

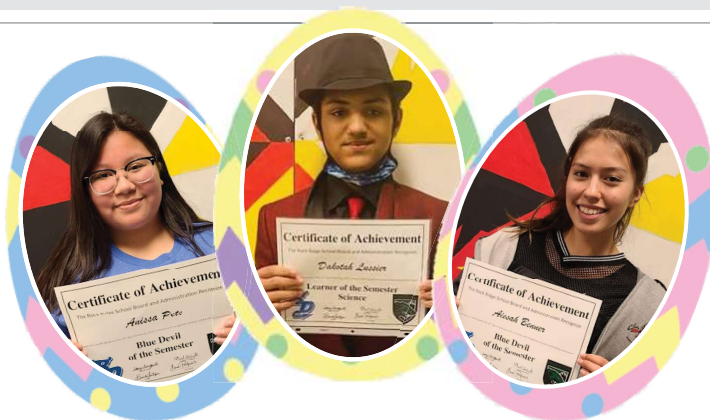
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True Easter Eggs!

These three young chicks will not be difficult to find. They can be seen taking lead and standing tall in front row of the carton. Very admirable role models for their peeps.

[Read more on 4.](#)

Grab Your Road Snacks!

Bois Forte Mobile Vaccine Machine Hit the Road, Roaring South Making Stops in Duluth and Minneapolis



Left to Right: Terry Defoe, RN, BSN, PHN; Darnell Goggeye, Network Technician; Sue Larson, Clinic Administrator; Ericka Cote RMA LXMO CNAR; Bill Durie, MD; Julie Skoglund, PharmD. Not Pictured: Teri Morrison, RN; Shane Drift, District I Representative and Ambulance Driver

[Read more on 5.](#)



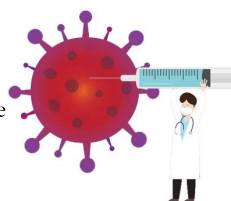
Bois Forte COVID-19 Status

Cumulative Cases	50
Vermilion	24
Nett Lake	26
Deaths	0
<small>*as of 3/19/2021</small>	

COVID-19

Information

- Opening of the Vermilion and Nett Lake Government Centers
- Vaccination Eligibility and Scheduling



[Read more on 12.](#)

News from the Chairwoman

Cathy Chavers

Boozhoo Aniin,

It has now been a year with the COVID-19 virus and pandemic. It is not over but we must be diligent in our efforts to keep our families, co-workers, friends and other safe. We have seen recently where some states are easing restrictions but again, this is not over.

On Thursday, March 11, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan of 2021. This is the first time in history that there has been a significant increase in funding totaling over \$31 billion to federally recognized Tribes in the US. This bill will bring much needed relief and assistance to Tribal nations. It is also a landmark recognition of Tribal Nation's rightful place in the American family of governments. Tribal governments have been leading on COVID response and this new funding will help our communities recover stronger than before.

The Tribal Council has asked our Band members for input on what some of these funding projects they would like to see, and we have asked them to contact Victoria Villebrun at 218-757-3261 or email her at vvillebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov with their ideas.



I will give a brief summary of what some of the funding for Tribes is at this time. There are still funding formulas, guidelines that still need to be done but this is what was approved currently.

Provides \$20 billion to Tribal governments in direct relief in the following amounts (1) \$1 million equally distributed to each of the Tribal governments in the country; (2) \$19 billion to tribal governments in a manner determined at a later date. Funding for Tribes to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options related to COVID-19; local assistance and Tribal consistency fund; extension of emergency unemployment, TANF funding; extension of payroll tax credits for paid sick and family leave, employee retention tax credit; child care assistance programs; SNAP; Child Care and Development Block Grant Program, agricultural programs, Child Care Stabilization, Programs for



Bois Forte Tribal Council

SEEKING BAND MEMBER INPUT

The RTC is seeking Band Member input on how future COVID-19 relief funds will be used to benefit Band members.

VOICE YOUR OPINION

Send your thoughts and ideas directly to the Tribal Council's Executive Secretary, Victoria "Wick-o" Villebrun.

CALL

218-757-3261

EMAIL

vvillebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov

Survivors, Homeowners Assistance Fund; Federal Transit Administration Grants; FEMA appropriations; modifications to Paycheck Protection Program; Support for Restaurants; Community Navigator Pilot Program; funding for schools and libraries; public telecommunication entities; Indian Health Service; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Housing Assistance and Supportive Services Program for Native Americans; Covid Response Resources for the Preservation and Maintenance of Native American

Language; American Indian Education.

This is just a brief listing of the areas within this Act, there is flexibility with some of the programs and longer deadlines. We do have a lot of work ahead of us and look forward to hearing our Band members input on projects!

DID YOU KNOW?
It is free to submit any announcements or obituaries.

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BOTH LOCATIONS OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC

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Nett Lake PHARMACY
218-757-0230

News from District I Representative Shane Drift

Howah Boozhoo Bois Forters!

I sincerely hope that you are doing well and staying safe out there. For this brief notation I am going to be talking about the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) Tribal Executive Committee (TEC), Zaagibagaang webpage, and the MCT Constitution. I remember when I first got onto Tribal Council, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe hosted an event at Fortune Bay Resort Casino regarding constitution reform. I sat and listened to other Tribal Leaders and band members as they talked about changing the constitution, blood quantum, and criteria for enrollment. I raised my hand and one of the moderators came and gave me a microphone. I got up and asked "If we make all these changes and send these changes to the Secretary of Interior for approval and the Secretary of Interior denies them then what? We go back to square one"

I attended the MCT TEC meeting last Thursday, March 4th, 2021 by zoom. The meeting was in Hinckley. The Chairman of Fond Du Lac talked about the need to remove the Secretary of the Interior from the MCT Constitution. I agree with this because once the Secretary of the Interior is removed from the MCT Constitution then we wouldn't need the Secretary of the Interior's approval regarding the much needed changes. The Secretary-Treasurer of White Earth presented resolution 36-20. The purpose of resolution 36-20 is to change the 1941 base rolls. This is from resolution 36-20 "1,089 original allottees from White Earth, Mille Lacs,



Leech Lake, and Fond Du Lac Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe were discovered who lost full blood status from available blood rolls and the 1901 Allotment list: and the 1089 original allottees appear as mixed bloods on the April 14, 1941 basic membership Roll of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe," the Secretary-Treasurer of White Earth stated that that we need to start somewhere. And I agree with him. The reason I agree with him is that some of our (Bois Forte Band Members) may have married and had children with band members from the four tribes mentioned.

I've always been interested to learn how something was created and why. I must say that it was interesting to learn how the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe was formed and how our MCT constitution was created. I learned a great deal from the "ZAAGIBAGAANG Anishinaabe Values in Action" webpage. The information that I am sharing is from the zaagibagaang.com website. "Membership (citizenship) within the MCT was debated for a long time, our leaders at that time wanted all descendants included in membership and passed several resolutions that were rejected by the Secretary of the Interior. Finally, after decades of pressure, they agreed to using the ¼ degree MCT blood quantum as the requirement for enrollment that we

still have in effect today."

So my understanding is that when they were creating the MCT constitution it did not have a blood quantum requirement. Reading that section raised some questions for me, 1) Why did the Secretary of the Interior reject all descendants? 2) Who was putting pressure of them to get them to agree to using the ¼ degree MCT blood quantum? 3) What did the several resolutions contain?

Reading the Revised Constitution and By-laws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota, Article II – Memberships, section 2 "No person born after July 3, 1961, shall be eligible for enrollment if enrolled as a member of another tribe, or if not an American citizen." So my understanding is that in order to be enrolled is that a band member must have ¼ degree blood quantum and must be an American citizen. Reading though the Membership section of the constitution, it doesn't say anything about counting First Nation (Canadian Tribes) blood or other tribes' blood. The blood quantum issue has been talked about for years and years. I

sincerely hope that the MCT TEC can start making some changes to the blood quantum. My thought is still the same, the MCT TEC should vote to let each individual tribe determine their own criteria for enrollment. So long as we (all six tribes) all agree to continue to count each other's blood and follow the MCT constitution perimeters. Any changes that we (Bois Forte) would make would not have to be approved by the MCT TEC or the Secretary of the interior.

In closing, I need to point out that I am not speaking for the tribal council. If you have any thoughts or ideas regarding blood quantum that you would like to share, please feel free to email me at Sdrift@boisforte-nsn.gov You can also call me on my council cell phone at 218-404-8220. I'm also on Facebook.

I have my "Shane Drift District I Representative Updates" group page on Facebook. I always provide updates up my group page. So until next time please remember to practice social distancing, wear your face mask, wash your hands, and stay safe out there. Mii'iw miigwech!



**Big Woods Transit
WILL BE RUNNING THE
Ajidamoo Route (Vermilion to Virginia)
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY
Starting April 20, 2021**

**CALL
1-888-757-1540
Before 9 AM
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SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED WHILE ON THE BUS
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Congratulations!

The Blue Devil Award is an award given to the student who displays the best attitude, dedication, hard work and leadership of the semester!

From the VHS Indian Education staff, we are very proud of you!



Anissa Pete
"Blue Devil Award for 11th grade"



Dahotah Lussier
Science Learner of the Semester



Aiesah Benner
"Blue Devil Award for 9th grade"



MARCH 2021
WARNING

There has been an increase of **SCAMS** in the area. People posing as IRS, BIA, or FBI to name a few. **DO NOT fall for these SCAMS.** These scams are asking individuals to purchase gift cards on the promise to put money into their accounts, fix a computer problem, social security issue, or to avoid incarceration. Others go as far as posing as a family member who is in jail and needing assistance with bail money. Please be cautious with unknown callers and emails requesting money or personal information.



KBFT VIRTUAL MUSIC FEST VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

Events are Free & Everyone is Welcome!

Lead Singer of Midnite Express
Opie Day and Guests
Saturday, April 3, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.

www.KBFT.org
www.facebook.com/kbft899

Award Winning Navajo Singer/Song Writer
Callie Bennet
Virtual Interview: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Performance: Saturday, May 1, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

Superior Siren
Eerie Folk Project from Duluth, MN
Virtual Interview: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Performance: Saturday, April 24, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

Corey Medina and Brothers
Virtual Interview: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Performance: Saturday, May 8, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

The Maiden Voyage of the Bois Forte Vaccine Machine, a Huge Success.

In preparation for the maiden voyage of the mobile vaccine clinic, Chairwoman Chavers shared, “The driving force behind the Mobile Unit is to provide vaccines to Band members,” She also noted that those eligible to receive a vaccination has expanded, covering Band members, their descendants and household members. “Not everyone can make it to our clinics in Nett Lake or Lake Vermilion, so we are offering a Mobile Vaccine Unit,” said Cathy Chavers, Chairwoman. “We talked to Governor Walz about our plans, and he was really impressed with what we are doing.”



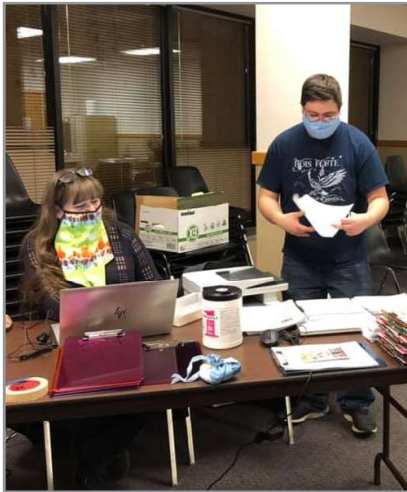
Duluth Urban Office
Terry Defoe and Shane Drift

In consideration with the expansion of the eligibility umbrella, Teri Morrison, RN, Lead Community Health Nurse

added, “By providing these services, we’re helping the county and the state in getting people vaccinated. They are backlogged, and we are doing what we can to help them out.”

On Wednesday, March 14, 2021, clinic staff were making light conversation as they converted the brand-new ambulance rig into a mobile vaccination station. The Moderna vaccine has special storage requirements – proper refrigeration - including a stringent timeframe in which to use the vaccine once it has been opened. Installation of a refrigerator was priority along with making sure a power backup was in place and working properly. “On Wednesday, we have a meeting with everyone who is traveling to the Urban Offices, to make sure we have everything we need and to make sure we do not forget anything.” said Sue Larson, Clinic Manager.

The first stop was at the Duluth Urban Office, appointments began promptly at 10:00 a.m.



Belinda Tibbets Fazio, Registration and Darnelle Goggeye, IT, get things ready before clients arrive.



Minneapolis Urban Office
Left to Right: Balinda Tibbets Fazio, Teri Morrison, Sue Larson, Erica Cote, Julie Skoglund, Jacque Wilson, Dr. Durie, Terry Defoe.

and continued until noon. As soon as the last patient was seen, the Mobile Vaccine Machine crew, packed up the rig and headed even further south to the Twin Cities. Appointments were scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m., which did not leave much time to dilly-dally. Thursday’s vaccinations wrapped up in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

Day two of this maiden voyage began at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning, and continued until 3:00 p.m. From there, the team packed up and began their four-and-a-half-hour drive home. “In total, we were able to vaccinate 165, 39 in Duluth and 146 in Minneapolis. A great success.” expressed Larson.

Terry Defoe, RN, BSN, PHN, smiled as she shared her experience during the mobile vaccine clinic. “It was so humbling and appreciated to have received so much gratitude from patients in Duluth and Minneapolis.

It made me feel good inside to be able to help those who can’t make it to the reservation.” She added, “I was super tired afterwards, but it was totally worth it.”

On Friday, March 19, 2021, Senator Tina Smith stopped by the Minneapolis Urban Office to see the Mobile Vaccine Machine in action. She stated in a post from her Facebook page, “Thank you Bois Forte for having me, and the commitment you have to ensuring the health of community members is inspiring.” (<https://www.facebook.com/USSenTinaSmith>.)

The Mobile Vaccine Machine will be returning to administer the second dose of the Moderna vaccine on April 15th and 16th. Additional trips are being considered, seeing how well this one went.



Peter “Chief” Boney, Senator Tina Smith, Cathy Chavers, Shane Drift

New Emergency Preparedness Manager

Damon Day

Boo-Zhoo!

My name is Damon Edward Day, I've recently been hired on as the new Emergency Program Director for the Bois Forte Reservation (Tribal Government). I'm writing this article to give you all a brief background of my work history, for it was my work history that got me hired for this position. As some of you may know, I've worked with Bois Forte Forestry, Wildland Firefighting Services (B.I.A.) for sixteen (16) years, for last of those six (6) I was a Squad Boss on a twenty (20) man crew, been on many large incident fires in and mainly out of state, we've assisted the state

D.N.R. with many prescribed burns in various National Parks throughout Minnesota. During my time with Forestry, I've seen a lot of the country and walked many different mountain ranges across the United States. I've been to all three (3) coasts, I have some experience working with F.E.M.A. during Hurricane Katrina and Rita. I was a Squad Boss for a saw team clearing the right a-ways out, so the Rescue Teams could get to the residential areas after Katrina made landfall, then Rita hit us, we had to start all over again. I could go on telling firefighting (western details) stories all day. Here are some



of the trainings I've acquired within them sixteen years are: S-130, S-190 Basic Wildland Firefighting, Urban Interface (when a wildfires coming on to a structure), Ignition Specialist for Prescribed Burns and Preparedness, Squad Boss (FFT2), Supervisor Course on How to Work With People, S-290 Intermediate Fire Weather and Behavior, I.C.T.5 (Incident Command Trainee types), S-212 Wildfire Chainsaws Class B (certified to fall any hazardous trees up to 2ft. at the base), S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Handling, Defensive Driving for the Forest Service(Engine 52), S-270 Basic Air Operations(calling in helicopter water bucket drops and water bomber planes). This was all during my time on the Bois Forte Forestry.

I've also worked at Fortune Bay as a maintenance worker on the casino floor side and worked my way into a Security Officer position which Investigative Report Writing, and Alcohol Awareness were a required training at that time.

I was also a First Responder with the Bois Forte Ambulance, it's been about eight (8) years ago, right now I'm taking the First Responder Course over again, I'm hoping by the time you are reading this I'll be back on the ambulance again.

For the past five (5) years I've been working at Hill Wood Products in Cook, MN. We manufactured some of the best hardwood flooring on the market today. Our product was bought from big companies all over the country, like the headquarters of Apple in New York City, I could name a number of places and some famous people, like Sheryl Crow, the people I met, and worked with for 10-hour days sometimes 50 hours a week got to be like family, it was hard work, but it was fun too. I eventually made my way up to a Forklift Operator (O.S.H.A. Carded) and was a member of the O.S.H.A. Safety Committee and started taking inventory for the mill, then COVID-19 happened...

Been collecting unemployment for most of the pandemic, put a few applications in with Bois Forte, now I'm typing up my work history for the Bois Forte News!

Why I put in for this position, is I believe I can slowly work my way into being part of the team (Bois Forte Team). Since I've started on February 4, 2021, I've come in contact with Monte Fronk, Coordinator for Tribal Emergency Management, his office is out of Mille Lacs, He's been a great help and very informative on the trainings coming up, our region 2 meetings, briefings, comms, etc... Pretty awesome!

Some of my goals are to help the Bois Forte Ambulance get staffed on call 24/7, to set up training scenarios with all our Emergency Response Resources (Ambulance, Fire department, Conservation, Forestry B.I.A. Fire, and B.I.A. Tribal Law Enforcement). Set up evacuation plans for all our Tribal and Government Buildings to see where

[Read more on 7](#)



BIG WOODS TRANSIT

WAABOOZ ROUTE

(WEEKDAY ROUTE NETT LAKE, ORR & COOK TO VIRGINIA)

STARTING

**MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021
WILL RUN MONDAY-FRIDAY**

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TO REQUEST A RIDE**

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SOCIAL DISTANCING IS REQUIRED

NO CHARGE DUE TO COVID-19

What Older Adults Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines



The risk of severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age. This is why CDC recommends that adults 65 years and older are one of the first groups to receive COVID-19 vaccines. You can help protect yourself and the people around you by getting the vaccine when it is available. Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective in preventing severe illness from COVID-19.

To get a COVID-19 vaccine

- Contact the **Bois Forte Clinics** or local health department for more information.
- Ask a family member or friend to help with scheduling an appointment.
- Ask your doctor, pharmacist, or community health center if they plan to provide vaccines and ask them to let you know when vaccines are available.
- Even after getting the COVID-19 vaccine, you should still wear a well-fitting mask that covers your nose and mouth when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and wash your hands often.

VERMILION CLINIC SCHEDULING:

218-753-2182

NETT LAKE CLINIC SCHEDULING:

218-757-3650

www.cdc.gov | www.boisforte.com

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218-757-3268

NETT LAKE
PHARMACY

218-757-0230

Y-STORE

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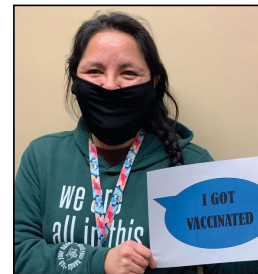
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Cell Phone Tips For Elders

by Terry Defoe, RN, BSN, PHN

Having a cell phone is pretty much a necessity these days. It can replace your home phone and the need for home internet, saving you money. A Smartphone is a cell or mobile phone that can perform many of the tasks that a computer can. They typically have a touchscreen and internet access. From this hand held electronic device you can make calls, text message, and access the internet.



Some difficulties Elderly cell phone users may have is viewing the device. You can change the font size (how big the letters are) so that it is easier to read. For iPhones go to “Settings” icon, choices will open up and go to “General” – it will be towards the top of the page, push “Accessibility” button, the “Larger Text” choice comes up you can then adjust the size of your letters. For Android phone you go to “Settings” screen choose the “Display” section, “Font size” will be a choice and adjust it so you can read it. If it is difficult to find or do by yourself have someone help you, maybe a friend or a grandchild.

You can enable voice commands as well and “talk” with your phone to make calls, texts or use the internet. If anyone knows about “Siri” for iPhones you can go to “Settings”, click on the “General” word and go to the “Siri” tab to enable that option. Again, you might need help to set this up on your phone.

Having trouble reading? If you forget your “cheaters” while you are out you can either take a picture of what you are trying to read and enlarge

the picture, or you can enable the Magnifier that may have come on your phone there may be an icon on your phone already. If there is and it is not working, you can go to “Settings”, tap “Accessibility” and choose “Magnifier”, there will be a small button to slide right and turn green and that means it is now on. Do not be afraid to ask for help, I usually need help for some things when it comes to my phone, actually a lot.



Emergency Preparedness Director

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we need to make improvements, and the different kind of equipment we need to update to get the job done. These are just a few things I have in mind at this time. Some of the training(s) I've signed up for to help out the community are as follows:

1- School Training for Crisis Management for Emergency Directors, First Responders and Law Enforcement for Local School Systems

2- Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Planning for Rural Areas

3- Building Whole Community Engagement through Local Emergency Planning Committee.

I know I have some pretty big shoes to fill, well, this is like a dream job for me, with a little time and patients to get to know all of the Policies, Department Directors and Region 2 Directors we're going to have a great Emergency Response Team to manage any kind of disaster being man made or natural...

Thank you for taking the time to read this article, I know a lot of you didn't know my work history and how I got hired for this position, again thank and if you have any questions, concerns, ideas or if you need help with Facemasks or need some sanitizer, please feel free to reach out to me at the Bois Forte Government building at (218)757-3261 and ask for Damon Day, Emergency Program Director, I'll be glad to help...

Miigwech, Be Kind and Be Safe!

Bois Forte Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- Are you behind in your rent or utility payments?
- Do you anticipate having problems paying rent or utilities in the future due to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Are you or a member of your household enrolled at Bois Forte?
- Are you a non-enrolled person currently renting on the Bois Forte Reservation?

If so, you may be eligible for assistance for future and past due rent payments, utility payments, or internet service. Only renters are eligible-not homeowners-And rent /utility payments must be from March 13, 2020 forward.

FUNDS WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE VENDOR OR UTILITY COMPANY

Accepting Online Applications beginning 12:00 pm., March 24, 2021.

<https://portal.laserfiche.com/u7744/forms/ERA>

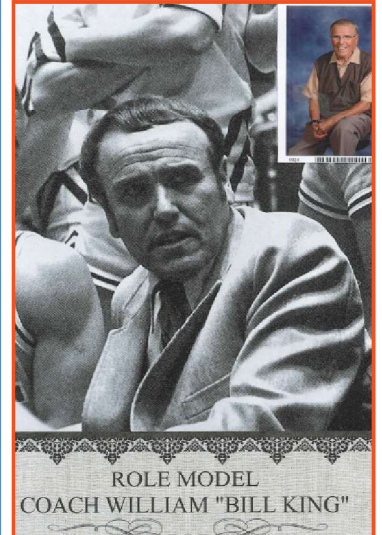


You can scan this code and it will send you directly to the portal.

Visit boisforte.com and at the very top of the website there is a red bar. Click on COVID-19 Assistance Programs and Applications. This will bring to the ERA post.

If you have ANY questions or are not comfortable filling this application online, please contact Ed or Mitz. They will assist you.

Contact:
Ed Villebrun or Beverly (Mitz) Steel
Office: 218-757-3261
Email: covidassistance@boisforte-nsn.gov

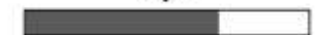


ROLE MODEL
COACH WILLIAM "BILL KING"

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY!

With Love,
Cathy, Linda, Janet, & Carol

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YOU A
VIRTUAL HUG



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SUICIDE
PREVENTION
Lifeline:
800-273-8255**

CALLING ALL 2021 GRADUATES!

We would love to share the milestone! It is free to submit a graduation announcement. Graduates of all ages are welcome. You can email or text me a photo and a short blurb about the graduate. Email: lisham@boisforte-nsn.gov or Text: 218-404-6545

BOIS FORTE COMMUNITY WELCOME

Easter Egg Hunting Special

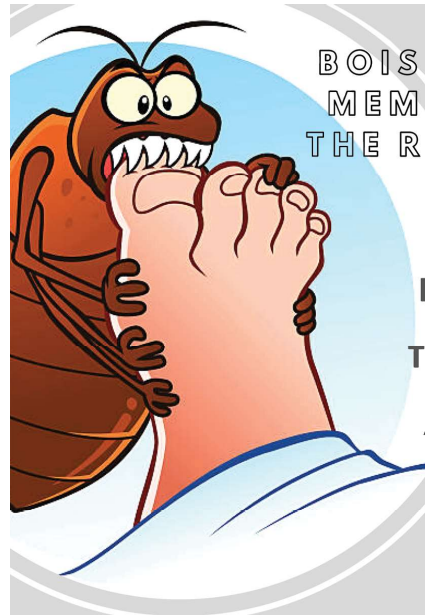
Hop on over to the Center and celebrate Easter with us!

APRIL 4 • SUNDAY • 1 PM
VERMILION GOVERNMENT CENTER
1610 FARM POINT ROAD S.
TOWER, MN

Outdoor event. Covid19 safety measures will be followed.
Please wear a mask. If you have symptoms, please stay
home (call your doctor) to protect our community.

Egg Hunt
Egg Race
Scavenger Hunt
Easter Baskets for Children

*Please maintain a safe 6 ft. distance with each activity.



BOIS FORTE BAND
MEMBERS WITHIN
THE RESERVATION
BOUNDARIES

BED BUGS

IT IS NOT A SHAME
TO HAVE THEM. IT IS
A SHAME TO KEEP
THEM!

THE BOIS FORTE
HOUSING DEPARTMENT
WILL PAY FOR THE
INSPECTION AND
EXTERMINATION OF
CONFIRMED CASES.
SUBJECT TO
AVAILABILITY OF
FUNDING.

FOR QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES
CONTACT THE BOIS FORTE HOUSING
DEPARTMENT AT 218.757.3253





BOIS FORTE FOSTER CARE IS SEEKING YOUR HELP!

- * Do you have a Love for children?
- * Do you have great parenting skills?
- * Do you have a stable house?
- * Have amazing patience?

*Our Children
are our
Future!*

You would be a great foster family, if you answered “yes” to all of those questions.

If you are interested in opening up your home to our children in need, please use the contact information below, to reach out to Bois Forte Foster Care.

Contact Information:

Bois Forte Family Health Foster Care
Office phone: 218.757.3295 ext.285
Fax: 218.757.3335



Protecting our children is priority & preserving our families is our tradition.



JUDICIAL SERVICES NOTICE

Beginning, Wednesday, April 7th, 2021, Probation Officer, Marian Holmes, will be traveling to the Vermilion Social Center twice a month to meet with individuals on probation and release.

CALL 218-757-3462 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

HOURS:
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

DATES:
 April 7 & 21
 May 5 & 19
 June 2 & 16
 July 7 & 21
 August 4 & 18
 September 1 & 15
 October 6 & 20
 November 3 & 16
 December 1 & 15

- MASKS REQUIRED
- TEMPERATURE SCANS & HAND SANITIZATION REQUIRED AT THE DOOR
- SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED
- DO NOT ARRIVE MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT
- DO NOT BRING ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO YOUR APPOINTMENT, THEY WILL BE ASKED TO WAIT OUTSIDE.

REMEMBER... IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT YOUR PROBATION OFFICER

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Marian Holmes, Probation Officer, at 218-757-3462 or 218-410-9678 or mholmes@boisforte-nsn.gov.



MASK UP FRIENDS

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Children’s Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of KSB and JGB, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner, v. Janessa Andrea White and Kenneth James Budreau, Jr.:

To: Janessa Andrea White

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED: that on May 11, 2021 at 1:20 p.m. or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard the above titled court will hold a review hearing on the Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition.

YOU ARE TO APPEAR: before Chief Judge Megan Treuer of the Bois Forte Tribal Court, 12907 Palmquist Road, Nett Lake, MN 55772. Arrangements for appearance can be made by calling Bois Forte Tribal Court at (218)757-3462. All appearances are by Zoom or telephone.

YOUR APPEARANCE AT THIS HEARING IS REQUIRED.
By the Court Megan Treuer, Chief Judge
Janell Smith, Clerk of Court
Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Attorney for Petitioner
12907 Palmquist Road, P.O. Box 25
Nett Lake, MN 55772
218-757-3462

2021 Netting Season on Lake Vermilion

The Bois Forte Tribal Council through the 1854 Treaty Authority has adopted a set of regulations entitled “The Bois Forte Code for Non-Commercial Netting of Game Fish in the Waters Adjacent to the Vermilion Reservation” which will apply to all Non-Commercial game fish netting activities.

All band members participating in this activity are required to abide by the rules therein. Each permittee will receive a copy of the regulations upon receipt of a valid netting permit.

Permits and Regulations are available by contacting and/or stopping by:

1854 Treaty Authority Office
4428 Haines Road
Duluth, MN 55811
Office: 218-722-8907
1-800-775-8799
1854 Conservation Officer
– Leo Vidal 218-591-3256

Bois Forte DNR Office
5344 Lake Shore Drive
Nett Lake, MN 55772
Office: 218-757-3261
Bois Forte Conservation Officer
– Josh Sherman 218-404-5761

Vermilion Community Center
1610 Farm Point Road
Tower, MN 55790
Office: 218-753-4542
Bois Forte Conservation Officer
– Josh Sherman 218-404-5761

SEASON DATES:

January 1 – December 31, 2021
(Excluding May 31 – September 15, 2021)



PERMITS/IDENTIFICATION CARDS REQUIRED:

Bois Forte approved a temporary amendment during COVID which allows for use of an 1854 ID or Bois Forte Tribal ID as the only requirement for the 2021 netting season (no netting permit required for 2021).

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD):


No band member may set or remove a net under this code without wearing or having in their watercraft a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person. PLEASE NOTE: Type IV PFD's (throwable types) are no longer legal under the code.

NET RESTRICTIONS:

All nets shall be identified with the Band member's name and Ceded Territory Identification Card number plainly printed with an indelible marker on the first float on one end of the float line.

Each gillnet shall be marked with two buoys, one on each end of the gillnet. Each gillnet should have a highly visible marking device whether it be a flag, brightly colored buoy or both, to prevent damage by passing watercraft. “Highly visible” means that the marking device is a color that can be seen in low light conditions and is a size that is easily discerned with the naked eye.

*If you have any questions about the net marking requirement, please contact an 1854 or Bois Forte Conservation Officer. <https://boisforte.com/government-directory/natural-resources/>



Bois Forte & 1854 IDs

Available at the Vermilion Social Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 | 9AM - 4PM



For a complete list of acceptable forms of identification per our Tribal ID policy, please contact Alanna Sherman or visit www.boisforte.com and click on the enrollment tab to find the full Tribal ID Policy.

Please bring one of the following to receive a Tribal ID:

- Original certified birth certificate
- State Issued Driver's License
- State Issued Identification Card
- Valid Passport

For replacement Tribal ID cards or for any changes made before the expiration date, there will be a \$12.00 fee (cash or check)

COVID-19 SAFETY

- Individuals are required to wear a mask but can remove for ID picture.
- Temperatures will be taken at the entrance of the building.
- Please maintain social distancing.

QUESTIONS?
Alanna Sherman
Tribal Enrollment Coordinator
218-757-3261 ext. 1162.

Marne Kaeske
1854 Treaty Authority
218-722-8907

Bois Forte News

The *Bois Forte News* (BFN) is published monthly by the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. The BFN encourages submission of articles, community announcements and photos.

Contributions are subject to editing for grammar, length and malicious/libelous content. BFN will attempt to include all material submitted by Band members and guests. Multiple contributions from the same source may be excluded or rotated to future issues to insure equal access to all. For information on paid ads, please contact us. The BFN is distributed for free to Band members and is available to others for \$5 per year.

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MODERNA VACCINE

IS AVAILABLE

For ALL Bois Forte Tribal Members (household) & Descendants

Descendants Requirements - Tribal ID of Enrolled Member along with Birth Certificate/s showing family lineage required

Ages 18 and older

VACCINE IS AVAILABLE AT BOTH BOIS FORTE MEDICAL CLINICS!

Please call one of the Bois Forte Clinics to get on a Call-Back List for scheduling.

"New" clinic patients have your Tribal ID with you for registration purposes.

An allotment of the COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine is shipped to both clinics on a weekly basis based on availability from IHS.

Vaccine Inventory is subject to change weekly so please be patient!

Call to schedule your appointment and or ask to be added to the on-call list. It is extremely important to keep your appointment - we do not want to waste valuable vaccine.

VERMILION CLINIC SCHEDULING:

218-753-2182

NETT LAKE CLINIC SCHEDULING:

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