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Labor Day Closing

The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Government Buildings in Nett Lake and Vermilion will be closed, Monday, September 1st so that staff can enjoy the holiday. This also applies to both clinics.

The 2025 NAFWS Scholarship deadline is fast approaching!

The deadline to apply for a 2025 NAFWS Scholarship is August 8th at 10 a.m. MT. For more information, please contact Ashley at 505-862-3779 or via email at amueler@nafws.org

New DNR building will serve as a hub to community \$6 million dollar project expected to be completed next spring

NETT LAKE—In the eyes of Bois Forte Tribal Chair Carlos Hernandez, the new 7,000 square foot DNR facility being built in Nett Lake represents much more than just a physical structure—it is a home for a mission and a tool for Bois Forte's future.

The building, which is expected to be completed in the spring of 2026, will be situated near the Public Works and Big Woods Transit operations, just outside Nett Lake Village. It will replace a serviceable, but aging building that has housed Bois Forte's DNR programs since the 1970s.

Two ultra-important features of the new building are a community meeting room of nearly 600 square feet, which is six times the size of the current room that is rarely used, and a state-of-the-art 1,390-square-foot wild rice inventory storage and processing room.

"The inclusion of the wild rice storage facility is deeply meaningful," said Hernandez at the Thursday, July 24th groundbreaking ceremony. "Manoomin is a gift from the creator. It connects us to our ancestors—to our seasonal rhythms and to the sacred responsibility we hold as caretakers of the land and water."

He added that with proper storage and care—we will honor that gift and ensure it



PROUD MOMENT— Here are some of the key players who attended the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the new Bois Forte DNR Building. Pictured, left to right, are: Amy Mason, Jaylen Strong, Tribal Chair Carlos Hernandez, Carol Burr, Brian Whiteman Sr., Jim Barto, Dave Danz, Doris Isham and District I Representative Shane Drift.

remains strong for our children and our grandchildren.

"I want to thank Valint Construction for taking on this project with care and DSGW Architecture for bringing a design that reflects our community values," said Hernandez, who did an eloquent job of speaking to those gathered. "Miigwech to our staff, our tribal council, and everyone who helped move this forward. We are building not just for today, but for the next seven generations."

Roughly two dozen people attended the groundbreaking ceremony, which included officials and tribal leaders sym-

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READY FOR A NEW CHAPTER— Bois Forte DNR Project Manager Chris Holm was a happy man Thursday, July 24th as he spoke about the new DNR building. The building will include office space, a community room and most importantly, a 1,390-square-foot wild rice inventory storage and processing room. Holm said this will finally give Nett Lake a place that will allow for optimal storage of its treasured wild rice.

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Greenhouse project will open up many opportunities

NETT LAKE—Even in death Dani Pieratos has left an indelible mark on a new greenhouse being constructed in the Nett Lake village.

“She was the one who started the grant process for this project and helped make this possible,” said Bois Forte Health & Human Services Nutrition Education Manager Amber Harman about Pieratos, who died at the young age of 37 this past June. “We are very grateful for her contributions.”

The project received a \$248,750 grant that Pieratos started and was eventually seen through by Harman

with the help of Doris Isham. If plans fall in place, it is expected the greenhouse will be operational by the end of September.

Construction on the greenhouse, which is being built near the Bois Forte Elder Nutrition Building, began in late July. It is being constructed by W & C Complete Land Solutions LLC, Vermilion Plumbing, Archkey Electric and Mega Greenhouse.

When completed, the 30’ by 60’ building will not only serve as a conduit for the Bois Forte Elder Nutrition program, but it will also play a big role

in the renewed Bois Forte Food Sovereignty program.

“We plan to grow crops throughout the wintertime so that it can be utilized for the nutrition program and community lunches as well,” said Bois Forte Health & Human Services Nutrition Education Coordinator Marissa Rose. “We also have plans to supplement the food shelves, both in Nett Lake and Vermilion.”

The greenhouse will grow a variety of vegetables, including lettuce, carrots, peppers, root vegetables and more. Outdoor space will still be used to grow squash, cucumbers, beans and peas.

“We also talked about having an area set aside for all the traditional plants that we use, like tobacco, sweet

grass and sage as well,” said Harman.

Those working on the greenhouse project, including Harman, Rose and Jennalee Porter, indicated that a classroom space will be constructed for kids or other community members to come down to learn about growing vegetables.

“We do plan on interning younger kids so they can get involved in this,” said Harman. “Who knows? It might spike interest from them and make them want to take a career path along the lines of food sovereignty for Bois Forte.”

Rose credited Bois Forte Project Manager Jim Barto with providing the expertise to deploy the visualiza-

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CALL FOR BOIS FORTE ARTISTS



The Bois Forte Heritage Center is looking for Bois Forte artists to feature in an artist showcase.

- Artists must be Bois Forte band members, descendants of Bois Forte, or active members of the Bois Forte community
- All art forms will be accepted (painting, woodwork, music, textile, sculpture, basket making, beadwork, quillwork, poetry, etc.)
- Multiple artists will be showcased




Please contact Morgan Olson at the Heritage Center if you're interested in participating
218-753-6017
morgan.olson@boisforte-nsn.gov



TRIO OF TALENT— Bois Forte’s Jennalee Porter, Marissa Rose and Amber Harman were all smiles despite a heavy downpour during the recent unveiling of a new greenhouse project that should be completed by the end of September.

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tion needed to get their ideas off the ground.

“Jim made it super easy for us,” said Rose. “We had no idea what to do because we’ve never done a project like this before.”

Barto said he was pleased to work with Harman, Rose and Porter on the greenhouse project, as well as their work with the food sovereignty program.

“They showed me their vision, and I just helped them out on the construction side of things,” said a modest Barto. “This is something the Bois Forte community has really needed, and a lot of recognition should go to Amber,

Marissa and Jennalee.”

Rose added that much insight was also gained from Bois Forte Community Health Nurse Teri Morrison and Bois Forte Health and Human Services CEO Dan Rabideaux.

“Teri is such a good leader and really guided us along and supported us throughout this process,” said Rose. “Dan gave us a lot of good resources to learn from. He was also a good leader in the sense of guiding us and letting us fulfill this project.”

Porter said plans are in the works to find the perfect Ojibwe name for the greenhouse—one that pays homage to a project that will have an everlasting impact on the Bois Forte community.

“This is exciting for all three of us

because we have big visions for this greenhouse,” said Porter, who was a nutrition educator when the idea was first broached, but now serves as a Cultural Healing Specialist for the band. “This started out slow, but everything is now coming together and it’s great to be a part of something that’s so important to our community.”

And while Pieratos is no longer here, Rose said she would have been proud that the seed she planted by seeking funding for this project is figuratively blooming.

“We’re very grateful that she sought this out,” said Rose of Pieratos’ efforts to have the greenhouse built. “When I went to her with this idea for a greenhouse, she listened and actually put in the work to find ways to make it happen.”

Harman agreed and said Pieratos was a good resource throughout this past winter when the project was gaining momentum. She recalls going

to her to ask her questions about anything and everything and Pieratos always had time to field those questions.

“We’re just trying to carry on the wishes she had,” said Harman of Pieratos.

Porter said the cooperation they received from Pieratos is immeasurable and added that the greenhouse project wouldn’t have even been possible without her.

“We plan to honor her in some way as soon as the greenhouse is up and operational,” said Porter.

However, Porter also paid tribute to Rose and Harman for their leadership and guidance throughout the process as well.

“I feel so honored to be a part of this,” said Porter as she looked over at Harman and Rose. “If you hadn’t followed through with this, this wouldn’t be a thing. I really like your inspiration, and I just thank you so much.”



READY TO GO!— Lee Warren braves the elements as he stands next to his sign near where the new greenhouse project will be built.

Preparing for another busy lunch crowd!



COOKING UP ANOTHER GREAT MEAL!— Bois Forte ENP Head Cook Becky Thompson, left, and ENP Assistant Cook Amanda Thompson, were busy in the kitchen preparing lunch for elders on a recent morning in Nett Lake.

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bolically scooping their shovels into the earth to commemorate the historical day. The slab and other prep work had been done prior to the celebration.

The project was made possible by over \$4 million in Bois Forte ARPA funding and \$2 million from the HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant program.

For Bois Forte DNR Project Director Chris Holm, the new project means the end of an era for the current building, which is located next to the expansive RTG Building on Lakeshore Drive.

However, Holm knew the time was right to turn the page onto a new chapter for the Bois Forte DNR. To date, he has been impressed with the teamwork, expertise, and knowledge that go into a project like this.

“The council, even as busy as they are, knew this was necessary, so we appreciate that and the resources you are putting forward,” said Holm, who added that it was bittersweet to be leaving his current office after spending

roughly 30 years working there.

Holm also paid homage to his mentor and former community planner, Dave Danz, who was credited with securing the massive HUD funding that made this project possible. He fondly recalled when Danz took him under his wing many, many years ago to teach him how to write grants.

“We’d sit in the old RTC Building at night when everyone was gone,” shared Holm as he glanced at Danz in the crowd. “He taught me how to write goals, objectives, tasks—the whole thing. I still do that, so thank you.”

Meanwhile, DSGW Principal Architect Eric Wedge spoke of how honored he and his staff were to be part of such a historic day. He called it a truly momentous day for the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe, for our partners, and for the future of our shared environment.

“We are gathered here on your ancestral lands, a place deeply imbued with the spirit of your heritage and the wisdom of generations,” said Wedge. “It is with profound respect for those

who came before us, and with great hope for those who will follow, that we mark this new beginning.”

As Hernandez stated, Wedge also said the facility represents more than just building materials. He added that this new Department of Natural Resources facility is a tangible manifestation of your unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship, to the health of your lands and waters, to the well-being of Bois Forte band members, and to the sacred wild rice from Nett Lake that nourishes people far away from your sovereign land.

“For generations, the Ojibwe people have been the original caretakers of this land. Your traditions, your ceremonies, and your very way of life are intrinsically linked to the natural world,” said Wedge. “This new DNR facility will empower you to continue that sacred responsibility with enhanced capabilities, integrating traditional ecological knowledge with modern scientific practices.”

Wedge added that from the outset, his team understood that this facility needed to be more than just function-

al— it needed to reflect your values, respect the landscape, and embody the principles of sustainability.

“This facility will become a beacon of environmental responsibility, a place of learning, and a testament to the resilience and vision of the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe,” said Wedge, who thanked the likes of the tribal council, Holm, Carol Burr, Jim Barto, Doris Isham, Dave Anderson and his DSGW team for bringing this vision to life.

Hernandez closed the ceremony by once again thanking all the speakers, including Holm, Burr, Danz, Wedge, District I Representative Shane Drift, and everyone else who has played a part in the project.

“Today’s groundbreaking is more than just turning over the soil, it’s turning a new page in how we care for our land—our people and our future,” said Hernandez. “This building will be a hub of knowledge, stewardship, and protection for generations to come. Let’s continue to support one another in the good work ahead as we move forward.”

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**BOIS FORTE – SO 1 BIG WOODS TRANSIT
BID PACKAGE #1
NETT LAKE, MINNESOTA**

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians will receive sealed bids for the “BOIS FORTE – SO 1 BIG WOODS TRANSIT, BID PACKAGE #1”, until 10:00 a.m., THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th, 2025, at the office of the Nett Lake Tribal Government Center, 5344 Lakeshore Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota, at which time all Bids will be publicly opened, and read aloud.

All bids must be sealed and clearly marked, “BID FOR: BOIS FORTE – SO 1 BIG WOODS TRANSIT – BID PACKAGE #1”, along with bidder’s name, and must be accompanied by a certified check or bidder’s bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the net base bid amount, payable to the order of Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians, as warranty that the successful bidder will enter into a contract and furnish the usual Bonds (Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond) as required by the Specifications within ten (10) days after Notice of Award of Contract.

Bid Documents (plans and specifications) will be available electronically beginning July 24th, 2025. Free access to the plans & specifications may be obtained by contacting DSGW Architects, Inc., (218) 727-2626. Bid Documents may also be examined at the builder’s exchanges of: Minnesota Builders Exchange, Construct Connect, and Dodge Data & Analytics. Pre-printed plans and specifications will not be provided.

No Bidder shall modify, withdraw or cancel their Bid or any part thereof for sixty (60) days after the date designated for the receipt of bids. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder, if in their discretion the interest of the project will be best served thereby.

A Pre-Bid meeting will NOT be held, but contractors are welcome to visit site conditions at the project site, 12831 Nett Lake Rd, Orr, MN 55771. Please check in with personnel upon arrival.

More background on the new DNR building

DSGW Principal Architect Eric Wedge said the new Bois Forte DNR-Building will serve as a hub for critical work that DNR Director Chris Holm and his team does.

This will include:

- Protecting your precious natural resources – your forests, your lakes, your wildlife, your wild rice.
- Conducting vital research that informs sustainable and management practices.
- Providing educational opportunities for your youth and community members, and fostering the next generation of environmental leaders.
- And ensuring that the manoomin (wild rice), the gichigami (great water), and the bemaadiziwin (the good life) continue to thrive for all time.
- Forest management that honors traditional practices while embracing modern conservation.
- Water quality monitoring to protect our vital waterways.
- Wildlife management that ensures biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.
- And the preservation, most importantly, of your cultural resources, which are inextricably linked to the land.

“May this ground be blessed, and may the work that unfolds here bring prosperity, health, and balance to your community and to the natural world around us,” concluded Wedge. “Miigwech for allowing us to be part of this project.”

Wagner makes his mark with the Hibbing School District

HIBBING—When Chaz Wagner first stepped into the pow wow circle as a young boy, his uncle, Duane Columbus, leaned in and offered words that would quietly shape his entire future.

“When you dance, and when you are in the circle, good things will happen,” Columbus told his nephew.

Wagner didn’t fully understand the message at the time, but today — as the American Indian Education Director and Indigenous Studies teacher at Hibbing High School — he lives by them.

“He was right,” said Wagner about the advice his uncle had given him.

In just three short years, Wagner has not only created the school’s first Ojibwe language elective and organized year-round cultural events — he’s sparked a quiet cultural resurgence in the school.

Before becoming an educator, his career path was anything but straightforward. As a Bois Forte Band member, he was born and raised between the reservation and nearby towns, constantly moving in and out of different worlds — Anishinaabe and mainstream America.

“I started my education at Head Start, then went to school in Nett Lake,” said Wagner, whose work background included a stint at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. “Karen Drift was my teacher back then. She’s still teaching me today.”

Like his uncle, another mentor, Gene Goodsky, had similar advice to Wagner and that was to instill a life-long connection to the drum.

“He told me, ‘Stay around the drum — that’s where all the teachings are,’” said Wagner.

His early career included forestry work and a pivotal stint at KBFT, a local reservation-based radio station. For seven years, he conducted interviews with elders, preserved oral teachings, and absorbed Ojibwe language and culture from the source.

“I got a lot of the teachings there —

a lot of the language,” he says. “That job built my voice. It gave me a purpose.”

One person who is not surprised by the success Wagner has attained is Bois Forte Tribal Council District I Representative Shane Drift, who worked with Wagner at KBFT radio.

“It is awesome to see how much he has grown and how much he has learned with the culture and language and how he is living it,” said Drift. “It’s good to see he is carrying on the traditional way.”

Five years ago, Wagner moved to Hibbing and came across a job posting at the school district. The title was vague: “Home School Liaison.” However, Wagner said it mentioned working with Native students, so he was intrigued and applied for the job.

“When I got the job, I knew right away that this role needed to evolve,” said Wagner. “We changed the title to American Indian Education Director. That way, everyone would understand exactly what this is about.”

Since taking the role, he’s launched several programs that have been very successful, including: The Anishinaabe Club, the “Honor the Students” annual pow wow, cultural presentations, Ojibwe language classes as a formal elective and graduation drum ceremonies.

At first, Wagner said the interest in the program he taught was low, but thanks to his dedication and knack for engaging people, it has continued to grow at a fast rate.

“They’re turning students away,” said Wagner of the program now. “There are so many wanting to take the class, they’re moving me to a bigger room. I’m now teaching at the elementary level, too.”

Wagner said he’s not just teaching language and history — he is sharing ways of living. During a high school health class, he was invited to talk about “alternative medicine.”

He found the question somewhat odd and smiled a tad as he recounted the exchange.



IN HIS ELEMENT— Bois Forte band member Chaz Wagner is pictured outside the Hibbing High School at the 2025 graduation ceremony. Submitted photo.

“I told them, this isn’t alternative — it’s original,” said Wagner.

In that class, students learned about traditional Indigenous medicine: plants, teas, and wild foods like fish, venison, and rabbit.

“Our foods are our medicine,” said Wagner. “They’re not just healthier — they connect us to the land.”

Wagner believes the knowledge he has collected thus far has become a sought-after resource in the school. He’s been asked to lead storytelling units in English classes and to collaborate with science and health teachers. His work is showing students — Native and non-Native alike — that Indigenous knowledge is not only valid but vital.

For him, the success he has attained thus far goes back to the drum, which he said is more than an instrument — it’s the spiritual heartbeat of his culture.

“That’s where everything starts,” said Wagner, who often sits in at drum ceremonies that Bois Forte hosts throughout the year, including the State of the Band, Veterans Day programs and more. “All the teachings come from the drum.”

That’s why Wagner worked to incorporate drumming into graduation ceremonies because he believes it brings power and pride to the moment.

“And it supports our Native students in a way that fights historical trauma,” added Wagner. “It tells them they belong here.”

Even as Wagner leads, he remains a student. When unsure, he has leaned on advice from elders and friends across tribal communities, including Anton Treuer from Leech Lake, Rick DeFoe at Fond du Lac, and spiritual advisors from Mille Lacs.

Wagner continues to lean on the teachings and wisdom from his earliest mentors in Drift and Goodsky.

“I remember all of their teachings, even from way back when,” said Wagner, who added that his stint with KBFT radio taught him invaluable lessons about culture and language. “Being able to interview elders on the radio was also helpful in my development.”

Wagner said his work at the Hibbing School District shows no signs of slowing down. With widespread support from staff and administration, he plans to continue expanding Indigenous programming across the Hibbing School District.

When asked what type of advice he has to young Bois Forte band members pursuing their own dreams, Wagner said he would tell them not to be afraid to learn about their culture.

“Learn your language. Get good grades. Go to college,” offered Wagner. “You live in two worlds now — this society, and your Indigenous identity. You can succeed in both.”

Blood quantum issue takes center stage in Nett Lake

NETT LAKE—Although it was a small sample size, those who attended the Bois Forte Community Meeting in July were overwhelmingly in support of adding Red Lake blood to Bois Forte's blood quantum.

The hope, of course, is to ensure the sustainability of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa well into the future because a 2018 Wilder Research Foundation report indicated that the Bois Forte bloodline could be in dire straits by the year 2098. By adding Red Lake to Bois Forte's blood quantum, that problem could be eliminated.

However, some band members in attendance said further steps should be taken. That included suggestions to add any Native blood, as well as looking close to home to add those with 1/8th Bois Forte blood quantum, becoming eligible to be recognized as a Bois Forte band member.

Tribal Chair Carlos Hernandez welcomed all of the input but added that the issue that first needs to be addressed is whether Bois Forte band members want to see Red Lake included in Bois Forte's blood quantum. Once that matter is addressed, it would be up to the Bois Forte band membership to accept or deny the other options broached at the meeting.

"As we know, blood quantum is complicated," said Hernandez as he opened the public meeting in the Gene Goodsky room at the RTG Building in Nett Lake. "It's deep and personal... with major implications for who we are as a community. How we define our band's membership is tied to our sovereignty and identity—as a sovereign nation, we have the right to decide our own citizenship criteria and that decision should rest with us, the people—not any outside entity."

Those in attendance agreed, but trying to get the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) Constitution changed is no easy task. As District I Representative Shane Drift pointed out, he's been trying to get things changed since he took office in 2018 with no luck.

The biggest obstacle, Drift said, is to get the Secretary of the Interior removed from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution so that Minnesota tribes can set their own ground rules as to what percentage would qualify someone to gain membership into the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

Some people in attendance argued

that they should do away with percentages altogether.

"No matter if you are 3/4th or whatever (it shouldn't matter)," said Millie Holmes, one of several attendees who shared this view. "If you have Indian blood in you, you are Indian."

The sticking point is to get enough members of the MCT to vote to have the current setup changed so that individual tribes can dictate what qualifies as being a band member. There are currently an estimated 40,000 MCT members, of which 33,000 are eligible to vote.

The last time a vote was taken to do that, only 7,000 eligible band members voted. That was roughly 4,000 votes short of the 11,000 votes needed to make a change to the constitution.

"That's why nothing is passing," said Secretary-Treasurer Tara Geshick. "Like Toni (Wakemup) said—we need greater voter turnout. We need the Bois Forte Band to step up and vote. In this room, I hear a consensus—but we need to hear from everybody."

While everyone who spoke at the meeting was in favor of adding Red Lake, some did acknowledge there is concern among current band members that increasing membership could have negative consequences. Those consequences include reducing the yearly per capita check, and possibly stretching other resources too thin, like housing opportunities and being able to get easy access, without undo delays, to Bois Forte's Health and Human Services.

However, in the eyes of Dorothea Kletschka, band members shouldn't be worried about watering down Bois Forte's resources, because if the band membership grows, Bois Forte would technically be eligible for more grant money as they'll be serving more people.

Regarding the per capita check, Kletschka said it's nice because she uses it to buy school clothes for her grandkids, but it's not a cultural thing.

"Our culture is to live together, to work tighter, to strive together and to take care of each other," said Kletschka. "I'm 70 right now. When I look back even 50 years, we've changed. We were very close-knit, and we really do need to think about being a community more and not about a per capita money check, even though they are nice."



HELPING OUT— District I Representative Shane Drift listens intently as Elaine Tibbetts addressed the attendees at the July community meeting to discuss adding Red Lake blood to Bois Forte's blood quantum. "We need to come together as band members, as a tribe and truly listen to what band members are saying about adding Red Lake blood to our enrollment," said Drift after the meeting. "We need to encourage each other to share our thoughts, if one band member is discouraged from sharing, then we lose their insight and that's not what we want." *Note: A separate discussion was held on Bois Forte's Eagle Staff. We will have that story in next month's issue of the Bois Forte News.*

Jennalee Porter agreed and said that with all the attacks tribes are facing from the current administration, Bois Forte needs to stick together and stand up for each other.

"We need to hold each other close and band together," said Porter, one of the youngest speakers at the meeting. "We're all we have right now. Nobody sticks up for us—this is really, really important. Like Dorothea said—that's our way of life—to be generous with each other and take care of each other, because it does take a village. We have a duty to respect and take care of our children and protect them—this would be a way to do it."

And like Toni Wakemup said earlier in the meeting, relying on Bois Forte bloodlines continuing to meet the minimum requirements of band membership is not that easy. After all, you can't help who you fall in love with and have children with. She added that as parents, it is essential to

talk to their children about this issue, because unless changes are made, our tribe could be in a world of hurt.

"The year 2098 is not that far off," said Wakemup in reference to the Wilder Research Foundation Report, which predicts a drastic fall in membership for tribes if changes are not made.

Everyone agreed that the first step is to work on deploying a survey to Bois Forte band members to see if they are in favor of adding Red Lake blood to Bois Forte's blood quantum. That, Hernandez said, is what needs to be addressed first.

He said that further changes could be discussed, including adding all native blood to Bois Forte's quantum or former District II Representative Ray Toutloff's suggestion of lowering the requirement to 1/8th so that the Bois Forte Tribe could immediately turn around the trend of de-

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creasing membership.

By doing the latter, Wakemup estimated the band membership could jump up by 500, thereby pushing membership to 4,000.

It was suggested that a survey be sent out to all Bois Forte band members to see how they would like to proceed, but Bois Forte band member Carol Burr said a better idea would be to include a survey in the upcoming Per Capita checks that will be mailed out to all band members, ages 18 and up, in August. She reasoned that everyone would open that letter, which isn't always the case when input is requested from band members.

No action was taken on how to get the message out, but all agreed the survey needs to be deployed sooner rather than later so that band members can vote on this historic issue that seemingly keeps spinning its wheels and remains stuck in the mud.

"Our band and the Minnesota Chipewya Tribe have debated this for years,"

said Hernandez, who added that a recent advisory referendum indicated that 64% of absentee voters said the quarter-blood requirement should be removed and 57% said each band should have the power to set up its own membership rules. "To me, that sends a clear message that our people want change and self-determination, but (it needs to be done) carefully and with full community input."

Furthermore, Hernandez continued, we need an inclusive dialogue where everyone's voices are heard and respected, even if we disagree.

"I am committed to listening to all our members to find a solution that strengthens our families and honors our heritage—overall, I do not believe in taking an extreme stance on blood quantum, instead we should continue this conversation together as a community," said Hernandez. "Deciding who belongs in our tribe is perhaps the most sovereign act we can do. It must be guided by the will of our people and the best interests of our band."

Bois Forte Tribal Court is looking for the following individuals:

Defendant	DOB
Adams, Michael Lorne	05/08/1974
Adams, Michelle Marie	08/21/1981
Boutto, Bryan Dean	07/27/1994
Buckanaga, Angela Geraldine	09/24/1978
Buckanaga, Christopher Charles	06/26/1969
Burns, Riley William	08/25/1995
Butcher, Ryan Allen James	07/29/1986
Deegan, Nestassja Marie	03/10/1994
Deegan, Peter James	08/21/1977
Drift, Darren Jay	11/28/1971
Guenthner Jr., Loren Bruce	10/23/1995
Hartland, David Russell	01/19/1970

Defendant	DOB
Hartland, Rustin Kent Sr.	12/13/1976
Hughes, Dustin James Lee	06/16/1990
Isham, John Edward Sr.	04/24/1976
Jenkins, Robert Wayne	06/20/1960
Johnson, Robert Gerald Jr.	01/22/1996
Lightfeather, Gewedinodin	02/23/1985
Littlewolf, Toni Lynn	01/21/1972
Medicine, Cheyanna Sue Marie	11/09/1981
Medicine, David Kevin	06/24/1985
Nelson, Thomas Jr.	06/07/1990
Villebrun, Jordan Frank	06/24/1994

If your name is on this list, you have an active warrant for your arrest by our Court. Please contact the Tribal Court to get your criminal matter addressed. Failure to do so could result in your arrest. If you are reading this and know someone on this list help them to get the information.

Bois Forte Tribal Court will be inputting active warrants into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system in the coming months. Anyone who does not address their warrants and court matters by September 30th, 2025, their warrant will be inputted in the NCIC system.

To avoid this, contact the courts ASAP by calling during business hours Monday- Friday 8:00-4:30 at 218-757-3462 and request to be placed on the docket to address your warrant.

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September 24th **September 25th & 26th**

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QUEST Grant helps Morrison turn life around

Submitted article by 477 staff

Derek Morrison was hired as a Maintenance Technician I through the 477 Department's QUEST Grant program.

His story is one of perseverance, transformation, and gratitude. As a recovering addict and felon, Derek faced many barriers to employment, but he has worked tirelessly to turn his life around and build a brighter future.

With support from the QUEST

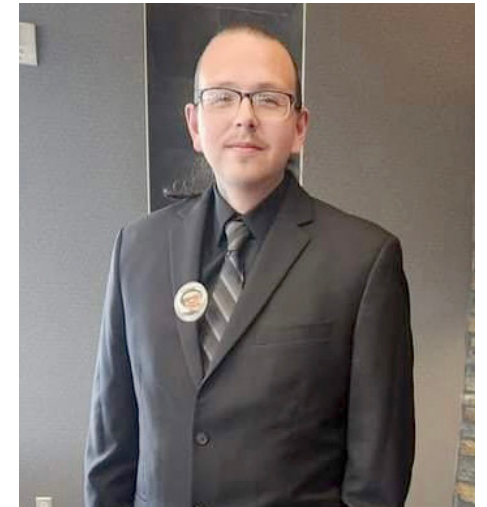
Grant, Derek received not only a job opportunity but also assistance with essential items such as work clothes, tools, and vehicle repairs-key resources that allowed him to show up and succeed on the job. Most significantly, with encouragement from the program, Derek was able to obtain his driver's license, an important step toward greater independence and stability.

Because he was able to get a driv-

er's license, he will now be insured under RTC policy to drive government vehicles.

Derek's dedication, strong work ethic, and positive outlook have not gone unnoticed. He continues to work hard every day with the goal of advancing in his career and creating a better life for himself and his family. Derek often shares how thankful he is to have this opportunity, stating that having this job keeps him grounded and motivated to keep moving forward.

Derek's journey is a powerful example of how employment programs like the QUEST Grant can truly change lives-helping individuals overcome past challenges, rebuild their confidence, and contribute meaningfully to their communities.



GOOD JOB! – Derek Morrison was hired as a Maintenance Technician I through the 477 Department's QUEST Grant program.

Here is the Elder Nutrition Program's menu for the month of August. Services offered include nutritious meals served daily, Monday through Friday at the Nett Lake and Vermilion Community Centers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with home-delivered meals available to Elders who are unable to get to the ENP sites.

August 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

July 31: Chicken Salad, Peas, Whole Apple

August 1: Chicken Penne Alfredo, Broccoli, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 4: Picnic Lunch Cook's Choice

August 5: Goulash, Corn, Bun, Fruit

August 6: Wild Rice Meatballs, Sweet Potato Fries, Chef's Choice of Fruit, Fruit Parfait

August 7: Breakfast Hotdish, Potato Wedges or Tots, Muffin, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 8: BBQ Pork Riblette, AuGratin Potatoes, Broccoli Slaw, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 11: Egg Salad Croissant, Potato Chips, Tomato Slices, Fruit

August 12: Roast Beef, Garlic Mashed Potatoes or Roasted Root Vegetables, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 13: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Fruit

August 14: Stir Fry Beef/egg roll, Stir Fry Vegetables, Steamed Brown Rice, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 15: Bison Stew, 7-Grain Bun, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 18: Chicken Pot Pie, Biscuit, Steamed Broccoli, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 19: Roast Pork, Baby Bakers Potatoes, Roasted Butternut Squash, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 20: Tuna Pasta Salad, Capri Vegetable Blend, Corn Muffin, Fruit

August 21: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Garden Salad/Cole Slaw, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 22: Bison Meatloaf, Baked Sweet Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 25: Sausage Jambalya, Cheddar Biscuit, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 26: Beef Barley Vegetable Soup Chef Salad, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 27: Beef Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Chef's Choice of Fruit

August 28: Breaded Chicken Patty, Poultry Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Fruit, Dinner Roll

August 29: Walking Taco Salad w/chips, Re-fried Beans, Lettuce/Tomato/Onions/Cheese/Blk Olives, Whole apple w/caramel



Minute with Millie

August. A month of possibilities. Yes, there are so many ideas, events and plans to start thinking on how to get. August just flies by for me now. And to think I used to think August was boring.

First of all was the number of birthdays that fell within this month. Well, for my family at least, there were two of my sisters and me. Then the start of school loomed over the month. The days seemed to drag by waiting for one or another of the birthdays.

Now, man, the month flies by. Ricing starts. Clothes to buy for school kids. School supplies, new shoes. Ricing bags, paddles, permits, checking the rest of the equipment. House supplies for the winter fast closing in.

And I have changed my annual review to begin on my birthday. Thus, I spent much of July reviewing, sorting through my various brainstorm and trying to make my schedule of tasks fit in the time I have.

It has taken me the past 60 years to realize that there is only 24



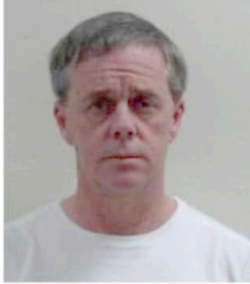
hours in a day. That is the sum total of time I have to get done doing all the tasks I want to do. Therefore, I Must Decide Which Thing Is The Most Important For Me To Do.

And that is determined by the most important people in my life.

And the hardest lesson for me to learn was my closest circle of family and friends does not mean everyone who crosses my path in life.

Peterson appears via Zoom call on latest proceedings

DULUTH— Frustration is growing in the Eric Scott Peterson case as family and friends of Amanda Boshey were once again denied a chance to meet Peterson face to face as his arraignment was held via an audio conference call Friday, July 25th.



Eric Peterson

This comes roughly one month after an in-person motion hearing scheduled for U. S. District Court in Duluth was postponed.

Boshey's family and friends performed a drum ceremony outside the courthouse prior to the start of the Zoom hearing to keep the spotlight on the case and to make sure Boshey is not forgotten.

In January, Peterson was charged with two counts of involuntary manslaughter for causing the death of Boshey, who was struck and killed December 17, 2024, as she walked on Reservation Road near Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

According to the criminal complaint, 9-1-1- received calls at 8:50 p.m. and 8:52 p.m. of a suspected intoxicated female walking northbound on Reservation Road.

According to the criminal complaint, Peterson admitted to consuming three or four drinks while at the casino before leaving around 8:30 p.m. With the help of Fortune Bay's surveillance team, it was discovered that Peterson left in a blue Dodge Durango and both headlights were working. By the time the vehicle was seen traveling near the Y Store at 8:54 p.m., only the driver's side headlight appeared to be operational.

According to the criminal com-

plaint, Peterson stated that he believed he hit a deer on the way home but did not stop to confirm what he hit. When law enforcement officials arrived at his home in Virginia they noticed significant damage to his Dodge Durango, including a broken front passenger side headlamp, dents and damaged to the front bumper area, hood and quarter panel, as well as a missing piece of molding from the passenger side rear wheel well. The damaged appeared to be consistent with the debris collected by Minnesota State Patrol troopers at the scene of the accident.

Law enforcement executed a search warrant of Peterson's home. Because officers could detect a noticeable smell of alcohol, Peterson was given a preliminary breath test at 4:30 a.m. The test showed that Peterson still had a blood alcohol content of 0.048, approximately seven and a half hours after the collision.

Several of Boshey's family mem-



LET'S NOT FORGET - Here is a picture of Amanda Boshey who was killed Dec. 17, 2024.

bers were on the audio call, which lasted less than 10 minutes. Those in attendance were muted so they were unable to make any comments.

However, Peterson made a surprising comment when a court official pointed out that noise in the background was making it difficult to focus on the hearing. The noise was someone mowing their lawn near Peterson's house.

"I'm sure they'll stop if it's important," said Peterson of the lawnmower in the background. He was then told to

mute himself unless he's talking.

Minutes later, Peterson pled not guilty to one count of criminal vehicular homicide-under the influence and one count of criminal vehicular homicide—while having an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more as measured within two hours of the time of driving.

He remains free on bail and will now await a trial date, which was not set during the proceedings on Friday, July 25th.

Financial Status Meeting

Bois Forte Band Members only. Please be prepared to show identification.



- The Wilderness
- The Y-Store
- The C-Store
- Ishkode
- Fortune Bay Resort & Casino



Nett Lake RTG - Eagle Room



Tuesday August 12th



5pm Dinner Served
Presentations after Dinner



If you have a news item or announcement for the Bois Forte News, please send it to:
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Due to the nature of the information being provided, this meeting will be in-person only. We apologize to our off-reservation band members who are unable to attend. We are looking into the option of holding virtual meetings in the future.

Elaine Marilee Villebrun

Elaine Marilee Villebrun, Orr, MN passed away on Sunday June 29, 2025, at St. Mary's in Duluth, surrounded by family. She was born in Cook, MN on December 19, 1949, to William Smith and Dorothy (Curry) Smith. During her life, Elaine was employed at the Thunderbird/Wren house in Duluth, Bois Forte ENP, and Fortune Bay's Resort.

Elaine loved to play Bingo and loved

to spend time dancing at Powwows with family, friends and especially grandchildren. She loved the holidays where family would all come together for turkey dinners; every one of her grandchildren loved her turkey dinners.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents William Smith and Dorothy Wilson; brothers: Gary "Gore" Smith and Daryl Lee Smith; sisters: Lucille

Smith, Veronica Smith and Clarice Curry (Geshick); and grandson Devin Mitchell Villebrun.

Elaine is survived by her Husband Frank Villebrun Sr.; children: Frank Villebrun Jr., Donald Villebrun Sr. (Tina), Lynette Villebrun (Zac Wipf), Leigh Ann Villebrun (Adam Towle); brothers: William Smith Sr. (Irene) and Ray Wilson Jr.; 16 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchil-

dren and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

The Traditional Wake was held on Monday, July 7, 2025 at the Bois Forte Government and Services Center. The Traditional Service was held the next day, Tuesday July 8, 2025, also at the center. Condolences to www.mlakerfuneralhome.com

Christopher Lee 'Chris' Adams

Christopher Lee "Chris" Adams, age 40, of Hibbing, died Monday, July 21, 2025, in the Waterview Woods in Eveleth.

He was born October 17, 1984, in Virginia, the son of Carlene Duncan Adams, and was a graduate of Eveleth High School. Chris enjoyed playing video games, watching movies, going on outings, fishing, shopping, and visiting family. He was very spiritual, loved pow-wows, and grass dancing. He was employed by the East Range DAC.

Chris is survived by siblings: Daniel Adams, Reed Johnson, Russell Johnson, and Jodi Antell; Guardian: Randy Adams; uncles: Vern Adams, Les Adams, and aunt: Sherrie Adams; many cousins, including favorite cousin, Jordan Adams, numerous extended family and friends.

The wake will begin 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2025, at the Bois Forte Tribal Government Center in Nett Lake. Visitation will continue until the 10:00 a.m. service of Tribal Rites on Friday, July 25,

2025, at the Government Center. Ricky DeFoe will be the Spiritual Advisor.

Chris' family gives special thanks for the staff and administration to the Range Center; and his caregivers at Mapleview and Heritage ESI.

Family services provided by Bauman-Cron, A Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia. To share condolences online, please visit: www.baumanffuneralhome.com



Leslie Donald Emery

Leslie Donald Emery, age 90 of San Diego California, formerly of Eveleth, Minn. passed on July 8, 2025, in his daughter and son-in-law's home in San Diego after a long brave battle with Alzheimer's.

Leslie was born on November 24, 1934, in Eveleth, Minn. He was the first-born son of Leslie James Emery and Elizabeth Ann (Hackey) Emery. He attended Eveleth Public Schools before joining the Navy in 1951 to get away from the northern Minnesota winters and to see the world.

After basic training he was stationed in Adak, Alaska as a Parachute Rigger. Leslie's career lasted for 43 years with the Navy. He spent 20 years as First-Class Petty Officer; then stayed on NAS Miramar Naval Base as Director of MWR (Moral,

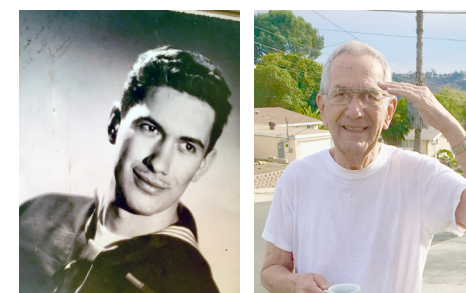
Welfare and Recreation) for 23 years, he had accepted the position in the gymnasium, "handing out socks and jocks" as he used to like saying. He eventually retired as director of MWR at NAS Miramar, Fightertown, USA. He was there and drove movie legend Tom Cruise around on a golf cart when they were filming the box-office hit, Top Gun.

He and wife, Loretta, were very active in their church, Calvary Southern Baptist located in Linda Vista, California. He was a father figure and mentor to many of the neighborhood kids. He ran the Miramar Golf Course, not yet a real good golfer, and was instrumental in putting on the Blue Angels shows.

After his wife Loretta (O'Leary) Em-

ery passed in November of 2010, Leslie took on a position with his nephew, Mike Bass, and located to Minnesota. After some time, he talked with his high school sweetheart, Susan (Schuman) Poaletti, and they rekindled their relationship. They married December 27, 2013.

He is survived by his children, Shari Lynn (Pete) Farrimond; son, Leslie David (Rigger) Emery (Patty); and daughter, Loretta Lynn (Dissy) Emery all of San Diego, California; three grandsons, Joseph (Joey), Kyle and Nicholas (Nico) of San Diego, CA.; sisters, Gloria Ann (Scott) Love and her children and grandchildren; Linda Gail (Steve) Shykes and children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, both of Ely Lake, Fayal Township, Eveleth, Minn; brother-in-law, Howard "Sam" Bass of Santee, California; sister-in-law, Marlene R. Emery and her children, of Eveleth, MN.; step-children Debi (Brad) McDonald, Robin (Mike) Intihar, Kim (Mike) Sandstrom, Terri (Al) Brandon of Florida, and Rollie Poaletti. Many nieces and nephews and all the neighborhood kids.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Elizabeth (Liz) Emery; his first wife, Loretta (O'Leary) Emery in 2010; his two brothers, Earl George Emery and William John Emery; and nephew, Justin L Bauer; father and mother-in-law, David and Vaughn O'Leary; brother-in-law Leonard O'Leary; sister-in-law, Sharon (O'Leary) Bass; and his second wife, Susan Emery, in 2017.

Leslie was selfless in his death as he was in his life as he donated his brain to UCLA to help with the cause of Alzheimer's because he wanted to help others with the research of this "Brutal Disease!"

Services for Leslie will not be held until June or July 2026 in Nett Lake.

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Kayla Rochelle Fisher

Kayla Rochelle Fisher, 32, of St. Cloud, MN passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Kayla was born in Hibbing, MN to Michelle Fisher. She attended Lathrop School and then Orr High School, graduating in 2012.

Kayla loved hiking, crocheting, and reading. She also enjoyed video games and building Legos. She loved taking her dogs for walks and going on adventures with her nieces. She enjoyed music and attending concerts. She was employed at Pomp's tires as a retread operator.

Kayla was a bright soul; her smile could light up an entire room. Her siblings and nieces were her absolute world. Kayla loved a good adventure. She always

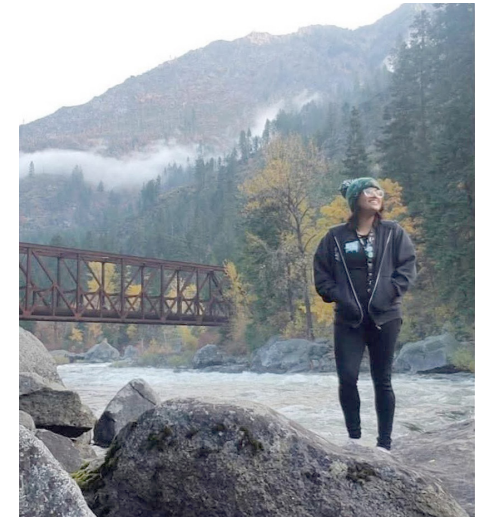
loved to find a new hiking spot. Kayla was loved by everyone she met. She always gave even when she didn't have much herself. Even though she didn't know how to, she loved to get her groove on. Kayla was always the life of the party; it didn't matter if you didn't want to do something, she was going to drag you along with her.

Kayla was preceded in death by her grandmother Ann Whitecrow and uncle Ron "Blue" Fisher.

Kayla is survived by her mother, Michelle Fisher; brother Cameron Fisher; sister Korynn Fisher; significant other Andrew Newcomb; nieces: Ava Hanks and Everly Hanks; best friends: Sunshine

Bundy, Katie (Terry) Ahseln, and Nikki Walker; and her beloved pets: dogs Tilly and Tellulah, and cats Chubs, Maple, and Tomatoes.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Bois Forte Government Center on Thursday, June 26, 2025. Honorary Urn Bearers: Conrad King, Leon Goodsky, Jarvis Goodsky, Zarren Schmidt, Warren Villebrun, Ed Villebrun, Lucas Cole-Mattson, Troy King, and Derek Morrison. Urn Bearers: Cameron Fisher, Andrew Newcomb, Sunshine Bundy, Korynn Fisher, and Michelle Fisher.



Randy Alexander Gresczyk

Randy Alexander Gresczyk, Ozaawaagwaneyaash (Brown Feather in the Wind) and Anwaatin (Calm Water), age 45, passed away on July 15, 2025. He was born on May 8, 1980, the third son of Richard Gresczyk, Sr (Gwaykogaabaw) and Cheryl Geshick Gresczyk (Aabitaagiizhigookwe). She passed away in 2014.

After attending De LaSalle High School in Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota, Randy began teaching

in 2002 at high schools and colleges in the Twin Cities until recently. He enjoyed teaching Native history and culture, drum and dance, and keeping the Ojibwe language alive.

Randy enjoyed karaoke, especially singing country western and was called Buffalo there. He enjoyed powwows and was an MC, an arena director and drummer and singer. There he was often nicknamed (mi)saabe (giant) or Bigfoot be-

cause of his commanding strength and size. He loved cards and video games, Scrabble, cribbage and South Park. He liked to eat out in ethnic restaurants, going to movies and enjoying life. He was well-read, informed, intelligent, humorous and kind.

Randy was in and out of the hospital, diagnosed with cancer and finally given a couple days to live. He lasted a couple weeks at Jones-Harrison Assisted Living, a very caring facility. When he knew he was going to pass; he posted on Facebook and over 300 responded, stating their gratitude for the impact he had made in their lives. He passed away peacefully, visited by many close friends and family. His close cousin, Leonard Geshick, his dad's friend, John Morrin, and his dad Rick, took turns camping out 24/7 at his bedside for two weeks. Some of his fellow drummers were pallbearers. Many close friends made those necessary things for his journey. His first-degree Midewiwin sendoff was done by a life-long friend, Keller Paap.

Survived by brothers, Richard Jr. (Nicole) and children Tyla (Tanner), Charlotte and Elizabeth; Rodger (Annie) and children Lewis, Maleia, Nyssa and step-son Keaton; adopted siblings Theresa, Melvin Sr. and Yoku and their families; his step-mother Sangthip "Pimpa", step-sister Chalita and step-brother Chaninthorn; and many close friends



who became his brothers and sisters; many amazing students; 24 exchange student brothers; many other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his mother, Cheryl Geshick Gresczyk; uncles: Thomas Gresczyk, Ernie Geshick and Joe Geshick; grandparents: Rose Geshick, Lewis and Bernice Gresczyk; and great-grandmother: Mary Gresczyk.

A funeral service for Randy Gresczyk was held on Monday, July 21, 2025 at the Church of Gichitwaa Katerin in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Wright, Minnesota.

The Chilson Funeral in Winsted, Minnesota assisted the family with funeral arrangements. Online condolences can be directed to www.chilsonfuneral-home.com

You are cordially invited to the

Nett Lake Baptist church

60th Anniversary

Saturday September 27th, 2025

Open house 1-3pm

Light lunch served

Connect with friends old and new

Historical service, honoring the past 3pm.



Nett Lake Baptist church
5247 Big Point Road
Nett Lake, MN 55772

Long provides Bois Forte I.T. updates

*Guest column by Randy Long,
Bois Forte I.T. Director*

Cellular: Project 1. Bois Forte Leasing is currently working with Tri-Leaf to conduct a phase 1 certification necessary to expand services to Verizon Wireless. Project 2. The water tower has been repainted and is awaiting AT&T install-



BUSY CREW - Construction crews were working on the new fiber optic project outside of Nett Lake on a recent summer afternoon.

ers to transfer the equipment from the temporary tower back to the water tower. We are hoping for an end of August completion date but have not confirmed this with AT&T. Once the equipment is

transferred back, full cellular service will be restored.

Fiber: The current fiber to the home project within the boundaries of the reservation has had a tremendous impact on the reservation. I have received multiple emails, phones calls and texts stating the current buildout has tremendously impacted their lives.

The newly started NTIA project is a 19.8-million-dollar buildout intended to connect both primary sectors of the reservation Nett Lake and Vermilion. This buildout consists of overbuilding the entire Orr and Pelican Lake Areas as well as the entire southern shore of Lake Vermilion up to the Tower Airport.

The preliminary project buildout consisted of a fiber to the home roll out to 3,200 residents. Due to State of Minnesota SHPO requirements, the project started approximately two years late. This delay increased costs by approximately 5 million dollars.

Due to this increase we had to scale back the project in locations where utilizing the Lake Country Power transmission line poles were located. Unfortunately, this scale back removed approximately 800 homes from the project.

We are currently looking at additional funding to complete this project. If funding is found, we anticipate the complete buildout of this project to be wrapped up by fall of 2027.

Currently, we have nearly 20 crews burying and laying fiber throughout the Orr, west and eastern portions of Lake Vermilion. They are progressing very fast and anticipate completing this original part of the buildout by fall of 2026.

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MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE**

In the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Children's Court
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
Legal Notice

In the Matter of the Welfare of: N.J.H DOB 10/15/2009. Court File No. CP-2025-0006

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Department of Family Health Services, Petitioner,
v.
Margaret Charlene Pete "Wabiishki Maiiganikawe" (Deceased), and David Russell Hartland, Respondents.

To: David Russell Hartland

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By the Court,
Megan Treuer, Chief Judge
Melissa Wright, Court Administrator
Attorney for the Petitioner, Joy Parker
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To: Desi Saran

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