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BOIS FORTE ELECTION RESULTS 2006 Voters Elect Ray Toutloff to Represent Vermilion



Raymond Toutloff

the reservation and those who live elsewhere. It feels good to know Band members have confidence in my commitment to work on their behalf. I appreciate all votes, but receiving the support of the local community was especially gratifying because it's only been eight years since I moved back to live in this community."

without having to go through the June general election.

Deegan said he and Toutloff both ran good, hard campaigns. He said, I knew the voters wanted a campaign based on the issues rather than one where the candidates were slinging mud. I talked to Ray the day after the election and congratulated him. I also encouraged Ray not to give up on what he said he would work to do during the campaign."

Toutloff and Deegan were propelled into the June election after Vermilion voters selected them from among five candidates in the April 4 Primary. The two men were the top vote getters narrowly edging out incumbent Kevin Strong.

Voters in the April Primary also gave incumbents David Morrison and Mark Drift enough votes to win reelection as Secretary -Treasurer and District I Representative

Toutloff also had positive words about his opponent. "Jim worked hard. He didn't use negative messages. He is a good person and I appreciated the competition he pre-

JUNE 13, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS DISTRICT II REPRESENTATIVE

CANDIDATES	REGULAR BALLOTS	ABSENTEE BALLOTS	TOTAL
Raymond A. Toutloff	54	54	108
James P. Deegan	32	23	55
Voided Ballots	1	1	2
Unclaimed Ballots		3	3
Unreturned Ballots		15	15

sented. Throughout the campaign he stuck to the issues and treated me as a gentleman. I hope the same can be said of me."

The campaign issues that both candidates promoted focused on better housing, employment, education and healthcare in Vermilion. Both men also discussed efforts to promote and preserve native culture and social programs including foster care and an alcohol/drug treatment facility in the area. Touloff also stressed better communication and collaboration with the surrounding communities to insure uninterrupted local serv-

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"Thank you to all the voters. Both those on the reservation and those who live elsewhere. It feels good to know Band members have confidence in my commitment to work on their behalf." - Ray Toutloff.

RESOLUTION TO BAN HUNTING AND FISHING ON SPIRIT ISLAND

► Resolution To Stop Misuse of the Island

The waves of change can begin with a simple canoe ride. Dorothea Kletschka was introducing her son's girlfriend, a Cheyenne River Lakota woman, to Spirit Island. Sage Montana had read about the sacred site on the Internet and wanted to visit it.

Dorothea, her son Ben Spears, and Sage canoed to the island one afternoon. Dorothea had been aware of litter on the island, but this time she viewed it through

Montana's eyes, as a first-time visitor. The spiritual site seemed desecrated with trash. Duck hunting blinds and trash lay near the ancestors' pictographs, which was upsetting. The trio picked up a lot of the litter but yet a lot still remained.

When Dorothea returned

"When I was a young man, we would go out to Spirit Island to look at the etchings and leave an offering of food or tobacco. We didn't go out to Spirit Island just to hang out. The people who have gone more recently and left trash don't have respect for our culture and are misusing the Island." - Gene Goodsky.

to the village, she couldn't shake the image – or her emotions. That compelled Dorothea to write a letter to the Tribal Council, Executive Director and DNR urging them to act on the information. The DNR examined the trash on the island and concluding that much of it had been left behind by hunters. Executive Director Barb Brodeen and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Rosemary Berens canoed to Spirit Island to collect the remaining

The council passed a resolution banning fishing and hunting on Spirit Island. "Spirit Island shall be reserved for traditional spiritual purposes," the resolution concludes.

Spiritual Advisor Gene Goodsky said he favors the resolution. "When I was a young man, we would go out to Spirit

Island to look at the etchings and leave an offering of food or tobacco. We didn't go out

to Spirit Island just to hang out. The people who have gone more recently and left trash don't have respect for our culture and are misusing the Island."



Gene Goodsky - Spiritual Advisor

Rosemary Berens echoed Gene's sentiments. "As a Band member who grew up in Nett Lake, Spirit Island was always an important part of our life," she said. "Now as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer I feel an even greater responsibility to protect our cultural resources. Spirit Island is certainly a sacred resource for our people. I wholeheartedly support the resolution and any actions we take together to preserve our heritage."

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ices such as fire and ambulance protection.

Deegan enjoyed his first campaign and indicated he plans to run for the Tribal Council again in the future. He said, "I congratulate Ray on his victory. And I want to thank not only those who supported me with their vote, but everyone who allowed me the time to speak with them about the issues. I especially thank my wife Biana for all the hard work she put into the campaign." Toutloff said his primary goal as new Representative is to have an impact on improving and bettering the lives of Band members. "People have given me a vote of confidence to represent them and I'm going to work extra hard to earn

their vote and show them how much I appreciate the opportunity to try and improve the education, employment, housing and healthcare for our members."

He also plans to meet with outgoing Representative Kevin Strong in order to carry on projects that Strong has been working to promote. "On issues where we agree, I'll work to carry forth Kevin's efforts. He deserves a lot of credit for his work to get the Vermillion Wellness Center project off the ground and the success of that facility in our community will be a priority for me."

Toutloff will be sworn in and beginning representing Vermillion on July 18, 2006.

trash and survey the grounds. The RTC members consulted the DNR, Spiritual Leaders and the Elders on the proper steps on how to deal with the trash issue.

ORR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRATEFUL FOR BOIS FORTE SUPPORT

"There will be no prom this year." "Sorry, we ran out of funds for after school activities and we're no longer able to recognize athletic or academic achievements either." Would you want to be the high school principle or parent who has to break this news to our teenagers?

Of course not. That's why when Bois Forte became aware that Orr High School was seeking aid for activities related to students' physical, social and academic health, they responded

with generous support, not once but repeatedly, throughout the academic year.

And this assistance has not gone unnoticed by the administration and faculty at Orr High School. Dean of Students, John Jirik said, "Bois Forte is extremely supportive in allowing and encouraging students to participate and succeed in school. The Band has helped the kids in so many ways including providing transportation, funding special events, like the prom,

and providing financial support to award sports and academic excellence. The Tribe is always willing to do anything it can do to help kids succeed in school and school activities."

"The RTC knows that the best way we can help is to lead by example. Bois Forte can't say we fully support education and getting kids involved in worthwhile activities and then expect someone else to make it happen," says District 1 Rep. Mark Drift.

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NOTHING BUT NET... A NETT LAKE CHALLENGE

▶ **Nett Lake Students Help Prevent the Spread of Malaria in Africa**

The students of the Nett Lake School played hard for over three hours on Tuesday May 9th, 2006. This was not the normal recess this time was for a very important cause, to save lives of children half way around the world.

Sixth grade teacher Amanda Morley's husband noticed that Nett Lake was mentioned in the article by Rick Reilly titled 'Nothing But Nets' in the May issue of Sports Illustrated. The article employs readers to donate money towards the purchase of much needed mosquito nets in Africa. The article states that nearly 3,000 children die everyday from malaria. The World Health Organization predicts that the transmission of the disease would drop 60% with the use of the nets and prompt

treatment of the infected.

Mrs. Morley brought the article to school showing it to her student. In return the students showed Theresa Clevenstine the 5th grade teacher. Together the two teachers thought it would be an excellent idea to help. They discussed it with their students and thought it would be a good fifth and sixth grade project. As the idea spread through the school more wanted to be involved. "On the way home, other teachers in our carpool wanted to help. So it evolved over a group of us. Most importantly we told the kids and they jumped at the chance to help others in need." Explained fifth grade teacher, Theresa Clevenstine.



The students pose for a photo with the check for \$1048.75 which was raised during the Nothing But Net fundraiser.

Together the school organized the fund-raiser. Since the SI article stated, "If you ever gotten a thrill by throwing, kicking, knocking, dunking, slamming, putting up, cutting down or jumping over a net... please donate... you might have just saved a kids life." The students

decided to make it a sport or 'NET - ACTIVE' type fund-raiser calling it, 'Nothing but Net... A Nett Lake Challenge.'

It included basketball challenges like, lightening round free throws, three-point shots, dribbling relays, basketball catch for the kinder-

garten, and beach ball volleyball. It cost three dollars to participate and an additional dollar for the students to challenge the teachers at beach ball volleyball.

The students raised \$341.25. The Tribal

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Students Grateful

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Over the past school year, close to \$8,000 has been donated to Orr High School. Most of the funds directly benefited Bois Forte students by covering their extra curricular activity fees and Honor Role Incentives, but a significant amount also was contributed to help the entire school com-

munity, such as the prom, yearbook ads and the Senior Awards

"All the extra activities we help fund provide incentives for the kids to stay in school... It's a good investment in our kids' future to make school a more enjoyable part of their life." - Ray Villebrun

Banquet. "Most high school students' expectations are pretty basic...a chance to learn something new, having a few good friends and something to

do with them. That sounds simple, but in reality, schools depend on the support of parent

volunteers and the generosity of the larger community to stand up and cover the gap when tax dollars run out and important programs and activities are inadequate-

ly funded. The RTC wants to do that when we can. Its the right thing to do," stresses Mark Drift.

District I Representative Ray Villebrun commented that giving money to the school is a smart move "All the extra activities we help fund provide incentives for the kids to stay in school. They know they

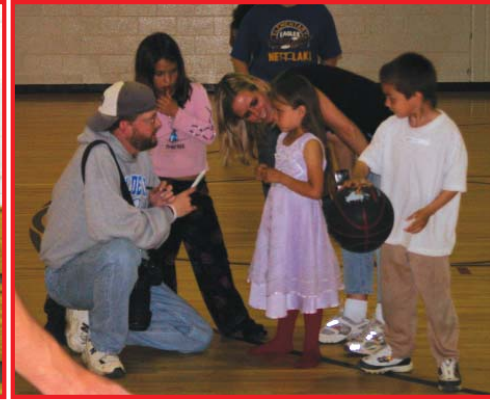
need to keep their grades up and maintain good attendance if they want to participate. It's a good investment in our kids' future to make school a more enjoyable part of their life."

There were no Bois Forte seniors at Tower High School in Vermilion this year. However, the Orr's graduating class included nine outstanding young people from Bois Forte.

Nothing But Net

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Government along with Fortune Bay Resort Casino matched the money the children collected, raising the total to \$1040.75. Other members of the community donated to the cause as well. The money will be sent directly to the United Nations Foundation and will go towards the malaria cause.



The event caught the eye of the local news and newspapers.

During the planning of the fund-raiser students researched and

of the children is heart-warming. The children have learned so much from this project," said

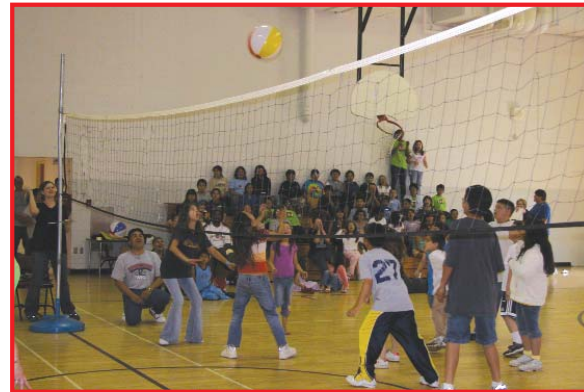


studied learning about the issues regarding the project. Lessons varied from math, health, entomology, economics, geography, and world peace. "The generosity

Theresa Clevensine.

The fifth and sixth grade teachers are not sure if they will make it an annual event, but it maybe a possibility in the future. "The Nothing But Net... A Nett Lake Challenge" was a fun day for all and very rewarding. Thanks for your support." Said Amada Morley and Theresa Clevensine who expressed their gratitude to all who participated and helped make the event a success.

For more information you can logon to the following websites. <http://www.unfoundation.org/malaria>



Bois Forte TERO

Updates, Training & Information

Boozhoo Everyone!
Just a little update on Phase III of the Fortune Bay 2006 Expansion Project, the bid was won by Rueben Johnson & Sons out of Superior, WI (RJS). Those that are interested in being considered for employment on this project must fill out their employment application. Applications can be picked up at the following places:

- TERO Office in Nett Lake
- Vermilion Center in Tower (see Geraldine Hanks)

Going directly to the Site is not recommended. You must be registered with TERO.

If you haven't done so by now, please stop in the TERO Office to either fill out a new application or to update your file. They can be picked up at the Vermilion Center as well. Mii-Gwetch!

I attended the Town Meeting at the Nett Lake School on June 14, 2006, so I got an update on two upcoming projects, they are as follows:

- Nett Lake School Expansion Project
- Nett Lake C-Store

Both projects are scheduled to start in the Fall.



With regard to the Timber Industry, currently the DNR does not have TERO in on their bidding process, questions or concerns for this matter should be directed to Corey Strong – Commissioner of DNR.

For those that are interested in receiving a copy of the newly revised TERO Ordinance, please stop by my office or give me a call and I will mail you a copy. In reading this document, you will find out what the TERO Office is obligated to do under this ordinance.

I guess this will be all for now, until next time, have a good summer.

Dawn Benner – TERO Officer

Bois Forte Town Meeting

June 14, 2006 Town Meeting Nett Lake

The Bois Forte Tribal Government held a town meeting on June 14, 2006 at the Nett Lake Elementary School. The main topics of discussion were, Blood Quantum, Land Use Master Plan, and the Nett Lake School – Community Expansion Project.

Discussion on Blood Quantum – A change on determining Tribal membership went well, with many emotional comments from Band members. The Tribal Council listened to all comments, ideas, suggestions, and promised to take all into consideration. The Council still needs more input on this issue, in order to bring back to the Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) at their meeting in July. Below is a brief summary of a hand out that was provided to attendees.

Summary of Bois Forte's call for change in determining Tribal membership

At the January 2006 State of the Band, Chair Kevin Leecy announced that he would ask the

Bois Forte RTC to lead a campaign to amend section II of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe



Concept art for the "C" Store in Nett Lake.

Constitution (MCT) which deals with membership, including blood degree or "quantum" requirement.

For persons born after July 3, 1961, the MCT requires an applicant for enrollment to demonstrate that he or she has at least one quarter degree "Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood" derived from one or more of the six MCT bands.

Chairman Leecy said "The current system of determining blood quan-

tum is deliberately narrow, because it was forced on tribes by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the early 1960's when the federal government was trying to reduce the services it provides to Indian people and even

eliminate tribes from existence. We need more accuracy in determining the heritage of Chippewa people in Minnesota which includes other bands that are not members of the MCT; including the Red Lake Band in northern Minnesota., and other Chippewa Bands in Wisconsin, Michigan, the Canadian First Nation Ojibwe, North Dakota and Montana."

The Bois Forte RTC agreed and asked the MCT to begin the process of changing the Constitution by expanding the criteria for tribal enrollment to recognize ancestry from additional Chippewa bands in other states and Canada.

Members of the Executive Committee (TEC) decided to send the proposal back to each reservation for dis-

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BOIS FORTE ELDER ADVENTURE TO WASHINGTON D.C.

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

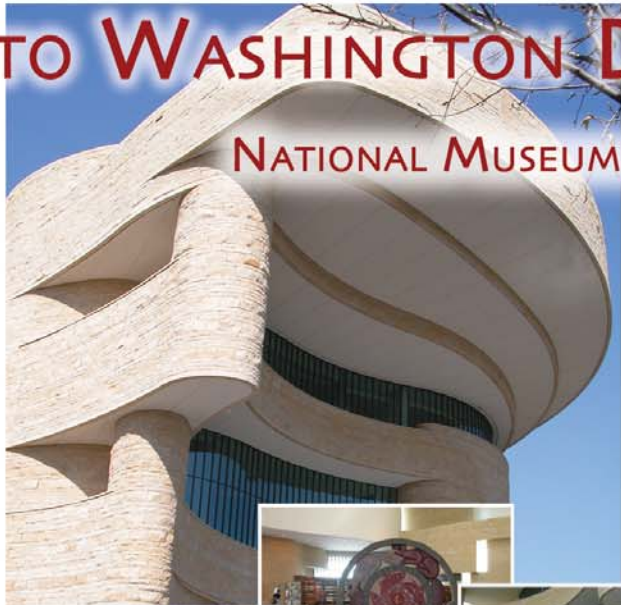
The Elders spent the third day of the trip at the National Museum of the American Indian.

It is a beautiful museum and anyone who attended will say that one day is not enough time to see all the wonderful items that are on display.

The BFNews will have more photos in the next issue.

PASSING DOWN THE STORIES

NATIVE SPIRITUAL VALUES LIVE IN STORIES. PASSED VERBALLY FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, THE STORIES PRESERVE NATIVE CULTURE, LANGUAGES, AND WAYS OF EXPLAINING THE UNIVERSE. - EMIL HER MANY HORSES, NMAI, 2003



OUR ELDERS HAVE CREATED FOR US A SACRED WAY OF BEING IN THE UNIVERSE. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PASS THE UNDERSTANDING ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION. - TESSIE NARANJO (PUEBLO OF SANTA CLARA), 2001



BOIS FORTE POW-WOWS

Vermilion



2006 Bois Forte Sah Gii Bah Gah Royalty
 L-R: Savannah Perisien - Mini Princess,
 Charmaine Jordain - Sr. Princess,
 Tea Drift - Jr. Princess

Thank You... The Pow-Wow Committees would like to thank EVERYONE for their support in putting on the summer events. Thank you to the kids & adults who helped rake & mow - sod the grounds. A special thanks to Keith Secola who came home and sang a few songs... If it wasn't for all of you, we wouldn't have successful pow wows. Miigwetch to ALL!

Nett Lake



BOIS FORTE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Behind the Scene with Barb Brodeen

about our Tribal Government. Be sure and let me know what you think of this idea and if there are any specific topics you'd like me to cover in upcoming issues. By the way, a big thank you to Brandon Benner for suggesting the name for this column.

Editors Note: Behind the Scene with Barb Brodeen is the first of what we hope will be regular columns from our Executive Director updating Band members on news and developments in our Tribal Government and Communities.

Boozhoo!

Over the past several months I've been asked by Band members why I don't write a column in the Bois Forte News. It seemed like a good idea and I gave it a lot of thought. However, the demanding schedule of everyday life kept pushing the idea further down on my ever growing 'to do' list.

More recently, several Elders asked me the same question and I knew it was time for me to get busy creating this first column.

The column is titled *Behind the Scene with Barb Brodeen*. My goal is to provide you with short summaries of important information you might want, or need to know,

The National Congress of American Indians, recently elected a new President, Joe Garcia of the San Juan Pueblo Tribe in New Mexico. President Garcia identified his priorities for Indian Country: public safety, healthcare, economy and education. It appears that our Reservation is a little ahead of the game in some of these areas, one being education.

This time of the year has become very important to our People. It is the time of year that we see the next generation of leaders and staff move one step closer to assuming roles of responsibility on our Reservation. Over the years, Bois Forte has made great strides in increasing student graduation rates. For those of you that grew up on or near the reservation, think back to the number of students that started out in grade school and compare it to the number of students that stayed in school until graduation.

This year we didn't have any seniors at Tower High School. However, nine of our young people received their diploma from the Orr High School. They were: Gordy Adams III, Natasha Comby, Tristan Day, Peter Drift Jr, Susan McNey, JennaLee Porter, Jennifer Prepodnik, Jon Strong and David Villebrun.

Every year, one of our Tribal Council members has the privilege of presenting the Bois Forte High School Scholarship to the student with the best academic performance. This year, District I Representative Mark Drift was on hand to share some wisdom with the entire class and to present his nephew, Pete Drift, Jr., with the Bois Forte Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement. Congratulations to Pete Jr. and all the graduates. Thank you to all of you that have been an inspiration to these young people and to those of us who graduated in the past. You know who you are and we are grateful for the support and encouragement you give to our young people.

Bois Forte supports our area schools in many behind the scenes projects that aren't as visible as the spring graduation.

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VERMILION BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BIGGER, BETTER

▶ The Vermilion Boy & Girls Club is New & Getting Newer in Their New Home

The Boys & Girls Club is relatively new to Bois Forte, so it's interesting to note that it's actually getting newer. Not only has the Boys & Girls Club (BGCA) moved to its new home in the beautiful Wellness Center in Vermilion, it is also under new leadership.

Jeanette Cox was selected as the Branch Director and began work in mid May. Jeanette earned an undergraduate degree in History, from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She most recently worked as an Academic Support Coordinator at Vermilion Community College, where she assisted first-generation, low-income students.

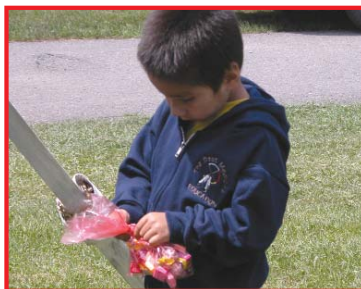
Jeanette has also served on behalf of families as an advocate in the court system. She has years of experience in youth and community development and feels she brings the right combination of skills and interests to her new role. "I have an eclectic background and hope that a new perspective will build on what is working well and provide some direction in areas where our Club might improve. I am all about collaboration and look forward to the help and input of volunteers in the area."



Part of Jeanette's responsibility is development and grant writing. In the past, Jeanette has been successful in securing monies from the Regional Arts Council and other foundations. Increasing participation from non-profits and for-profit businesses will be a high priority. Jeanette said, "I intend to create real partnerships for this Boys & Girls Club. By fostering relationships with those who support our mission and goals, we can create a sound financial base and ensure that Bois Forte members and kids in the larger community receive the support they deserve."

The Club is open part-time while it undergoes re-organization and hiring. The BGCA staff welcomes residents to come and check out all the positive things going on there. Jeanette stresses, "This is an exciting time for Vermilion youth. They can get in on the ground floor of creating a space that really works for them, from where a chair goes, to what kind of programming happens here."

VERMILION ELEMENTARY AWARDS BANQUET



All the children received special bags of candy and a sweat shirt.



Thomas Running Bear receives award for perfect attendance.

Barb Brodeen

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Did you know that in 2006 the RTC donated more than \$8,000 to area schools?

The contributions were made throughout the school year for several programs and events such as academic incentives, extra curricular program fees, partial sponsorship of the prom, ads in the year book, just to name a few.

Bois Forte is developing a well earned reputation throughout the state for our commitment to our kids and support of education at all levels. Does that sound like a bold claim? We'll everyday I see proof of this in both public and behind the scenes ways that prove my point.

The Minnesota State legislative session is over and as you know, Bois Forte had an outstanding session receiving the entire \$10.7 million we requested for our Nett Lake School project. Keep in mind that doesn't include a promise we

received from the Minnesota Tribal Foundation made up of our friends from Mille Lacs, Prairie Island and Shakopee to also contribute to the school project.

A big Mii Gwetch to Ray Toutloff, Teresa Strong, Jeneal Goggleye, Carl Dagen, Billie Mason, Corey Strong, Shaw Guelcher, Gary Adams and Judy Posch for all the work they put into this first step of the project. The school project is a classic example of what can be accomplished when we work together toward a common goal. I would also like to thank the Tribal Council and the Nett Lake School board members for their invaluable assistance.

Need more proof? How about Kemper Sports donating a summer golf academy opportunity for our young people. You can still call the Boys & Girls Club 218-591-1550 to register your child for a summer session at the Golf Academy.

The recently opened Vermilion Wellness Center is another great example of our commitment to our kids and the future. Special recognition needs to go to Kevin Strong who talked to anyone who would listen about the need for more activities for our kids.

Our Tribal friends listened to Kevin and this project became a reality in large part due to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux's support of our desire to provide stronger after school opportunities for our young people. The Vermilion community invites you to come and take a look at the new facility and if by chance you see Kristal Strong, give her a pat on the back or shake her hand for a job well done in coordinating many of the details for the building.

Did you know the Fond du Lac Tribe recently responded positively to a challenge from our RTC to help fund a traveling basketball team of native athletes? Brandon Benner will be coaching

the team and you'll be reading more about their successes in the August issue of the Bois Forte News.

Let's not forget our cultural heritage. The RTC just approved funding to start a drum group for young people in both Vermilion and Nett Lake. We are in the process of interviewing candidates to instruct and direct the young drummers and you'll be hearing more about this in the coming months as well.

Our Multi Generational Cultural Program has really taken off under the leadership of Vondalee Carr and our very own language CD recorded by Karen Drift is practically finished. Keith Secola came to town to record music tracks for the tape and honored all of us with his songs at the June Sah Gii Bah Gah Powwow in Nett Lake.

Last but not least, many of you will remember that Duluth Public Television visited us three times last summer to tape shows interview-

ing our Elders, touring our Heritage Center, describing our language program and Gene Goodsky's work with our young people.

The television shows ran throughout the winter and spring on Thursday evenings at 8:30 on channel 6. We just learned the programs will continue to be aired throughout the year on stations all over North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Northern Michigan and in San Clemente, San Bernardino and Eureka California.

The television crew would like to return to Vermilion and Nett Lake again this fall and tape some additional shows. Let me know if you have any ideas for programs and I'll pass them on to the producer.

There are some exciting things happening on the rez this summer and there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to work Behind the Scene! Mii Gwetch

BOIS FORTE - ORR GRADUATE

High School Graduate Peter Drift Jr. Makes Bois Forte Proud

When your name means "the last one standing," you're probably destined for great things. Such is the case for Ash-Quay-Bit, who you may know as recent Orr High School graduate, Peter Drift, Jr.

Peter was born on November 20, 1987 to Peter Drift Sr., and Lori (LaRoque) Drift. His Indian name was given to Peter by his late great-grandmother Jessie Drift. Peter is part of the Bear Clan and is proud of his Native American heritage.

Throughout high school, Peter distinguished himself in numerous extra-

circular activities including Co-President of S.O.R.A. (Society of Red Man's America), in Knowledge Bowl, the Spanish Club, Pep Band, and all school plays. Peter wrote for Orr's school newspaper and was a member of the yearbook staff.

He lettered in Junior and Senior High Band as well as in Drama Club, and has been recognized by the National Honor Society, since 8th grade. Peter was also selected to be the all school Board Representative for Orr High School.

Peter's athletic achievements are notable as



Peter poses for a photo with classmate and the Nett Lake kindergarten during Dr. Seuss's birthday reading special, which he participated earlier this spring.

well, including lettering in Basketball and Football and serving as Co-Captain for both sports in his senior year. Most recently, Peter made All Conference and was named to the All

Iron Range Team in Football. Coach John Jirik had this to share about this high school athlete, "Besides being an excellent student, Pete was a very versatile player throughout his career. As a senior captain he became a dominant side blocker and a very athletic receiver. This, coupled with three years of dedicated weight lifting, made him a shoe-in All Conference player."

Academically, Peter ranked 6th out of his class of 34 students. He achieved a 3.4 GPA. Peter was given Honorable Mention for a "Triple A" Scholarship, which recognizes unusual achievement in athletics, academics & the arts.

For his commitment to overall excellence Peter has been awarded the following scholarships:

Hans Wallin & Jyring Scholarship, and the Herb King Memorial

Scholarship, each in the amount of \$500., awarded for Peter's GPA.

Bemidji State University Foundation Scholarship awarded Peter \$1,100 for his combined GPA and Class Rank, and Bemidji State University's Native American Resource Center also awarded Peter a \$1,000. Scholarship.

In addition, RTC District One Rep Mark Drift had the distinct pleasure of

presenting his nephew Peter with Bois Forte's \$1,000 Scholarship as part of his graduation festivities. This award is gifted to the Band's High School senior with the highest overall GPA.

Peter lives the motto, if you want something done, ask a busy person. Beyond his athletics and studies Peter made the time to serve as a volunteer Coach and Referee on Orr Youth Basketball teams. He also volunteered for Nett Lake Elementary's *Dr. Seuss* Reading Program, as well as the Bois Forte DARE and GREAT programs.

Peter is a source of great joy for his parents and is a role model for his siblings Perry (14), Parker (13) and Paige (11). Peter will attend Bemidji State University this fall, where he plans to study Pre-Law.

Town Meeting

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discussion at the local level. Ideas and comments generated by those discussions will be brought back to the TEC at their next meeting in July.

If you have comments call your representative.

MASTER PLAN – LAND USE

Andy Datko, CEO Bois Forte Development Inc. and Tim Meyer, KrechOjard provided the Master Plan – Land Use presentation. The presentation included the new specs and designs that were created from all the comments from previous public meetings. It included the new

designs for the convenient "C" Store; residential and commercial land development areas in Nett Lake, Palmquist, Indian Point, and Vermilion. They noted that there is no plan to change Deer Creek at this time.

Andy Datko stated that they have tentative plans to begin construction on the new Nett Lake "C" Store this fall, as it would be a winter construction project. There are plans to have another meeting to discuss the Land Use in the future, but at this time a date has not been set.

NETT LAKE SCHOOL EXPANSION – COMMUNITY EXPANSION PROJECT

The Nett Lake School expansion project, which was dubbed "community expansion" was proudly presented by Ray Toutloff. He explained more on the Maximum Effort Loan – which technically really is not a loan, but a grant – and showed how the construction would take place with out disrupting the daily functions of the school, health services, and human services. The current plans are to start construction on the expansion project this fall around the same time as the construction on the "C" Store begins.

The Bois Forte News will have more information as the expansion and construction begin.

BOIS FORTE - ORR GRADUATE

▶ Orr High School Graduates Top-Notch Athlete, Tristan Day

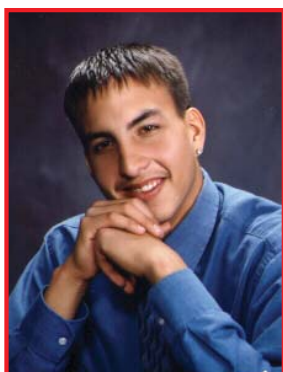
Through out his entire scholastic years Tristan has excelled in athletics. You can see his accomplishments displayed across a wall in his home - ribbons, medals, and certificates.

He has received numerous awards such as Honorable Mention, All Conference and has lettered in Baseball, Basketball and Football.

Not only has Tristan been a leader and roll model for athletics, his academics have been positive as well. This year he was a member of the B Honor

roll. Anyone who has played sports and studied, will tell you that it is not easy to keep up your grades when you have practice everyday and late away games. Among athletic and academics he has participated in many organizations, clubs, mentored youth and volunteered in the community. This fall Tristan plans on attending the Lake Superior College for Automotive studies.

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Tristan and I would like to take the time to



Tristan Day
Class of 2006

Thank the RTC for all the Support and the fees that you have given to Tristan. If it wasn't for your help Tristan may not have been the fine athlete that he is.

Thank You
Tristan Day & Muriel Deegan

BOIS FORTE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

▶ Business "Tip-of-the-Month"

Greetings. I'm Steve Peterson, Bois Forte's Business Development Coordinator. This is the first of regular monthly columns that are designed to assist Band members in the step by step process of how to start your own successful business.



Business Tip of the Month:

A business no matter if it is full time or part time, will become your job. Most people tend to work harder in their job when they have a stake in the ownership, as when you work in your own business. So make sure that when you are planning your business, you're looking for an activity that holds your interest, find something you like to do. Your business idea could come from your hobby, a career you currently have, or from past experience or training. The key is to have a passion for what you will be doing. Having a real passion for your work will help you through the troubling ups and downs of owning your own business.

That's all we have room for in this issue. However, I look forward to writing again next month. If you have questions on the information above or would like me to write about a specific topic in upcoming issues, please contact me:

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Each month I'll offer some helpful information about starting, running and growing your own business. I'll also provide a "tip of the month" and let you know about upcoming classes and workshops for entrepreneurs and business owners.

Because of space limitations in this issue of the paper, my first column is brief. We only have room for our first business tip of the month and two announcements of important activities for you to participate in:

1. The RTC is currently asking for public comment on the services you would like to see offered by your Business Development Office. A preliminary plan has been drafted and is available for you to review, comment on and suggest edits. (See ad on page 16 to find out more about the public comment period.)

2. Business Planning Workshops are being offered at Fortune Bay throughout the summer by Northeast Entrepreneur Fund. The 12 hour classes cost \$244 and scholarships are available for Band members and Fortune Bay employees. For more information contact me at the number at the bottom of this column or log onto www.entrepreneurfund.org



Nett Lake Head Start - Class of 2006

DEAR VOTERS

Megwetch to Bois Forte Chippewa Tribe Band Members for supporting me in the recent tribal election. Special acknowledgement and appreciation to the Lake Vermilion Reservation voters for providing me with an overwhelming majority of the votes in the June 13 general election for District II, Tribal Council Representative.

My four year term will be dedicated to improving our community and the lives of all constituents of the Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation.

Once again, Megwetch!
Giga wa ba min,

Ray Toutloff
District II Representative Elect
Bois Forte Tribal Council

TRIBAL MINUTES

▶ RTC Minutes: May 4, - May 18, 2006

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 4, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Invocation by Henry Goodsky.

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; Henry Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Jeneal Goggleye; Pete Drift, Sr.; Marge Holmes; Alec Pete; Karen Drift; Axel Holmes, Jr.; Marilyn Geshick; George Mihelich; Myra Thompson; Kristal Strong; Randy Long; Lester Drift, Sr.; Wendy Thompson; Nikki Klakoski; Darin Steen; Helen Wilkie; Isabelle Strong; Ray Toutloff; Dave Danz; Phyllis Boshey; J. Kay Davis Brown; Donovan Strong; Mary Strong; Shirley Benner; Mavis Drift; Shaw Guelcher; Jason Sherman; Billie Mason; Carol Burr; Charles Grolla; Kelly Dunkley; Deanna Drift; Effie Drift; Earl Villebrun; Jane Villebrun; Tara Geshick; Jerome Whiteman; Marybelle Isham; Rhonda Hoagland; Dawn Benner; Jennie Reynolds; Char Lewis; Janet Thompson;

Kevin Koski; Jennie Woodenfrog; Florence Huisentruit; Bill Latady; Ruth Ann Strong; Marcella Connor; Jan Connor; Rose Berens; Jon Connor; Marcus Knife Chief; Millie Holmes; Valerie Boness

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the deletion of Vern Barsness' Housing Grant item, and the addition of 1) out of state travel request for Justin Wendland, and 2) Phillis Boshey with concern of fire protection. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held February 22, 2006 with a correction on page 2, paragraph 3, inserting "or" so it reads "personal or political views". Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held March 16, 2006 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held April 21, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes has nothing from the Elders Committee. Mary Strong thanks the Council for the elder trip to

Washington, D. C. Mary Strong states they heard there was a petition going around for the removal of Chairman Leecy, and she presents a letter of support for Chairman Leecy which was signed by Band members. Barb Brodeen reads the letter of support, the signatures are counted and there are 128 names on it.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks about the elders drive-ways and if they received Class 5 gravel for them. There are two elders who need some. Jerome Whiteman is to get a list of the elders who need the Class 5 gravel.

A letter was received in regard to garbage being left on Spirit Island. This letter will be brought to the next Elders Committee meeting.

New staff introduced are: Deanna Drift – Probation Officer and Earl Villebrun – Environmental Technician.

Phyllis Boshey addresses the Council in regard to fire protection for Vermilion. She states her and other homeowners are finding out through the TimberJay there is no fire protection coverage at Vermilion. She attended a meeting where the fire and ambulance crew were going to vote on whether or not to provide coverage because the agreement was not signed and no payment was received. She suggests the Council enter into a four-year agreement. She also received a copy of the agreement from Greenwood Township which she states there are wrong names on some of the buildings. Chairman Leecy assures her the payment made,

and the Council is seeking a 3-4 year agreement. He also states there was a disagreement on the language of the agreement but there was never any danger of coverage not being provided. Three council members disagreed with her based on language in the contract. We are protecting our sovereignty. At no time was Vermilion Reservation in danger.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #144-2006, modification to Janice E. Connor and Leslie J. Connor lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #145-2006, residential lease – Jerome and Clara Whiteman. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #146-2006, residential lease – Vivian Proulx. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #147-2006, residential lease – Floyd and Arlene M. Morrison. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr. to adopt resolution #148-2006, lease cancellation – Kelly Ann Strong. Carried 3-0-1. Kevin Strong silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #149-2006, residential lease – Michael T. Rowlette and Faith A. Rowlette.

Carried 4-0-0.

Dave Danz informs the Council the Indian Community Development Block Grant application is due May 31, 2006 and he will be providing the Council with a list of possible projects to apply for under the grant.

Dave Danz and Lester Drift, Sr. give an update on the grant addressing homelessness. A grant was awarded to St. Louis County to address homelessness in N.E. Minnesota. The project is comprised of a coalition of seven counties (Cook, St. Louis, Lake, Koochiching, Carlton, Itasca and Aitken) and three Bands (Bois Forte, Fond du Lac and Grand Portage). There will be an advisory committee formed to identify clients and provide services to them. Bois Forte is slated to receive one full time Coordinator position to work with clients at Bois Forte and Northern St. Louis, Koochiching and Itasca Counties.

Darin Steen, Kevin Koski and Carol Burr give an update on the blower door airtightness testing that the Bois Forte Environmental Services did on the twenty new tax credit homes. All the homes, compared to the airtightness portion of the MN building code, have been at least 3 to 5 times leakier than the code allows. They provide pictures which is posted so the public can view them. The Council schedule a public meeting on May 17 so the homeowners can get this information. Darin and Kevin will provide the information and possible solutions. They are also to provide to Mark

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Anderson a list of everyone involved when the homes were built, the codes, contracts, drawings. Environmental Services and Housing also plan to do this testing on all the Housing homes at Bois Forte.

Shaw Guelcher gives a report on the elder trip to Washington, D.C. Except for a couple of the hotels, everything went okay, and she received good comments from the elders. Shaw will be putting together a scrapbook for everyone to see. Chairman Leecy states the Council is looking at an elder trip being an annual event.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agreements (one for Nett Lake and one for Vermilion) with the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches Division of Indian Work for a culturally specific teen pregnancy prevention program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the security services agreement with Per Mar Security Services for 18 buildings on Bois Forte, this is pending further review by legal counsel and any changes legal counsel makes. Carried 4-0-0. This does not include video cameras but Randy Long will meet with Todd Montgomery from Fortune Bay and

Teresa Strong from the Nett Lake School to look at the cost and maintenance of installing video cameras at Head Start (Head Start parents had

submitted a petition requesting the installation of video surveillance cameras at Head Start).

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #150-2006, grant application to the National Park Services NAGPRA Grant Program for funding to cover expenses associated with the repatriation of twenty-three sacred items from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and two items from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #151-2006, adoption of NIMS (National Incident Management System) and the implementation of and compliance with NIMS for emergency preparedness. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #152-2006, Bois Forte's tribal government participation in the Minnesota Department of Health's mass dispensing drill on September 14 and 15, 2006 that will prepare communities for biological and bacterial releases that threaten human health and safety. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the legal services agreement with Mark Anderson for the USDA Grant Ambulance Contract and loan documents and to authorize the chairman and secretary-treasurer to execute

the documents. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Randy Long and Eddie Chavers to attend the NativeTech 2006 Enriching Tribal Communities Through Information Technology conference to be held May 17-18, 2006 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Victoria Holmes to attend the Professional Excellence II Business Communications Skills for Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Assistants conference to be held June 21-23, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Judy Posch and Billie Mason to attend the National Indian Head Start Directors Association 16th Management Training Conference to be held June 18-22, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Mike Hayes and Justin Wendland to attend the Police Officer In-service training program to be held May 16-18, 2006 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for

Marcus Knife Chief to attend the Police Officer In-service training program to be held May 31 – June 1, 2006 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Justin Wendland to transport one prisoner from Koochiching County Jail to the Eagle Butte Jail Facility in South Dakota from May 9-11, 2006. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 18, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:12 a.m.

Invocation by Henry Goodsky.

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; Henry Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Judy Posch; Patti Wilkie; Marge Holmes; Marilyn Geshick; Marcella Connor; George Mihelich; Ray Toutloff; Jeneal Goggeley; Carl Dagen; Kim Greiner; Mary

Strong; Brandon Benner; J. Kay Davis; Simona Benner; Davelle Morrison; Carol Burr; Pete Drift; Donovan Strong; Kristal Strong; Shirley Benner; Mavis Drift; Isabelle Strong; Darin Steen; Billie Mason; Rose Berens; Shane Drift; Wendy Thompson; Jerome Whiteman; Millie Holmes; Shaw Guelcher; Dawn Benner; Bill Spang; Gary Adams; Alec Pete; Jim Tolan; Steve Peterson; Andy Datko

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

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held May 4, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota, with the following corrections: 1) add on to page 2, paragraph 6, "Three council members disagreed with her based on language in the contract. We are protecting our sovereignty. At no time was Vermilion Reservation in danger." 2) Char Leecy's name is Char Lewis. Carried 4-0-0.

The Elders Committee bring up the issue of accumulation of garbage in yards, and the roaming of dogs. Pete Drift states the conservation code has a leash law in it and the conservation officers cite people for the unleashed dogs, but if the dogs continue to be a problem, he can have his police officers start ticketing owners of the dogs. In regard to the accumulation of

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garbage in people's yards, Darin Steen states there is a solid waste code. Carol Burr states Housing sends letters to the Housing tenants informing them it is a violation of the lease and they have a certain number of days to clean it up. Individuals at the meeting feel some reasons for the accumulation of garbage are: 1) the store is often out of garbage coupons, which Patti Wilkie will take care of, 2) some people don't have cars to haul the garbage, Carl Dagen will look at curbside pickup, 3) some of the elders aren't getting their garbage picked up, Carl Dagen will make sure his crew does this, 4) the dumpsters and recycling bins are full when people get to the transfer station. A suggestion is to have a couple dumpsters in the village. The recycling issue will be placed on the next community meeting's agenda.

Mary Strong presents an addition to the letter of support for Chairman Leecy. It has 80 names on it and it is given to David Morrison, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer.

Mary Strong states the elders feel an elder's trip every other year would be good instead of every year. Chairman Leecy states the Council can budget for a trip every year, but if the elders want it every other year then it's whatever the elder's decide.

New staff introduced are: Davelle Morrison and Simona Benner – Administrative Assistants.

This week is National

Police Week and the police officers are recognized for their work and service – Pete Drift, Commissioner of Law Enforcement, Officer Donovan Strong, and Officer Mike Hayes are present, and Officer Marcus Knife Chief and Officer Jeremy Wendland are away at training.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to designate May 13-20 each year as National Police Week on Bois Forte Reservation. Carried 4-0-0.

Brandon Benner is planning to have a summer traveling basketball team, both boys and girls from the Bois Forte and Fond du Lac reservations. He is requesting funds to help with the cost. He will also be asking Fond du Lac.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve a \$6,000 challenge match to Fond du Lac for the summer traveling basketball team. Carried 4-0-0. The Council would like to compensate Brandon Benner for his involvement in this and will discuss it further.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to authorize Judy Posch to pursue the Head Start FY2006 One-Time Program Improvement Funds for a playground at the Vermilion Center. Carried 4-0-0. It requires a 20% match which can be in-kind and Housing will help with this, also Judy will see about having the parents help with the ground prep and installation.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray

Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the revision to the Higher Education provisions: G.7 "Students will be eligible for financial assistance (subject to the maximum amount under paragraph G.8, below, plus \$3,000.00) for summer session provided the courses taken are prerequisites for fall term or will apply toward graduation requirements." Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the Bois Forte Summer Youth Eligibility Criteria 2006 and striking section V. and moving section IV. to #4 under section III. Carried 4-0-0.

Billie Mason is to meet with Pete Drift on the possibility of the youth attending the Jr. Police Academy get paid for attending it otherwise they would miss out on the summer youth program.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the 2006 Community Clean Up budget and to approve \$12,000 be put each year in Darin Steen's budget for the community clean up so that he doesn't have to keep coming back each year to request the funding. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #158-2006, USDA loan resolution for the Indian Point sanitary sewer project. Carried 4-0-0.

Kristal Strong sits on the Native Vote Alliance Minnesota (formerly Minnesota Get Out The Vote Statewide Planning Committee), and she is requesting the release of

Bois Forte's enrollment records to the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits in order to compare our list against the State's to see where our Band members are registered. Mark Anderson informs Kristal that under Bois Forte Data Privacy Ordinance, Band member's names can't be released without the Band member's consent.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #159-2006, submission of grant application to the Indian Community Development Block Grant for funding for the Nett Lake C-store Project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; approve the submission of the grant continuation application for Victim Services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #160-2006, designating Spirit Island in Nett Lake as a "no hunting or fishing" area and reserving it for traditional spiritual purposes. Carried 4-0-0. Mark Drift, Sr. wants it noted in the minutes that Dorothea Kletschka's letter was received and action was taken. Her letter stated she went to Spirit Island and while there picked up three garbage bags of shells, beer cans, and garbage and there is still more there.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Kevin Koski and Tara Geshick to travel to Odanah, Wisconsin from June 5-9, 2006 to perform indoor air quality inspections

and blower door airtightness test on homes and buildings. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Darin Steen to attend the EPA Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting in Bayfield, Wisconsin on May 30-31, 2006. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to waive the 90-day period of no out of state travel for newly hired employees, to approve out of state travel for Deanna Drift to attend the Fundamental of Probation and Parole and the 3rd Annual Court Technology Conference and Vendor Exposition Technology for Tribal Justice to be held May 22-24, 2006 in Longmont, Colorado. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Judy Posch and Denise Friend to attend the Child Care Bureau National Conference to Tribal and State Administrator's to be held August 7-11, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Lisa Anderson to attend the Lactation Counselor Certificate Training Program to be held June 19-23, 2006 in Salinas, California. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.

OBITUARY

▶ James C. Drift Jr. (Gaa ge gimig anong), 62

James C. Drift Jr., of Duluth, formerly of Nett Lake, died Thursday, June 8, 2006, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, with his daughter Renee and granddaughter Ravyn at his side.

SERVICES: Tribal Rites were held at 10:00 AM Monday (June 12th) at the Nett Lake Community Center. Gilbert Smith was the spiritual advisor. Visitation was after 4:00 PM Sunday at the Community Center. The casket bearers were: Les Gibbs, Bradley Day,



David Morrison Sr., Ira "Pete" Isham, Kenneth Lien and Gordon "Jones"

Adams Jr. The honorary bearers were: Ralph Tesser, John Day, Keith Porter and Frank Porter. Interment was in the Nett Lake Cemetery.

He was born on December 29, 1943, at Nett Lake, where he grew up. He moved to Duluth,, where he has resided for nearly 30 years. He was employed in construction as a roofer for many years. James was a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, and was an avid hunter and ricer. He had an artistic talent, and liked to sketch and draw. He loved being with his family, and cherished his granddaughter. His fami-

ly fondly remembers as his door always being open to people, and always invited people in and made them feel at home when they came over.

He is survived by one daughter, Renee (Leslie) Gibbs of Duluth,; 3 sisters, Helen Drift and Gloria Drift, both of Nett Lake, and Rose Lien of Angora, MN., one

Granddaughter, Ravyn Gibbs of Duluth, along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Helen on June 6, 1996, and one sister, Twila Day.

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

OBITUARY

▶ Mary Lou "Jonnie" Boney, 68

Mary Lou "Jonnie" Boney, 68, of Nett Lake, died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Regions Hospital in St. Paul.

SERVICES: Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at the Nett Lake Baptist Church. Rev. Kevin Lasley and Rev. Wally Olson will be the officiants. Visitation will be after 5:00 PM Tuesday at the church. The casket bearers will be: Sidney Adams, Marcus Knife Chief, William Isham Jr., Fritz Lundin, Danny Lambert Sr., Gerald "Junior" Strong, Ira "Sonny" Isham, Daniel Hilldebrand, and Lloyd Haas. The honorary bearers will be: Ira, Lucky, Tuffy, and Bubba Isham, Michael Boney, Daniel "Jim" Morrison, Carlos Hernandez, Peter "Peanut" Boney Jr., William Drift, Christopher Hernandez, Jordan Olson, Ryan Kleinbrook,



Benjamin and Vernon Boney. Interment will be in the new Nett Lake Cemetery.

She was born on July 18, 1937, at Nett Lake, the daughter of Rev. Frederick and Ann (Saice) Isham. Mary Lou, also called "Jonnie" by family and friends grew up and lived in Nett Lake most of her life. She married Peter Boney Sr. on March 8, 1957, at Cass Lake, and they later

divorced. Her life's work was devoted to helping others. The love of her life were her grandchildren, and the time spent with them. She also liked sewing, puzzles, beading, and horses.

She is survived by 2 sons, Peter "Chief" (Rachel) Boney Jr. of Brooklyn Park, MN., Vernon "Vern Dean" Boney of Virginia; four daughters, Faye Hernandez of Long Beach, Calif., Nancy Ann (John) Rewertz of Virginia, Judy (Ed) Jacka, of Virginia and Jodi (Mike) Kleinbrook or River Falls, Wis.; 4 brothers, Ira "Pete" (Doris) Isham of Nett Lake, Felix "Lucky" Isham of Nett Lake, Francis "Tuffy" Isham of Cass Lake, Romaine "Bubba" Isham of Cass Lake; 6 sisters: Dorothy "Bosco" Mattson of Nett Lake, Elva Cadwell of Duluth, Linda Isham of Virginia, Sara Isham of Nett Lake, Ramona (Tim) Peterson of Duluth and Angela (Clarence "Stooge") Nadeau of Red

Lake, 19 Grandchildren, 10 Great Grandchildren, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her former husband, Peter Boney Sr., on January 9, 1984,; her parents, Rev. Fred and Ann Isham; 2 brothers, Fred "Gint" Isham Jr.,

and Daniel "Joe" Isham; 5 sisters, Judy Isham, Lenore Isham, Phyllis Isham, Gwendolyn "Coggie" Schulze, and Wanda Isham; 3 Grandchildren, Denise Boney, Chris Boney, and April Boney.

Funeral arrangements are with the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

Thank You

On behalf of the Mary Lou Boney family we want to express our gratitude and a heart felt "Thank You" to all those that helped and visited throughout her hospitalization in Duluth and finally in St. Paul. The many phone calls, the prayers and the get well cards were all read and relayed to her when the time came when she was unable to receive them herself. We know she was comforted, as we were, by the care and love you all had for our mother, grandmother, auntie and sister. Thank you to all those who helped us with the funeral and burial. Thank you to those that brought the food, the flowers, and sympathy cards. Thank you to the pallbearers, Floyd Morrison with the cemetery arrangements, and Warren Mlaker for his kind help in making the funeral arrangements less difficult. Thank you to Pastors Kevin Lasly and Wally Olson for the deeply touched and personal words of encouragement during the funeral service. A special thank you to Dorothea Kletchka Boney for your hard work and coordination of the reception following the funeral service. Thank you to all those that attended the funeral, it was nice to see the number of people that cared for our loved one.

We miss her very much as we are sure you all do. Thank you.
The family of Mary Lou "Jonnie" Boney

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

The Bois Forte Tribal Government and Bois Forte Small Business Development Program are seeking public comment on the revolving loan fund; Newly developed policy and procedures, Application forms

The purpose of the Small Business Development program is to be a catalyst for the development of entrepreneurial activities by providing the support needed that allows Band members and their businesses the opportunities, the ability to expand, and to increase their skill levels in business and finance.

The Policy & Procedures and Application forms can be viewed at boisforte.com or can be obtained from;

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PLEASE FORWARD YOUR COMMENTS IN WRITING, WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, (NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER) TO STEPHEN PETERSON AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE, OR EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS TO: speterson@fortunebay.com

OR, AT THE BOIS FORTE WEBSITE UNDER CONTACT INFORMATION; <http://www.boisforte.com>

Effective comment period is July 1 to July 30, 2006.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO A VERY SPECIAL LITTLE GIRL WHO TURNS THREE ON JULY NINTH



LOOK WHO'S 70 YEARS OLD!

COME CELEBRATE

Olive 'TIC' Connor's big 70th!

Sat: July 8th
Time: 7pm -1am
Where: Fortune Bay Ballroom
Music: Indian Country
Everyone Welcome!

HEAD START DAYS

DENTAL DAYS

Nett Lake - 757-3431
July 24, 31 & Aug. 14
Vermilion -753-2182
Aug. 16, 22

All children are required to have a dental exam each year. Please make an appointment.

PHYSICAL DAYS

Nett Lake - 757-3650
July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 7
Audiologist
Aug. 21
Vermilion - 753-2182
Aug. 10, Sept. 12
Audiologist
Aug. 22

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