective October 1, 1997 and that means that it is time for everyone to recertify again for CHS eligibility. There have been a lot of applications mailed in along with the surveys that were sent with the applications and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for cooperating and taking the time to send in their surveys on the off reservation providers and the evaluation of the Bois Forte CHS program. We are in the process of compiling the survey data and from just glancing at the surveys I can see that there are areas that need to be

addressed and both Connie Harju, CHS Clerk and myself will be working on this. In regards to eligibility and your eligibility cards, we are trying to put these on computer and are running into problems because this has never been done. As of this writing, there have been no cards issued to anyone for FY 98 and we hope to have these out as soon as possible so please be patient with us.

In regard to patient accounts, we ask that all individuals please send in any medical billings that they are receiving at home as sometimes we do not receive some billings. This way we hopefully can voucher all of the accounts without missing any.

Bois Forte Health Services has now hired a Family Nurse Practitioner and her name is Imo Powell and she is from Cushing, Minnesota. Imo will start work at the Bois Forte Medical Clinic on Monday, October 13, 1997 and will work Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We will now have full-time coverage in the medical clinic. Another reminder, the Bois Forte Pharmacy is open from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday for Nett Lake. Vermilion residents are to use Martilla Drug.

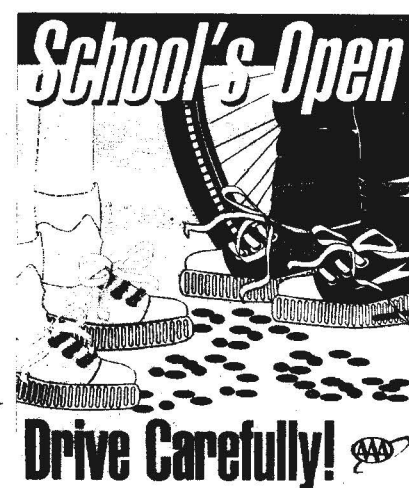
If there are any questions regarding Contract Health please call us at 218 757-3295 and talk to either Cathy or Connie.

The Bois Forte Human Services Chemical Dependency Program has in existence a fully licensed Out-Patient Program. Our staff are Certified Chemical Dependency Reciprocal (CCDCR) certified by the Institute for Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. We further offer a six week After-Care Program with a focus on relapse prevention. Our Out-Patient Program is an intense six week program Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The contact person to set up appointments in Nett Lake is Jeanine Whiteman who can be reached at (218) 757-0111. The contact person in Vermilion Human Services is Sam Ronning and she can be reached at (218) 753-2037.

EMT's with Refresher course and Defibrillator training sessions. The 28 hour refresher course being taken by Doris Isham, Julie

Whiteman, Teresa Morrison, Billie Mason and Les Connor. This might not seem long by some folks standards. But it will take away 4 hours each night from 6 to 10 p.m. for seven nights. This does take time away from their family commitments. The 25th will be a training day for all the EMT's. This training consists of Defibrillator training on the Heartstart, reading of cardiac rhythms, and standing protocols for cardiac patients.

There will be a new 110 hour Emergency Medical Technicians Class starting in Cook. If anyone is interested please call the Ambulance Director for more information. (218) 757-3295.



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NOTICE!

Bois Forte Human Services Chemical Dependency Program has in existence a fully licensed Out-Patient Program. Our staff are Certified Chemical Dependency Reciprocal (CCDCR) certified by the Institute for Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. We further offer a six week After-Care Program with a focus on relapse prevention. Our Out-Patient Program is an intense six week program Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The contact person to set up appointments in Nett Lake is Jeanine Whiteman who can be reached at (218) 757-0111. The contact person in Vermilion Human Services is Sam Ronning and she can be reached at (218) 753-2037.

Water Quality Lab notes...



E. Curt Goodsky, Water Quality Lab

Hello readers, this is E. Curt Goodsky directly from the Water Quality Laboratory wishing you a very good day.

Ricing season is over!! The Water Quality Division has been so busy during this time, I am soo glad it's over. First there was plot sampling (counting stalks and removing rice heads in a square foot area) we achieved a total of 52 plots. Second there was counting the kernels of rice on EACH rice head, I counted 3121 kernels of rice on one plot sample (about 19 rice heads), the lowest counted was 241 k's, 7 rice heads in another plot sample. Third, we weighed the plot sample. Then we added them up and averaged them up and cooked em up (nah, we didn't cook any). We need these numbers to estimate the rice production of our lake. Last year it was estimated that the lake produced approximately 4 million pounds of rice. This figure was used for the rice crop insurance applied to this year's rice crop. Now this year's figures will be applied to next years rice crop. Now, we are drying rice plant samples for analysis of lead and arsenic. Both lead and arsenic are found naturally in the lake and the rice plants. So why look, for what we know is there? To gather enough information that over time we will see if the levels are rising, falling or stable. So, DON'T USE L--D SHOT ON OUR LAKE.

I must apologize. I can not tell you what to do. My job is to gather, analyze and present information so people can make a more informed decision. I just realized I have some good news for you folks.

About a month ago, a group of elementary boys and my dad (Gene Goodsky) brought down a snow goose that the boy's had caught behind the Nett Lake School. The poor bird was so weak it was having a hard time holding it's head up. Well Squidge and Marty took the goose over to B. Mann in Linden Grove MN. This nice lady takes care of injured animals. Well Ms. Mann took the goose to the Wildlife Center in St. Paul where they proceeded to examine the goose. 10/23/97 I received a call from the Wildlife Center letting me know that the goose had

doubled it's weight since being brought there, and the blood work and X-rays indicated HEALTHY. So why didn't it leave with the other geese? The Center guesses the low weight indicated it was starving or underfed, why it was able to be captured. I asked if the boy's would be able to release the goose once it regained it's strength; highs can't do it. The Center thinks that by the time the goose is able to fly, it will be pretty cold and rough going for the bird. However, there is a bright side, the Center works with an airline that transports birds from St. Paul down to Florida every year. Can you imagine little ducks and our goose sipping cappuccino and watching the movie on their free ride to Florida? Have I got a cool job or what. :)

On another note, we tested samples again for EPA certification for Bacterial Analysis of Drinking Water. I did not receive certification last time because I misdiagnosed 1 (one) sample out of 12. I was a little disappointed but hey, I'll keep trying.

The main bacteria I test for in drinking water is E. coli. If I can not consistently detect the presence of this very harmful bacteria then I should not jeopardize the health of others.

So I can see the need for 99.99999% accuracy.

Well I need to get going, so until next time, Sleep well and Fair winds. Bii na sii o com mi quabe- out.

Winter Driving

Planning and preparation

1) Planning. Make sure your vehicle is equipped with booster cables, road flares, a shovel, snowmobile suit, sleeping bag or blankets, mittens, stocking cap and boots, windshield scraper and tow rope. Finally, equip your vehicle with a "winter survival kit" containing: flashlights, hand/foot warmer packets, first aid supplies, high energy candy or snacks, brightly colored cloth to tie on vehicle's antenna for help if stranded.

2) Prepare our vehicle. Make sure your vehicle is prepared for Minnesota's harsh winters. Test your anti-freeze, battery, brakes, exhaust and lights. Never travel with less than a half tank of gas.

3) Pay attention to weather forecasts. Listen to forecasts, road reports and storm warnings and trust them. They are meant for you.

4) Notify others of travel plans. When roads are in poor driving condition, tell someone where you are going and the route. Report a safe arrival.

5) Cruise control. Never use cruise control when the roads are in slippery condition. Using your cruise control can reduce your control of the vehicle if your tires begin to skid or slip.

ADOPTION NOTICE!!

There are many Native American children available for placement. These children need adoptive homes and/or long term permanent homes. Traditionally, no Native American children were ever placed outside or apart from the Native American communities. When placement became necessary, these children were cared for by extended family members, clan members or other members of the community. Let's keep this tradition alive.

Native American children need to grow up in Native American communities. Children become adults. Adults become Leaders who will take care of us in our later years. We need to continue to involve all of our children in our culture and traditions to learn our ways so that we as Anishinabeg will continue to exist on Turtle Island.

Give our children a home, keep the Anishinabeg strong, healthy, and forever.

If there are any questions please contact:

**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
Human Services Division
Fred E. Isham, Jr.
Adoption Coordinator
Tel. (218) 335-8585**



Halloween pedestrian tips for kids

The Minnesota Safety Council urges you to follow these tips to make sure your Halloween is full of "treats" and not "tricks":

- After dark, take a flashlight along to light your way and make you more visible to traffic.

- Walk, do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.

Do not put snow on roads!!!

According to District 1 (Duluth/Virginia) of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT), depositing snow in any fashion onto a public street or highway is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor under Minnesota Statute 160.27 Subdivision 5, (1) and various local ordinances which prohibit plowing, shoveling, blowing or placing snow onto public roadways.

MN/DOT cautions that the act of placing snow onto a public roadway can subject a person to a civil liability if a road hazard . . . such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump . . . occurs and causes a traffic accident. This civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who actually placed the snow onto the roadway.

MN/DOT asks all citizens to obey these rules which are designed to keep Minnesota's 130,000 miles of streets, roads and highways safe during winter months.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Acting Personnel Director Linda Tibbetts-Barto announces the following job opportunities:

at Nett Lake:

= Chemical Dependency Outpatient Counselor - closing date Nov. 4, 1997.

= Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Advocate - closing date Nov. 7, 1997.

= Day Care Aide - closing date Nov. 7, 1997

at Vermilion:

= Child Care Teacher - closing date Nov. 7, 1997

= Day Care Aide - closing date Nov. 7, 1997

You can obtain applications by calling Linda at (218) 757-3261

A REMINDER!

Transfer Station hours!

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

Monday, Wednesday

and Saturday

Oct. 1, 1997-Apr. 30, 1998

American Heart
Association
Fighting Heart Disease
and Stroke



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

NOTICE!

The Bois Forte Pharmacy hours are:
12:00 p.m. TO 4:00 p.m.

Patients are to pick up their medications during these hours only.

**It is the PATIENTS RESPONSIBILITY
TO PICK UP THEIR MEDICATIONS.**

The only medications delivered by the CHR's will be the
Elderly and Handicapped Clients.

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

The transportation guidelines have been revised due to problems that have occurred in the past few months. Because the CHR's are to remain in the community to aid the Clinic clients and elders. If you have an appointment out of town and do not have a ride contact Marcella Connor, (218) 757-3295 for assistance in securing transportation to your appointment. **Three days notice must be given before your appointment date.**

Those on Medical Assistance can have an MA Driver for out of town appointments. This can be yourself, family member, or friend to take you to your appointment. Your County Financial Worker must be notified prior to your medical appointment and a voucher will be sent to you. You will then have to keep proof that you kept your appointment by receiving a slip from the Doctor or medical facility. Mileage must be recorded and the voucher completed and signed. The check will go to the person on Medical Aid. **If you drive for a person on MA be sure to get your pay from the person that you transported.**

For those that do not have Medical Assistance or a vehicle, other arrangements will be made to get you to your medical appointment.

Please give us three (3) days notice so we can complete this time consuming process.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Pedestrian injuries and falls are the leading risks to kids on Halloween. To help keep your child's Halloween safe, the Minnesota SAFE KIDS Coalition offers the following tips:

Visibility:

- Decorate costumes and trick-or-treat bags with retro-reflective material.

Traffic; Reminders for children:

- Tell children to walk, not run, while trick-or-treating.

- Remind children to stop at all corners and look for ongoing traffic.

- Tell them to cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks.

- Tell them to look left-right-left again before crossing, and not to cross if a car is coming.

- Tell them never to run into the street from between parked cars.

- An adult or older sibling should accompany children under the age of 10.

Reminders for motorists:

- Slow down in residential neighborhoods and obey all traffic signs and signals.

- Remember the new Minnesota law that requires drivers to come to a complete stop at crosswalks, marked or unmarked, where there are no traffic con-

trol signals in place.

- Watch for children walking in the street or on medians and curbs.

- Enter and exit driveways and alleyways carefully.

- Teach children to get in and out of the car on the curb side, away from traffic.

Falls:

- Apply face paint or cosmetics directly to the face. If a mask is worn, be certain it fits securely. Cut the eye holes large for full vision. Secure hats so they will not slip over children's eyes.

- Give trick-or-treaters flashlights.

- Make costumes short enough to avoid tripping. Dress children in shoes that fit. Adult shoes are not safe for trick-or-treaters — the larger size makes it easier for them to trip and fall.

- Allow children to carry only flexible knives, swords or other props. Anything they carry could injure them if they fall.

- Teach children not to cut across yards — they may trip over hazards hidden in the dark.

For more information, contact the Minnesota SAFE KIDS Coalition at the Minnesota Safety Council (800-444-9150 or 612-291-9150).

Minnesota welfare reform off to a successful start...

by Governor Arne H. Carlson

Now that Minnesota's new welfare law has gone into effect, many Minnesotans may think welfare reform is done. The real work of welfare reform, however, has just begun. And it will take the entire community to make it successful.

Much of the work ahead will be done by welfare families. Parents on assistance must now take responsibility to apply for work and do their best to financially support their children. Government also has a big role. We began that work this spring by enacting the Statewide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) that will transform our welfare system from one that discourages families from going to work to one that expects, supports and rewards work. And most importantly, it benefits Minnesota children, allowing them to grow up in families where work is a way of life.

Fortunately, we have a solid base to build on. Statewide MFIP is modeled on the state's pilot project of the same name. It has proven to be the most effective effort in the country at getting more people working and out of poverty. Study results show 52 percent of MFIP's long-term welfare families were working after 18 months, an increase of almost 40 percent over a control group receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and MFIP reduced poverty among these families by 14 percent.

A former MFIP participant, now a nurse, says the support—at school and from county workers—that she received while working, going to school and caring for a toddler with health problems made the difference. She is proud to be a role model for her child and to be paying taxes. "I know that all the taxes I pay when I work the rest of my life are going to make up for the help. I know I'm contributing back to society."

Under the new Statewide MFIP, which begins Jan. 1, parents will be expected to begin working within strict time limits or their benefits will be reduced. Most families will have 60-month lifetime limit on assistance.

Families will receive job placement, child and health care help and an income supplement as they work their way out of poverty. Now a family of three will leave public assistance when they are earning 20 percent above the poverty level, \$1,311 a month. With old AFDC program, the same family would leave assistance when they earned \$920 a month, just 85 percent of the poverty level. Even though they were working, the family would still be living well below poverty, with no help when they faced a family crisis or unexpected bill. This made going to work a risky, discouraging choice for parents trying to

turn their lives around.

Statewide MFIP incorporates what we have learned from the pilot. Parents must go to work sooner and face stronger sanctions if they don't work. It also allows Minnesotans to continue living within our means. Federal funding for welfare reform is maximized. State spending—about \$180 million a year—is at the same level spent for the old system; however, instead of paying for a system that no longer works, taxpayers will be support families' efforts to work.

Spending in one area—child care—has been substantially increased to provide the care more children will need when their parents work. State child care funding, under the Department of Children, Families and Learning, will increase by \$90 million over the next two years helping welfare families go to work and low-income families continue working.

The message to welfare families in Minnesota is clear: "If your family is receiving welfare, you are expected to work. Your family will be better off if you do and government will be here to support your transition to independence."

Many county agencies and staff—the front line workers—are taking innovative steps and rising to the challenge of moving families to work. But government cannot—and should not—be solely responsible for ensuring welfare reform is successful. Employers, schools, and non-profit agencies must all play a role in helping families go to work. Many communities are already working hard on solutions. Employers and others interested in exploring how they can assist with welfare reform can contact their local counties or workforce centers.

As Minnesotans, we already have a strong tradition of community involvement as a base to build even stronger ties. Together, we can develop community solutions that best help our needy families work their way to better lives and build a better future for all Minnesotans.

ATTENTION!

DENTAL PATIENTS

If you have a Saturday dental appointment or you are having a problem and need to be seen on the Saturday the dentist is here - please call 757-3650 which is the clinic number. The dental clinic phone line rings downstairs and there is nobody down there to answer it on weekends.

Tired of throwing your weight around?



Exercise.

NOTICE!!!

The Bois Forte Reservation Housing Authority is now organizing a Self-Help Housing Project for the Nett Lake and Tower areas. We hope to get together a group of 18 families or individuals to build their own homes with the first six beginning June 1998. Self-Help housing is a program which allows families to build their own homes under the supervision of a construction specialist. The homeowner's down payment is the work they contribute to their home.

We are recruiting interested families who fit the following criteria:

= if your gross income falls within these guidelines or slightly above, you may qualify.

Household size	Income
1	\$ 22,750
2	26,000
3	29,250
4	32,500
5	35,100
6	37,700
7	40,250

= must have a credit history that indicates reasonable ability and willingness to meet debt obligations.

= must be willing to work with other families to build each other's houses.

For more information about Self-Help Housing, please contact Carol Chico at the Bois Forte Housing Authority office. Phone numbers are: 757-3253 or 888-833-7337. We will provide assistance in the application process.

Band Members Overwhelmingly Support Settling Claims Issue Will Now be Decided by Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

Nearly 100 years ago, the United States government sold lands that were owned by Minnesota Indian bands, including the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. Unfortunately, the United States sold the land for less than it was worth, failed to account for the money it did receive, and failed to use that money to benefit the Indians.

Now, a century later, the Bois Forte Band may finally see some of that money. The United States has offered to settle land claims brought by the six bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe for \$20 million. Under the terms of this offer, the Bois Forte Band would receive \$32.00 per acre for 47,000 acres. This is significantly higher than the amount paid to settle other

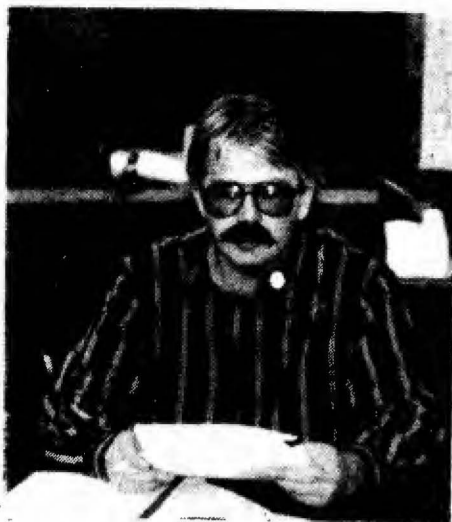
cases involving Indian lands outside the reservation; the compensation in those cases was only about 50 cents an acre.

The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held a survey in October to determine if Band members wish to accept the settlement offer. The overwhelming majority - nearly 89 percent - said yes.

However, Mark Drift, whose recent election as tribal chairperson is being contested, does not agree with band members. In a recent interview, Drift was quoted as saying that if it were up to him, he would vote no on the settlement.

The decision whether or not to settle the case is now in the hands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe officials.

News from the Planners...



David Danz, Reservation Planner

Since my last riveting article several major infrastructure projects have been awarded. The Indian Point/Sugar Bush and Hardhat road construction projects were awarded to Red Lake Builders. The Tibbetts Trail extension was awarded to Gordon Construction. We have a very capable construction representative, Mr. Joe Holstein, superintending these jobs. Joe has about 30 years (yes, he is that old) road construction management experience with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I am glad to have him riding herd on these projects.

The water and sewer extension work at Lake Vermilion was awarded to Ulland Brothers Construction. Following the pre-construction conference, a very auspicious loan closing took place with the financing agency, USDA Rural Development. The State Director, Gary DeCramer, took the time to come to Fortune Bay to personally represent his agency for the loan closing. Director DeCramer handed a four foot blown up version of the \$740,000 check to Council members Doris Isham, David Morrison Sr., and Mona Villebrun. Media flash bulbs and the whole works. Very nice ceremony.

The bids on this project came in quite a bit higher than anticipated. Water and sewer work will start on Cemetery Road, followed in the spring with Hardhat road. We may or may not have enough financing currently to complete the Farm Point extension. My colleague, Pete Abbey is working on securing additional Rural Development financing to complete Farm Point. This infrastructure project will bring community water and sewer to existing housing and will open new housing lots at Vermilion.

I have been working with a few others in developing Bois Forte's one and five year housing plans. These plans are required in the new Indian housing law that took effect October 1. The new law entitled the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act requires Tribes to complete these plans. Its written right in the legislation that no plans, no shoo-neya. Pretty good incentive to write the plans. Funds are to be distributed under a formula which will give Bois Forte approximately \$1 million dollars per year for housing development. The law allows considerable local flexibility in using these funds to address housing needs.

The Tribal Council purchased 25,600 pounds of green rice this year. It only took three days to buy this amount. The rice finished out at 14,055 pounds or about 54%. Pretty good. The fellow from Germany who purchased one metric ton (2,200 pounds) last year is interested in a similar quantity later this year. The Council made the decision to purchase rice this year with the intent of broadening its market here in the States. There will be some marketing strategy sessions taking place to introduce Nett Lake rice as superior to natural and commercial brands. This will take some time and doing.

Pete's Planning Corner...



Pete Abbey, Assistant Planner

It has been a beautiful fall, at least so far! The leaves are falling and that means that construction season is also slipping away. I am happy to report that most of the planned projects are underway and construction is on schedule. The water and sanitary sewer extension project is underway at the Vermilion sector. Construction started along the Cemetery Road section during the last week of September and is expected to be completed by the end of November 1997. The current schedule calls for winter shut down following completion of this segment of the project and re-start around the first week of April 1998. Completion of this entire phase is expected by the end of June 1998.

We were fortunate to receive \$740,000 in funding from the USDA-Rural Development Office for this project; however, the bid responses ran somewhat higher than

was expected and the project had to be adjusted in order to meet funding limits. One of the problems facing the Planning Department and the Engineers is that we cannot completely determine the amounts of rock excavation required until we are in construction. As you know, the removal of bed rock or ledge rock, as it is also known, is expensive and often requires blasting. Due to the funding shortfall and the uncertainty surrounding the rock excavation, the scale of the project has been modified and scheduling has also changed somewhat. However, Planning expects that the project will be completed as originally proposed and within the allotted time frame.

The Hard Hat Road and Farm Point segments will not be started this Fall as originally scheduled in order to avoid Winter delays and additional costs, but will commence during the 1998 construction season. Hard Hat Road is scheduled to commence at the beginning of the 1998 construction season which typically begins in April of each year. The second and last segment scheduled for construction in 1998 is the Farm Point segment. This segment should start construction around the middle of May and the entire project, known as Vermilion Water and Sewer Extensions-Phase II should be completed by July 1st, 1998.

Future phases include the extension of services throughout the residential areas of the Vermilion Sector and perhaps beyond. The Planning Department is currently seeking funds for the continued growth

and I will keep you informed of our progress

In addition to the water and sewer projects, four new street projects are scheduled for 1998, Tibbetts Trail Extension and the reconstruction of Hard Hat Road on the Vermilion Sector and the reconstruction of Indian Point and Sugarbush Roads at Pelican Lake. All four projects are scheduled for completion in 1998.

The Tibbetts Trail Extension will tie Tibbetts Trail to Skogman Road and involves grading, drainage, placing aggregate base and bituminous pavement. By extending Tibbetts Trail to connect with Skogman Road, a loop will be created smoothing traffic flows and allowing additional area for development. It will also provide a loop for utilities in the future which, in turn, assures better service and less outages. Construction on Tibbetts Trail Extension will be done by Gordon Construction from Manohmen, Minnesota and is scheduled to commence in the Spring of 1998.

The Hart Hat Road project involves nearly one-half mile of road reconstruction. Included will be grading, drainage, aggregate base and bituminous pavement. Road construction will commence after completion of the water and sewer extensions along Hard Hat, currently scheduled for completion around July 1st, 1998. Construction of this project will be provided by Red Lake Builders from Red Lake, Minnesota.

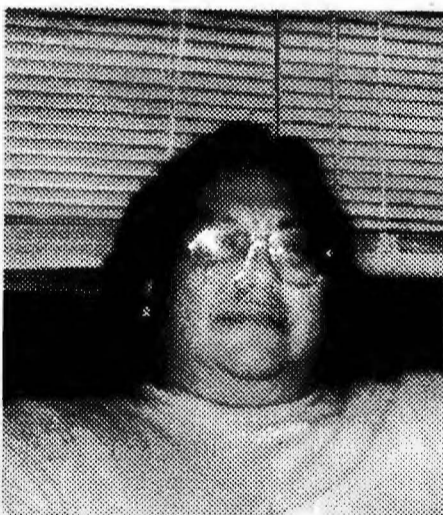
The reconstruction of Indian Point and Sugarbush Roads at Pelican Lake has commenced with clearing and grubbing

underway during the first week of October, 1997. These two projects have been combined and will be done as one project, also by Red Lake Builders. The combined project consists of nearly one and one-half miles of grading, drainage, aggregate base and bituminous pavement. Completion of these two road problems is scheduled for mid-1998.

The completion of these four road projects and Phase II of the Vermilion Water and Sewer Extension project represent a major step forward in the ongoing community development program for the Bois Forte Reservation.

Other community development projects which the Planning Department currently has underway includes the Museum and Cultural Heritage Center, the Self Help Housing Program, the Vermilion Social Services Center and the Assisted Living Project at Nett Lake. These planned projects are all in the earlier stages of development but they continue to move forward and represent yet another set of major steps forward in the community development efforts of the Band. As you know, these are exciting times, not only for the Planning Department, but for each and every one of us with an interest in the continued development of our community. Bois Forte has every right to be deeply proud of its accomplishments and working together we will continue to lead the way among area communities in providing quality services to all. I look forward to providing you with another progress report next month.

Bill Whiteman's column...



Wm. Whiteman, Land Use Planner

Greetings from the Planning Department. Howdy. Among other things, the observant individual will notice that there is now a big turtle sitting where the original drum arbor used to be. The new drum arbor was designed by yours truly after consultation with a few concerned local individuals and was constructed by Gordon Adams. The original drum arbor proved to be a little too small for our purposes, so the pow-wow committee requested that the present arbor be enlarged or a new one built. After discussing the situation with several staff and local people, it was decided that building a new one and keeping the old one for concession area or other uses would be the best alternative. The "Big Turtle" as it came to be called by some people is immense when compared to the original one and is solid as a rock. Other news. The Land Use Plan survey is pretty much complete, although a few are still coming in. One month after the survey was mailed we received 260 responses. At the present time I am still in the process of interpreting and tabulating the results. The winner in our drawing for the new Sony compact disk player was Terry A. King of Britt, MN. The drawing took place on September 30, 1997

and was conducted by Kim Greiner and Billie Mason of the Accounting Department. The results and comments are very interesting. The demographic groups with the most responses (of the total) were the "female 32-40 age group" with 20% and the "female 18-31 age group" with 15%. In all, 61.1% of all respondents were female.

Some comments from the Land Use Planning Survey:

Transportation - ... the best method to raise funds for road repair...

"Court Fines, for speeders, DWI, traffic offenses " Recreation and Community Facilities - ...what you would like to see developed...

"museum of Bois Forte History"

"Information Center on Ojibway culture

" "Bois Forte history, stories of past year" Environmental Protection - ...Suggestions...

"Tours for protected areas "history"

General Comments

"The Tribal Government ought to be composed of more common people. Now that we have the technology as "our" tool, we should use what we can, but revert to our traditional ways of Council and gathering."

"This survey is missing a page!"

"A wild rice processing plant on the reservation should be a priority with all proceeds going to the reservation. Also, an improved wood and sawmill plant should be implemented."

"...Palmquist Addition. This man (somebody named Palmquist, I presume) came for the sole purpose of making money. He raped the earth, denuded it and then left. He had no respect for the earth or the people, us. Why do we honor this man this way? The name needs to be changed..." That last comment brings up an interesting point. I often wondered why they named this residential area after a logger and not

1854 Authority news...



Millard "Sonny" Myers, 1854 Director
Nin tagwagish (I spend the fall in such a place). While looking through my dictionary of the Ojibwe language, I came across this phrase. I like this phrase as it reminds me of the many places I like to spend the fall. More than anything, I like to spend my fall out in the woods. I think it is important, especially in our urbanized day and age, that we take the time to get out in the woods. To experience the changing of the season. Whether you hunt, hike or just like to sit, I admonish you to get outdoors. It helps to "get in touch" and remember why we choose to live in the north woods. Okay. Now on to business. everybody at the 1854 Authority is busy preparing for the fall season. For us here, it is probably the busiest time of year as we make all the preparations for the upcoming hunting and trapping seasons. Following is a summary of news events I wish to pass along.

WAWASHKESI or DEER NEWS

We have changed the form of our deer carcass tags that we are using commencing this deer season. We have replaced the blue permit and orange plastic tags with a paper license that has adhesive tags which you attach to your deer. These tags are only good for one year (indicated by a punched date). After the season is over these tags become invalid and should be properly disposed of. *It is important to note that all previously issued orange plastic carcass tags are now invalid for deer hunting.*

We will also be going with an either sex hunt as we have done in the past. It is the belief of the 1854 Authority that the number of deer we take out of the ceded territory is so minimal (115 registered in 1996) compared to the overall scope of things, that it does not warrant restricting our right to subsistence hunt in the ceded territory. We do recognize though that the deer have been hit hard by the last couple of winters and that overall numbers are down. Hard winters coupled with the fact that wolf numbers are up could make for a very challenging deer season in the north woods.

MONS, MOOZ or MOOSE NEWS

By the time you read this, moose season will be in full swing. For those of you who applied for a moose permit, you should have received a letter explaining the moose lottery process for 1998. For those of you that did not receive a letter, but may be interested in participating in next years moose hunt. Here is the scoop.

+ Commencing with the 1998 moose season, the following lottery protocol has been adopted by the 1854 Authority Board of Directors.

+ Annual moose permits will be selected by random lottery drawing.

+ Every year you must fill out and submit a new application. All applicants will then be placed in a pool and selected by random

drawing, however.

+ If you receive a moose permit one year, you are automatically excluded from the next years lottery. After your exclusion year has elapsed, you may fill out and submit an application to be placed in the new lottery pool.

Applications will be made available the third week in June of 1998. I will remind you again in a future newsletter. On a biological note: we will be cooperating with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Fon Du Lac Band on the annual moose survey in northeastern Minnesota by way of observer air time and financial contribution. This will allow the 1854 Authority to be intricately involved in keeping tabs on the status of the moose herd in the ceded territory.

One other exciting note related to moose. In May of 1999, the 35th Annual North American Moose Conference & Workshop is scheduled to be held at the Grand Portage Lodge & Casino. Every year this conference is held at a location in North America and the event draws participants from all over the world. This is truly a unique and exciting opportunity to have the 35th Annual Moose Conference hosted by and held on a reservation, and a Native American theme will be displayed throughout the entire conference. I will keep you informed on the progress of this exciting event as it proceeds.

NIN DASSONA.....I CATCH HIM IN A TRAP

Just a short note for you trappers. In the past there has been some problems when Tribal trappers try to sell their furs, and the buyer refuses to purchase them because they do not have the proper tags for export (CITES tags). We are working to remedy that situation and I will give you more news in the future.

MAIGAN.....WOLF

As I have mentioned in past article (April 1997), soon the Timber Wolf will be delisted by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and management responsibility will be handed over to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. We will soon have to take a posture as to where does the 1854 Authority stand on this issue. I will soon be bringing this issue up with the 1854 Authority Board of Directors and at this time I encourage you to let your thoughts be known to either myself or one of your council members so that we have band member input into this process.

In closing I just want you to know that if you have any questions or suggestions about any treaty exercise issues, please bring them to us at the office and we will do our best to answer your questions. Megwiitch

Booshoo.

I hope this day finds you all in good spirits. I hope this day also finds you prepared for the long winter that is part of our life here in the north land. I was reflecting the other day on how it may appear by reading this news article that all the 1854 Authority does is make rules for this and make rules for that, moose and deer, deer and moose. It really is my fault for providing such a limited scope of information. I would like to spend some time here explaining the "non-game" issues that the 1854 Authority participates in.

For this issue, let me share with you the mission statement and goals that are the driving force behind the activities of the 1854 Authority. I would also like to briefly hit on how I perceive the mission and goals

as it relates to directing our activities.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The 1854 Authority shall provide an inter-tribal natural resource program to assure that the rights secured to member Indian tribes by treaties of the United States to fish, hunt, and gather within the 1854 ceded territory shall be protected, preserved and enhanced for the benefit of present and future members of member Indian tribes in a manner consistent with the character of such rights, through provision of services.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS:

Goal: Provide an organization capable of delivering 1854 Authority programs to it's qualified participants.

Goal: Protect, preserve, and enhance the hunting, fishing, and gathering rights of the Grand Portage and Bois Forte bands of the Lake Superior Chippewa in the 1854 treaty area.

Goal: Protect, preserve and enhance the trust resources of the 1854 treaty area.

Now I would like to expound on what these guiding statements mean to me as director. Let me state my foundational belief that all the actions of the 1854 Authority, including that of the 1854 Board of Directors and the 1854 Authority staff are to be undertaken on behalf of and for the benefit of the band members. Basically, the organization's primary purpose is to meet the needs of the band's members as it relates to the exercise of treaty rights in the 1854 treaty area.

It is my belief that the 1854 Authority has two primary functions, one being government and the other being program. From the program perspective, we do things such as manage and regulate the off-reservation harvest (set seasons, issue tags, register animals, enforcement), participate in various wildlife surveys, work with wild rice, etc. this would be one of the most visible aspects of the Authority. The program function is extremely important in that we provide the type of self management that is needed for us to freely exercise our rights without direct state intervention. While this point might be argued by some, I believe if we did not have a management and regulatory system in place, anti-treaty opponents would have a strong case to force us under state regulation.

The government function we carry out is more of the silent function. The 1854 Authority is involved in such issues as, working with the USEPA to ensure their trust responsibility is implemented on ceded lands, working with the MPCA to ensure tribal input is considered in the process of setting water quality standards for the ceded territory. I can assure you that the 1854 Authority is doing all it can (with it's limited staff) to represent tribal interests with all federal, state, local government units, special interest groups, as well as residents of northern Minnesota who have a vested interest in the myriad of issues that affect the ceded territory. This is one of the most daunting challenges due to the size of the ceded territory (5 million acres) and all the factions out there who have a stake in the environment.

I do not for one moment want you to believe that we are doing all we could to protect, preserve and enhance our treaty rights and resources, but we are doing all we can. As director, I want to develop innovative approaches on ways to address the many issues and I believe we are making some positive strides in the right direction.

In the next issue, I will explain with a little more detail some of the government and program functions that the 1854 Authority is involved in that may not get much exposure but are equally important in meeting our mission. Also, I want to share

some things that are on the horizon. In the meantime, if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Megwiitch.

• **Bill Whiteman**

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some local feature or individual. ??? Please comment, maybe somebody can come up with a more appropriate name.

The Bois Forte Volunteer Fire Department has secured a grant from the BIA to provide about 40 hours of training for our firefighters. The training will consist of about ten or eleven, 3-4 hour sessions. These training sessions will take place at the fire hall and continue every few weeks throughout the winter. Topics will be; Chimney Fires, Class "A" Foam, Disaster Drill, Mobile Home Fires, L.P. Gas Burn, Live Structure Fire, Search and Rescue, Positive Pressure Ventilation and Water and Ice Rescue.

Did you know?

Every year, 300,000 babies get sick from secondhand smoke --- but the tobacco industry doesn't want to hear it. It's time we made smoking history!

It is common knowledge that secondhand smoke harms those who breathe it. But many people may not know that children, in particular, face the greatest health risk from secondhand smoke.

Forty-three percent of children aged 2 months to 11 years live in a home with at least one smoker. Many of these young children spend a large proportion of their time indoors. That means millions of young children may be spending that time exposed to secondhand smoke.

Second hand smoke exposure is linked to:

- = up to two million ear infections in children each year.

- = nearly 530,000 annual doctor visits for asthma.

- = up to 436,000 annual episodes of bronchitis in children under 5 years of age, and

- = up to 190,000 annual cases of pneumonia in children under 5 years of age.

Parents need to make every effort to keep their children away from smokers and tobacco smoke. Parents who smoke should think about quitting, not just for their own sake, but for the health of their children. Until they quit, parents and caregivers need to avoid smoking in the spaces where children are present.

Community members can begin discussions to see to it that new policies include:

- = no smoking in doorways or public buildings.

- = smokefree parks and playgrounds.

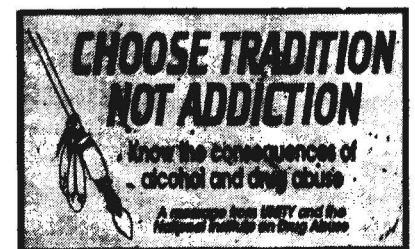
- = smokefree apartments.

- = smokefree foster care homes, and

- = smokefree organizations that serve youths.

With everyone's help, we can ensure that the air our children breathe is clean, safe and smoke-free.

New Lives, Bois Forte Reservation Maternal/Child Health Program



MILO (BUSTER) VILLEBRUN, Sr.

Candidate for Independent School District #707 (Nett Lake)



Dear Residents of Nett Lake.

My name is Milo (Buster) Villebrun, Sr., and I am a candidate for this year's School Board elections. I have been involved with the Nett Lake School for twenty five (25) years and have a lot of experience and knowledge about the school and the needs of the children.

I have also been involved in getting funding for our new education center. I have a lot of new ideas I'd like to see implemented within the school. If I am elected, for instance, I feel our children should be more involved with the Elders. I would like to start programs that would enable children and elders to work together such as, the Foster Grandparents Program, and create a special day for children and elders to spend together with story telling and sharing in the wild rice, duck and deer harvesting process.

I am also a member of the Bois Forte Honor Guard and the Chairman of the Elderly Activities Committee. Both organizations I feel would greatly benefit our school in many ways. Many of my sons, daughters and now grand children attended our school. I am very PROUD to be a part of School District #707. Please vote for me on November 4th School Board Elections.

Thank you.

(Paid for by the candidate on his own behalf)

Where to Call for Winter Road Condition Info.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation's District One (Duluth/Virginia) reminds Northland motorists they can receive winter state highway condition information by calling any of the phone numbers below:

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218-723-4866

Info from **Duluth south to Pine City** and the **North Shore of Lake Superior to Canada**. This is a **24-hour per day** recorded message.

218-749-9656

Iron Range area to Canada. This is a **24-hour per day** recorded message.

1-800-542-0220

This is a **statewide** road condition information service. It is a **toll-free 24-hour per day** service.

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In addition to the above four road condition information telephone services, motorists can also call these three **Northeastern Minnesota Travel Information Centers** for up-to-date information from center staff during normal working hours:

- 218-723-4938 Thompson Hill Travel Information Center - Duluth
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Reservation Tribal Council minutes

Minutes of a special session of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held on May 22, 1997, Nett Lake Community Center, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Mark Anderson; Axel Holmes; Mark Drift; Rod Ranum; David Morrison, Jr.; Robbie Goggeye; Ray Strong; Eugene Isham; Felix Isham; Wendy Morrison; Leonard Thompson; Deanna Drift; Frank Villebrun, Sr.; Curt Sheehy; Ernest Landgren, Jr.; Sherry Erickson; Miles Lord; Debra Geyer-Smith; Chris Holm; Darin Steen; Eileen Barney; Vi Villebrun; Mavis Drift; Kay Zika; Wendy Zika; Dan Zika; Lela Goodsky; Rosemary King; Dawn Hackey-Sam; Ken Badboy; Bertha Graue; Janice Connor; Marge Holmes; Mildred Holmes; Frances Isham; Joanne Donald; Vera Belt; Kelly Rutar; Andy Datko; Marcella Connor; Leslie Connor; Pat Villebrun; Shawn Villebrun; Eric King; Lois Thompson; Dan Morrison, Sr.; Chester Graue; Sheila Delaney; Jessica Knott; Sunshine Knott; Shirley Benner; Donald Chosa, Jr.; Karlene Chosa; Jane Hotesse; Marybelle White; Katy Laitinen; Allan Morrisseau; Kim King; Karey Lyon; Adeline Anderson; Frank Porter; John Day; Tara Villebrun; Vicki Holmes; Allan Connor

The minutes of the previous meetings are dispensed with.

David Morrison, Sr. informs the Council and those present that on Monday, May 19, 1997, Dan Morrison, Sr., and Allan Connor presented a petition for the removal of Chairman Landgren. A couple of staff persons witnessed the petition that was presented. David recorded the petition which consisted of eleven pages with one hundred twenty-six (126) signatures. A letter was given to Mr. Connor and Mr. Morrison relieving them of the petition. The petition was sealed up and put under lock and key. David Morrison, Sr. requested the meeting today because according to the Constitution a hearing date must be set within fifteen days. Between today and the hearing date the signatures must be verified.

Mark Anderson clarifies that it is up to the Council to determine whether today is the date of the receipt of the petition or whether May 19th was the date of the submission of the petition. Whichever the date is, the Council has 15 days to set the date for the hearing.

Ramona Villebrun makes a motion to reject the petition. Chairman Landgren states the motion dies for lack of a second and with that will move on with his agenda (no copy of that agenda for record) and the petition will be tabled.

Doris Isham states there is a resolution in the packets that has been presented and needs to be acted on. Doris offers to read the resolution. Chairman Landgren states it hasn't been presented, he just tabled that agenda and is moving to his agenda.

Phyllis makes a motion to adjourn the meeting because there is regular business to do and none of his agenda does that. Doris Isham seconds. Chairman Landgren states that that agenda will be gotten to when his agenda is done and he will not adjourn the meeting.

Various community members address the Council on their feelings/concerns in regards to issues at Fortune Bay, the Clinic, the petition. Council members

actions.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; to hire an auditor to do an internal audit at Fortune Bay.

Doris Isham makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and to go into executive session and accept the agenda to get on with business. Phyllis Boshey seconds Doris Isham's motion.

Discussion was held on the motions, who made motions, who seconded, who has the floor.

Chairman Landgren calls again for a second to the motion to hire an auditor. David Morrison seconds the motion to hire an auditor. RFP's will be sent out requesting three bids. Chairman Landgren calls for a roll call vote. Phyllis Boshey - against, Doris Isham - for, Ramona Villebrun - for, David Morrison, Sr. - for. Motion carries. 3-1-0.

Doris Isham states there is a motion on the floor to adopt the agenda and continue with the business. Chairman Landgren states as soon as his agenda is done we will move to the other agenda. Doris Isham states there is a motion that has been seconded to approve the agenda and the Chairman has refused to call for a vote.

Chairman Landgren reads the petition. Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to accept the petition. Chairman Landgren calls for a roll call vote. Phyllis Boshey - for, Doris Isham - for, Ramona Villebrun - against, David Morrison, Sr. - for. Motion carries. 3-1-0. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun to select an impartial committee to review the petition. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Chairman Landgren calls for a motion to approve a bias committee selected by individual council members. Chairman Landgren states the Council won't act on this motion.

Doris Isham makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session to attend to business. Chairman Landgren states he will not allow this Council to go into executive session to conduct business. Meeting is recessed.

Meeting reconvenes.

Meeting is called back to order.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; to have an independent counsel investigate the legitimacy of the petition. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Doris Isham states she had an earlier motion to adopt the agenda and it was seconded and she is requesting a roll call vote. Chairman Landgren states a motion has been made to move to the agenda and Phyllis Boshey seconded. Chairman Landgren calls for ayes and opposes. Chairman Landgren states the Motion carries with one absent. 2-1-0. Ramona Villebrun against. Phyllis Boshey absent. Chairman Landgren states the motion does not carry but then says it does because the vote is 2 to 1.

Meeting is recessed.

Meeting reconvenes.

Doris Isham requests a motion be made to name the individuals to be charged with reviewing the signatures on the petition. A suggestion was to have the Enrollment Clerk - Patti Wilkie, the General Election Board Judge - Millie Holmes, and the Clerk of Court - Lucille Morrison, or Rosemary King who also works in the Tribal Court. Ramona Villebrun goes on record opposing Patti Wilkie because she is not a Band member. She states she receives calls from people who object to Patti Wilkie being the enrollment clerk.

Chairman Landgren suggests someone from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe do the signature verification. Doris Isham also requests the resolution in the packets be adopted.

Chairman Landgren calls for a motion to approve the development of a resolution allowing people to remove their names from the petition at the hearing.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun. Chairman calls for a second. Chairman Landgren calls for a second again. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Doris Isham and Phyllis Boshey leave the meeting.

Chairman Landgren asks David Morrison, Sr. if he is going to second the motion to approve the development of a resolution allowing people to remove their names from the petition at the hearing. David Morrison, Sr. states he will not second.

Doris Isham and Phyllis Boshey return to the meeting.

Wendy Morrison requests approval for the grant extension for the Victims Services Violence Against Women Act grant. She is requesting signatures. Council inform her it was already approved at the last meeting. The paperwork is signed.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #150-97, no reprisals against petitioners. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #151-97, bond resolution for the water and sewer project at Lake Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve utilizing Judy Moe at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to verify the signatures on the petition. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve using the MCT Election Ordinance in regard to residency for verification of signatures. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to adjourn the meeting. Carried 4-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 29, 1997, at the council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Members Present. Doris Isham; David C. Morrison, Sr., Phyllis Boshey

Members Absent. Clint Landgren; Ramona Villebrun

Other. Frank Annette, Vicki Holmes, Cindy Glasel

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Doris Isham states that Chairman Landgren and Ramona Villebrun are out of the office. This meeting was called to deal specifically with Housing issues.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #152-97, supporting the Bois Forte Reservation Housing Authority's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the conversion of said Mutual Help Program units to the low income rental programs through the HUD Low Income Rental Program. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #153-97, supporting the Bois Forte Reservation Housing Authority's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the conversion of said Turnkey III Program units to home ownership through the HUD Mutual Help Home Ownership Opportunities Program.

Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #154-97, supporting the Bois Forte Reservation Housing Authority's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the conversion of said Turnkey III Program units to the low income rental program through the HUD Low Income Rental Program. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #155-97, supporting the Bois Forte Reservation Housing Authority's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the conversion of said Low Income Rental Program units to home ownership through the HUD Mutual Help Home Ownership Opportunities Program. Carried 3-0-0.

Cindy Glasel reads letters to be sent with the two applications for the New Low Rent Indian Housing units and the new Mutual Help Indian Housing units.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the signing of the letters to be sent with the two applications. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adjourn meeting at 2:16 p.m. Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 2, 1997, at Fortune Bay Resort and Casino, Tower, Minnesota.

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

Members Present: Doris Isham; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Phyllis Boshey

Members Absent:

Others:

Clint Landgren; Ramona Villebrun

None

Vice-Chairperson Isham states the purpose of this meeting is to set a date for the hearing on the Article X petition to remove Chairman Landgren.

Minutes of the previous meetings are dispensed with.

Doris Isham reads the resolution which sets the hearing date. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #156-97, setting the hearing date of June 24, 1997 for Chairman Landgren to appear to answer the charges in the petition that was submitted on May 22, 1997. Carried 2-0-0.

Doris Isham reads the letter to be sent the Chairman Landgren informing him of the hearing. Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve sending the letter under the signature of Doris Isham, David Morrison, Sr., and Phyllis Boshey. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Carried 2-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 13, 1997, council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting is called to order at 8:45 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Mark Anderson; Vicki Holmes; Chris Holm; Melvin Knott; Yvonne King; Alec Pete; Annie Pete; Denise Morrison; Sidra Boutto; Joni

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Whiteman; Ron Dicklich; Jackie Villebrun; Trudy King; Cindy Glasel; Marcella Connor; Jeneal Goggeley; Gordon Warrick; Kim King; Dave Danz; Donna Hoffer; Captain Wilkie; Mavis Drift; Barb Porter
The minutes of the previous meetings are tabled because some are still being typed up, the Council has not had a chance to read the minutes since they are lengthy. Phyllis Boshey requests the minutes of May 29, 1997 be approved because they deal with Housing. No action is taken on this request because Chairman Landgren states Doris Isham called that meeting to order and she has no authority to do that and that is an illegal meeting. Phyllis Boshey makes a motion to approve the minutes of May 29, 1997. Mark Anderson clarifies what the bylaws state in regard to calling special meetings. Chairman Landgren goes on record against approving the minutes until a later time. Doris Isham states she thinks these minutes should be tabled until after the regular business.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #157-97, approving and endorsing the application of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa as an eligible agriculture producer entitled to crop disaster insurance under the United States Department of Agriculture's NAP Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #158-97, membership to the Intertribal Agriculture Council and appointing Chris Holm as Bois Forte Representative and Ray Villebrun as alternate representative to that board. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #159-97, submission of grant application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services Grant Program for computer equipment for the Indian Child Welfare Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Jackie Villebrun informs the Council Adeline Anderson is requesting the Council cancel the current lessee's lot adjacent to her and lease the lot to her for the purpose of building a garage. Adeline states he is not using or upkeeping the lot. The current lessee renewed his lease last year. Mark Anderson clarifies he must be sent a notice of the violation and given a certain length time to bring into compliance. Jackie Villebrun states a lot inspection was done and there are other lots in the same condition. Jackie Villebrun is directed to write letters to all the lessees who are not in compliance with their lease giving them notice they are not in compliance and giving them a time frame to bring into compliance and the consequences if they do not.

Doris Isham suggests meeting with the leasing department and planning department to develop policies/guidelines for staff to follow. Frank is to follow up on this.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #160-97, lease modification - Robert and Leigh Ann Zika. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Anderson requests the Council to consider fifty-year residential leases to Band members. Mark Anderson is to get a resolution for the next meeting.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #161-97, new lease - Kay Strong. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #162-97, Billie B. and Anthony P. Mason.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #163-97, new lease - Christy J. Isham. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #164-97, new lease - Michael L. Connor. Carried 4-0-0. Mark Anderson is to help Jackie Villebrun draft a letter to Michael Connor informing him the Council is not responsible for plowing his road.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #165-97, lease termination - Kenneth D. Zurn. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #166-97, new lease - Michael and Nancy L. Ralston. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #167-97, new lease - William Day. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #168-97, new lease - John V. Day. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #169-97, new lease - Peggy Connor. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #170-97, lease termination - Paul A. and Gayle E. Raisanen. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #171-97, new lease - Joseph Cuffe. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #172-97, submission of grant application to the Minnesota Department of Economic Security, for funding for the Bois Forte Reservation Early Childhood Programs Division - Head Start. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #173-97, submission of grant application to the Minnesota Department of Economic Security for funding for the Bois Forte New Lives Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #174-97, submission of grant application to the Minnesota Department of Economic Security for funding for the Birth to Three Head Start Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #175-97, submission of grant application to Department of Health and Human Services for funding for the Child Care Development Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Frank Annette requests discussion on the Ambulance agenda item be tabled until Marcella Connor and Jeneal Goggeley arrive.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a \$200.00 donation to the Head Start Parent Policy Council for Head Start graduation. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Anderson asks for direction in regard to the feasibility study for proposed gaming at Indian Point that was to have been done by Marquette Advisors. Marquette Advisors was to do the feasibility study in approximately seven weeks. It was seven months before a 3-page preliminary study was received from them. Mark is asking if he should continue to demand the full amount or just part since they missed the deadline. Mark Anderson and Frank Annette are to meet with Marquette Advisors next week to discuss this and see what they feel their

work was worth.

Marcella Connor requests financial assistance for the Ambulance Personnel for weekend stipends. Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve \$40,000 for the Ambulance Program. The funds will come from the IHS Budget. Carried 4-0-0.

A letter was received from the University of North Dakota stating Karey Lyon's registration was cancelled because of non-payment of tuition and fees. Karey Lyon is requesting the Council write a deferment letter to the University of North Dakota stating she will receive education funds so that she can register. Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve a tuition deferment letter for Karey Lyon. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve the agreement with Paul Mazurk, Vermilion Systems, for Internet services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve \$1,500.00 to repair the grader. The grader will be moved to Vermilion for their use. Carried 4-0-0. The funds to come from the 1854 fund or RTC fund.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve \$5,000.00 for the Honor Guard for uniforms, flags, weapons, whatever is necessary to fully equip them. Carried 4-0-0. The funds will come from the 1854 fund.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve the request from Frank Annette to schedule a golf activities day for the staff on June 27, 1997. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a \$350.00 donation to the Bois Forte Men's Softball Team for their Entrance Fee to the Virginia Men's Softball League. Carried 4-0-0.

A letter was received from Sharon Wagner who is requesting permission to use an RTC vehicle to transport A.A. participants from Nett Lake to and from A.A. meetings and activities. No motion is necessary. The A.A. Program may use the vehicles but the driver must be a RTC staff member and must be insurable.

A letter was received from Rosemary King requesting signs be posted at Indian Point beach and warning tickets issues until it is made clear that no alcohol is allowed. Doris feels the residents should be polled on whether they want alcohol at the beach or not. Frank Annette and Mark Anderson will draft an ordinance that puts restrictions on hours for alcohol allowed at the beach. Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve letters to be sent out soliciting proposals to perform an internal audit of the Fortune Bay hotel and conference center. Carried 3-0-1. Phyllis Boshey silent.

Melvin Knott addresses the Council in regard to his brother Joe Knott. A house cleaner comes and cleans Joe's apartment at the rate of \$12.50 an hour, 6 hours a week. This amount is being taken out of Joe's social security check. Melvin feels this should not be happening, main reason is it is too costly: Cindy Glasel states a person was cleaning it and the amount was taken of their rent but this had to be stopped because it was against HUD regulations. Since no one would clean his apartment Cindy contracted with an individual to clean, at the \$12.50 rate. Trudy King informs the Council Gloria Boshey will clean his apartment twice a month at \$6.50 an hour.

Ron Dicklich gives an update on the lobbying services he provided to the Band.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve an extension to the contract with Ron Dicklich for lobbying services from June 1, 1997 to October 1, 1997. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #176-97, submission of grant application to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) for construction of a new community center/health services building at Lake Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Meeting is recessed at 12:09 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 1:15 p.m.

Chairman Landgren informs the Council he received a verbal request from Earl Day for \$400.00 to help with moving expenses. Earl got a job offer in Omaha, Nebraska. Frank Annette is to write a letter to Earl Day informing him his request was brought to the Council but because the Council does not make loans his request was denied.

Mavis Drift informs the Council the Food Distribution program was cut by \$4,000. Her program will be short \$2,876 this year. She is asking the Council cover this shortfall either by lowering the indirect cost rate or by providing funds. Doris Isham states a request was received from the ambulance program to exempt them from the indirect cost rate but we could not do that. Both the Education and Tribal Court were short and staff changes and/or any layoffs had to be made. Mavis Drift, Jeneal Goggeley, Gordon Warrick and Frank Annette are to meet and come back with options on how to solve the shortfall. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #177-97, revising the ordinance governing forcible entry and unlawful detainer. Carried 4-0-0.

Cindy Glasel reads a letter to be sent to the Eastern Woodlands ONAP office in Chicago under the Chairman's signature acknowledging the submission of a grant application by the Bois Forte Housing Authority for the Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program for FY'97. Chairman Landgren signs the letter.

Cindy Glasel informs the Council the Self-Help Housing Program will be administered by the Bois Forte Housing Authority. Barb Porter addresses the Council in regard to her house. She states Chairman Landgren promised to fix her house and she was made to move out while it was fixed. Chairman Landgren said someone looked at her house because she said there was a problem with snakes in there. Her grass was cut, her water heater was put in. Barb Porter said now the sump pump fell into the well and there is no way it can be removed. Chairman Landgren informs her there is no money. He said he was promised \$150,000 from Fortune Bay but that didn't work out, but they are still trying to work on getting the elderly's homes fixed. Barb Porter also states Berta has been out of water for nine years but received a water bill. Frank Annette is to check on this.

A letter was received from Sharon Wagner requesting a \$2,000 loan to purchase a vehicle. Frank Annette is to send her a letter informing her that her request was presented but denied because the Council does not make loans.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to amend the criteria for the Bois Forte Business Development Loan Program to include off-reservation Band members in the State of Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

The Civil Jurisdiction Code is tabled until the next meeting.

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Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve letting the staff off at noon on July 3 and all day on July 4 for the July 4th Holiday. Carried 4-0-0.

A letter was received from the Cook Hospital requesting a donation for help in building a gazebo. Chairman Landgren call for a motion to approve a \$1,000 donation. The Council decides to act on it after the budget is done.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Doris Isham; to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m. Carried 4-0-0

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 19, 1997, tribal chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: David Morrison, Sr.; Doris Isham; Phyllis Boshey

Members Absent: Clint Landgren; Ramona Villebrun

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes

Doris Isham: We tried to get in touch with Mona for a hour and a half. She won't answer her home phone or her car phone. This notice of a special meeting has been signed by David, Phyllis and Doris and it's purpose is to consider resolutions regarding the hearing of the petition.

Frank Annette reads resolution.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #178-97,

percentage of resident eligible voters. Carried 2-0-0.

Frank Annette reads resolution.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #179-97,

Hearing Officer. Carried 2-0-0.

Frank Annette reads resolution.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #180-97,

financial and accounting records principles. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to only allow Bois Forte members to attend the hearing, and non-member staff who may be needed to provide administrative support. Chairman Landgren will be allowed to call witnesses and present evidence on his behalf, including legal representation. News media will be excluded. Carried 2-0-0.

Frank Annette informed the Council that Donna Hoffer was approved to go to background investigation training. Miranda was supposed to be included when the request was made. Is it all right for Miranda to go. He will present at next Council meeting. Council concur and Frank is to present at the next meeting.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn meeting at 3:23 p.m. Carried 2-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 25, 1997, at the council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Gordon Warrick

The minutes of the previous meetings are

dispensed with.

Gordon Warrick reads resolution #181-97, authorizing Acting Chairperson Doris Isham as signer on all RTC bank accounts and the MSC Foods Store account.

Gordon Warrick reads resolution #182-97, authorizing Acting Chairperson Doris Isham as signer on all Bois Forte Enterprise bank accounts and Fortune Bay Resort Casino. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #182-97. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #181-97. Carried 3-0-0.

Gordon Warrick presents signature cards from the banks. Acting Chairperson Doris Isham signs.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the administrative offset procedure. Carried 3-0-0.

A staff picnic is scheduled for the morning of July 3rd for the July 4th Holiday.

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., July 8, 1997.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to rescind the motion on June 13, 1997 that accepted Frank Annette's resignation. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve two (2) nights lodging a week at Fortune Bay for Frank Annette. Carried 3-0-0. Frank will work three (3) days per week, beginning July 7, 1997, flexible schedule.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m. Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 1, 1997, council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting is called to order at 8:45 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Chuck Whitmore; Donna Hoffer

The minutes of the previous meetings are dispensed with.

Chuck Whitmore informs the Council there are timber sales pending that requires signature. The timber sales were frozen until an investigation was completed on an allegation that an Indian logger had gotten hold of bids and looked at the bids and then underbid to get timber contracts. The investigation was completed and the results were the allegation was unfounded.

Chuck Whitmore explains the bidding process. The timber sales on Tribal Land (MCT) are sold by either oral auction or sealed bids. All allotment timber sales have been sealed bids which are advertised on the open market. Before the self-governance agreement, all sealed bids were sent to the Minnesota Agency to be opened and awarded at the Cass Lake office. Since the self-governance agreement, Chuck Whitmore has collected timber sale bids, prepared the bid abstract and forwarded to the Minnesota Agency for final approval. All bids mailed to Cass Lake or Bois Forte Forestry Station or hand delivered are put in a safe until bid opening day. All opening of sealed bids is witnessed and recorded. The Forestry Department (Chuck Whitmore, Ray Villebrun and Darin Steen) determines what timber should be placed on market. Chuck asks if that should continue or if the Council should determine it. The Council decide the determination should be made by the Council.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve Doris Isham signing the seven timber sale contracts that were pending. Carried 3-0-0. Chuck Whitmore explains the power of attorney forms. These are forms which authorize the Agency to enter into contract for timber sales for timber on allotments. This form allows Chuck to advertise the sales. All heirs on allotments gets a copy of the power of attorney. Chuck asks if the allotments sales should be advertised open market or Tribal members. Council decide open market.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve Doris Isham to sign the power of attorney forms for the allotment timber sales. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve out of state travel for Eileen Barney to attend training at the Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin. Carried 3-0-0.

Ramona Villebrun said Bill Whiteman informed her there was tax forfeiture property, the old Gibbs property. Doris states this might be the property that our lobbyist worked on. The legislature granted our request to have it turned back to the Band. This property should be researched to see if it is the same property. Mark Anderson is called and put on speakerphone for discussion on the special election. Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #1-98, requesting the TEC of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to authorize Bois Forte to conduct a Special Election to fill the vacancy on the RTC under the requirements contained in "Proposed Election Ordinance No. 7. Carried 3-0-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 3rd, then, because of the holiday, the meeting will continue on July 8th.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #2-98, authorizing Background Investigations Officer and Background Investigations Clerk to access the records maintained in the National Crime Information Center and other such systems of records for the purpose of conducting criminal history investigations. Carried 3-0-0.

Discussion was held on the house rented by Warren and Heather Villebrun. Frank Annette is to write them a letter giving them a timeline to come current on their rent.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adjourn meeting at 9:10 a.m. Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 3, 1997, conference room, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Bill Light; Captain Wilkie; Donna Hoffer; Corey Strong; Sharon Wagner; Gene Goodsky

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Acting Chairman Isham states that due to staff working only half a day today, the agenda will be approved, then the meeting will be recessed to July 8, 1997.

Items added to the agenda: establishment of committees to develop an ethics code and to review the bylaws - Ordinance 1-65;

discussion of certifying candidates for office who have felonies; residency concerns; and Housing issues;

The MCT Legislative Subcommittee did not act on Bois Forte's resolution requesting to use Election Ordinance #7 because it wasn't officially adopted. The Legislative Subcommittee said that the removal issue should remain at Bois Forte and be handled by Bois Forte.

Frank Annette informs the Council that we have one Bois Forte Band flag. He will order some more from Aid-to-Tribal Government funds. Ramona Villebrun said there were no flags at Bois Forte cemetery. Ramona was informed no flags were put there because of fear of vandalism. Frank is to check if there are flag posts at each cemetery.

Phyllis Boshey requests discussion on the enrollments that were received before July 1 St.. to see if those could be included in the per capita distribution.

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for July 24, 1997.

A meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 9th, to meet with Chris Holm and an archaeologist to discuss land holdings within Voyager's National Park. The Health IHS budget is due on Monday. Doris Isham stated that Jeneal Goggleye is seeking direction on what to submit in that budget. It was decided to call IHS and get a day's grace, so this item could be placed on the agenda for discussion before being sent in.

There will be a border rally at Fort Frances on July 16 and 17. The agenda for this will be finalized next week. Acting Chairman Isham offers tobacco and asks Gene Goodsky, Spiritual Leader, to attend with drum.

Upcoming meetings are: an election meeting on July 14th at the Black Bear Casino in Fond du Lac; and the TEC that is tentatively scheduled for July 29th. There will be another legislative subcommittee meeting prior to that.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to recess the meeting at 9:50 a.m. until Tuesday, July 8, 1997. Carried 3-0-0.

Meeting reconvenes at 9:08 a.m., Tuesday, July 8, 1997, in the conference room, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Mark Anderson; Vicki Holmes; Ray Villebrun; Captain Wilkie; Frank Connor; Dan Morrison, Sr.; Jennifer Blevies; Ron Dicklich; Bill Connelly; Bill Light; Dave Danz; Margaret King-Tantuu; Wendy Morrison; Yvonne King; Ray Toutloff; Dale Leecy; Rick Anderson; Jeneal Goggleye; Cathy Chavers; Lafayette Connor; Jackie Villebrun; Gary Gotchnik; Gordon Warrick, Donna Hoffer; Millie Holmes; Sharon Luekenen

The minutes are tabled. Vicki Holmes is to retype and bring to the meetings as they are finished.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve the agenda. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the recommendations of Bill Connelly, Director of the Minnesota Indian Economic Development Fund and David Danz, in regard to the nine (9) loan recipients of the Bois Forte Business Development Loan Program which would be working with them to bring them current on their loans, collection, collecting equipment, etc. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded

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by Phyllis Boshey; to disapprove the requests from loan recipients of the Bois Forte Business Development Loan Program to forgive interest on the loans. Carried 3-0-0.

One of the loan recipients is deceased. His son is requesting to purchase the equipment which is an aspirator. Dave Danz is authorized to get it appraised and negotiate the loan for him to purchase it. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the concept of a partnership with the Minnesota Indian Economic Development Fund to re-establish the loan program. Dave Danz and Bill Connelly may proceed with developing specific plans for this. They will come back to the next meeting with the plans. Carried 3-0-0.

Dave Danz informs the Council he had met with Ron Dicklich to discuss a planned approach to economic development at Nett Lake. They are requesting someone attend the Orr Economic Development Council meetings to represent Bois Forte. They are also requesting the development of a local Economic Development Committee.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to recognize the Bois Forte Economic Development Committee which will be comprised of one RTC member - Doris Isham. Dave Danz, Bill Whiteman, Ray Toutloff, Jim Kochevar, Rick Anderson, and Ron Dicklich. Carried 3-0-0.

Ron Dicklich informs the Council that Senator Moe and Senator Pogemiller will be in Tower on July 24th and would like to meet with the Council that day. As there is an RTC meeting that day, the meeting will be held at Fortune Bay so that the Council may meet with them.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to appoint David Danz to represent Bois Forte at the Orr Economic Development Council meetings. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #3-98, submission of application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of constructing a Community Health Services and Social Center at Lake Vermilion. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #4-98, subsidizing the American Indian and Ojibwe/Anishinaabe classes at Mesabi Range Community and Technical College beginning fall of the 1997-98 school year. This is pending availability of funds after the budget meeting. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #5-98, grant application to the State of Minnesota for funding for the Indian Child Welfare program. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve the agreement for medical coverage with Littlefork Medical Center. Carried 3-0-0.

Discussion is held on resolution #6-98, supporting Fond du Lac's Tribal Management Grant proposal to the Indian Health Service for the development of the Northeastern Minnesota Tribal Health Planning Consortium. Jeneal Goggeley also has information on a "Turning Point" grant which would also be involved in this. "Turning Point" is a grant which Mille Lacs hired Norm Landsem to work on. Council want to review the information before any action is taken. Jeneal Goggeley will send the Council copies of all the information.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to table resolution #6-98 until the next RTC meeting. Carried 3-0-0.

Jeneal Goggeley and Cathy Chavers provide copies of two proposed budgets and request direction on which one to send in to Indian Health Service. Budget A is eliminating positions, reducing staff hours and giving funds to the ambulance program and giving increases to staff. Budget B is no funds for ambulance program, no supply/travel/education funds, and no increases to staff. Jeneal is directed to submit Budget A.

Jeneal said to get a dentist here it would probably cost \$100-200,000. If we get proper professional people, there would be additional cuts.

Jeneal said she was informed we received \$20,000 for self-governance planning negotiations. That money was put aside in a separate account so it would be readily available if it should have to be used or sent back. The deadline was missed this year for self-governance.

Jackie Villebrun asks for direction on how to handle requests from lessees wanting to cut trees on their lots. Should she have Chuck Whitmore go look at each request or should she bring the requests to the Council on a case by case basis? Jackie is directed to meet with Chuck and draft an ordinance on treecutting. Jackie asked about people who want to develop lots. She is told to have them bring their plans to Chuck.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #7-98, lease, Robert Adams. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #8-98, new lease - Peter and Lori Drift. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #9-98, right-of-way - Indian Point Road. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #10-98, right-of-way - Tibbetts Trail. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #11-98, right-of-way - Hard Hat Road. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to authorize Mark Anderson to write a letter to Michael Osland giving him until August 1, 1997 to pay his back rent for his lease. Carried 3-0-0.

Jackie Villebrun received a request for a gravel permit to take gravel from the Indian Point gravel pit. This was not on the resolutions for gravel permits because there are gravesites near the gravel pit. Jackie is not sure what to do. Council tell Jackie to hold off on this until they can go see where the gravesites are. This is the area where lots were requested also.

Discussion was held on the letter from Donovan Strong requesting approval on a business lease near the Y-store and use of the Cat. Frank Annette is to write a letter to Donovan informing him to meet with Dave Danz and come up with a more comprehensive plan.

Meeting is recessed at 12:05 p.m. until 1:05 p.m.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the format for providing an explanation of hotel costs information to Band members. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the cost of a 1/2 page ad in the Mesabi Daily News, approximately \$625.00 and the Timberjay,

approximately \$300.00, surrounding facts of the hearing. Carried 3-0-0.

Mark Anderson will draft a letter to the Editor of the Timberjay in regard to the editorial by Marshall Helmberger.

Discussion was held on the Tax Forfeited Parcel, "Gibbs Property". It was thought that the lobbyist had gone to the legislature and it was turned back to the tribe. Phyllis Boshey said Housing was interested in this property for lots for Housing. Council all agree that this should be looked into and see if Housing will purchase it, otherwise start the process to purchase it.

Mark Anderson gives an update on the proposed claims settlement. There was a public meeting held in Nett Lake and Vermilion a few months ago to inform the public about this. There is now a deadline of October 14, 1997 for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to decide whether to accept or decline the proposed settlement. Some of the Band's are doing a referendum of membership to see whether to accept or decline and also how to spend the money if accepted. Council decide the best way would be to publicize it in the Bois Forte News with boxes to check if in favor or opposed.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve publicizing the claims article in the Bois Forte News with a mail-in ballot for responses. Carried 3-0-0. There is a deadline of September 1, 1997 to return the responses.

Discussion was held on forming a committee to review the Bylaws and recommend changes to the Council. The qualifications for persons sitting on this committee would be that they know how the tribal government operates, and how the bylaws affect doing everyday business of the tribal government. Council all agree to form the committee which would consist of Mark Anderson, 1 council member - Doris Isham, and 1 community member from Nett Lake and 1 from Vermilion. The community member positions are to be posted. If the committee makes recommendations, those are to be posted for public comment.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #12-98, to amend the Bois Forte Reservation Money Purchase Pension Plan (Pension Plan) to a 401 (k) profit sharing plan to allow for employee salary reduction election, effective August 1, 1997. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #13-98, adopting policy authorizing all Participants of the Plan to direct the investment of their Accrued Benefit. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve Doris Isham as the second trustee of the Pension Plan. Carried 3-0-0.

Gordon Warrick informs the Council he received a letter from a company called Assets Locators. This is a company that finds money of people who can't be located. That company then finds the persons and sends that person an agreement to be signed agreeing to give them a percentage of the money. The money is only given to Assets Locators when the money/checks received is good.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; to approve signing the agreement. Acting Chairperson calls for a second. Acting Chairperson calls for a second again. Seconded by David Morrison, Sr. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve time and a half on holidays for the MSC Foods store employees, and to apply the personnel

policy to those employees with the exception of hours/holidays. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the Credit Card Policy. Carried 3-0-0.

Gordon Warrick informs the Council he received a request from Hank Moller that he be paid his billings he had submitted. They were in the amounts of \$14,000 for the audit, \$2,500 for his other expenses, travel, and \$2,500 for an analysis of Council members travel expenses. There was no report submitted for his extra expenses of the travel analysis. He also did not have an exit interview with the Council. It was decided to ask him to come and do an exit interview. He is also to submit a written report of his travel so the Council could decide if it was supposed to be included in the proposal.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve the proposal from Dennis Oberlah to do the pension plan audit. Carried 3-0-0.

Gordon Warrick, for informational purposes, lets the Council know that we could take Frank Annette's room at Fortune Bay from Indirect Cost. When he was at Leech Lake he found out they were comping someone and taking it from indirect cost.

Gordon Warrick asks about the pay rate schedule. It is decided to wait until after the budget meeting to discuss this.

Gordon Warrick requested clarification of his duties at Fortune Bay. He has not been going over there lately. Doris Isham said there were two accountants hired there. Gordon Warrick recommends a comptroller be hired at Fortune Bay. Gordon Warrick, Frank Annette, and Rick Anderson are to meet and come back to the Council with recommendations and staffing pattern for the accounting department at Fortune Bay.

The request from the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association for Hole Sponsorship in their annual Golf Tournament/Fund Raiser is referred to Fortune Bay to sponsor if they wish.

The donation request from the Richard W. Tanner Sr. Scholarship Fund is tabled until after the budget meeting.

Discussion was held on the draft Waiver and Rehabilitation Program at Fortune Bay. This is to be redrafted to include all employees and waiting period. This is to be presented at the next Council meeting. Recess at 3:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 3:45 p.m.

Rick Anderson requests to change the policy of Fortune Bay coming up once a month to accept applications and hire people. They would like to accept applications all the time. Council concurs.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the Acting Chairperson to sign the USDOJ BIA form accepting equipment from the Bureau for use in the Forestry Department. Carried 3-0-0.

The donation request from the Native American Scholarship fund meeting is tabled until after the budget meeting.

The request from Joanne Donald, Rosemary King and Farrah Drift for the RTC to pay Farrah's way to attend a conference in Chicago is denied because she is not an employee.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve out-of-state travel for Gordon Warrick and Frank Annette to attend the Self-Governance Tribal Shares meeting on July 29-30, 1997. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out-of-

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state travel for Donna Hoffer to attend the Head Start Johnson & Johnson Management Fellows Program on July 22-26, 1997 in Los Angeles, California. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #14-98, authorizing Background Investigations Officer and Background Investigations Clerk to access the records maintained in the Minnesota Computerized Criminal History Systems and other systems of records for the purpose of conducting criminal history investigations authorized by the laws of the Bois Forte Band. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun, seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to set September 4, 1997 for the primary election and October 6 for the general election. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to amend the date of the general election to be held October 9, 1997 instead of October 6. Carried 3-0-0.

Discussion was held on the subject of defining residency of candidates running for office. Mark Anderson is to draft options and bring back to the next Council meeting.

Millie Holmes stated she and Angela Geshick and Terry Connor were on the election board. Terry had told Millie she would not serve anymore. It is decided to post for the election board at the same time when the election notice is posted.

Phyllis Boshey expresses concern about allowing a person with a felony to run. Mark Anderson stated the only criteria for running is residency and to be age 21. There is nothing that says you can't have a felony, just if you commit a felony while in office.

Discussion was held on the development of an ethics code. It was decided that the committee appointed to review the 1-65 Bylaws will be the same committee to develop an ethics code and also methods for determining what happens if someone committed an offense of the ethics code.

Phyllis Boshey informs the Council Donovan Strong got estimates for a mound system for the trailer he moved into last week. Phyllis is asked if Donovan made application to IHS yet. Phyllis said yes but she has not talked to Floyd yet which she will do and get information on this.

Phyllis Boshey wants to backdate the enrollments so they'd be eligible for the per capita payment. She is informed the cutoff date of enrollments for per capita payments each year is the April quarterly meeting. No action was taken to extend that date.

The enrollments are tabled until the next Council meeting.

A request was received from Cecile Warren and Barb Richards for a donation of lumber for the installation of a porch on Florence Huisentruit's house. (The Bois Forte Needs Program will be providing the cost of the door and the labor). Council concurs.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a \$50.00 honorarium to each drum present at the hearing (Gene Goodsky said it was customary to give a monetary gift). - Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn meeting at 4:55 p.m. Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 24, 1997, at Fortune Bay Resort and Casino, Tower, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:27 a.m.

Members present: Doris Isham; David Morrison, Sr.; Phyllis Boshey
Members Absent: Ramona Villebrun

Others: Frank Annette; Mark Anderson; Vicki Holmes; Dave Danz; Jackie Villebrun; Lafayette Connor; Axel Holmes, Sr.; Bill Meyer; Lester Drift, Sr.; Gary Adams; Chris Holm; Mike Hayes; James Pontiac; Bill Tibbetts; Rick Anderson; Darin Steen; Ray Villebrun, Sr.; Gordon Warrick;

Rosemary Goodsky; Cindy Glasel; Gloria Emery; Norm Adams

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 2-0-0.

Ramona Villebrun arrives during discussion on the minutes.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held February 27, 1997. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held March 5, 1997. Carried 3-0-0.

Frank Annette explains there are two sets of minutes that were ready today. There are fifteen more that are currently being worked on.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #15-98, requesting reinstatement to participate in the Self-Governance Negotiations Demonstration Project Cooperative Agreement with the Indian Health Service. Carried 3-0-0. Dave Danz clarifies that this does not state our intent to go self-governance, it just states we're interested. Later on the final decision will need to be made on whether or not to go self-governance. Doris Isham signs the letter that will be sent with the resolution.

Dave Danz provides an update on the wild rice marketing. There is rice still in storage (\$60,000 value). There is \$30,000 set aside to purchase rice this year. There was no agreement signed with Tom O'Leary for last year. Mark Anderson recommends an agreement be put in place for last year and this year. Dave Danz will contact Germany and get more information on if they will be purchasing more rice. Dave will report back on the wild rice item at the next meeting which is scheduled for August 14th.

Dave Danz informs the Council there will be an Economic Development Committee meeting tomorrow, July 25th. He said there is property for sale in Orr (Frost resort). With Council approval, Dave would like this item discussed at that meeting. The Council state there is always interest in purchasing more land and to go ahead with discussion on this.

Dave Danz said he will have an update on the roads project and the water/sewer project at the next meeting.

Frank Annette said Lakes Gas invited the Council to attend a dinner meeting today. Ernest Landgren, Jr. will be attending that meeting.

Discussion was held on the request from Lester Drift, Sr. for signature on the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund grant. There was no resolution approving the submission of this grant. The Minnesota Department of Human Services sent a letter stating the attorney could sign this in place of a tribal resolution. Doris Isham feels the attorney

can not sign unless approved by the Council. Lester is to prepare a resolution authorizing the grant submission.

Gary Adams informs the Council he attend a meeting at the State DHHS office. Discussion at that meeting was the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund. This might be replaced by a managed care program by 1999. Gary was asked to get Council approval of a support letter and resolution requesting the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund program not be replaced. Gary is to meet with Frank Annette to draft the letter and resolution and bring back to a future RTC meeting for action.

Gary Adams informs the Council Dr. Sampson is requesting to be paid for services provided but has never been officially approved as consultant for Bois Forte. Gary Adams is to draft an agreement and provide documentation for services rendered and bring back to the next meeting.

Lafayette Connor presents resolution #16-98, designating the Housing Authority as the Tribally Designated Housing Entity. This would authorize the Housing Authority to administer, direct, and manage all operations pertaining to the housing needs of Band Members residing on the Bois Forte Reservation. Mark Anderson will work with Cindy Glasel and Lafayette Connor to redraft this resolution. To be included in the redraft is language for monitoring this, language for this as a trial basis, etc.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve the planning under the Native American Housing Self-Determination to be done by the Bois Forte Housing Authority. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #17-98, recognizing service area to be served by the Bois Forte Housing Authority for purposes of Section 184 of Pub. L. 102-550. Carried 3-0-0.

Meeting is recessed at 10:32 a.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 11:55 a.m.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #18-98, approving and endorsing the delivery of a letter of inquiry to the U.S. EPA requesting program direction and consultation regarding Water Division restructuring and long term program impacts as a result of the EPA reorganization. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution #19-98, lease modification - Billie B. Mason. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #20-98, lease termination - Ronald Marohnic. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #21-98, new lease - Richard A. Kilen. Carried 3-0-0.

Discussion was held on who owns the house on the lease request for the next resolution. Since the Council has no involvement in the house and is just leasing the land, Acting Chairperson Isham calls for a motion on the resolution. Moved by Ramona Villebrun to adopt resolution #22-98, lease renewal - Rosemary Goodsky. Acting Chairperson Isham calls for a second. Acting Chairperson Isham calls for a second again. Seconded by David Morrison, Sr. Carried 2-0-1. Phyllis Boshey silent.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to adopt resolution

#23-98, lease termination - Steven and Linda S. Lamppa. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #24-98, new lease - Kile and Ann Thoreson. Carried 2-0-1. Ramona Villebrun silent.

Resolution #25-98, new lease request for Loren L. Connor is tabled.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #26-98, new lease - Gerald W. Goggeley, Jr. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun to adopt resolution #27-98, new lease request for Ernest D. Drift, Sr. Acting Chairperson calls for a second. Acting Chairperson calls for a second again. David Morrison, Sr. seconds. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #28-98, lease termination - John and Joan C. Arbogast. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #29-98, new lease - Sharon R. Luecken. Carried 2-0-1. Ramona Villebrun silent.

Ramona Villebrun states for the record she would rather see lots going to Indians when a lease is terminated or canceled.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #30-98, lease modification - William Tibbetts. Carried 3-0-0.

Jackie Villebrun requests approval of the form she presents which would be used when requests are received to cut trees down on lots. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the form. Carried 3-0-0.

Jackie Villebrun asks the Council when they would be available to go to Indian Point to walk through the lots that have grave sites or are near them. Frank Annette is to coordinate the Council's schedules and let Jackie know what date is good.

Bill Meyer asks for direction on an 80 parcel of land. It was originally allotment land. The land was sold but the fee patent was never registered. The Bureau considers it fee land. The County considers it allotment land. Bill Meyer said the options would be to register a fee patent with the County and let it go tax forfeiture, condemn the land and have the tribe take over, or try to find the heirs of the original allotment. Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve putting a notice in the Bois Forte News asking heirs to come forward. And to approve the drafting of a condemnation code. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #31-98, approval of Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Funds contract. Carried 3-0-0.

Darin Steen informs the Council he submitted a grant proposal to the USEPA for an Integrated Waste Management Program. The grant was approved. Darin gives a presentation on current and future waste management issues and how he intends to use this grant to improve waste management on the reservation. Acting Chairperson Isham congratulates Darin on the grant. She said the transfer station is not running the way it was planned and this would be a good start to find something more practical.

Meeting is recessed at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 1:12 p.m.

Cindy Glasel informs the Council the Housing Authority has money available to purchase property will offer the money to the Band after October 1st so the Band can purchase the Gibbs property.

Cindy Glasel, in response to the resolution that was tabled in regard to the Tribally

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designated entity, said there could be an additional resolution detailing how the Housing Authority is to report to the tribe, manage the Housing, etc.

Cindy Glasel has a copy of the draft proposed rule of the Implementation of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996. It is now in its comment period which has a deadline of August 18 for comment. There will be a meeting to discuss this in Shakopee on August 11 & 12 that the Housing Authority will be attending. If any Council member wants to attend Cindy will make the arrangements.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Phyllis Boshey as Bois Forte representative to the MCT Housing Subcommittee. Carried 3-0-0. There will be a MCT Housing Subcommittee coming up which Phyllis will be unable to attend. Cindy Glasel was going to attend in her place but she is unable to attend. Phyllis asks if Jim Kochevar can attend. Council concurs. Frank Annette is to send a letter to Marge Anderson informing her that Phyllis Boshey was appointed to the MCT Housing Subcommittee and also that Jim Kochevar will be attending the next meeting in Phyllis' place.

The pay rate schedule and the administrative offset priorities are tabled to executive session.

Acting Chairperson Isham calls for a motion to approve changing the bank accounts from Norwest to Mr. Iron Bank in Orr. Acting Chairperson calls for a motion again. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the changing the bank accounts. Carried 3-0-0.

Gordon Warrick presents a procedure for collecting receivables from Fortune Bay. This is tabled as there is a controversy between Gordon and Fortune Bay staff on the amounts owed. Frank Annette, Gordon Warrick and Fortune Bay staff are to meet to discuss this, to agree on the amounts. This is to be brought back to the next meeting that is scheduled for August 14th. Gordon Warrick requests a date be set for the '98 budget meeting. August 1, 1997 is scheduled for the budget meeting.

Gordon Warrick asks for direction on whether to send a '97 audit RFP to Hank Moller. The Council direct Gordon not to send one as there was dissatisfaction with the audit he did. He had not done an exit interview. Gordon will send out three RFP's. Gordon informs the Council Hank Moller will come to the next meeting scheduled for August 14th.

Gordon Warrick informs the Council the Mt. Iron Bank, Orr Branch, is interested in submitting a proposal to handle the trust accounts. Gordon asks for permission to give that bank a copy of the trust agreement. Council grants Gordon permission.

Mark Anderson informs the Council there is a child with special needs who is requesting to withdraw their 1854 trust account. Mark said there is no policy in place but one could be drafted.

Frank Annette is to work on getting recommendations for possibly hiring a lobbying firm to lobby in Washington for issues as the BWCA, Roads, and Court.

The Council will wait until after the budget meeting to set the per capita distribution amount.

Office Mike Hayes informs the Council he will be submitting a Minnesota Juvenile Delinquency Grant. This would be for funds for a bike patrol, DARE program,

and a survey to see what the needs are of the people. Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve of the grant submission. Carried 3-0-0.

Frank Annette informs the Council there was a criminal investigation position vacant at the Area Office. Because Bois Forte did not receive any services, Frank is requesting authorization to send a letter asking that position not be filled and they send that money to Bois Forte so we could use it here. Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to authorize the letter be sent. Carried 3-0-0. Frank Annette gives an estimate on the cost to send two students to the NCAI convention this year. He is to add \$10.00 a day spending money for them. The way the students will be chosen to go will be - they will write an essay which a high school staff member and an RTC member will pick from.

The donation requests are tabled until after the budget meeting.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to approve out of state travel for Ray Villebrun, Natural Resources Director, and Officers Corey Strong and Troy King to attend the 1997 Great Lakes Region Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Conference on September 14- 18, 1997 in Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin. Carried 3-0-0.

Some informational items provided by Frank Annette are: upcoming meetings which is the RTC meeting on July 25, 1997 to certify candidates; the public informational meeting on August 11th in Minneapolis; community fish fry on July 25th; meeting of the planning committee to discuss staff job responsibilities, duties to organization, no date set yet. There were five people signed up who were interested in serving on the by-laws/ethics committee. This will be re-posted. An equipment usage policy is currently being drafted because we are experiencing misuse of equipment.

Gordon Warrick informs the Council he was given an increase when he was given the additional duty of working at Fortune Bay. Since he does not go to Fortune Bay anymore he said his salary needs to be adjusted. Council thinks he still needs to keep contact with Fortune Bay. Council is concerned with getting information from Fortune Bay. Frank suggests a monthly meeting with RTC staff, mainly Donna Hoffer and Gordon Warrick, and Fortune Bay staff. Council agree.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey to adopt resolution #32-98, defining residency for purposes of determining eligibility of candidates for positions on the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council. Acting Chairperson Isham calls for a second. Acting Chairperson calls for a second again. David Morrison, Sr. seconds. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 25, 1997, conference room, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Frank Annette; Vicki Holmes; Jeneal Goggeye; Beverly Steel; Teresa Morrison; William Tibbetts; Marge Holmes; Mildred Holmes; John Villebrun; Brandon

Benner; Corey Strong; Clint Landgren; Mark Drift; Wendy Zika; Mike Hayes; Billie Mason; Rosemary King; Mavis Drift; Dan Morrison, Sr.; Bill Light; Karen Drift; Lester Drift, Sr.; Gene Goodsky; Dale Leecy; Frank Villebrun, Sr.; Kay Zika; Patsy Villebrun; Marybelle White

The minutes of the previous meetings are dispensed with. Acting Chairperson Isham announces there is a community fish fry today at 12:00. Everyone is invited. The purpose of the fish fry is a community event just to bring the people together.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Lela Goodsky as candidate for the position of Chairman - Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council - for the remainder of an unexpired four (4) year term. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to certify Mark E. Drift, Sr. as candidate for the position of Chairman - Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council - for the remainder of an unexpired four (4) year term. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun to certify Clint Landgren as candidate for the position of Chairman - Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council - for the remainder of an unexpired four (4) year term. Acting Chairperson Isham calls for a second. Acting Chairperson Isham calls for a second again. Acting Chairperson Isham calls for a second a third and final time. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Gary W. Donald as candidate for the position of Chairman - Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council - for the remainder of an unexpired four (4) year term. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify William B. Tibbetts, III as candidate for the position of Chairman - Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council - for the remainder of an unexpired four (4) year term. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Doris Isham as candidate for the position of Chairman - Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council - for the remainder of an unexpired four (4) year term. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to appoint Mildred Holmes as Judge to the 1997 General Election Board. Carried 2-1-0. Ramona Villebrun against.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Marybelle White as Clerk to the 1997 General Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Ramona Villebrun; to appoint Frank Porter as Teller to the 1997 General Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Vi Villebrun as Alternate to the 1997 General Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Leonila Gauthiar, Karen Drift, and Karlene Drift are disqualified from serving on the 1997 Precinct I Election Board.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Sharon Wagner as Judge to the 1997 Precinct I Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to appoint Jeneal Goggeye as Clerk to the 1997 Precinct I Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Marsha

Thompson as Teller to the 1997 Precinct I Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to appoint Yvonne King as Alternate to the 1997 Precinct I Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

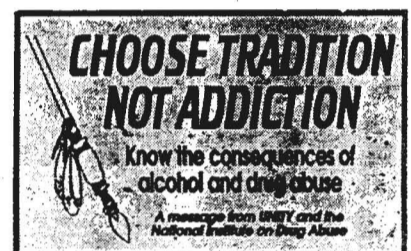
Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Geraldine Hanks as Judge to the 1997 Precinct II Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Adeline Anderson as Clerk to the 1997 Precinct II Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to appoint Pamela Sherman as Teller to the 1997 Precinct II Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to appoint Guy Hackey and Eugene Boshey, Sr. as Alternates to the 1997 Precinct II Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ramona Villebrun; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. Carried 3-0-0.



SCHOOL READINESS CHECK LIST

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

Language Development

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

Concept Development

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

Physical Skill Development

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

Personal & Social Development

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

I.C.W.A. news...



Yvonne King, ICWA Director

How is everyone enjoying the beautiful fall weather? All the leaves are changing and the air is getting a little brisk, isn't this wonderful. I hope everyone was able to get out on the lake and get some rice. I'm sorry to say that my work has kept me from enjoying that most pleasurable task of ricing, parching, and then finishing up the rice. Wait a minute, that sure sounds like a lot of hard work, oh well, there's always next year.

This article will cover an outline of the Indian Child Welfare Act, Public Law 95-608. I will go through several points which may give everyone a better understanding of the Act.

I. Introduction and Purpose

A. This law was passed November 8, 1978, and became effective 180 days after.

B. Purpose- to prevent large scale removal of Indian children from their families and placement in non-Indian homes. The House Committee Report on Indian Affairs states that in Minnesota Indian children's chances of going into foster care or adoptive placement was five times higher than non-Indian children. Other states were even worse. Montana's Indian foster care placements were 13 times higher. South Dakota 16 times higher chances of going into foster care placement.

II. Basic provisions of the Act does three things.

1. States that Tribes have exclusive jurisdiction over on-reservation children unless jurisdiction has been conferred on the state by federal law. This is already the law. For those tribes, the Act provides a mechanism for reassuming exclusive jurisdiction.

For off-reservation children the case may be transferred to tribal court at the request of the parent or tribe.

The Act imposes certain procedural requirements on state courts when handling Indian child custody cases. This section will be explained later on in the article.

This Act sets up programs for both reservation and non-reservation family and children programs.

III. Who is covered by I.C.W.A.

Whether the Act applies depends on whether the child fits the definition of "Indian Child" in the Act. The Act applies to children who are either:

1. Members of federally recognized tribes

2. a) Eligible for membership, and

b) A biological child of a member

The first question to ask when there is an Indian child custody case is: Does this child fit the definition? If yes-the Act applies. If not-the Act does not apply. How do you find out whether the tribe is federally recognized? You can call the Minneapolis Area Office of Bureau of

Indian Affairs and they can tell you. How do you find out whether a child is a member or is eligible for tribal membership?

The tribes each have their standards for membership, so the tribe is the best place to go for the answer.

In some voluntary cases, parents may request confidentiality and then should go to the Bureau of Indian Affairs rather than the tribe. Question? What about a child who is not a member of a tribe and not a biological child of a member, but you have reason to think is eligible for membership? That child is technically not covered by the Act. Should you take steps or encourage the foster or adoptive parents to get the child enrolled in the tribe, you would bring the child within the coverage of the Act. The benefits of an enrolled member allows the person to participate in tribal government, educational scholarships based on need, shares of money judgments awarded to the tribe.

A. Depends on the type of proceeding, involuntary or voluntary.

1. Involuntary (foster care or termination) 1912 A.

A. Notify the tribe and the parent or the Indian custodian of their right to intervene and pending proceedings.

If information about the tribe or parents is unknown, notify the Minneapolis Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

B. 1912 B-Appoint counsel for parents if they are indigent.

C. 1912 D-The agency seeking foster care or termination of parental rights must satisfy the court that social services have been offered to keep the family together.

D. Section 1912 C & D for the court to order foster care, this must be shown by clear and convincing evidence, supported by a qualified expert witness, that leaving the child with its parents is likely to result in serious emotional damage or physical harm will result.

A qualified expert witness is not just a professional social worker, but someone with expertise in Indian child-rearing and family customs.

E. When placing a child, for adoption, pre-adoption, or foster care, Section 1915 (a) & (b) sets up an order of preference for placement. The Act gives preference to the family and then the tribe.

These are to be followed unless either the tribe sets up a different order of preference by resolution, section 1915 (c) or if there is good cause to the contrary, section 1915 (b).

2. Voluntary proceedings--usually this will be termination of parental rights.

Probably should enroll the child if there are no circumstances working against it.

IV. What proceedings are covered by the Act?

The proceedings covered by the Act are defined in Section 1903 (1)

1. Foster care placement which results in a parent or custodian not having the right to have the child returned on demand.

2. Termination of parental rights, voluntary or involuntary.

3. Pre-adoptive placements following termination of parental rights.

4. Adoptive placements.

V. The next question is, what isn't covered?

A. Informal voluntary placements where the parent can get the child back anytime--the exception is a newborn. Section 1913 (a) states that a parent cannot give valid consent to foster care or termination of parental rights until the is 10 days old.

In the meantime, an informal voluntary

consent can be signed so that the child can be cared for.

B. Another area that is not covered under the Act is when the court awards custody of the children to one of the parents in separation or divorce proceedings.

C. Also if placement is based on an act which is criminal if committed by an adult, such as murder or arson.

But the Act covers so called "status offenses", such as truancy and incorrigibility. These are only criminal if committed by a juvenile.

IV. Suppose you've determined that the child is covered and the particular proceedings is within the Act.

What does the state or county agency or the court have to do?

A. You need not notify the tribe, although Section 1911 (c) of the Act provides that the tribe may intervene if it learns of the proceedings.

B. Section 1913 (a) Parent must give consent in writing in open court. A parent cannot give valid consent before the child is born or until it's ten days old.

C. Section 1913 (B) & (C) may revoke consent to foster care any time or termination, or adoptive placement any time up to the final adoption decree.

3. Section 1915 (A) & (B) Preferences

Apply just as they do after involuntary proceeding except that parents can request anonymity in voluntary proceeding and preferences will be applied in such a way so as not to compromise this.

Jurisdiction in Minnesota

Minnesota, except the Red Lake Reservation, is covered by Public Law 280. This gives states where it applies criminal jurisdiction and some civil jurisdiction in Indian country.

So right now the tribes have concurrent jurisdiction with the state or Indian child custody matters that arise on the reservations, except Red Lake.

To get exclusive jurisdiction, tribes have to petition the secretary of the Interior per 25 Section 1918. This would give them exclusive jurisdiction only to the children domiciled on the reservation.

White Earth is the only Minnesota reservation that has petitioned for reassumption. Its petition was rejected by the secretary of the Interior.

Tribes are not actually exercising even concurrent jurisdiction in Minnesota because they need courts with this authority, ordinances, foster care, etc. Tribes are just setting these up--their success may depend in part on federal money available.

This is a short overview of the Indian Child Welfare Act, and I hope this article makes the Act a little easier to understand. If you would like to know more about the Act and how it could or might apply to you, please contact the Bois Forte Human Services, ICWA Program.

TERO/JTPA news...



Kim King, TERO/JTPA Coordinator

Hi, it is time for another article according to Mr. Holmes. During the month of September I got a call from Tim Olsen, Manager of the Northern Lights Timber and Lumber. Mr. Olsen informed me he is going to be managing the Bois Forte Sawmill and will have the sawmill operating October 20, 1997. On Friday September 26, 1997 Mr. Olsen was out at the mill taking applications from noon until 5 PM. Mr. Olsen will be hiring five people. I went out to the mill that afternoon and there were about ten community members waiting to put in their application. I am sure more showed up later in the day. I will keep you the informed of the job openings out at the mill and other areas as soon as I am made aware of them. Other projects that have started are the construction of Indian Point and Sugar Bush roads. These projects are scheduled to work until the middle of November. I am still waiting word as to when and how many workers will be needed out at these two projects. So please be patient. The RTC appointed the following to a two year term on the TERO Commission: Donna Hoffer, Bill Tibbets, Pattie Wilkie, Rosemary King, and Bill Whiteman. The Commission is required to hold four meetings a year. The Direct Employment Program is in place for fiscal year 1998. The guidelines have changed somewhat since 1996. The main difference is that applicants must provide verification of need and three signatures are required before any checks are mailed out. The goal of the Direct Employment Program is to assist people who are starting a new job with finances to buy work clothes, child care, work tools, and mileage. If you have any questions or would like an application please contact me at (218) 757-3261.



NOTICE TO Bois Forte Housing Tenants

Here is a listing of emergency numbers to call in case of emergency repairs.

1. burdell LaRoque 1-218-757-0071
2. Kenny Villebrun 1-218-742-5349 (Pager No.)
3. Cynthia Clasel 1-218-262-3150

NOTE. If you cannot reach someone at the three emergency phone numbers above, and you need furnace repair ----- call any reliable furnace repair person and send housing the bill along with an explanation of repair. This is for any emergency repair!



Justin Ebel scores from one yard out for Orr's last score.

Braves advance in playoffs after beating B-E 43-20

The Orr Braves made it to the second round of the playoffs last Saturday when they hosted the Babbitt-Embarrass Vikings. Orr had played B-E at home earlier and beaten them in a high scoring game 60-44. This game would also see a lot of scoring, but not that much.

Orr moved the ball at will in the first quarter, scoring both times they had the ball. The first score came on a 25-yard run by QB Dan Shuster who had a whale of a game. Shuster threw for four TDs and rushed for one. He gained 138 yards rushing and tossed for 87. On defense he had a memorable game, accounting for 14 tackles and an interception. Shuster also ran in the two-pointer on a fake kick after his TD. Orr scored on their next possession when Shuster hit Bryan Manick for a four-yard score. The extra point was no good. Meanwhile the Orr defense was stingy, limiting B-E to few yards. B-E did get on the board in the first quarter though when Brandon Week took it in from 10. The extra point try failed. Week had 103 yards rushing and all three B-E touchdowns.

In the second quarter, Kirk Haberman took it in from 10 on a pass from Shuster

after the Braves had mounted a good march down the field. The Braves tried to kick the extra point, but it was no good. Week kept it close with a one-yard run, but they failed on the two-point try so it was 20-12 at the half.

That was it for B-E. In the third quarter Nick Zika caught 17-yard pass from Shuster while covered by two defenders. The pass had to literally "thread the needle." Shuster hit Tim Chavers for the two-pointer. Chavers caught a 17-yard scoring pass from Shuster and then Shuster hit Zika, who was all alone, for the score to make it 36-20. In the fourth, Justin Ebel, who will be a force next year, gave the Braves some breathing room when he crashed in from one to make it 42-20. Marco Iovane kicked the extra point. B-E came back and Week scored his final points from nine to make it 43-20.

Dusty Johnson had a great game defensively with 11 tackles and a QB sack. Tim Chavers played tough defensively with 10 tackles and an interception to stop a Viking drive.

The game at Littlefork on Friday is supposed to start at 7 p.m.

Good luck, Braves.

State road crews ready for winter

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is ready for winter, said Michael Robinson, transportation district engineer for Northeastern Minnesota. Snow removal crews are on call 24 hours a day, and Mn/DOT closely monitors the weather and mobilizes snow and ice control equipment operators, mechanics and dispatchers as soon as inclement winter weather is forecast.

Mn/DOT highway maintenance workers have inspected and prepared all snow and ice control equipment to make sure it's in top operating condition. Statewide, Mn/DOT owns nearly 300 snowplow trucks, 90 of which operate in Northeastern Minnesota. All snow removal equipment is inspected before and after every shift, all winter long. In the case of a very large storm, highway maintenance personnel are ready to launch contingency plans to rent additional plows, blowers and motor graders.

Snowplow operators prepare for winter by driving their routes and familiarizing themselves with new equipment and de-icing techniques. They hone their driving skills every fall at competitive "Snowfighter Rodeo" events. And they're prepared to work 12-hour shifts until all state highways are clear.

Plowing is not random, according to Bruce Larson, assistant district engineer for highway maintenance, based in Duluth. Routes with high traffic volumes receive the highest priority, with operators working hard to clear the roads for early morning traffic. When snowfalls are heavy, drivers make a first cut, then come back to clean up ramps, intersections, shoulders, bridges, rest areas and park-and-ride lots.

Jim Miner, assistant district engineer for highway maintenance from Virginia, said that Mn/DOT, District One, has a total of 22 truck stations strategically located throughout the Arrowhead Region. These stations are fully staffed and equipped to respond to snow emergencies at any time of the day or night. Maintenance headquarters in Duluth and Virginia have full-time mechanics to service the vehicles and make sure they're operating safely.

Mn/DOT is prepared to keep our highways in good winter driving condition this winter, but needs the help of motorists. When drivers see the familiar blue and white strobe lights mounted on snowplows, they are advised to slow down and drive safely, remembering that Mn/DOT's snowfighters are working hard to keep traffic moving during our harsh Northeastern Minnesota winters.

NOTICE!!

To Bois Forte Housing Tenants

Here is a listing of emergency numbers to call in case of emergency repairs.

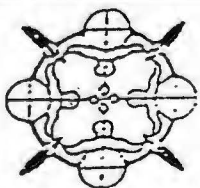
1. Burdell LaRoque 1-218-757-0071
2. Kenny Villebrun 1-218-742-5349 (Pager No.)

3. Cynthia Glasel 1-218-262-3150

NOTE. If you cannot reach someone at the three emergency phone numbers above, and you need furnace repair ---- call any reliable furnace repair person and send housing the bill along with an explanation of repair. This is for any emergency repair!

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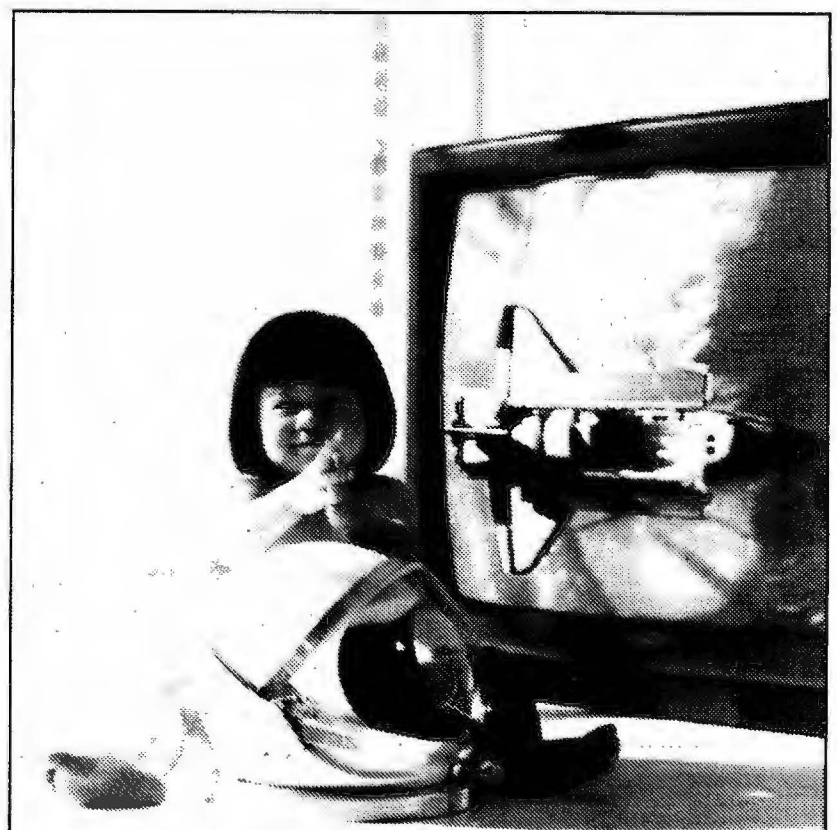
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Even if it's something out of this world.

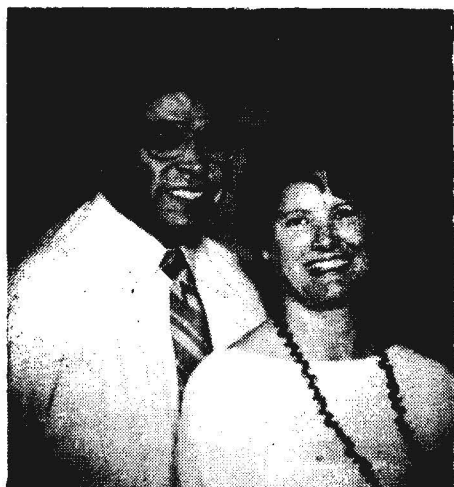


Even if you're sure, ask again.

1-800-232-2522



The Fourth Man....



Harvey & Marilyn Rabbitt

This is the season for forest fires. We've watched terrible fires rage through housing areas on the news and a documentary about the fires that swept through an area in California where the homes were all mansions. Several people died and homes in the millions of dollars burned to the ground. When I watch something like that, I think how horrible to be caught in such an inferno and not be able to escape.

Just this past week a family with three small children here in Toledo (Washington) lost their home to a fire. They barely got their children out but no one was hurt. Their home was totally destroyed and the community is helping them get another start.

I don't like extreme heat! When the temperature gets into the high eighties, I'm very miserable and I do a lot of complaining. We've had temperatures in the nineties lately, it usually doesn't stay that way for long on the West coast but one day is too long for me.

When I read in the Bible about Hell, it talks of a place where the fire never goes out. Its hotter and more miserable than anything we know here. That's enough to know I want no part of it. Even if there was the remotest of chances that what the Bible says about Hell is wrong, I'm not taking that chance. I'm going the Way of the Cross and that decision many years ago hasn't ruined my life yet nor will it.

I want to share with you a story from the Book of Daniel about three men who served the true and living God and denied the false gods of Babylon in spite of the threat of a terrible death.

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, besieged Jerusalem and took Jehoiakim, king of Judah captive along with some things he took from the house of God to put into the treasure house of his gods. He also instructed one of his men to bring some of the children of Israel, who were young men, good looking, without blemish, gifted in wisdom, knowledge and quick to understand, who had the ability to serve in the king's palace. Among these young men were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Daniel was able to interpret the king's dreams for him when no one else could, so the king promoted Daniel and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon. And because of Daniel - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were set over the affairs of Babylon.

Now in chapter three of Daniel, the king made a huge image of gold and set it up in the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. At the king's command, all the officials and leaders and important people were gathered for the dedication of the image that the king had set up. They were from all the provinces of Babylon and he announced that all peoples, nations and languages, when they hear the sound of a large symphony of music, that they should

all fall down and worship the gold image that the king had set up, and whoever does not fall down and worship will be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. (What an ego!)

Well, the young men from Judah who served the living God refused to bow down to this image and certain men came forward to accuse them before the king. They spoke to the king, saying, "Oh king, live forever!" And then went on to remind the king of the decree he had set up - if anyone refused to bow down and worship the image when the symphony of music played, they would be cast into the burning fiery furnace. Then the men, (acting out of jealousy, I'm sure, because of the high positions that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego held in the province of Babylon), said to the king. "There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, these men, Oh king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up."

Well, the king was really, really mad! He sent for the three young men and said, "Is it true that you won't serve my gods or worship the gold image that I have set up? Now if you will bow down and worship the image when the music plays, all will be well, but if you do not, you will be cast into the burning fiery furnace". And the king ended by saying, "And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

These men were not afraid to stand up to the king even in the face of such a horrible fate. These are the great words they spoke to the king in answer: "Oh, Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, oh king. but if not, let it be known to you, oh king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

What a statement! It caused me to sit down and think about my own spiritual life and to ask myself if I have the strength to stand firm in my convictions and not crumble under extreme pressure, temptation and persecution. Without the strength of God in me, I know I couldn't. I sincerely pray my weakness will never override God's strength and cause me to fail Him. ("My Grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." II Cor. 13:9 - "Jesus' words).

Well, getting back to the king, he was full of fury. He had really liked these young men but after that statement, his expression changed toward them. He gave the command to have the furnace heated seven times hotter than it was usually heated. Then he commanded some of his mighty men of valor to bind Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego with all their clothes, turbans, coats and cast them into the furnace.

Because the fire of the furnace was so hot, the flames killed the men who threw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego into the furnace! I don't know what the furnace looked like but it had to be pretty large and made in a way others could see into it, because the king could see what was happening and he jumped up astonished and spoke to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men, bound, into the midst of the fire?" They answered, "True, oh king."

The king said, "Look, I see four men, loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt and the form of the fourth

is like the Son of God."

Wow! Jesus was there in the midst of the fire. When I read that, its telling me that Jesus is with me in the midst of my trials and difficult times. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's God did not keep them out of the furnace, they got thrown into it, but Jesus kept them while they were in it. Jesus said in Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

King Nebuchadnezzar went to the mouth of the furnace and spoke, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out and come here."

Do you notice now the king doesn't sound quite so vain. He acknowledged their God as the 'Most High God'.

The three men came out of the fire and all the high officials looked at them and saw that the fire had no power upon them. Their hair was not singed, their clothes were not affected and the smell of fire was not upon them.

How could that be? "No way, it couldn't happen," you're thinking. Well it did happen. These men trusted God completely and no matter whether God would protect them in the fire or they died in the fire they still knew they were totally and completely in His hands. God chose to keep them in the fire rather than take them home to Him that day and because of it, these people who served strange gods saw a miracle that blew their minds and the king said, "Blessed be the god of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who delivered them from the fire and yielded their bodies that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! Therefore I make a decree that anyone who speaks anything against their God shall be cut in pieces and their houses shall be made an ash heap, because there is no god who can deliver like this."

What god do you put your trust and faith in? Is it the God who can keep you in the midst of the fire? Search your heart and settle it in your soul once and for all. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" (Joshua 24:15).

God Bless You All!

OBITUARIES

DARREL SMITH

Tribal rites for Darrel L. Smith, 45, of Minneapolis, were held Wednesday, Sept. 24 at the Nett Lake Community Center. The service was performed by Buddy Friday.

Visitation was Tuesday, Sept. 23. Burial was in the Nett Lake Cemetery.

Mr. Smith died Friday, Sept. 19, 1997, in Minneapolis.

He was born March 15, 1952, to William Smith Sr. and Dorothy (Curry) in Soudan. He grew up and attended school in Minneapolis.

He is survived by one daughter, Sheryl Smith Caribou of Grand Portage; one son, Darrel Smith Jr. of Duluth; three sisters, Elaine Villebrun of Nett Lake, Veronica Dale of Minneapolis and Clarice Smith of Washington; four brothers, William Smith Jr. and Gary Smith, both of Minneapolis, Michael Smith of Duluth and Raymond Wilson Jr. of Minneapolis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Lucille King.

Winter Driving

Being stranded in a winter storm

1) Stay in your vehicle. Walking away in a storm is very dangerous. You can lose your way, wander out of reach, become exhausted, collapse and even die. Your vehicle is our best shelter.

2) Keep calm. Calm down and think. Remember, the storm will end and you will be found. Your main concern should be to conserve body energy and heat. You will not starve to death. Do not attempt to push your car or shovel in extreme storm conditions. It is too dangerous due to injury from tools, a slipping vehicle, exhaustion, heart attack or over-exertion.

3) Keep fresh air in your vehicle. It is better to be chilly and awake than to be comfortably warm and be overcome with carbon monoxide fumes. Keep your exhaust pipe free of snow and run your engine only for short periods of time.

4) Keep warm without fuel. Keep your blood circulating freely. Loosen tight clothing and change positions frequently. Move your arms and legs, massage fingers and toes, tuck your hands between your legs or under your armpits. Cuddle with each other to share heat. Elevate your feet to improve circulation.

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Housing Happenings...



Cindy Glasel, Housing Director

Hello everyone!! Lots of work has been done with the office, as well as with the homes. We are finally completely computerized with budgets, tenant accounts, payroll, and more.

I wish to thank the Tribal Council and Gordon Warrick for the use of Randy Long during the installation of our three new computers.

We are currently remodeling the office, so please excuse our mess. We are moving one door which will be accessible for wheelchairs, and some small office upgrades. This work should be done by Thanksgiving.

Currently our new Force Account Rehabilitation Crew (Bob Johnson, Gerald Pete, Steve Boshey, and Robbie Gogleye) are working through out the reservation. Remodeling and repairs are in progress in Vermilion and Palmquist. As long as our weather stays decent, a few more roofs will be repaired in the Village as well.

We have hired Carol (Connor) Chico to work with Jim and Laf on starting a "Self Help Home Ownership Program." This program offers low income people an opportunity not only to own a home, but participate in the building of their new home with a savings of up to 30% in construction costs. Please contact Carol for more exciting details.

I would like to take this time to inform everyone on the cost to move into a home. These costs can now be paid through "Vendor Payment" if necessary. This is

one example:

First month rent:	\$ 90.00
Water Connection:	50.00
(one time charge)	
First month water:	22.00
Lake Country Power	
Connection Deposit:	100.00
Rental Security/	
Damage Deposit:	100.00
300 gallons propane:	300.00
(Estimated on fluctuations)	
Key charge:	3.00
TOTAL	\$ 665.00

This might seem like a lot of money to be paid prior to moving into a home, but as a true example, I myself moved in February on this year from Orr to Hibbing. I live in an apartment in Hibbing. My costs were:

First month rent:	\$280.00
Security Deposit:	280.00
Electric Connection:	75.00
TOTAL	\$ 635.00

Misty moved into Raintree West Apartments last August and her costs were:

First month rent:	\$ 65.00
Rental Security	
Deposit:	100.00
Mt. Iron Public	
Utility Deposit	100.00
TOTAL	\$265.00

Without these costs paid, you can not move in. I could not, nor could Misty. I should also mention, that upon move out, if the home is left in the same condition as you moved in, you will receive your Rental Security back.

We currently have a staff of 15. I never seem to have much of an opportunity to thank them for a "job well done." So I will now. Thank you Birdie--he's ordering material and supervising, Kenny--he's maintaining daffy, Clarence (aka Bubba)--who's learning and doing great, Robbie--who's willing to work many different tasks, Bob--who's leading our rehab work, Jerre--who's work is well done, Steve--who smiles while he works, Laf--who's finally stopped paying bills, Jim--who's coordinating a full plate, Trudy--who's tending to tenants, Misty--who's tending to me, Florene (aka Punkin)--who's tending to everyone in the office, Adrienne--who tends to the bills and computers, and Carol--who's learning all she can about

Self Help.

Well, that's it for this month. If you have any questions or concerns about Housing, please feel free to contact us at (218) 757-3253 or (888) 833-7337 between the hours

of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We will be more than happy to assist you in any way we can.

Kelly King & AmeriCorps.



Kelly King, AmeriCorps Coordinator

Hello from AmeriCorps.

Well, a new year has started and we have a new group of AmeriCorps. members. We have 7 full time members and they are, Jim Boney, Trina Day, Wes King, Jennifer May, Ruth Porter, Christie Swanson, and Marsha Thompson. In our part time positions, we have 4 positions. We are currently in the process of hiring 3 more, but, our one part time member is Missy Zakrajshek.

This year our objectives are pretty much the same. We are in the process of putting up plastic for the elderly and handicapped. If you have not been contacted for putting up plastic on your house, please give me a call.

We did attend the AmeriCorps National Launch in St. Paul on October 10th. On the steps of the Capitol that bright and beautiful morning we recited the AmeriCorps Pledge. Then they served us a barbeque lunch afterwards. For the end of the day we planted trees by the river. It was hard work, but very rewarding. The greening project did send us a letter of thanks (see attachment).

Well, as for our new members- Jim is stationed at the Water Quality Program. Trina and Ruth are helping at the school. Wesley is in the Project Grow Program. Jennifer and Marsha are helping with the ENP Program. Christie is at the HeadStart/DayCare. Our part time members will be helping the after school program.

Well, that's all I have time for, we're busy getting the Halloween Party together for Thursday night. We all hope it's a big success. This will count for one of our community unity projects. Community unity is, bring the community and families together in a drug/alcohol and violence free setting.

Until next time....AmeriCorps.-Getting Things Done.

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the October 10 planting!

It was a beautiful day and everyone worked really hard to plant over 600 native trees. Since the Greening Project began in 1995, over 23,000 trees and shrubs have been added to the Mississippi River valley, along with over 7,000 wildflowers and 35 acres of prairie. Thanks to our partners, donors and volunteers like you, we're well on our way to "Greening the Great River Park!"

Once again, thank you for your help.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second best time is now.

Engaged!



Sheila Elizabeth Flying and Thomas Jay Drift announce their formal engagement, a winter wedding is planned.

Sheila Elizabeth is the daughter of Antonia Sheehy of Chicago, Illinois and Oliver Flying of Lame Deer, Montana.

Thomas Jay is the son of Mavis and the late Wendell "Jap" Drift of Nett Lake, Minnesota.

The couple wishes to share a few words with relatives and friends. "Forgiveness and kindness are the keys to happiness and peace."

Use only clear or blue reflectors to mark driveways

To avoid confusing motorists, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) advises property owners to use only colorless or blue reflectors to mark each side of their driveways.

- Red, amber or yellow reflectors can easily be mistaken for motor vehicle tail-lights, note Mn/DOT traffic engineers.

- When installing reflectors, follow these guidelines:

- ~ Avoid mounting reflectors on mailboxes or mailbox posts.

- ~ Place reflectors at least 10 feet away from the roadway shoulder.

- ~ Use three-inch square or rectangular reflectors; place them about four to five feet above the road surface.

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October birthdays....

01 - *Karen M Connor, *Kay M Connor, Geraldine E Deegan, Shawna M Geshick, Timothy W Kletschka, Charles W Myhre, Thomas A O'Leary, Conrad N Setterquist, Gaynard E Strong
 02 - Mary L Chee, Bernice V Chosa, Allan F Connor, Michael J Konczak, Adam J Sadewasser, Juanita M Sheppard, Roger A Toutloff
 03 - Larissa P Fineday, Craig A Goodsky, Michael J Isham, Jamie A Kletschka, Laverne V Klug, Maria N Konczak, Ronald Whiteman
 04 - Curtis L Boshey, Susan L Lightfeather, Edwin B Porter
 05 - Josephine P Chavers, Gerald W Chicag Jr, Tracie H Chosa, Rocky L King, Jessica F Maynard, William D Mohler
 06 - Viola B Connor, Gerald L Drouillard, Karen M Jerome, Melvin Knott, Carrie A Sam
 07 - Frances E Drift, Jeffrey L Leecy, William R Povsha Jr, Donovan E Strong, Matthew R Whiteman
 08 - Lisa M Coonts, James L Glassman, Sarah A Kochie, Kristen L Strong
 09 - Alison F Drift, Denise M Lehti
 10 - Diane R Chosa, Cheryl Gresczyk, Wendell L Hoagland, William M Isham, Sandra M Lightfeather
 11 - Mary M Dagen, Heidi A Drobnick, Alyssa A Geshick, Loretta Knutson, Sandra D Koch, Tylene M Laitinen, Darla R Lien, Kenneth D Lien Jr, Joseph R Morrison, Leslie A Samm, Kathleen M Scribner, Andrew J Toutloff, Melissa M Wright
 12 - Donna M Hirthe, Nancy J Madison, Garrett R Morrison, Ellen Sam, Michael W Sam, Loraine Sieben
 13 - Jeffrey J Boshey Sr, Stella K Benjamin, Rita Vidal
 14 - Derek A Lowry, Terrie L Morrison, David M Villebrun, Lynn G Weiss
 15 - Gordon Adams Jr, Kathleen J Amtrano, Brian E Moyer, Timothy J McGuire, Lynette J Villebrun, Lawrence J Voss
 16 - William Day, Jericho A Harding

17 - Dakotah S Budreau, Timothy W Columbus, Wilbur E Geshick, Richard A Gresczyk, Rodger D Harper, Daniel Mesabay, Valene M Miller, Leah M Miller, Donald L O'Leary
 18 - Louise E Isham, Wenona A Littlewolf, LaLona M Rabbitt, David K Ranum, Lyle F Skalsky
 19 - None listed
 20 - Maureen M Baez, Lamont W Decorah, Ernest D Drift Jr, Candice R Rich
 21 - Patricia J Fairbanks, Charles A Geshick, Michele L Rettke
 22 - Charles D Rolando, Gregory L Strong
 23 - Rodney L Barto, Carol A Cameron, Derek R Dagen, Jennifer L Drift, Chester E Graue, Grace E Isham, Michael E Mihelich
 24 - Richard D Apling Jr, Arthur W Dupree, Vincette D Maurus, Anya L Pete Jesse J Strong
 25 - Vanessa A Adams, Richard J Anderson, Frank E Connor, James H Day, Tiffany A Defoe, Clarence Geshick, Laura Harding, Michael A House, Dayna J Lee, Valareya D Leecy, Susan E Przybylski, Melissa J Randall, Antoine Sucker Jr
 26 - Bruno J Anderson, Elizabeth A Fletcher, Sharon F Ginter, Danelle D Porter, Lori J Shoen, Tena C Ulibarri
 27 - Sheri L Connor, Shelby J Geyer, Daniel W Kalstabakken, Richardo Kletschka, Ryne E Villebrun
 28 - Rebecca A Halvorson, Pauline Manville
 29 - Gladys M Chosa, Janet L Sadkins, Milo D Villebrun III
 30 - Carolyn A Wakemup, Garret A Whiteman
 31 - John T Butler, Craig L Chosa, Craig L Chosa II, Lawrence A Connor Jr, Neil F King, Nicole R Lybarger
 * Twins, evidently.

The most popular day to be born in October? A tie between the 11th and the 25th, with 13.
 The least popular day? The 19th. No birthdays on that date.

November birthdays...

01 - Gladys Averill, Merrilee A Connor, Alfreda M Englebert, Naomi M Hanks, Richard L Miller
 02 - Clarissa M Bailey, Deborah J Baxter, Joanne Donald, Jennifer L Isham, Danielle A Pierstos, Louis R Sohm, Judith M Surlow
 03 - Brian R Chosa, Kim M King, Braeanne L Porter, Amanda R Smith, Miranda J Villebrun
 04 - Susan M Chambers, Jeremiah J Degan, Donna S Dupree, Ira O Isham, Daniel E Morrison Sr, Amanda J Quoetone, Wilbert Strong Sr, Scott S West
 05 - Annie B Ernstrom, Honesty L Laitinen, Marilyn E LaRoque, Edith M Strong
 06 - Dale R Boshey, Clarisse A Fox, Linda M Grover, Charles W Neitzer, Bonnie J Pete
 07 - Margaret A Benthin, Raymond W Jenkins, Jessica A Knott, Jonathan W Morrison, Dorothy A McDougall, Robin B Unger
 08 - Cheryl D Debelak, Donald R Dupree, Tammy L Rabbit-Brady
 09 - Patricia M Annett, Dennis M Denego, Judith V Geshick, Marissa L Goodsky, Howard Harding, Colin L Hursch, Ann B Isham, Tanya A S Lehti, Cheyanna S M Medicine, Denise R Pieratos, Daniel J Wakemup
 10 - Chelsea L Chosa, Joan M Hiller, David

A Wakemup, Myrtle E Wiese
 11 - Justin W Boness, Earl F Day Jr, Shiela M Delaney, Onawa F Pete, Clifford Sam, Franklin W Sam Jr, Kevin M Villebrun, Toni M Wakemup
 12 - Jolene M Arn, Leslie J Connor Jr, James T R Gawboy, Justin S Geshick, Jacque Love, Geraldine F Polasky, Christopher R Williams
 13 - Katheryn G Boshey, Lois A Ness, Lynn M O'Shea, Cheryl L Seppi, Blaine S Swan
 14 - Jason J Ballenger, Barbara J Brodeen, Ronald J Fisher, Daniel J Lumbar Jr
 15 - Charles F Gonier Jr, Charles F Graue, Eric W Isham, Colleen M Lien, Nolan J Littlewolf, Kevin L Lumbar, Briana W Lumbar, Sharon Wagner
 16 - Craig D Coonts, Tracey J Dagen, Amber A Drift, *Tiana M Drift, *Trinity M Drift, Alyssa M Goodwin, Tonerett M Harding, Alexandra A Janssens, Ronald D LaRoque Jr, Sharon R O'Malley, Joshua R Rutar, Leslie J Wakemup, Marybelle White, Ellen Whiteman
 17 - Mary M Farmer, Misty R Fischer, Brandon L Geshick, Scott V Krotzer, Alec E Pete, Jerrod A Strong
 18 - Lucille J Black, Evelyn Dupree
 19 - Ernest L Barto Jr, Matthew R Cameron, Arlene M Chosa, Cory D King, Marty R O'Leary, Kelsey J O'leary, Rose M Seelye

UofM November Starwatch

The five closest planets grace the evening sky this month, but Mercury makes itself hard to find. Speaking of which, November offers a good chance to try to spot an elusively thin crescent moon. Other than that, the approach of Orion and his winter companions may offer the best viewing.

As November opens, we embark on what the ancient Celts regarded as the dark half of the year. The Celts celebrated the holiday Samhain (Sow-en) starting at sundown Oct. 31, the time when the evil spirits came out of their half-year exile to torment mortal beings. The Christian church converted the holiday to All Saints' Day, celebrated Nov. 1. The night before became known as All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween. The dark half of the Celtic year ran until May 1, when the evil spirits were again banished. Astronomically, the dark half of the year runs from the fall equinox to the spring equinox, but since the weather lags several weeks behind the sun's movements, the Celtic timing makes a good deal of sense.

Venus shines brightly over the southwestern horizon after sunset. On the 6th our sister planet swings out 47 degrees from the sun; this is the farthest it will get before it starts to draw closer to the sun again. Venus will hang too low in the sky to look as spectacular as it usually does, but later in the month it will start to gain altitude.

Mars spends the month close to Venus, just to its right. In the last few days of November, Mercury pops up to join the pair, but stays all but lost in the sun's afterglow, far to the lower right of Mars.

Jupiter and Saturn, however, make good appearances in the evening sky. Jupiter is a yellow ball in the southwest, edging ever nearer the horizon. Saturn comes out in the south, below and just behind the Great Square of Pegasus. The moon starts the month just past new and reaches new phase again on the 29th. A young crescent moon will appear with Venus and Mars on the 2nd and 3rd. The evening of the 30th will be a good time to look for another young moon, this one only 20 to 21 hours old. Its thin crescent will be in the west southwest half an hour after sunset, below a line

connecting Venus and Mars to the horizon. Full moon arrives the morning of the 14th, so either the 13th or the 15th will have a nearly full moon in the evening sky. This moon has been called the frosty moon or beaver moon, this being the time when beavers are preparing for winter.

The Great Square of Pegasus dominates the sky in the south. Pegasus, representing the winged horse of antiquity, actually hangs upside down in the sky. Look for a curved (or, more accurately, bent) line of stars leading from the star in the lower right corner; this is the horse's neck. All four stars in the square are giant or sub-giant stars, between 40 and 1,400 times brighter than the sun. The star in the upper right corner is a red giant, while the others are hot blue stars. The two stars on the western edge of the square point straight down to the bright, but very low, star Fomalhaut. The two stars on the eastern edge point up toward Polaris.

The Milky Way stretches across the sky from east to west. To the east, the Pleiades and Hyades star clusters of Taurus are well up in mid-evening. Behind them come Orion and Gemini. In December the full complement of famous winter constellations will be up in the evening hours. ###

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