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BOIS FORTE - OJIBWE LANGUAGE

▶ Bois Forte Preserves the Ojibwe Language on Compact Disk

Lever, switches and buttons, some with glowing colors, make up a sound-board so complex you'd be afraid to go near it. When technology is used, to preserve the past, it creates a timeless fusion. That is what's happening right now at Thunderstone Theater, a recording studio in Mt. Iron, where Bois Forte members are recording the Ojibwe language, songs and drumming for our children. Their efforts will produce a compact disk (CD) of Ojibwe language in the Bois Forte dialect that will

be made available to area schools and hopefully will be in the hand of every young person on the reservation. The idea came to Kevin Koski, Bois Forte's new Environmental Health Specialist, one day when he was playing with his band, who recently built a recording studio. "My friend who owns the studio, John Banks, likes to do as many different projects as we can conjure up. I thought it would be a great idea to get some folks from Bois

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August 30th, Primary Election Results
Mark E. Drift & Edward T. Chavers
*NOTE these results were UNCERTIFIED at time of print.
 October issue will have the certified results, vote totals & messages from candidates.



Keren Drift and her students being filmed as part of a special program titled 'Native Report' by Duluth Public Television station WDSE-TV. More information on the special Television program on page 3.

NLS EXPANSION CONTINUES

▶ Turning Growing Pains Into Growing Plans at Nett Lake School

Rebuilding the infrastructure of the reservation is a priority for the RTC. At the groundbreaking ceremony for the Vermilion Family Wellness Center, Tribal Chair Kevin Leecy said in his speech,

"During the past few months, I have toured almost every division that serves our people. The number one concern has been overcrowding and

deteriorating buildings. In addition, our health clinic, Headstart, school, fitness and community centers are beginning to outgrow their current structures. Our court and law enforcement center are housed in dilapidated facilities and our administration buildings and convenience store are extremely outdated.

We must look seven gen-

erations ahead when making decisions. We need to make sure that our children and great-grandchildren have the programs, services and buildings that stand the test of time. We need to work side-by-side as a nation to accomplish these tasks."

The RTC is working with a large committee of Division Directors and employees to plan a major renovation of the Nett Lake School. Former School Superintendent, Ray Toutloff is directing the project, which will

have multiple components.

The committee has determined that more space is needed for class rooms, including Headstart, as open enrollment options and an increase in residents to the reservation have caused the school population to double in size.

Improvements will also build in greater school safety. The new plan will control access to the main

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points of entry. The way the front door is currently configured anyone can enter and not be visible to those working in the administrative offices.

Human Services will be moved off school grounds and replaced with an expanded health clinic, which will be an improvement for both service centers; by providing clients dealing with mental health and substance related concerns added privacy, while the school gains a health clinic more useful and appropriate for an educational setting for children.

The idea of housing multiple programs under one roof has garnered great support and makes sense for several reasons. Initially, it affords lower construction costs for one building with a common foundation and roofing system. It is also more efficient to operate, by combining joint maintenance, as well as generating lower heating and cooling costs. Combining the location of various children's programs also allows for shared use of the kitchen, cafeteria, and gymnasium spaces.

Joint facility use is also encouraged and looked on favorably by the legislature and Department. of Education, two important groups needed to approve and fund the project. At a preliminary meeting in June, Alice Seagren, the Commissioner of the Dept. of Education gave a favorable response to Ray

Toutloff, Tribal Education Director Billie Mason, Nett Lake School Superintendent Teresa Strong, Council member Kevin Strong, Health Administration Director Jeneal Goggeleye, School Board Member Francis "Cisco" Isham, and other Bois Forte representatives. The Commissioner said she likes the basic concept and indicated if the proper steps are followed, she plans to support the proposal before the 2006 legislature.

On July 1st a document called Review and Comment was submitted to the Department of Education. The plan details what was proposed to the Commissioner and her staff during the June meeting. By the end of August, the Commissioner was scheduled to give her comments to the School District in a formal response to the Review and Comment document submitted thirty days earlier. From all indications, she will continue to support the effort. The Bois Forte committee could still press on even if the Commissioner provided negative feedback, but the job is a lot tougher at the Legislative level without the Commissioners support.

The RTC approved a resolution earlier in the summer supporting the project and authorized the school committee director to negotiate with landowners to purchase property needed for the expansion project. This step then allowed the School Board to pass a resolution requesting a

Special Election in November to vote on the plan.

Before the November election, a public hearing will be held to present the plan to the community, review the costs and answer questions.

The next steps involved in the process include:

- Waiting to hear from Commissioner
- Going forward with the building plan – working with the Virginia office of DSGW Architects in Duluth to create drawings for the community to review
- Negotiating with land owners around the school – additional property may have to be purchased if more space is needed for the building the community approves
- Holding a Public Hearing to explain the project and it's costs and to answer community questions
- Hold a Special election in November in which voters will be asked two questions:
 1. Do they support a Bond referendum that will increase school tax levy for land owners in District # 707
 2. Do they support the school renovation project?
- If voters approve the referendums, Bois Forte will then prepare to lobby the 2006 Legislature for support and funding.

The expansion is an ambitious one, with an inten-

sive plan, that will only become reality if everyone pulls together; including Elders, the larger community, the RTC, and its Program Directors.

The Public hearing, which will be in early fall, will be a great opportunity to

review the plans, ask questions and discuss together, "how we can look seven generations ahead to make sure that our children and great-grandchildren have the programs, services and buildings that stand the test of time."

POINT ZERO EIGHT...IT'S REZ LAW

▶ .08 Alcohol Concentration Adopted to Bois Forte

In the interest of Public Safety, the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council has adopted a resolution to conform to the new state law on drunk driving. Bois Forte Police will now be using 0.08 as the measurement in determining the alcohol concentration in anyone driving under the influence.

This means if your blood alcohol level is at or above 0.08 percent while operating a motor vehicle, or below that level if law enforcement can prove alcohol caused you to make driving errors, you can be arrested. The legal limit before the RTC passed the resolution was 0.10.

Peter Drift, Chief of Police, Nett Lake, states that there are, on average, two DUI arrests every month on the reservation. Hopes are that a reduced alcohol limit will ultimately save lives. Statewide, statistics show 14 lives per year will be saved by this revised limit.

Public Safety Officials strongly support the RTC decision and some facts from the American

Automobile Association web site - www.csaa.com – explain why:

- A 12-ounce can of beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine and a 1.5-ounce shot of straight 80 proof liquor all contain the same amount of alcohol, so their effect on the body is the same.
- Alcohol is a factor in about one-half of all fatal traffic collisions in the U.S.
- Studies indicate that two in five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.
- Unlike most foods, alcohol can be absorbed into the bloodstream in its natural state. It is carried to the brain immediately, where it impairs judgment, then physical responses.
- A full stomach cannot prevent alcohol from being absorbed – only slow it down. Rich, starchy, high-protein foods slow absorption the most.

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Ojibwe Language

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Forté who are involved in teaching the Ojibwe language to come record, to hopefully help pass on the language to the next generation." Tara Geshick, his co-worker in the Environmental Services Department, mentioned the class that Karen Drift teaches. They thought it would be a logical extension to the Ojibwe classes offered at the Heritage Center and the language storybooks Karen has authored for children. Karen explains, "I started teaching the Indian language because I know our Language is dying and

since no adults want to learn it, I thought I'll teach the children. I think many people gave up on learning their Culture and most importantly, the Language. I have been having classes every five days and only five participants show up and that's really sad. I hope the CD gets more people interested."

Karen's contribution to the CD has involved the pronunciation of vocabulary words such as household items, months of the year, etc., as well as short phases with a conversation emphasis. Then the idea occurred to her that children might stay more

engaged with the CD if Anishinabe children contributed to its content; so she enlisted the help of her granddaughter Larissa Drift who sings on the CD and her nephew Shane Drift who drums.

Gene and Hank Goodsky represent the Elders of Bois Forté on the CD. They may be contributing oral histories, singing and drumming. Gene expressed concern about possible unauthorized duplication of the CD by pirates willing to exploit their efforts. In response, an attorney is being sought to help the Band retain its intellectual property.

Kevin Koski plans to attend an upcoming Tribal Council meeting where he will provide a cost proposal for production and securing the copyright. He adds, "I really hope that getting multiple copies of this CD is going to be possible, everyone involved sees it as public service." Tribal Chair, Kevin Leecy has expressed initial support of the effort.

Bob Hedlund in the Graphics Department at Fortune Bay will be helping with the creation of the CD's cover and layout of the text inside.

The decision has not been

made as to whether the CD, which should be completed by Christmas, will be made available for sale. If that happens, the CDs could be sold at Powwows, the Heritage Center, through WELY Radio, at conferences or on-line through the new Bois Forté web site.

Karen said in closing, "We are not fighting hard enough to keep our Language and Culture alive. I do want to thank Chairman Kevin Leecy for his backing and financial support of what we're trying to do. Also, a chi Mii gwetch to Kevin Koski for helping with the recording of the CD."

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION . . .

▶ Public Television WDSE-TV & Bois Forté

In an ongoing effort to broaden the understanding of Indian culture, heritage, arts, issues and current events, Duluth Public Television station WDSE-TV will work with Minnesota's tribal leadership to provide an educational experience on the cultures and traditions of the state's native citizens. Programming will be available free of charge to all Minnesota Public Television stations, and is expected to attract nearly 5 million general viewers.

Featured stories will celebrate cultural heritage, focusing on tribal elders; and conversing with some of the most powerful and influential Indian community leaders today. Six cultural/heritage stories are expected to be broadcast

from each of Minnesota's eleven reservations, with content focus coming directly from those nations/reservations as directed by the leadership of each.

The program series, titled Native Report, will begin production at the Bois Forté Reservation on August 10-11. Gene Goodsky will enlighten viewers on the subject of traditional medicine; and Karen Drift will explain the importance of language preservation. Our own Tadd Johnson is co-host of the program.

Broadcast debut is planned for November 2005.



Above: Marge Holmes was interviewed by Juli Kellner, producer of the new television series Native Report that will begin airing on Duluth channel 8 in November. Photographer Ted Pellman video taped the interview.



Left: Photographer Ted Pellman of Duluth Public Television tapes Karen Drift as she teaches Nett Lake youth Ojibwe language in her backyard.

• NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING • Indian Land Consolidation Project

Bois Forte Forestry in conjunction with the Indian Land Consolidation Office (ILCO) will be hosting a public information meeting to explain the land consolidation project.

ILCO is currently working on Allotment Tracts on the Bois Forte Reservation. The program seeks to purchase undivided interest from Allotment Heirs. The goal of the project is to slow the fragmentation of ownership and put the land into Band ownership. This facilitates professional timely forest management.

The Bois Forte Reservation has approximately 160 eighty-acre allotment tracts. In some cases, each 80 acre tract can be owned by over 250 people. This number continues to grow exponentially as heirs become deceased, and pass the interest to a greater number of heirs. Contacting an ever increasing number of heirs presents a logistical timely, and costly problem as Forestry attempts to contact the majority of heirs prior to initiating management on the specified tract.

Please consider attending this meeting so that you will have the necessary information should you be contacted in the future.

Meeting Information

6:00PM

**Thursday September 15, 2005
Nett Lake School - Nett Lake,
Minnesota**

-Refreshments will be served-

If you have any questions feel free to contact Dave Larson, Reservation Forester or Chris Cox, Allotment Forester at 218-757-3177.

ATTENTION ALL DUCK HUNTING GUIDES

BFDNR will be having an Information Session during the middle of September on Rules & Regulations. Call BFDNR for exact times and locations : 757-3261

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1 Whole Egg	2 Egg Whites
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Canned Cream Soup	Non-Fat Dry Milk with Cornstarch, add Mushrooms, Celery, and Chicken Bouillon
Baked Goods	Angel Food Cake, Low Fat Cookies, Fruit Canned in its own Juice, Fresh Fruit
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For more information on how you can cut the calories, contact Bois Forte Health Services at 218/757-3295 and ask for Theresa Drift or Shari Bebeau

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Prevent Diabetes in Your Family

1. Avoid becoming Overweight
2. Breastfeed your babies
3. Be physically active at least 30 minutes a day
4. Limit TV, Computer and video game time.

For More information call Bois Forte Health Services at 218/757-3295, ask for Doris, Theresa or Shari.

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- Salty foods make people thirsty, so they tend to drink more.
- Factors that increase the effects of alcohol are fatigue, lack of food, emotions, health, prescription and non-prescription drugs. Therefore, drivers should not rely on alcohol consumption charts or guides to gauge their fitness to drive.
- Only time rids the body of alcohol, at a fairly steady rate of about one drink per hour. Drinking coffee, running or taking a shower won't help speed up the elimination of alcohol from the bloodstream.
- The ability to do two things at once – such as braking and steering – is impaired at a blood alcohol content of only 0.02%.
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NEW THPO

Bois Forte To Establish a Tribal Historian Preservation Officer

Over the last 500 years, Indian cultures have experienced massive destruction, but the tide is changing, in part due to the advocacy of Tribal Historian Preservation Officers (THPO) on reservations nationwide. Bois Forte plans to join these Indian tribes in using resources to halt the loss of our language, tradition, religion, objects, and sites.

Fundamentally different in character from other components of American society, Indian tribes are living cultures that can continue and be strengthened only through the perpetuation of traditions. Therefore, tribes such as Bois Forte are reintroducing ceremonies, teaching languages, and seeking culturally appropriate treatment for tribal objects and sites. These activities are essential to maintain healthy, contemporary tribal societies. The National Park Service (NPS) Tribal Preservation Program assists Indian tribes in preserving their historic properties and cultural traditions. The program originated in 1990, when Congress directed NPS to study and report on preservation funding needs. The findings of that report, the Keepers of the Treasures--Protecting Historic Properties and Cultural Traditions on Indian Lands, is the foundation of the Tribal Preservation Program. Based on that report, Congress has

appropriated annual grants for tribal preservation.

The Tribal Preservation Program works with Indian tribes, Alaska Native Groups, Native Hawaiians, and national organizations, to preserve and protect resources and traditions that are of importance to Native Americans. The decision to participate or not participate in the program rests with the tribe. In June, the RTC approved a resolution to establish a Tribal Historian Preservation Officer at Bois Forte and designated Rose Berens, Director of the Heritage Center, to oversee the process. Before a tribe may assume the functions of a State Historic Preservation Officer, the National Historic Preservation Act requires a formal plan be submitted to the National Park Service describing how the proposed Tribal Historian Preservation Officer functions will be carried out. Rose will be involved in filing an application for THPO status with the National Park Service as well as hiring Bois Forte's new Officer. In 1996, the national historic preservation program entered a new era, as fourteen Indian tribes were approved by the NPS to assume national program responsibilities on tribal lands. Among the responsibilities assumed by these tribes are conducting historic property surveys, maintaining permanent inventories of his-

toric properties, nominating properties to the National Register of Historic Places, and reviewing Federal agency undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the Act. Federal agencies must also consult with Indian tribes that attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties, regardless of their location.

To date, 46 tribes have signed an agreement with NPS to assume formal preservation responsibilities. Within Minnesota, the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, the White Earth Band of Chippewa, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians already have Tribal Historian Preservation Officers. Grants are awarded to tribal preservation programs to provide assistance to Indian communities interested in protecting their cultural heritage. The federal grant funds used for these preservation projects are often leveraged with tribal and private funds in cooperative projects that benefit tribal, National Park, and non-profit groups simultaneously. Since 1990, the Tribal Preservation Program has directly assisted over 260 tribes through the award of 585 grants. Over \$29.3 million in grant funds has been used to assist tribes in assuming State Historic Preservation Office responsibilities, in drafting preservation ordinances, implementing cultural resource management plans, identifying and protecting historic sites, and conducting preservation needs assessments. The

average grant award is \$50,000. Rose said, "Given the limited funding levels of the program, its main purpose is to help tribes operate sustainable preservation programs. Projects that provide training for tribal members and have a lasting impact on the tribe are given the highest priority in the funding process." Bois Forte historic preservation plans may emphasize the importance of Ojibwe oral tradition, as well as consultation with Tribal Elders and spiritual leaders with special knowledge of the Band's traditions. Bois Forte also places an importance on protecting "traditional cultural properties," places that are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places because of their associa-

tion with cultural practices and beliefs that are: rooted in the history of the community; and are important to maintaining the continuity of that community's traditional beliefs and practices.

Once Bois Forte is recognized as a formal participant in the national historic preservation program, the Officer may assume official responsibility for a number of functions aimed at the preservation of significant historic properties including conducting educational programs. Watch the Bois Forte News for more details.

-Excerpts for this piece where taken from the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the National Park Service websites.

INDIAN GAMING

Casinos are Start Toward Diversification

Tribal casinos in Nebraska — the Omahas opened the third earlier this month in Walthill — supply needed income for some of the poorest areas in the state.

The new revenue also offers the opportunity for tribes to diversify into other economic areas.

The Winnebago Tribe, which got into gambling years ago when it opened the Winnevagas Casino in Sloan, Iowa, has shown how to use the new revenue wisely.

The Winnebagos, who won a prestigious Innovations in American Government Award from Harvard

University in 2001, created a corporation in 1994 with the first \$1.5 million from the casino.

The corporation, insulated from tribal politics, is able to focus on successful business management with fewer distractions from other issues.

Ho-Chunk Inc. now operates such businesses as modular home manufacturing, hotels, office products, wholesale tobacco products, grocery and gasoline sales, and computer hardware and networking.

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METH WREAKS HAVOC ON RESERVATIONS

By BRODIE FARQUHAR
Star-Tribune Correspondent Thursday, August 8, 2005

LANDER -- Parents and community leaders on the Wind River Indian Reservation need to learn when to say "no" and when to say "yes" if they hope to deal with a burgeoning methamphetamine problem, an expert says.

Parents need to say "no" to domestic violence and drug and alcohol abuse, said Jean Nahomni Mani, and "yes" to setting

boundaries for children, pride in native culture, education and responsibility.

Mani -- a meth recovery counselor, member of the Hunkpati Sioux, resident of the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation in South Dakota and coordinator for the Crow Creek Coalition -- spoke here Wednesday at the Wind River Native American Conference.

Mani and her extended family have had their own battles with alcoholism and drug abuse, but meth addiction is increasingly in a class by itself. Robert Murray, assistant U.S. Attorney for Wyoming and an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, said his father, grandfather and great-grandfather all struggled with alcohol, "but they all survived. I don't know if this generation will survive meth."

Mani painted grim pictures of meth addiction, how it unbalances brain chemistry, ultimately negating the ability to feel pain or pleasure.

Meth can be found in any corner of society, she said, including rodeo, where meth is used by some cowboys who drive long distances between rodeos and have to be equally alert whether they're driving at 3 a.m. or are climbing aboard a bucking bronc.

"People started finding piles of Coke cans behind rodeo chutes," Mani said. Contestants weren't drinking Coke, but putting meth inside empty cans, heating the bottoms and inhaling the fumes to get a burst of energy, she said.

"Lots of women try meth in order to lose weight," Mani said. But considering that meth addicts pick their skin raw, lose their teeth and compulsively pluck out their hair, meth isn't the way to go if you're concerned about how you look.

Why do people use meth? The answers, Mani said, fall into such categories as escape from one's problems, the desire to feel good, peer pressure, a way to cope with working longer hours and the progression of addiction.

"I've known people who were drinking heavily, and they swore they'd never do meth," Mani said. If nothing was done to deal with their addictive behaviors, they'd wind up doing meth, she said.

"A lot of it comes down to self-medication" for people who've been traumatized by physical, emotional and especially sexual abuse, she said.

What's especially tragic, Mani said, are the children of meth addicts, who rapidly stop caring about anything beyond their next fix. Meth labs in homes can be so toxic that children absorb meth and other chemicals through the air they breathe or through their skin, not to mention the risk of fire and explosion.

"You think you're going to be concerned about feeding your kid when you're on a meth high?" Mani asked.

South Dakota police found 11 children in one meth house, she said, one a year old and weighing only 12.6 pounds.


Way too many children grow up and find gateways to meth addiction via smoking and alcohol, Mani said, and way too many parents can rationalize that children's behavior isn't that bad.

"If your kid isn't home in the middle of the night, go out and look for him and bring him back," said Mani, who acknowledged that she used to sneak out at night herself. And if your child is already in jail, leave him there -- it is safer than home and is a consequence for unacceptable behavior, she said.

Mani told her audience of counselors and social service workers that meth is so damaging to cognitive thought, it is pointless to counsel a "high" client. Better to wait until the addict comes down and expresses the desire to get help and treatment.

She gave safety tips for those who do have occasion to speak to meth addicts when they're high. Keep your distance and don't have bright lights, she said. Speak and move slowly and keep hands to your side, she added. Meth addicts can be wildly paranoid, so try to keep the addict talking, because a quiet addict can erupt into paranoid violence.

We're here for you.



**New Indian Health Board clinic at
John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary
school in St. Paul opens August 9.**



Indian Health Board has opened a new clinic in St. Paul for American Indians and the greater community.

- Primary medical services including prenatal and postpartum care
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NLPD

Update by Chief of Police Pete R. Drift Sr.

The month of July was somewhat busy for our department, the following information is just some of the things our department accomplished.

On July 7, 2005, Officer Knife Chief gave a Driving Under the Influence informational talk to the Bois Forte/Vermilion Summer Youth Program.

On July 8, 2005, I met with Gary Potter, Director for the Crime Stoppers Program. Mr. Potter informed me that our area has received a high number of Atips@ reported. Mr. Potter also stated that this program has become very successful in such a short amount of time.

On July 14, 2005, our department also held two (2) Community Meetings to launch the Neighborhood Watch Program for the Bois Forte & Vermilion areas. The first meeting was held at the Bois Forte

Community Center at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2005 and the second meeting was held at 5:00 p.m., at the Vermilion Community Center on this same date, we received a high number of attendees at both meetings.

At this meeting we introduced the Program and explained how this program will work, we also had several individuals sign up to volunteer for the first month of week-ends to provide patrol duties.

Officer Wingo provided Reasonable Suspicion Training to all Bois Forte Division Directors/Supervisors, as the request of the Personnel Director, Patti Wilkie, during the month of July 2005.

This training was mandated by the newly adopted Random Alcohol/Drug Testing policy.

We are still in contact with the District 1 Office on a weekly basis, requesting a Police Officer Certification list, so that our department can fill the two (2) vacant Police Officer positions as soon as possible.

Remember it is almost that time of year, for school to start, so please slow down and watch out for all the children that will be walking to and from school during the morning and afternoon hours each day!!!!



Officer Knife Chief gave a Driving Under the Influence informational talk to the Bois Forte & Vermilion Summer Youth Program.

Law Enforcement Reports

For the months of July 2005, there were a total number of 66

Law Enforcement reports completed:

2 Disorderly Conduct	1 Court Appearance	1 Driving After Revocation
2 Speeding	3 Required Equipment	1 911 Hang up
1 Assist to Citizen	1 Juvenile Runaway	3 Driving under the Influence
2 Reckless Driving	1 Illegal Consumption	7 Talk/Lecture
1 Assist to other Dept.	3 No Driver's License	1 Damage to Property
3 Simple Assault	1 Informational Report	4 Harassing Comm.
1 Breaking & Entering	1 Paraphernalia	1 Attendance at Mtg.
3 Discharge Firearm	2 Mandatory Use of Helmet	1 Aggravated Assault
4 Terroristic Threats	2 Stranded Motorist	2 Domestic Abuse
2 Vehicle Theft	1 Asst. B.F. Ambulance	1 Arrest Warrant
1 Explosives Violation	1 Public Intox	2 Welfare Check
1 Family Fights	2 Assist Orr Fire Dept.	

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our department, please feel free to contact me at any time at (218) 757-3237, ext. 15.



NLPD Thanks

We would like to give a huge Thank you to Tribal Chairman, Kevin Leecy and the Bois Forte Tribal Council, for the donation given to our team, the F.B.I. (Fast Break Indians) to attend the "Jag Jam" at Hinckley, Minnesota on July 15-17, 2005, Although our team did not do as well as expected, (due to one of our teammates receiving an injury during the first game).

We would also like to thank Karen Drift and everyone that purchased an Indian Taco, without the Bois Forte Council, Karen Drift and your generous support, this trip could not have happened.

Mi-Gwetch!!!

Perry & Parker Drift, Donald Wakemup & Levi Villebrun (F.B.I.)

COMMUNITY HEALTH

▶ Vermilion Babysitter's Training Class

Youth from Vermilion attended the Babysitter's Training that was conducted on July 21, 2005 at the Vermilion Center arranged by Bois Forte Health Services in conjunction with Bois Forte Human Services. Also, the Vermilion Indian Education Program paid the \$5 fee for the students to attend. This course is normally \$35 but through the coop-

These youth also knew a great deal about the First Aid segment of the course and some were already CPR Certified so the course took less time to complete because the students were already proficient in some of the course skills.

Various skills needed to be learned and demonstrated with everything from bot-



Standing (L-R): Crysta Boshey, Geraldine Deegan, Anton Buckanaga, Randall Boshkaykin, Ge-Wadin Dunkley, Ginew Dunkley, Jerako Deegan (kneeling).
Photos by T. DeFoe.



Participant demonstrates, "What NOT to do"

eration of these three agencies the students did not need to pay any money. These kids managed to finish the class on one of the most beautiful days of the year. We heard several times, "can't we just go swimming?" Considering what a beautiful day it was, we feel that the kids made a great sacrifice to get this certificate.

tle-feeding and burping to diaper changing and rescue breathing. Each student received an infant



"Baby Changing Time"

sized mannequin that they had to name and skills

were practiced on "LaFonda, James, Kyle, Terrie, Billy Bob, Veronica and Andre". Linda Kerr, the instructor from the

American Red Cross, informed these students that she had a great day and that she also has never had so many boys in a class. Hats off to these students from Vermilion! They had a great time

learning and were also fun to teach! So, anyone looking for a sitter should contact one of these Certified Babysitter's in the picture. Article and photos by Terry DeFoe, Community Health Representative.



CPR & First Aid training certification is part of the Babysitting training.

STATEMENT BY KEVIN LEECY, CHAIRMAN MINNESOTA INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL JULY 30, 2005

From the MIAC - Joe Day Executive Director MIAC.

In the July 29 Star-Tribune story about sexual predators being "shielded" by Indian sovereignty ("State fights legal shield for Indian criminals,"), the Governor is quoted as having directed Attorney General Mike Hatch to use "whatever resources are necessary" to overturn a recent court decision. The court ruled that the state can't force Indian offenders to register as sexual predators if they live on their home reservations.

Unfortunately, the Star-Tribune reporter failed to contact Indian tribes for comment on the issue. If he had taken the time to ask, he would have learned that most tribes already have tough rules in place to protect the community from such criminals. He also would

have learned that Minnesota tribal leaders have already met to discuss ways in which we can work cooperatively with the state to address this inter-jurisdictional issue.

The public should be aware that the court case described in the story was initiated by a convicted offender trying to escape registration, and not by a tribal government making the sovereignty argument in order to protect him. While we do not hesitate to protect our sovereign rights whenever they are challenged, we also have the right as



The RTC posed for a photo with Attorney General Mike Hatch at the Capitol in St. Paul on August 10 before joining other Tribal Leaders for a meeting on how to deal with the issue of registering "Sexual Predators" who are released from prison. The RTC shared with others at the meeting the resolution that Bois Forte had already adopted to deal with the issue.

sovereign governments to pass our own laws and ordinances as needed to ensure the safety and security of our residents and visitors. We will not hesitate to pass new laws dealing with sexual predators if it appears necessary to do so.

Long before the State of Minnesota had sexual predator laws in place, many tribes followed traditional customs and practices that dealt harshly

with sexual offenders. Even today, on some Minnesota reservations, such offenders are banished from the community for life. It is insulting to suggest that Indian people are somehow less concerned about having sexual predators in their

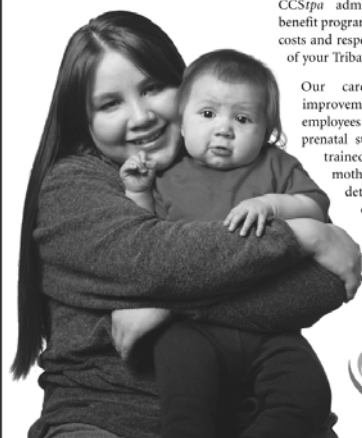
midst, or that we would knowingly allow sexual offenders to use our communities as "safe havens."

In the next few days, most of the tribal governments in Minnesota will be meeting with the Attorney General's office to discuss a mutually acceptable resolution to the issues raised by the court decision. I am confident that these discussions will be held in an atmosphere of mutual respect and shared commitment to public safety.

Rather than using taxpayer resources to fight this issue in court, it would be much less expensive and more productive if the Governor would just keep his powder dry until the tribes have a chance to address the issue with the Attorney General's office. He might be surprised at the positive results of such an approach.

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MSC STORE EXPANSION

► Changes to MSC Store Invite Customers to Stop in and Stay Awhile

The MSC Store, in Nett Lake, is looking at ways to expand its facility and offerings in order to better serve its customers and attract new ones. Updating the gasoline pumps will allow drivers to pay-at-the-pump by credit card, and will certainly be appreciated by parents with young children in their car.

A Laundromat will likely be added as well as slot machines; both designed to encourage customers to stay awhile. A new point-of-sale system will be installed allowing promotions to be displayed and changed easily, and receipts will produce coupons much like the larger grocery stores in the area.

The RTC has not decided whether it will expand and remodel the building or if an entirely new structure will be erected. This decision will depend on two factors: the finances available and Band members' comments. Expected

sometime this year, a mailer will likely be sent to residents' homes asking them which features they most appreciate in the store and which things they would like to see added. With so few restaurant options nearby, a soup and sandwich type deli is one of the ideas planners fully expect to see come back on the surveys.

A timeline and budget have yet to be determined, but more details are expected to come together in the next 4-6 weeks. Kim Griener, in RTC Accounting, is on the committee and expresses her aspirations for the project, "We aren't looking for a subtle change in the store. We want it to be a transformation, apparent to all those who live and work on the reservation. So much so, that people who normally by-pass the store on their way to shop off-site will now give this new store a chance to earn their business.

Indian Gaming

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led by Lance Morgan, an attorney trained at Harvard who returned to the reservation, generated \$94 million in revenue. It employs about 400 people. Unemployment on the reservation stands at 11 percent, compared with 22 percent on reservations without gambling.

The Winnebago success

has attracted national attention, such as a recent story in USA Today. "Native Americans have had this handout mentality," tribal member Vincent Bass told the national newspaper. "Now we are breaking away from that. ... With employment comes quality of life, education and self-esteem. I see people working who've never worked in their life."

The continued proliferation

VERMILION READERS

► Bookmobile

Bookmobile Comes to Nett Lake Every three weeks, the Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile visits Nett Lake, bringing hundreds of books and videos to many eager visitors at the doorstep of the Nett Lake Community Center. Those you're most likely to see in the crowd are Vivian

for her daughter, picking a section out of every book, from which Jamie learns to spell every word.

Sally Peterangelo, who's been with the library system for 2 years, and Jay Miller, a 10-year veteran, have been making regular visits to this area, helping adults and children alike.



Proulx and her daughter, Jamie Byra, 6. Jamie has been visiting the bookmobile since her toddler years. Among her favorites are dinosaur and alphabet books, with an occasional movie. Vivian makes the bookmobile a fun learning experience

The most popular items are movies, new adult fiction and children's books. There is also a program where kids can earn prizes based on the number of books read. Be sure to ask Sally or Jay next time they're in your area.

A number of different types of materials and services are available through the bookmobile, including:

- Adult and Children's Books
- Large Print Books
- DVDs and Videocassettes
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- Compact Discs
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Why not come and check out the bookmobile for yourself? The remaining 2005 schedule is from 10:15-10:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, September 29, October 20, November 10, December 1 and December 22. If you're unable to visit in person, Mail-A-Book is also available to bookmobile patrons. The Mail-A-Book catalog is a collection of paperback books which you can order and have mailed directly to you at no cost. For further information, contact the Arrowhead Library System at 218-741-3840 or 1-800-257-1442.

of casino gambling has prompted concern that tribes might see gambling revenue dwindle in the future. Creighton University Professor Ernie Goss pointed out in a panel discussion that will be televised on NET on Sept. 14 and 18 that commercial casinos built off reservations were hurting business at those in Indian Country.

The Winnebagos, for

example, have seen their share of the local gambling market drop from 50 percent to 30 percent because of competition with a riverboat casino in Sioux City, Iowa.

The tribal casinos in Nebraska are hardly the wide-open gambling emporiums in some states that come complete with roulette wheels and dice tables. Native casinos here are limited to machines

that electronically approximate bingo, lotto and pull tabs.

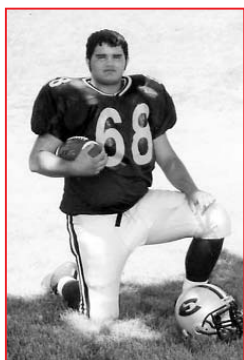
Nonetheless, the small-scale casinos provide jobs and income.

And as the Winnbagos have shown, one of the best things about Native casinos is that some of that income can be used as seed money for other endeavors.

BOIS FORTE FOOTBALL PLAYER

▶ Nick Smith Earns Football Scholarship to UMD

Eighteen year old Nick Smith, son of Deb Crowdog and Terry Smith has been awarded a college football scholarship to play for the University of Minnesota Duluth.



Nick Smith

Nick, who plays guard and lives in Duluth, began playing football in fifth grade. He continued to grow in physical size and talent during his high school career at Duluth East. However, shortly before the biggest game of his junior year, Nick was diagnosed with an unknown heart condition that forced him to miss the majority of the season.

Nick underwent a variety of tests. Doctors couldn't confirm the problem but they suspected cardiomyopathy, the heart disease that killed pro basketball standout Reggie Lewis and college basketball star Hand Gathers. Nick was limited to minimal exercise for the remainder of the year while Cardiologists in Duluth and the Twin Cities checked for signs of cardiomyopathy.

Fortunately, none were found. By senior year, Nick received the go ahead from his doctor to

continue football. His performance during his final year of high school ball attracted attention from college coaches and Nick was offered an athletic scholarship.

Wanting to make sure he chose the right school, Nick took his time and made the decision to play for UMD after their deadline. Consequently his scholarship won't begin until sophomore year.

But Nick doesn't mind. He's already begun football practice and is eager to begin classes in September. Nick plans to pursue a business degree. That way he can protect his employment future at the same time he's protecting his team's quarterback.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

▶ New Playground Equipment Arriving Soon

In his January State of the Band speech, Kevin Leecy reported that over the course of the previous summer he had spoken to a Band member on the reservation who voiced only one concern - to have a safe place for her children to play.

That mother and others like her are thrilled our children will finally have a safe place to run and play. The Reservation Tribal Council has approved funding for new three new modular playgrounds designed for children of all abilities, located in the Palmquist residential area; at Indian Point Community (on or next to Indian Point Beach); and in Vermillion, near the Vermillion Social Center.



geotextile fabric will be installed where needed, and wood chips will cover the ground to soften any falls. The sites are scheduled to be ready for installation by late-August, with actual installation shortly after.

Darin Steen, Environmental Services and Carl Dagen, Head of Public Works, along with the help of

Vermillion, have all been busy with this project, making sure everything is

on schedule and according to plan.

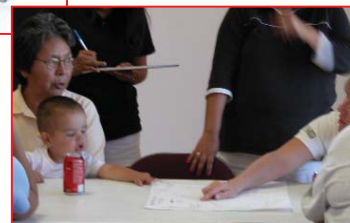
Rose Berens and Bill Latady from the Heritage Center, Darin Steen, Carl Dagen and Shaw Guelcher met with residents at the Community Center on July 21 to seek community input on environmental, archeological and accessibility concerns. Further discussion will need to take place on the Indian Point site due to space constraints: the swings may need to be set apart from the rest of the equipment to free up space on prime beach area.

The equipment will be built by the Earl F. Andersen Playground Company. Dave Owen, Project Manager at



Above: A Community meeting was held July 14 in Nett Lake to discuss locations for the playground equipment for Palmquist & Indian Point.

Right: Timothy Lilya, held by grandmother Edith Villebrun helps point out a perfect location for the playground at Indian Point.



The colorful equipment will be located on 80' x 50' pads and will include swings, slides, and climbing equipment designed for safe fun and to improve the physical well being of our youngsters. Sand and

Shawmarie Guelcher, Special Projects Coordinator, Carol Burr, Housing Director for the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, and Crystal Strong, Office Manager

EFA, states that the equipment will be a great source of safe fun and exercise for the children. The three playgrounds will all be similar in structure, and will vary in color.

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RTC MINUTES

Minutes July, 2005

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 20, 2005 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Invocation by Vern Adams.

Members Present:
Kevin W. Leecy; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Kevin Strong

Members Absent:
Ray Villebrun, Sr. (excused)

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Mark Anderson; Shaw Guelcher; Kevin Koski; Corey Strong; Les Connor; Jeneal Goggeley; Kristal Strong; Gary Adams; Ray Toutloff; Kim Greiner; Carl Dagen; Marge Holmes; Marcella Connor; Lela Goodsky; Carol Burr; Nikki Klakoski; Patti Wilkie; George Mihelich, Sr.; Pam Hughes; Mary Strong; Marilyn Geshick; Billie Mason; Millie Holmes; Rose Berens; Walt Hautala; Dawn Benner; David Larson; Doris Isham; Bev Miller; Deanna Drift and the Nett Lake and Vermilion Summer Youth; Robin Boshey; Jeanine Whiteman

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

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special regular meeting held July 6, 2005 at Nett Lake, Minnesota with a correction to page 2, 7th paragraph, 1st sentence, to read "Ronald Boshey asks where the transfer is at on his lease lot." And to add that Ronald Boshey indicated he had filled out an intent to sell form. Carried 2-0-0.

Elders Committee: Mary Strong informs the Council the Elders enjoyed the trip to Isle Royale very much. Thanks to Bill Latady for the arrangements. Marge Holmes informs the Council the steps have been added to the Elder van.

New RTC staff introduced are: Kevin Koski – Environmental Health Specialist; Doris Isham – Diabetes Nurse Educator; the Summer Youth Workers; and Bev Miller – Heritage Center Retail Supervisor.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a contribution in the amount of \$8,750 to the 4-H Camp at Lake Eshquaguma for the construction of the Ojibwe "Waaginogaan" Dwellings Indian village project. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #7-2006, sup-

port of the Nett Lake School Districts Maximum Effort Loan Application to the State of Minnesota to upgrade and modernize the k-6 school, construct a medical clinic attached to the school, construct additional space in the school for Head Start program, tribal Education offices, Boys & Girls Club space and renovation of space for the Human Services programs. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; approval for the Bois Forte Volunteer Fire Department to enter into a Fire Mutual Aid Agreement with the Orr Volunteer Fire Department and the Greaney-Rauch-Silverdale Volunteer Fire Department. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #8-2006, approval of the Free Use Firewood Collection Policy that will enable eligible persons to harvest trees for personal use firewood. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #9-2006, Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of the Interior Office of Special Trustee that will provide for the completion of an allotted land forest inventory and appraisal. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #10-2006, approval of the revised Bois Forte Timber Sale

Policy and Procedures. Carried 2-0-0.

Corey Strong, DNR Director gives an update on the land acquisition plan. A committee is working on the plan. A deadline was set for the plan to be completed but it will take longer than originally thought, at least a couple more months.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #11-2006, approval of the revised TERO Ordinance. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Mark Drift to the TERO Commission for a 2-year term. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Jim Morrison as alternate to the TERO Commission for a 3-year term. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #12-2006, lease cancellation – Ronald Albert Boshey. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #13-2006, residential lease – John C. Lehti. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #14-2006, lease cancellation – Sidra Boutto. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #15-2006, recreational lease – Donna Hoffer. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #16-2006, lease cancellation – John H. Burgess and Jeffery S. Burgess. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #17-2006, residential lease – Donna Marie Gullickson. Carried 2-0-0.

The Tribal Council has received two reports from Nikki Klakoski, Acting Leasing Manager. One indicated the revenue loss on Lake Vermilion leases and the other indicated all lease holder arrears. Nikki informs the Council there is a committee that is developing policies and procedures for the leasing department and those will be on the next RTC agenda for consideration. Included in those will be policies on the issue of selling personal property on leased lots.

Pam Hughes addresses the Council to express her confusion over the prior leasing application process and the length of time on the waiting list.

Nikki states there are three lots available and she will be sending letters to the individuals on the waiting list.

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RTC Minutes

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Ray Toutloff addresses the Council stating the non-Band members are confused and worried and would appreciate extended notice of non-renewals and rate increases and also the Tribal Council's goals for leases. Ray is informed the expiration date is on the leases and they do not automatically renew. The new policies will be sent to all lease holders.

Billie Mason states she presently has a recreational lease and would like first option for the adjacent lot to create a residential lot. She is informed this will be reviewed.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the grant agreement with the State of Minnesota for funding for the Victim Services Program. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the amendment to the Personnel Policy for exempt employees to earn compensatory time. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin

Strong; to approve the legal services agreement for the Indian Point Sewer Project. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Leonard Thompson and David Villebrun, Jr. to attend the Beginning "Hands-On" Plumbing and Electrical Maintenance workshop to be held July 18-20, 2005 in New Odanah, Wisconsin. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Carried 2-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 22, 2005 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

There is no invocation so a moment of silence is observed.

Members Present: Kevin W. Leecy; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Kevin Strong; Ray Villebrun, Sr. via speakerphone

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Shaw Guelcher; Mark Anderson via speakerphone; Corinne Whiteman; Dawn Benner; Millie Holmes; Louise Isham

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 3-0-0.

Chairman Leecy dispenses with the minutes.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Mark E. Drift, Sr. as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to certify Edward T. Chavers as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to certify Joyce Kay Davis-Brown as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to certify Deborah Crow Dog as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to certify Lela Goodsky as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Mildred R. Holmes as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 3-0-0.

The appointments to the General Election Board

and the Election Contest Judge and Alternate Election Contest Judge will be selected at a special meeting on Monday, July 25, 2005 at Fortune Bay.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Carried 3-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 25, 2005 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 2:18 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin W. Leecy; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Ray Villebrun, Sr.; Kevin Strong

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Vicki Holmes

Chairman Leecy dispenses with the minutes of the previous meeting.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of the revision to the Fortune Bay Drug Policy and Procedures. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Elizabeth Rodke-Washburn as 2005 Election Contest

Judge and to appoint Cynthia J. Miller as 2005 Alternate Election Contest Judge. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to appoint Allan Connor as Chair of the General Election Board for the Special Election to be held November 1, 2005 with the Primary Election to be held August 30, 2005. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Andrea Day as Teller of the General Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to appoint Toni Wakemup as Clerk of the General Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to appoint Jeremy Hoagland as Alternate of the General Election Board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the revision to the Fortune Bay Drug and Alcohol Policy & Procedures by deleting "in safety-sensitive or licensed positions" on page 4 Section IV. C. Random Testing. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m. Carried 3-0-0.

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WELY RADIO CLOSING

▶ Purchase of WELY Radio Complete

On August 9, the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council (RTC) finalized its purchase of WELY radio. The station broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Local listeners tune in at 94.5 FM and 1450 AM, and listeners around the world can access the music and programs from

the station's live audio stream by visiting <http://www.wely.com>.

Next month's issue of the Bois Forte News will carry more information on WELY programs, how the station operates and the faces behind the scenes.



Andy Datko-CEO Fortune Bay& Kevin Leecy-Chairman



David Morrison-Secretary/Treasurer, Kevin Leecy-Chairman, Janice Ericson, Kevin Strong-District II Representative, Ray Villebrun-District I Representative.

MINNESOTA INDIAN AFFIARS COUNCIL

▶ Kevin Leecy Elected Chair of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council Chairman Kevin Leecy is now also the chairman of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC), the official liaison between the state and the 11 tribal governments in Minnesota. Leecy was elected to the post at an MIAC meeting on July 25.

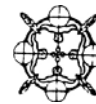
"Kevin is articulate, wise and knows the balance between reaching out to collaborate and digging in to fight for a position he believes in," said MIAC Director Joe Day. "We are

confident he'll do an excellent job as a spokesperson for Minnesota Indians."

"Minnesota has one of the larger American Indian populations in the United States, so it makes good sense for the tribes to work together on issues that concern us all," said Leecy. "I am honored to be able to serve Bois Forte Band members and other Indians across the state in this new way."

The MIAC was established in 1963 to protect the

sovereignty of Minnesota tribes and to ensure the well-being of Indian people and strive for social, economic and political justice for them. The council advises the state government on issues of concern to Indian communities and administers several programs designed to enhance economic opportunities and protect cultural resources. Minnesota was the first state in the nation to establish an Indian affairs agency and provided a model for other states to follow.



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LOW INCOME ELIGIBILITY BASED ON USDA FOOD STAMP GUIDELINES

1854 AUTHORITY SIGNING

► Conservation Law Enforcement Agreement

On August 5, 2005 the 1854 Authority and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources signed a Conservation Law Enforcement Agreement.

effective enforcement of band and state game, fish, natural resources, recreation laws and regulations within the 1854 Ceded Territory.

The agreement is between Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa, acting jointly through the 1854 Authority and the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources. This purpose of the agreement is to provide efficient and

This agreement allows the 1854 Authority to appoint conservation officers with the same powers as the Minnesota DNR Conservation Officers, to enforce state game and fish, natural resources, recreation laws and regulations within the 1854 Ceded Territory.



Ray Villebrun -Bois Forte Tribal Council District I Representative & Chair of the 1854 Authority Board, Gilbert Caribou -Tribal Council Grand Portage.



Left - Right: Lorraine Wipson - Grand Portage Tribal Council, David Morrison - Bois Forte Tribal Council, Sonny Myers - Executive Director, 1854 Authority, Gilbert Caribou - Grand Portage Tribal Council, Kevin Leecy - Bois Forte Tribal Council, Ray Villebrun - Bois Forte Tribal Council and Chair of 1854 Authority Board, Clay Rumph - Enforcement Chief, 1854 Authority, Mike Hamm - Enforcement director, MDNR, Gene Merriam - Commissioner, MDNR,

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BOIS FORTE FORESTRY

► Wildland Fire Prevention Program

Bois Forte Forestry would like to inform the residents of the Reservation that we will be initiating a new program dealing with Wildland Fire Prevention. The BIA has funded our efforts to conduct in-school wildland fire prevention education and awareness. We hope to work with school faculty, possibly twice a year, in this effort. In addition we will be replacing our current fire danger sign with

new fire danger signs at three locations throughout the Nett Lake reservation.

next year Forestry hopes to become part of the National FIREWISE Program. In this program, we will be dealing with home owners and/or tenants in assisting them with assessing their homes for fire danger related to vegetation and other surrounding fuels that pose immediate

threat to their homes. The Forestry Technicians (Ron Day, Derrick LaRoque) will be primarily involved in on-sight presentations and voluntary home inspections. We look forward to working with you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Forestry at 218-757-3177.

Submitted by Ron Day & Derrick LaRoque.

The family of Nancy and Lindi Fogelberg would like to express appreciation for the community's generocity, support, and many prayers. We are finding comfort in your many acts of kindness. We are secure in knowing that Nancy and Lindi had committed their lives to Christ and are now at home with Jesus.

-Thank you and God Bless,
Families of Nancy and Lindi Fogelberg.

Bois Forte Forestry has a new policy addressing woodlots for Band members and MCT members that reside on the Bois Forte Reservation. Please contact Forestry for a copy of the **Free-Use Permit Firewood Collection Policy**. Free permits are required, and will be issued by the Reservation Forester to eligible parties. If you have any questions, please contact Forestry at (218) 757-3177.



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