



BOIS FORTE

NEWS



NETT LAKE, MINNESOTA - AUGUST 2006

VOL. 21 NO. 1

GRAND OPENING VERMILION WELLNESS CENTER A Strong History Continues a Strong Future

On July 13, 2006 the Bois Forte Tribal Government celebrates another historic event, the grand opening of the Vermilion Wellness Center. In June 2005 the groundbreaking ceremony took place. At that time it was difficult for many to envision the finished product. But every week a piece of the puzzle was set into place until the completion.

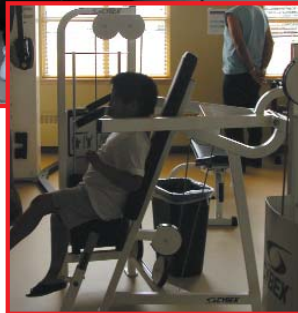
continued on page 2.



PRESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
ORR, MN 55771
PERMIT NO. 8

INSIDE

- More Vermilion Wellness Center
- Swearing In Ceremony
- NLPD
- Behind the Scene with Barb Brodeen
- EMS Life Walk
- Biz Tips
- Obituary
- RTC Minutes
- Employee Spotlight
- Elders DC Trip



Bois Forte 2006 Swearing In Ceremony *on page 4.*



Grand Opening Vermilion Wellness Center

Continued from page 1.

The Vermilion Wellness Center was made possible by the teamwork and dedication of many people who share a vision - a vision of a safe and healthy future for Native people.

The facility was funded with money from the Bois Forte Tribal Government, grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and a generous \$2 mil-



Chairman Kevin Leecy presents a plaque commemorating all the hard work, dedication and the success of the Wellness Center completion to former District II Representative Kevin Strong.

lion grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

Wellness Center Fact:

The facility is 19,000-square-foot and has a full-court gymnasium, recreation center, fitness center including state-of-the-art exercise equipment, the Vermilion Boys & Girls Club, craft area, computer classroom, locker and shower rooms, a sauna, public restrooms, offices and storage for Band government and outdoor green space.



Secretary/Treasurer David Morrison Sr. shows a piece of artwork done by a Band member. The RTC is donating the piece to the Wellness Center.

Chairman Kevin Leecy and former District II Representative Kevin Strong did the honors of the ribbon cutting allowing members of the community to enter the beautifully designed building. The beadwork of Kevin Strong's grandmother Mary Chicag was the main influence for the artwork and design that was incorporated into the facility and can be seen on the exterior and interior of the building.



Kevin Strong expressed his gratitude and appreciation for all the dedicated teamwork that went into making a dream into reality.

continued on page 3.



Wellness Center Fact:
 The \$3.5 million facility was funded with \$1 million from the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, \$500,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and a \$2 million grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

Wellness Center Fact:
 Current hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Hours may be extended into evenings in mid-August.



Wellness Center Fact:
 Free membership for Bois Forte Band members. Employees of the Bois Forte Development Corporation qualify for reduced rates.

Days before the grand opening the Summer Youth and kids of the Boys & Girls Club worked hard helping get the Wellness Center prepared for the opening. Which meant washing windows, laying straw, sweeping and more. During the opening everyone took time to enjoy the services and benefits the facility offers.



Wellness Center Fact:
 The groundbreaking for the new facility was June 9, 2005. The building was completed in June, 2006 on time and on budget.

Swearing In Ceremony

from page 1.

The Bois Forte Tribal Government held their Swearing In Ceremony at the Vermilion Wellness Center, July 13, 2006.

The swearing in was conducted by Gary Fraser, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Executive Director.

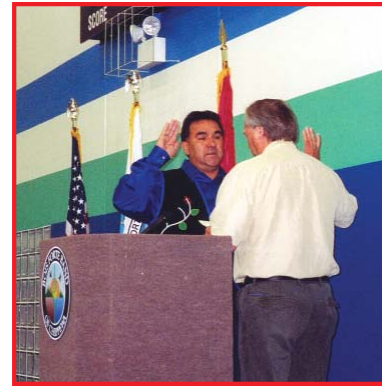
Sworn into office; Mark E. Drift, Sr., District I Representative; Raymond A. Toutloff, District II Representative; David C. Morrison, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer.



Mark E. Drift, Sr.
District I Representative



Raymond A. Toutloff
District II Representative



David C. Morrison, Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer



Employee Spotlight

▶ Moving Up: Hard Work Pays Off for Mark Littlewolf

Ask around, and you'll find out that Bois Forte Band member Mark Littlewolf has a reputation as being a big guy with a smile, lots of common sense and a knack for solving problems. That reputation, combined with Littlewolf's initiative in seeking out new opportunities, resulted in his recent promotion to Manager on Duty (MOD) at Fortune Bay Resort Casino.



Mark Littlewolf

"The best part of the job is interacting with and assisting customers, and working with all of the employees," said Littlewolf. "Everyone is wonderful to work with, and we work together well."

Of course, every job has its tough moments. For Littlewolf, those are dealing with aggravated customers. "I try to calm them down and satisfy their needs," he said simply.

But the real reason Littlewolf succeeds is far from simple. "Mark always knows his job. When he was in security he kept up on training like EMT and first responder," said Assistant Security Director Gene Hanks. "Now that he's MOD, he uses common sense and training to solve any problem that comes up."

Littlewolf has a strong background working with casino guests. After starting out on Fortune Bay's Housekeeping staff in 1998, he switched to Security where he worked for a year and a half. After a break from Fortune Bay for personal reasons, he returned and in 2004 was promoted to Midnight Security

"The best part of the job is interacting with and assisting customers, and working with all of the employees." - Mark Littlewolf.

Supervisor.

"Security takes over for MOD after 2 a.m.," he explained, "so there wasn't a whole lot of difference in the customer service training classes for my new position."

There are three other MODs besides Littlewolf, but usually only one is on duty at a given time. That means he has a wide variety of responsi-

bilities, from paying out jackpots over \$1,200 to filling out paperwork dealing with taxes and the IRS.

"It's fun to give people their money," he said, adding that he also likes overseeing all departments, helping upper management, and talking to department heads every day. "I enjoy meeting with them and coming up with the best solutions for any problems or situations we face."

Littlewolf said Fortune Bay is a great company to work for, with a friendly atmosphere and top-notch people. "I like to challenge myself," he said, "and the MOD position was a good opportunity to better myself and life for my family."

His family includes wife Marrilee and sons Preston, Isaiah and Brandon, who have put down strong roots in Nett Lake. That is a change for Littlewolf, who was born in Virginia, MN and grew up moving around

the west coast as a "Navy brat" with parents Barbara and Chandler (Chip) Brown. Now he is happily settled and commutes to work easily thanks to Fortune Bay's employee shuttle.

He hopes Band members will join him. "Get an education, come back, and work for Bois Forte. I have seen lots of Band members moving up at Fortune Bay, and that's

The Wilderness Opens Door of Opportunity for Band Member

▶ Trevor Rintala Parlays Grounds Keeping to a Hole in One

When you step onto the Wilderness Golf Course its vast, manicured landscape almost seems to happen by magic. But Trevor Rintala, Assistant Superintendent of the grounds crew, can assure you that little elves aren't sneaking onto the course at night driving lawn movers and stamping out turf disease.

In fact, Trevor and the crew learn by doing and if their lucky they get the chance to be schooled in turf management. Recently, Grounds Crew Superintendent, Vince Dodge encouraged Trevor to apply for one such program at Rutgers University's Professional Golf Turf Management School. In early May, Trevor's letter of acceptance arrived at his home in Virginia.

"Needless to say, I am very excited, Trevor shares. "The Wilderness and Kemper Sports took a chance on me. They hired me with no previous experience in maintenance. I worked my way up to Foreman then Assistant Superintendent, since starting in 2003. Now this academic opportunity has come my way. I am pleased and humble."

This coming January, Trevor will begin the first of two, 10-week intensive training sessions at the State University in New Jersey. It runs

through March and commences again the following year. Trevor chose this program because it will allow him to focus on areas of interest to him and ones he can make use of in his career.

"Another route would have been to take a four year degree in Turf Management, like the one offered at Penn State; but I have a young family, and at this stage in my life, I'm not as interested in taking all the unrelated, undergraduate course work that's required." At 25 years old, Trevor shares his life with wife Marie (Kreger) and sons Covington (2) and Dayton (6 months).

Trevor appreciates the help he has received from co-workers, Band members and the RTC in making the Turf Management program possible. In addition to Vince Dodge who has been a tireless source of support; Trevor also wants to thank General Manager-Joe Wisocki, District 1 Rep.-Mark Drift, and TERO Representative-Dawn Benner, all of whom are enthusiastic about making Trevor's dream come true. He adds, "Norm Adams has been endlessly creative in researching funding options for this program. He connected me with the TERO office and the RTC, who have

continued on page 7.

THE WILDERNESS

▶ Summer Events at The Wilderness Golf at Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

VIP Media Day



Chairman Stanley Crooks Mdewakanton Sioux & Chairman Kevin Leecy Bois Forte.



Jeffrey Brauer - Designer of the Wilderness & Andy Datko - CEO Bois Forte Development Corp. Inc.

Trevor Rental

Continued from page 5.
been very generous. I feel like everyone wants to see me succeed. I am so grateful."

"Trevor is a great example for other young Band members. He is a hard worker with a bright future," shares Mark Drift. "He took an entry level job in a field he knew nothing about, because it interested him and was a way to stretch himself. In addition, he had a plan and knew when to ask for help. His goals are in line with

the RTC's vision to create career options and management positions for Band members. It made complete sense to support him in this program."

Upon completion of his studies, in the spring of 2008, Trevor intends to continue his work for The Wilderness and hopes to position himself for continued promotion. "The RTC is making an investment in me, states Trevor, "and I intend to be loyal to the Band and make the most of this opportunity."

Special Band Member Golf Day



The Wilderness held its annual Band Member Golf Day earlier this summer. Many Band members took part in the free day of golf that included a BBQ, gifts, lessons and beautiful weather.

Currently the Wilderness is offering a free Jr. Golf Clinic in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club in Vermilion.

BOIS FORTE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Behind the Scene with Barb Brodeen

- Police Chief Pete Drift is working hard with young children to educate them about drugs.
- The Neighborhood Crime Watch and TIPS program are helping people spot and report drug labs and those trying to sell drugs.
- Gary Adams, Head of Human Services, and his fine Chemical Dependency staff are working diligently to develop an effective program for treatment of meth users.

Even though we are ahead of others in the fight against meth, we've got to keep working on it for two critical reasons: one, it's a huge problem, and two, in the end, it's not about simple being better than others who are performing poorly or less effectively than you, it's about being the best we can be as native people.

State news

A new study by California economist Dr. Alan Meister states that Indian Gaming revenues in Minnesota are down from two years ago. Dr. Meister's reports are not accepted in all circles because his economic models are put together without the benefit of hard data from Tribes. However, some claim his reports are realistic.

This decline in gaming revenue is yet another reason why we need to

diversify our economy and not rely solely on gaming to fund essential programs and services to Band members. The Band's goal is to derive 40% of our income from non-gaming businesses by 2010. Currently we are at 31%, thanks through increased efforts at The Wilderness golf course, the hotel, the marina, Powerain, WELY radio, and the Y-Store.

Congratulations to Carl Gawboy who is the recipient of the 2006 George Morrison Memorial Award from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council. Since the early 1970's, Carl has been a painter, muralist, illustrator, educator and advocate of American Indian Art. His large mural "The Migration" greets hundreds of guests who visit our Heritage Center. Congratulations on this prestigious art award Carl. We are proud of you.

A special mii gwetch to the Band members working at Powerain, including Tom Anderson who has recently been hired in sales, and Gordy Adams for his fine work selling Powerain systems to other tribal governments.

Local/Reservation news

There are some many people doing a great job of serving our Band members. This month, I want to highlight two: Angela Wright in the Indian Child Welfare

Office at Human Services, and Special Projects Coordinator Shawmarie Guelcher.

Angela is always on top of her budget and knows the grants for her programs inside and out. She has nurtured collaborative relationships with St Louis County, which is tremendously important because in the past the Band and the county went through some rocky times caring for our children.

Shawmarie makes sure many projects and events on the reservation go smoothly, and she frequently deals with several big projects at the same time. She's the one behind everything from the installation of playground equipment in three communities last fall to the State of the Band in January to arranging for 100 Elders to travel to Washington, DC in April. Her "to do" list also includes the quarterly community meetings, the swearing in of new RTC members, and so much more.

I also want to congratulate three Band members who were recently hired for or promoted into management positions at Fortune Bay. Jayson Strong has been promoted to Slots Manager, Mark Littlewolf took over Jayson's spot as Manager on Duty, and Brian Anderson was hired away from the Chisholm Newspaper to work as Sales Manager for Fortune Bay hotel. And finally, I want to warmly welcome Ray Toutloff to the RTC as District II, Vermilion

Representative. We're glad to have you on board, Ray!

Off-reservation news
Through a combination of TERO fees and \$25,000 from the RTC, a fund has been established to train Band members for careers on and off the reservation. Congratulations to Chuck Day, who used this program to receive training in the Twin Cities to become a housing inspector.

Other Band members are accessing grant dollars from the Work Investment Act, a program run by Billie Mason in our Education Office, for employment training. Robert Moyer is one of them; he went to Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, to train in heavy equipment operation.

Seventeen year old Ravyn Gibbs of Duluth was among 56 American Indian high school and college students participating in a six-week study of medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth. Ravyn, who is interested in a career as a pharmacist, is participating for the second year in this outstanding program sponsored by the Center of American Indian and Minority Health. The goal of the program is to improve the health of American Indians by training more Indians in healthcare fields to practice in Indian communities.

Keep up the great work Ravyn.

Just as the four winds and four directions have always held important places in Indian culture, there are four important sources for news affecting our people: our country, our state, our reservation and local community, and Band members living off the reservation. Here are some updates from each:

National news

At the June National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, there was a lot of talk about the rampant problem of methamphetamine use. Meth use has reached epidemic proportions in some communities across the country, including on some reservations. That is why the Bois Forte Band is taking aggressive steps now to stay ahead of the game in fighting drugs, and our efforts are paying off:

- Last October, the White House Office of Drug Policy presented the Bois Forte Band with an award recognizing our community education regarding meth use and how to fight it.

BOIS FORTE WORKING TOWARDS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Plan To Prepare

This is the first in a series of six news reports about how northeastern Minnesota organizations have been preparing for emergency situations.

In northeastern Minnesota it's easy to feel like we're far removed from the threat of bioterrorism, chemical terrorism or other kinds of terrorism. Across the country, many state, county and tribal health agencies have been working on enhancing emergency response plans. In our area, local and state public health has been working with the NE MN Regional Hospital and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Group. Other participating organizations include medical clinics, local emergency planners, EMS, Red Cross, law enforcement, military and human services departments.

This joint effort will assist in faster, more coordinated responses in case of bioterrorism, chemical emergencies or natural disasters in our area.

Many kinds of emergencies can include a threat to health. The threat of bioterrorism has caused the initiation of nation-

wide emergency readiness planning. A bioterrorism attack could include diseases such as smallpox, anthrax or plague. Naturally occurring public health emergencies could include infectious disease outbreaks such as pandemic influenza, SARS-like illnesses or bacterial meningitis. In our region the emergencies that we're most familiar with are natural disasters, such as tornadoes, wind storms, lightning storms, blizzards, forest fires, floods and ice storms. Future reports in this series will explain how agencies are preparing and how families can prepare for emergency situations.

During any emergency event, always listen to your local radio or television station for advice on appropriate actions for you and your family.

For more information, go the Northeast Minnesota regional family preparedness website www.NEMNBePrepared.net or contact:
Teri Morrison
Communtiy Health
13071 Nett Lake Road,
Nett Lake, MN 55772
218-757-3295
thmorrison@boisfortenon.gov and ask for the "Be Prepared" fact sheet.

BOIS FORTE EMS

Spare Change for Life Walk

The Bois Forte EMS held a special "Spare Change for Life Walk" event in order to raise diabetes awareness. The students of the Nett Lake Elementary School received an educational presentation on diabetes and how to handle diabetic emergencies.

Included in this event, K-6 students decorated specially lit containers in memory/honor of a loved one effected by diabetes.

The special containers were set up in the gymnasium where the students would walk a mile. At the same time Staff walked a mile around the lakeshore in support of the fight against diabetes. Community members also showed their support by signing pledge cards, which raised money for the Nett lake School Playground Equipment Fund.



Pledges:

In memory of Daniel Morrison Sr. from Dave & Teresa Morrison.

In memory of Twyla Day from Teresa & Dave Morrison.

In memory of Dan Morrison Jr. & Dan Morrison Sr. from Travis, Teri, Trevor, Sean & Steven Morrison.

In memory of Grace Isham from Carla Makinen.

In memory of Jessie Drift from Theresa Drift.

In memory of Maggie Mehlberg from Kathy Lasley.

In honor of Rene Barto from Milla & Zander Carr.

In honor of pregnant mothers w/Gestational Diabetes from Tim & Miranda Lilya & Family.

In honor of Shelia Perrault from Lisa Anderson.

Keeping our children active will help prevent diabetes!

NETT LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

► Updates from Chief Of Police Peter R. Drift, Sr.

It's been a few months since our department submitted a news article, updating the community of what exactly the Nett Lake Police Department has been up to, so here are a few items that I thought were important and that the community should know.

On June 4-16, 2006, Officers Donovan Strong and Marcus Knife Chief attended a two week GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Instructor Training, held at the Leech Lake Tribal Community College. Both Officers received their instructor certifi-

Nett Lake Police Department held their annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament during the Sah-Gi-Bah-Gah Days Pow-wow, to the right are photo's of the First place winners in their respective divisions.

During the month July, our department will be kicking off the Neighborhood Watch Program, if you are interested in volunteering your time to keep our community safe,(as little as two hours per week-end), please contact the Nett Lake Police Department at 757-3237 to sign up!!!

On June 29, 2006, at the



Winners of the Sah Gii Bah Gah 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.

For the month of June 2006, our department received a total of 95 calls, and they are broken down in the following categories;

Aggravated Assault-	1
Inmate Transportation-	4
Assist to Bois Forte Ambulance-	4
Informational Report-	2
Assist St. Louis County-	1
Illegal Consumption-	2
Assist to Sick/Injured-	2
Man./Sale Controlled Sub.-	1
Attendance at meeting-	1
Missing(No Foul Play)-	1
Alarm- N.L. School-	1
Paper Service-	32
Allowing unlicensed operator-	1
Poss/Use of Cont. Sub.-	2
Breaking & Entering-	1
Pass Counterfeited Docs.-	1
Criminal Arrest Warrant-	1

Public Relations-	1
Criminal Mischief-	1
Random PBT-	1
Court Process(Court Documents)-	8
Required Equipment-	1
Children in need of Services-	1
Robbery-	1
Driving After Revocation-	3
Required Equipment-	1
DUI-	2
Speeding-	3
Domestic Abuse-	1
Simple Assault-	1
Family Fights-	3
Stolen Vehicle-Recovered-	1
Forgery-	1
Theft-	2
Harassing Communications-	1
Traffic Accident-	1
House Arrest Check-	1
Vehicle Theft-	1



Officer M. Knifechief and Officer D. Strong

cates and will be teaching the GREAT Programs this upcoming school year, Officer Strong will provide this program to the Tower School and Officer Knife Chief will provide this program to both the Nett Lake and Orr Schools.

On June 4, 2006, the

request of the Bois Forte Summer Youth Program, Chief of Police, Peter R. Drift, gave an informational talk to all the Summer Youth Employees regarding the dangerous effects of street drugs, informational videos were also shown to the youth.



Neighborhood Watch Program, Community Information Meetings

BOIS FORTE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

▶ BUSINESS TIPS from Steve Peterson, Business Development Coordinator

Here to help you

A good idea for a business is still only a good idea until you research and explore it to determine if it can be profitable. Across the United States, small businesses – defined as having five or fewer employees – employ more than half of the nation's workforce. Small businesses also have a high failure rate, so running your business idea through the gambit of research and "what ifs" can help insure your business will make you money, not make you go backwards in life.

The Small Business Development Program (SBDP) here at Bois Forte is meant to help entrepreneurs through that gambit of research, which could include answering the questions:

- Σ do I need a permit or license for my business?
- Σ will I hire need to employees and how much will they cost me?
- Σ what kind of equipment do I need to buy?
- Σ where will my customers come from and how will I get the word out to them?
- Σ will I specialize in one area and become the best at what I do?
- Σ will I own a building, lease a space, or operate my business out of my home?

Most of these questions are answered when you "tell your story" about your business. This story is also known as a business plan. Business plans are required for all businesses seeking commercial lending, no



*Stephen C. Peterson Sr,
Business Development
Coordinator, Bois Forte
Development Corporation*

matter the source of funds. Business plans don't have to be long or wordy; they are simply the story of what you want to do in your business.

Getting started

I will help you with your story and writing your business plan. My name is Steve, and I am the Business Development Coordinator. I have owned my own businesses and worked for a non-profit as a business consultant for seven years helping small businesses get started. I have helped countless small business get off the ground and make money with an investment of less than \$1,000.

Businesses, like people, come in all different shapes and sizes. Each business has its own needs and issues. The program I hope to put together with you will work with your business, focusing on your individual needs. It will be more about "how to do it right" than

"how much money can I make." The best way to start a business is one step at a time: don't bite off more than you can chew, and plan for growth.

Funding

Speaking of money, there is a big difference between loans and grants. Most not-for-profit organizations and governments get grants to provide service to a specified group of people. Most for-profit businesses apply for loans. These business loans are not much different that a car or home loan, in that they all have to be paid back.

A business loan is a way to help you get your idea off the ground. The amount of the loan should be one of the last things you consider as you explore and research your business. It should be last because, after you get all the pieces together and know more about what inventory or equipment you may need, the dollar amount becomes clear – the result of facts rather than a guess. Remember you will be expected to pay back what you borrow, so borrow only what you need and budget yourself.

The SBDP will also assist you in accessing other area resources for loans, training and technical assistance. In the Arrowhead Region,

we have a number of organizations that help businesses. Remember when I said businesses come in all different shapes and sizes? Well, these area organizations all have a niche. Some specialize in a particular industry, or with manufacturing rather than retail businesses, and most of them make loans to businesses in their specialized fields. The SBDP will help you use a Bois Forte loan and also prepare the proper paperwork to tap into these other funds when needed. The list is too long to mention them all, but a few examples are the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in Cass Lake, the American Indian Economic Development Fund in Minneapolis, and the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund in Virginia.

Selecting the right business for you

I'm always getting the question, "What kind of business can I start?" First of all, think of something you are passionate about. After that, take a look around and see what may be needed. What kinds of goods or services are people driving long distances for? What kind of items would be of interest to a large group of people? What goods or services can I offer to businesses that are already located here?

The following is a list of

ideas of potential businesses that could serve the tourists we attract or other businesses in the area. Some of these could be part-time or supplemental/seasonal businesses.

- Bead work
- Tree farm
- Supplies to the hotel (toiletries, paper goods)
- Leech farm
- Worm farm
- Landscaping
- Clothing store
- Native art
- Greenhouse or nursery
- Beauty salon
- Fishing guide
- Snow plowing service
- Bookkeeping service
- Home remodeling
- Minnow trapping
- Selling fire wood
- Gourmet sugar
- Maple syrup manufacturing
- Café
- Pharmacy

Over the next few months, I will explore together the steps needed to start a business, the issues that an entrepreneur may face, and ways to grow a business. I'll talk more about the other resources in our area, and I'll go into more detail about business plans and what they really consist of.

You can always contact me directly; here's my contact information:
Stephen Peterson
Business Development Coordinator
Bois Forte Development Corporation
1430 Bois Forte Road
Tower, MN 55790
218-753-7805
speterson@fortunebay.com

Please be sure to let me know if there is a specific topic you'd like me to address in this column. Until next time, Steve.

CLASSES OFFERED

- We are working with the Duluth office of Lutheran Social Services to conduct a class in both Nett Lake and Vermilion on credit scores. Topics covered could include how to get a free report, how to spot items in a report that do not belong to you, and how you can clean up your credit score.
- The SBDP and the American Indian Economic Development Fund (AIEDF) will cosponsor a business-training course called "Culturally Relevant Indianpreneur Training" at Fortune Bay this fall. Tentative dates are two weekends in October. I'll tell you more next month, or call AIEDF at 651-917-0819 for more information.

TRIBAL MINUTES

▶ RTC Minutes: June 1, 15, 2006

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 1, 2006 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Invocation by Henry Goodsky.

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

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

Members Absent:
None

Others Present:
Barb Brodeen; Henry Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Bill Latady; Mavis Drift; George Mihelich; Lester Drift, Sr.; Jerome Whiteman; Pete Drift, Sr.; Kim Greiner; Marge Holmes; Marcella Connor; Edith Villebrun; Wendy Thompson; J. Kay Davis; Shaw Guelcher; Steve Peterson; Eric Lindell; Karen Diver; Jeneal Goggleye; Marilyn Geshick; Billie Mason; Robbie Goggleye; Eileen Barney; Mary Strong; Robin Boshey; Marybelle Isham; Rose Berens; Carol Burr; Kristal Strong; Jackie Triska; Laura Manuel; Carl Dagen; Janet Thompson

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve

the minutes of a special meeting held May 18, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

The Elders Committee do not have anything for the meeting.

There are no new staff to be introduced.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Letter of Agreement with the State of Minnesota for the Northeast Regional Project pending legal review. There are seven counties and three reservations participating in the project which will address long-term homelessness in northeastern Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Jerome Whiteman, Honor Guard member, informs the Council the veterans met about the license plates for veterans. They are recommending the individuals applying for the plates must have been discharged under honorable conditions and also provide a copy of his/her DD214 to determine eligibility. They want to include all veterans who are members of the Tribe or a Federally-recognized Tribe. They will be meeting next week to discuss the design of the plate. Eileen Barney informs the Council the company that makes the license

plates will be having a meeting with all the Bands in a couple of weeks. Chairman Leecy requests the Honor Guard to attend that meeting.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the recommendation the individuals applying for the veteran's license plates must have been discharged under honorable conditions and also provide a copy of his/her DD214 to determine eligibility. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #163-2006, lease cancellation – Dale Grunwald. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #164-2006, recreational lease – Jesse L. Richter. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve a 2-year extension on Ray Geshick, Sr.'s lease. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the consultant contract with Will Marvel for pharmacy services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Internship Agreement with Wendy Long who will be interning as a Family Nurse Practitioner at the Nett Lake Clinic. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to authorize Kim Greiner to close the six unused bank accounts: BFHA NAHASDA, BF RTC Medical Plan, BF Heritage Center, BF Medical Plan, BF Pow-wow Committee, and BF Conservation Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the transfer of the Bois Forte Business Loan Program (current balance and administration of current and future loans) to the Bois Forte Development Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Bois Forte Development Corporation Small Business Development Program Policy and a 30-day comment period for the policy to get input from Band member business owners. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the request from Melvin Johnson for a Bois Forte Band Flag which the Orr American Legion Post #480 will display at the visitor's center in Orr, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #165-2006, designating Rose Berens as Director of the Bois Forte Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Ed Villebrun and Brent Chosa to attend the Native American Fish and Wildlife Conservation Officer Law Enforcement Training to be held June 5-9, 2006 in Keshena, Wisconsin. Carried 4-0-0.

The Elders address the Council in regard to the requirement of having Band members only, running for royalty. The elders wanted it Band members only, but there are non-Band member candidates this year. The pow-wow committee was directed to talk to the elders committee on the requirements for the royalty but did not do so. It was decided to leave as is this year, but the pow-wow committee is to talk to the elders about the requirements for the future pow-wows.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 15, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

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

continued on page 13.

Minutes

Continued from page 12.

Members Present:

Kevin W. Leecy; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Ray Villebrun, Sr.;

Mark Drift, Sr.; Kevin Strong

Members Absent:
None

Others Present:

Barb Brodeen; Mark Anderson; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Marcella Connor; Marge Holmes; Pam Hughes; Brad Anderson; Leanne Barto; Mary Strong; Carl Dagen; Toni Wakemup; David Farmer; Marlene Farmer; Pete Drift, Sr.; Bill Latady; Ray Toutloff; Jacki Koski; Shane Drift; Rose Berens; Effie Drift; Mark Drift, Jr.; Andy Datko; Marilyn Geshick; Jeneal Goggleye; Florene LaRoque; Jerome Whiteman; Robin Boshey; Kim Greiner; Dawn Benner; Louise Isham; Billie Mason; Jason Sherman; Carol Burr; Corey Strong; Wendy Thompson; Patti Wilkie; Kristal Strong; Darin Steen; Lela Goodsky; Nikki Klaskoski; Esther Connor; George Mihelich; Dave Connor; Doris Isham; Ronald Pettinelli; Dr. Micheal Evans

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special

meeting held June 1, 2006 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Mary Strong said because the council was going to send the elders on a trip each year, without even trying, they have 68 people that want to go. They want to bring their spouses too, and the elders would make guidelines for the trip. They want the next trip to be the Gathering of Nations Pow-wow. They are letting the council know now so things can get started, like hotel reservations and fund raising. Chairman Leecy states he agrees with whatever the elders decide and will ask the Council if they will put it in the budget to make it a permanent vacation each year.

Mary Strong asks if the council could direct someone to spray for poison ivy. Her granddaughter got poison ivy and got a staph infection and was in the hospital for awhile. Mary is informed the County and the State were told not to spray on the reservation because the herbicides used were going to get in the lake and start ruining the rice crop. Corey Strong and Darin Steen are to work on spraying the small areas where there is poison ivy.

New RTC Staff: Toni Wakemup introduces Robin Boshey who is the Assistant Program Accountant. Billie Mason introduces Leanne Barto who is the Education

Administrative Assistant and Florene LaRoque who is the Summer Youth Coordinator.

Ray Toutloff states the Nett Lake School Board is requesting the Council waive the 2% TERO fee on the Nett Lake School Project. Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to deny the waiver of the TERO Ordinance Fee for the Nett Lake School Project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the agreement with Dorothea Kletschka for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Advocate services and to authorize Shane Drift to sign the agreement. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the revisions to the Burial Fund Policy, that the \$500 stipend is given to applicant Band members whose immediate deceased family member who is not enrolled. And to add after "Such stipend shall be paid by check to the designated representative of the deceased," "as designated in a living will or health directive or in funeral arrangements." Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the revisions to the Emergency Fund Guidelines, as recommended by Kim Greiner and Corey Strong. Income guidelines are

included and because they are the same income guidelines used for the Food Distribution Program, the income guidelines will be changed when the Food Distribution income guidelines are changed. Carried 4-0-0.

It was suggested that just one person coordinate all the emergency funds. Barb Brodeen states the commissioners will be discussing the emergency funds at the management retreat.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to table the revisions to the Personnel Policy. Carried 4-0-0. Patti Wilkie is to give a report on the expense of all the time staff are given off, such as the _ hour for paydays, and holidays, etc.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve an extension for making improvements on the lot on the lease for Esther Connor at Indian Point. Carried 4-0-0.

David Morrison, Sr. states a Band member requested a lot at Vermilion but heard the lot was going to have an access made to the lake. David feels if no action has been taken, the individual should be able to go ahead with the process for obtaining the lot. Kevin Strong states he wants to keep a lot for public access on each of the areas at Vermilion, so the kids can go swimming, picnic, etc. Since public accesses aren't

designated on the Land Use Plan, Barb Brodeen is to insert them in. Also, it was the leasing manager's understanding the lots were already designated, and that if the lot was available there are other people ahead of the person who requested the lot.

Ronald Pettinelli is requesting a 10-year lease at a reduced rate and will pay up front for a 10-year fixed rate (he has 5 years remaining on his current lease and want to extend it to 10 years). Ronald is informed the fair market value is what the Council has adopted and will follow.

Nikki Klakoski informs the Council the lessees want the Council to reconsider the lease rates.

David Farmer informs the Council he was going to enter into an agreement with someone to purchase property on a leased lot but when he was going to finalize it the other person said the property was sold. David is requesting the Council not take any action on this lot until more information is obtained. He is looking at other lots but if he can't find any, he wants this lot without the buildings.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #168-2006, lease cancellation - Sara Kochie. Carried 4-0-0.

continued on page 14.

Minutes

Continued from page 13.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #169-2006, residential lease – Arika Leigh Bliss. Carried 3-0-1. Kevin Strong silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #170-2006, recreational lease – Michael J. Poola, Scott A. Lesnau and Michael R. Lesnau. Carried 3-1-0. Mark Drift, Sr. against. Mark Drift, Sr. states he is against because our people want to come home and they should be given priority for the leases.

Chairman Leecy calls for a motion to adopt resolution #171-2006, recreational lease – Kelly McGregor. Chairman calls for a motion again. Dies for lack of a motion.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #172-2006, lease cancellation – Joe Kletschka. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #173-2006, lease cancellation – Timothy Kletschka. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #174-2006, lease cancellation – Ray Geshick, Jr. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #175-2006, lease cancellation – Elaine Tibbetts. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to post until August 20, 2006 for comments on the future of leased lots. The results will be given at the September 20 town meeting. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to: 1) authorize participation in the Community Revitalization Fund, 2) authorize the Housing Division to negotiate a contract with the MCT Finance Corporation, and 3) authorize the Chairman to execute such documents as may be necessary to facilitate Bois Forte's participation, subject to review and approval of legal counsel. Carried 4-0-0.

Rose Berens introduces Dr. Michael Evens who will be conducting the Ethnobotany Project in the Voyageurs National Park. This project will help identify plant species important to Bois Forte and identifying the best management practices for those species. Dr. Michael Evens will be talking with the elders and getting their participation in this project.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #176-2006,

application to the National Park Service for the Bois Forte Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) to assume the functions of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for tribal lands under the jurisdiction of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the revised Higher Education allowance for summer school graduate level at \$3,600.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #177-2006, audit procedures for Title 31 compliance. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #178-2006, amendments to

the Bois Forte Minimum Internal Control Standards Ordinance. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Jessica Villebrun to attend the Finance Contracting and Purchasing for Tribes and Tribal Organizations workshop to be held July 18-19, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.


Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Dawn Benner to attend the National TERO Convention to be held August 6-10, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for the TERO Commissioners:

Geraldine Hanks, Sharyn Strong, Geraldine Polasky, Ellen King, Daniel James Morrison, Sidney Adams, and Darla Flett to attend the National TERO Convention to be held August 6-10, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. Carried 4-0-0.

Esther Connor informs the Council she is a graduate of Bemidji State University and is working on her Masters. She will be going to Argentina for a language immersion. She is \$566.00 short of the cost to go and she is asking the Council to see if there is any other funding Bois Forte could help with towards the \$566.00.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. Carried 4-0-0. [END]



BOIS FORTE NEWS: SUBSCRIPTION

P.O. Box 16 • Nett Lake, MN • 55772
 bfnews@boisforte-nsn.gov • (218) 757-3261 ext. 113
 www.boisforte.com

I have enclosed \$_____ for a _____ year(s) subscription.

<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL	<input type="checkbox"/> B.F. BAND MEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW SUBSCRIPTION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE ADDRESS

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

* *Subscription is Free for All Bois Forte Band Members.*

If you are a BFBM and you're not receiving the paper, please let us know.

Subscription Rate:
\$4.00 per (1) Year

Make Check or Money Order Payable to:
Bois Forte News

OBITUARY

▶ Elizabeth "Lizzy" Jane Thompson

Elizabeth "Lizzy" Jane Thompson
Pi tway wi Ashi Quay
(Wind Woman)

Elizabeth "Lizzy" J. Thompson, nearly 3 years old, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth; after complications from a recent near drowning.

SERVICES: Tribal Rites will be at 10:00 AM Saturday (July 22nd) in the Nett Lake School Gymnasium. Gilbert Smith will be the Spiritual Advisor. Visitation will be after 4:00 PM Friday at the school gym. The casket bearers will be: Robert

Hackett, Randy Bolen Jr, Matthew James, Brent Chosa, Allen Googley, and Charles Googley III. The honorary bearers will be: Leonard Thompson, Curtis Thompson, Shane Drift, Kris Strong, David Beckwith, and Mark Beckwith. The interment will be in the Nett Lake Cemetery.

Lizzy was born on August 16, 2003, at St. Mary's Medical in Duluth; the daughter of Raymond and Rebecca (Beckwith) Thompson. Little Lizzie loved the outdoors and running – she ran like the wind, which is the meaning of her given Indian name. She also



Elizabeth "Lizzy" Jane Thompson
Pi tway wi Ashi Quay
(Wind Woman)
8.16.03 - 7.18.06

loved her cats, all four of them, along with her two dogs.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation

for all the cards, care, concern, money, prayers and assistance from the many who helped. Some of whom were: family, friends, strangers, the paramedics, baseball teams, Cloquet Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center – all the doctors and nurses were wonderful, social workers, and ambulance personnel. To the autistic eleven year old boy who found Lizzy, you are our hero, as is the boy who helped pull her out of the water.

She is survived by her parents, Raymond and Rebecca Thompson of Nett Lake; siblings, Henry, Nicholas and Amanda Thompson, all at home; maternal grandmother, Gladys Beckwith, paternal grandparents, Thomas Sheehy and Janet Thompson; paternal great grandmother, Myrna Thompson; along with numerous special aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She is preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Henry Beckwith, paternal great-great grandmother, Margaret Drift, and aunt Mary Smith.

Arrangements are with the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

Thank you,

In the early morning of June 8, 2006, my world came crashing down with the death of my father, James □Fudd□ Drift Jr. who now joins my mother, Helen.

Ravyn and I want to express our heartfelt appreciation to everybody for their time, contributions, kind words of support the numerous hugs, and condolences offered in the days after. We thank ALL of you who knew him as Uncle, Brother, Cousin, or Friend. You all were special to him in ways you do not know.

*Again, thank you!
Renee Gibbs*

DID YOU KNOW?

▶ Fun quiz on Indian Gaming.

The first quiz is on Minnesota Indian Gaming...

TEST YOUR "INDIAN ISSUES" IQ. Most people are surprised to learn that many of the beliefs they held about Indians, Indian tribes and Indian gaming are incorrect.

Quiz on Minnesota Indian Gaming (3 questions)

1. Minnesota tribes can offer the same games as casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.
True | False
2. The State of Minnesota has virtually no regulatory authority over tribal gaming.
True | False
3. Most tribes in Minnesota have hired management companies to run their casinos.
True | False

Answers:
1. The correct answer is False. In exchange for open-ended compacts with no termination date, Minnesota

tribes agreed to limit themselves to two types of gaming-video games of chance and blackjack. Each tribe signed separate compacts with the state for operation of these two games.

2. The correct answer is False. Under the tribal-state compacts, the State of Minnesota can:

- Inspect video slots without notice and remove non-compliant machines from play
- License and conduct background checks on key casino personnel
- Inspect records and documents related to slot operations
- Set payouts and technical standards for slots
- Set rules of play, technical standards, staffing and video surveillance requirements for blackjack.
- Obtain CPA audits of gaming operations

3. The correct answer is False. Although a few tribal casinos in Minnesota were operated by management companies in the past, all of the Indian tribes in Minnesota now have complete management control over their own casinos.

Quiz from the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association's website (<http://mnindiangaming.org>).

HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY SON!!



John Whiteman Jr.
August 19th

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jenna, Jaden
and Jacob.



Ruth Porter

**University
of
Minnesota
Duluth**

**B.S.
Elementary
Education**

Dad - Thank you for being there all these years. Your support and guidance got me very far. Joe, Baby Joe, and Baby Rhonda - I did this all for you. Your my inspiration, my everything. To my family - both the Porters & Hoagland's thank you for all the support. I will be starting a Masters program in the fall.

ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES WITH THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION MAILINGS SUCH AS: TOWN MEETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS ETC. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE. BOIS FORTE ENROLLMENT - (218)757-3261 EXT. 121

Fun with Public Works

Brought to you by the Bois Forte Public Works.

Can you find these words?

- clean
- groundwater
- water
- treatment
- grass
- tap
- contaminate
- protect
- pesticide
- wells
- leaks
- oil



How much water do we use in a day?

Taking a bath or shower	15-30 gallons
Watering the lawn	180 gallons
Washing the dishes	10-50 gallons
Washing clothes	3- gallons
Flushing the toilet	2 - 7 gallons
Brushing teeth	1 gallon
Drinking	1/2 gallon

MORE FUN WITH WATER

Share these silly riddles with friends and family.

1. What lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its root upward?
2. What three letters mean "stiff water"?
3. What kind of bank needs no money?
4. What runs and has no feet, roars but has no mouth?
5. What runs but never gets tired?

ANSWERS: 1. An icicle 2. Ice 3. A riverbank 4. The sea 5. Water, from a tap or river