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## State Government Shutdown Over

As this issue of the *Bois Forte News* went to print, the shutdown of Minnesota's state government was finally drawing to a close, two and a half weeks after it began on July 1.

The shutdown occurred when Democratic Governor Mark Dayton and the Republican-controlled Legislature failed to agree on how to overcome a projected \$5 billion deficit in the state's 2011-2012 budget.

Governor Dayton proposed covering the gap with a combination of cuts in programs, shifts in payments and a tax increase on high income Minnesotans.

The Republicans refused any tax increases, and instead are proposing some shifts and more cuts to programs and services that Governor Dayton said would be too deep and painful for Minnesotans to accept.

The Minnesota Constitution prohibits the payment of any state dollars for non-essential programs or services without a balanced budget. So beginning on July 1, the state shut down all programs and services except those deemed

essential by an independent judge.

At press time, details of the agreement between Governor Dayton and state lawmakers had not yet been released. The broad outline called for borrowing \$1.4 billion from school districts and selling bonds to be repaid with future tobacco settlement revenues.

Next month's newspaper will have a more detailed explanation of what provisions of the budget bills impact Bois Forte. But what was already known was the shutdown's affect on the Bois Forte Band and Band members, including:

- Veterans Services – Veteran Services Officer Ernie Steel was laid off during the shutdown, so veterans who needed assistance obtaining benefits could not get the help they deserved.
- Mental Health – Mental Health Outreach and Rehabilitation staff members Wendy Drift and Virgil Sohm were forced to cut their hours to half time. However, they alternated their schedules to ensure that services were available to clients as much as possible.



- Education – Online services for the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program were shut down.
- Construction Jobs – Band members who work on some state-funded construction projects, such as the new school near Cook, were idled because state inspectors were not available.

## 1854 Treaty Payments to be mailed in August



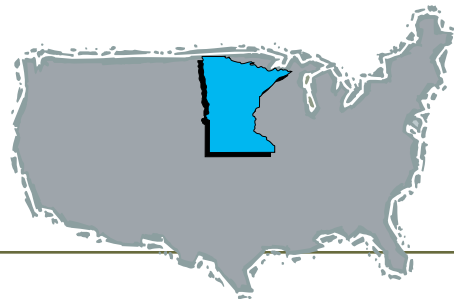
The state government shutdown had raised concerns that this year's 1854 Treaty payments might be delayed. However now that the shutdown is over, Bois Forte is working with the state to insure the payments are made in August.

The amount of money generated for the payments is based in large part on the number of state fishing licenses sold during a 12-month period from July to June. Because the shutdown started on July 1, the state had not yet reported the total number of licenses sold or the amount of money generated by those sales.

The exact date for the checks to be mailed had not been determined at print time, but Tribal Government staff is working closely with the state so that the checks are mailed in August.

As it has for the past six years, the RTC will refund 100 % of 1854 Treaty payments to enrolled Band members.

# National and State News



## Let's keep in touch

By Rep. Chip Cravaack



Rep. Chip Cravaack

A critical aspect of my job as your Congressman is keeping in touch with the people I am privileged to represent. It is an obligation I take very seriously. Six months have passed since I took office and I would like to provide you with an update on the various ways we can connect.

One concept that is proving to be very popular is our adoption of mobile offices. Members of my staff are visiting communities throughout the district every Friday, except those associated with federal holidays. The purpose of these visits is to listen to constituent concerns and to receive direct feedback from the people of the district. That information is relayed to me, and I carefully consider it when forming a position on a particular issue.

Conducting public town halls has been extremely important and helpful as well. So far, I have been able to meet with people in Brainerd/Baxter, Mountain Iron, Cambridge, Walker, Princeton, International Falls, Ely, and Little Falls. The direct feedback I receive at these public gatherings is very beneficial and I plan to continue to hold them.

Equally important, but less publicized, are the round tables and meetings I have conducted with community and civic leaders, small business owners, and senior citizens. The importance of these face-to-face gatherings and the insight they provide into the issues affecting all of us cannot be overstated.

One exciting idea that has been around for several years, but that we are now just bringing to the district is the use of telephone town halls. This technology enables me to reach thousands of constituents at a time. In minutes I am able to first relate issues before Congress and then take questions from individuals on the line.

I also have three Constituent Services Offices in the district. My main office is located in North Branch, and the other two are in Duluth and Brainerd. Anyone with a question or concern – or if you would just like to offer an idea – is urged to contact any of these offices. For contact information, I encourage you to visit my Congressional website at [www.cravaack.house.gov](http://www.cravaack.house.gov).

Responsive and effective constituent service is a goal I strive to meet every day. As we move into the summer months, I look forward to visiting with you at the many fairs, festivals and parades scheduled throughout this beautiful part of the state. It is important to me that we keep in touch.

## Final approval of Cobell settlement

U.S. Senior District Judge Thomas F. Hogan gave final approval to the settlement of Cobell v. Salazar, a long-running and contentious individual American Indian trust class-action lawsuit. The court's approval of the \$3.4 billion settlement paves the way for payments to be made to as many as a half-million individual American Indians who had Individual Indian Money accounts or an interest in trust or restricted land managed by the Department of the Interior. The suit has been pending for 15 years.

Reaching a final settlement of Cobell has been a priority of the Obama administration. "The Cobell settlement is the beginning of true trust reform," said Interior Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes, noting that Interior is establishing a Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform. The commission will undertake a forward-looking, comprehensive evaluation of how the Interior Department manages and administers its trust responsibilities. "Interior needs to be more transparent and customer-friendly," said Hayes. "The status quo is not acceptable."

Following an earlier ruling by Judge Hogan, Hayes began scheduling consultation meetings with tribal leaders to begin discussions on the land consolidation component of the settlement. Interior Department officials will hold six regional government-to-government tribal consultations which will provide valuable input in developing an implementation strategy that will benefit tribal communities and help free up trust lands. The consultation process is fundamental to respecting the government-to-government relationship with the tribes.

Additional information is available at [www.cobellsettlement.com](http://www.cobellsettlement.com) and the Office of Special Trustee website at [www.doi.gov/ost](http://www.doi.gov/ost). More information on the Cobell settlement, including resources for Indian Trust Beneficiaries, is available at <http://www.doi.gov/ost/cobell/index.html> or <http://www.indiantrust.com/index>

### New federal commission seeks to improve administration of Indian Trust assets

A new federal Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Department of the Interior's trust management and provide recommendations to improve performance. The creation of the commission was one of the steps called for following a historic \$3.4 billion settlement that will reimburse up to 500,000 American Indians for the government's faulty management of individual trust accounts and assets.

The commission will seek input from affected individuals and tribes. Commission members will have experience and/or expertise in trust management, financial management, asset management, natural resource management, and federal agency operations and budgets, as well as experience as account holders and in Indian Country.



# RTC News

## From the RTC

### 1854 Treaty Payment

As it has since 2005, the RTC again voted to return 100% of the annual 1854 Treaty payment to Band members.

There was concern that the state government shutdown might delay state payment to tribes. However the RTC wants to reassure Band members that now that the shutdown is over, they are working with the state to move forward quickly and get the checks mailed in August.

In the meantime, it's important to make sure we have your current address so that when the checks are mailed, you will receive it at your correct address.

To prevent fraud or theft, all change of address forms must be signed and mailed in to the Enrollment Office. You can download a form off the website or call 218-757-3261 and have one mailed to you.

Once your form is signed, mail it to:  
Toni Wakemup, Tribal Enrollment Coordinator  
Bois Forte Tribal Government  
P.O. Box 16  
Nett Lake, MN 55772  
boisforte.com

### New radio station

We are proud to announce that the Band's new radio station KBFT 89.9 FM is now broadcasting from Nett Lake, and soon the station will be streaming live over the Internet. Visit KBFT.org for more information about the station and its unique programming.

Volunteers are needed to help host and produce more shows for KBFT. If you'd like to get involved, contact General Manager George Strong at gstrong@boisforte-nsn.gov or (218) 757-3185.



## Elders head to Grand Canyon

During their July 7 meeting, the RTC approved the 2011 Elders' Trip itinerary to the Grand Canyon. Trip planners Theresa Drift, Pam Hughes and Jacque Wilson have been working with John and Mike Lyons of Landmark Tours to plan a customized trip that caters to the preferences the Elders suggested in their recent survey.

District I Representative Cathy Chavers said the planners did a terrific job in coming up with a trip totally different from previous years. "This was really well organized. Flying, rather than driving in a bus, will allow everyone to see more sites in less time. Meals, baggage fees and special tours were especially planned to accommodate the Elders and their guests."

In response to Elders comments that some of last year's events were too physically strenuous, the planners have scheduled tours that will include luggage assistance, choices of easier walks and not too much exertion to participate.

The Planning Committee met with the Elders at their monthly meeting on July 11 to review the plan and make adjustments. A presentation to the Elders in the metro area occurred at the Urban Office on July 16. A mailing will also go out to Elders in July providing more time to decide if they want to sign up and bring a guest. The cost of guests is being determined and the information will be included in the July mailing.

Please note that all Elders interested in joining the trip need to visit their doctor and obtain a signed letter detailing the prescriptions they are taking 30 days prior to the Oct 18 departure and the doctor's approval that the trip won't be too strenuous for your current health condition.

Since the sites that will be visited are a much higher altitude than Minnesota, people who use supplemental oxygen will need to make special arrangements with the trip planners.

The airlines won't allow oxygen tanks on board, but special rental packages of air condensers are available to help those for whom breathing in high altitudes might be a challenge.

We want all Bois Forte Elders and their guest who are interested in the trip to sign up, but these medical precautions are needed to make sure everyone has a safe trip.

Details of the itinerary can be found on page 8 of this edition.

## New gas prices set for Band members and businesses



The RTC has approved an agreement with Ferrellgas for bulk (non-transport) pricing for Bois Forte sites, band members, and employees at \$1.939 effective June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012.

Band members and employees on the agreement last year do not need to call Ferrellgas to receive the agreement pricing. If you have questions or would like to verify you are on the list from last year, please call the Ferrellgas Office in Grand Rapids at 800-450-5701 or 218-326-1291.

# Nett Lake

## New blood flowing through the Bois Forte Ambulance Service

Just imagine you or someone you love on the floor clutching their chest, finding it almost impossible to breathe. An ambulance is called and you're told, "The nearest hospital, to your location in Nett Lake, is 34 miles away in Cook. We will dispatch professionals to you immediately but it is going to take them awhile to reach you." Not what you want to hear on what may be the scariest day of your life.

Thankfully, over the years, Bois Forte has invested in two ambulances. Noth have state of the art communications equipment on board, in order to contact a receiving hospital and emergency services (law enforcement, fire department) as needed.

The need is so great, in many rural communities, for people to volunteer on their local ambulance service. Nett Lake is no exception. Doris Isham, who directs the ambulance and has been a valued member of the EMT team for over 25 years, anticipated the need for new EMT personnel so she spread the word about the upcoming training course.



*New EMT volunteers practice transporting an injured community member as part of their 112 hours of training.*

Sixteen people began the long and rigorous program and ten were able to see it through. Many were forced to drop the course due to family or work commitments.

The EMT course and instructors are made available through the Hibbing Community College. The curriculum is put together by the Department of Transportation which includes over 112 hours of classroom training, lectures, patient contact and much additional study time outside of class.

Diana Klakoski and Kurt Metzger have overseen the training which was originally held in the health office conference room and was then moved to the new government building. Current recruits commence testing soon as their course was completed in July 18. Each must pass a written and practical exam. The practical exam consists of six stations where the students must complete a random skill in front of examiners. The written test, done on a computer, consists of 250 questions and is taken at a testing site in Duluth, Minnesota. Upon passing both tests, the student will become Nationally Registered to perform the work as a licensed EMT anywhere in the United States.

Many people don't realize the dedication of these folks. Diane Klakoski shares, "We really need to acknowledge the longtime EMTs who are volunteering now. There are five licensed EMT's on this service, six First Responders and four drivers. These few individuals give up many, many hours with their families and friends to be available should an emergency arise. The community is truly lucky to have them. Their willingness to participate in ongoing training and

take time away from their evenings and weekends (over and above their main careers) is a true labor of love. Thank heavens there are people like them."



*Veterans of the Ambulance crew look forward to new volunteers to help serve the community.*

We want to recognize the EMT's, some who have been on the service for over 25 years: Doris Isham, Julie Whiteman, Teresa Morrison, Mike Connor, Shirley McNey, First Responders: Dawn Strong, Erynn Morrison, Damon Day, Robbie Goggeye, Nikki Irving and Andrea Morgan, Drivers: Dave Morrison Sr., Lance Kingbird, Tonya Connor and Janice Connor.

For years and years this small cadre of Nett Lake EMT's have been trying to maintain 24/7 coverage, so needless to say they will welcome the additional help. Each recruit is between the ages of mid 20's to early 30's, so there's hope that they will be in position to serve for decades to come, bringing fresh blood to the team of ambulance volunteers who serve the community.

## A triple-threat among us: scholarship-winner Arianna Zapata

When we hear the words "triple threat" we often think of an athlete who is a great runner, passer, and blocker. But a triple threat can also be a person who is adept in any three fields or skill sets. If that's the case, then Bois Forte certainly has a triple threat in this year's Orr High winner of the Daniel E. Morrison Sr. Memorial Scholarship, Arianna Zapata.

"Arianna has shown great attributes in every component of student life," shares Orr High School instructor Alizabeth Beske. "She has worked hard to make excellent grades while



*Arianna receives her medal and check from Dist. I Rep Cathy Chavers.*

playing three sports and volunteering in community events."

Orr High School will miss this recent graduate on the volleyball and basketball courts as well as the softball

field. Arianna reluctantly explains, "I've won awards for basketball since the ninth grade and had a very successful senior year in basketball with a record of 22 wins and 2 losses." Her teammates say she played hard, portrayed positive sportsmanship and team loyalty.

She was also a member of the prom committee and acted as a student advisor. The seventeen year old, Nett Lake resident is proud to consider herself as a former "role model for the students in Orr," as stated in her Scholarship application.

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# Vermilion

## Cassandra Hartland, pride of Tower

Bois Forte member and recent Tower-Soudan High School graduate Cassandra Hartland is showing that kindness is rewarded, on many levels. Cassandra not only has her diploma in hand she has \$1000 in her pocket having been awarded a 2011 Daniel E. Morrison Sr. Memorial Scholarship.



*Chairman Leecy presents Cassandra with her scholarship medal and check during the Tower School graduation.*

Cassandra plans to attend Hibbing Community College with an eye towards a degree in nursing or community health. Her having chosen a field in the helping

professions doesn't come as a surprise to anyone who knows Cassandra.

"What a considerate young woman," remarks District II Rep Ray Toutloff. "She tutors young

kids at the Boys & Girls Club, she takes good care of her grandmother and is always willing to help and serve. These traits will surely take her far in life."

In addition to caring for children, Cassandra was recently instrumental in helping the not-for-profit secure much needed grant funding. She was also involved in fundraising efforts to support Knowledge Bowl which she participated in for two years.

Not only is she dedicated in her effort towards helping her family and community she is also committed to taking her studies seriously. Cassandra is among a proud group of scholars to be recognized as a member of the National Honor Society. She ranked second in her graduating class.

Tower-Soudan High School Psychologist, Dr. Joan Kjorsvig has known Cassandra since she was a kindergartener and recommended her highly for the Scholarship indicating that Cassandra is a "superior candidate with a record of achievement. She consistently demonstrated an ability to rise to any challenge that she must face and I have long been impressed by her strong focus and work ethic. She is also an

extremely compassionate person."

Cassandra is so grateful to the Band for this award as it will help relieve some the financial demands on this first-year college student. "With the Daniel E. Morrison Memorial Scholarship

[funds], I will be able to cover some of the expenses from Hibbing Community College, including text books and the cost of class credits. This scholarship would also help me further my education towards becoming a nurse to help the elderly such as my grandmother."

Cassandra, the Band is proud of you and wishes you all the best as you embark on this next exciting phase of your life and academic career.



*Thumbs up from the new grad!*

*(Arianna Zapata cont. from page 4)*

Arianna was on the "A" Honor Roll for the last two years, earning a 3.6 grade point average as a junior and a 3.8 this year (no "senior slide" for this dedicated student). "I have had the privilege of teaching Arianna in several courses," adds Ms. Beseke. "Her hard work is evident as she has scored at the top of the class in daily assignments, class projects, and often sets the curve on exams." Arianna is also known as someone who participated in class and always turned in complete and well thought out work.

As a teaching assistant she recognized the importance of helping her fellow students succeed academically while maintaining their confidentiality.

Described as both mature and a leader, Arianna can't help but go far. She plans to attend Hibbing Community College and then transfer to the University of Minnesota to study Orthodontics. She will use the \$1000 Scholarship to offset travel expenses. "This will benefit me by relieving the worries of getting to and from

school." Arianna says gratefully.

Congratulations Arianna, the skies the limit for you.



*Arianna Zapata's senior photo.*

### Vermilion Center August dates to remember

Wed. August 3	Contract Health, all day
Tues. August 9	L.I.E.C. meeting, evening
Tues. August 16	New Lives
Wed. August 17	Contract Health, all day Social & Independent Life Skills, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. August 18	MN V. Rehab, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ILA, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Thurs. August 25	WIC

# Nett Lake & Vermilion

## Are you owed money?

These Tribal Members have money on deposit at the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians or maintain ownership in trust land. We would like to locate these Tribal Members and get them to update their Individual Indian Money (IIM) account with a current address and telephone number. If your name appears on the list: Please call the Office of Special Trustees (218) 751-4338 to update your account.

ADAMS, ALEX  
 ADAMS, CHRISTOPHER L  
 ADAMS, DANIEL J  
 ADAMS, JOSEPH  
 ADAMS, NORMAN G  
 ADAMS, ROBERT M  
 ADAMS JOURDAIN, REGINA  
 AHNONOSHIEB,  
 AKARD, DIANE  
 ANDERSON, SHARON M  
 ANDERSON, TIMOTHY G  
 APONTE, VIVIAN L  
 ASTOLFI, SYLVIA  
 BARTO, ANGELA  
 BAXTER, DEBORAH J  
 BERLIEN, NOREEN A  
 BLACKJACK, MAGGIE  
 BOMBAY JR, KENNETH  
 BONESS, LIBBY G  
 BOSHEY, EUGENE ALFRED  
 BOSHEY, MARY F  
 BOSHEY, SHARON  
 BOSHKAYGEB, JIM  
 BRESSETTE, BABY GIRL  
 BRUYERS, ROSE A  
 BUNKER, CARLOS A  
 BURNSIDE, ROSE  
 BUTLER JR, JOHN  
 CADOTTE, CORA  
 CAJUNE, HELENE  
 CALDER, LUCILLE A  
 CARRIGAN, PAMELA  
 CHEGESHIGWABE,  
 CHICAG, SUSAN M  
 CHOSA, ARLENE M  
 CHOSA, BERNICE  
 CHOSA, CLARA ANNE  
 CHOSA, FRANCIS X  
 CHOSA, HENRY F  
 CHOSA, JAMES E  
 CHOSA, JENNA E  
 CHOSA, LEE R  
 CHOSA, LORETTA J  
 COLUMBUS, DUANE ARNOLD  
 COLUMBUS JR, LEONARD J  
 CONNOR, DARRELL LEE  
 CONNOR, JAMES

CONNOR, KAREN MARIE  
 CONNOR, LAWRENCE  
 CONNOR, MATTHEW G  
 CONNOR, PATRICK  
 CONNOR, RUTH MARIE  
 CONNOR GRAHAM, LOIS ARLENE  
 CONNOR JR, LAWRENCE ALVIN  
 CONNORS, DANIEL  
 CONNORS, DAVID L  
 COOK, KEITH  
 COOK, LANCE  
 CREG, RUSSELL W  
 CURRAN, DEBRA L  
 CURRAN JR, JACK D  
 CURRAN JR, JACK D  
 DALE, EUGENE A  
 DALGREN, JOHN  
 DAY, DORENE J  
 DAY, MICHAEL  
 DAY-ALCOCER, JANET  
 DEEGAN JR, WARREN TYLER  
 DEFOE, TERRY A  
 DEVRIES, MEAGAN CALLICO  
 DRIFT, BARTHOLAMY  
 DRIFT, DARWIN L  
 DRIFT, JOYCE CONNORS  
 DROUILLARD, GREGORY A  
 DROUILLARD, MARION  
 DROUILLARD, MELISSA C  
 ELLIS, PATRICIA L  
 EMERY, LESLIE  
 EMERY, RODERICK J  
 ERNSTON, JOHN R  
 EVANS, DOLORES  
 FAIRBANKS, BOBBI J  
 FISHER, PHILOMENE  
 FISHER JR, SIMON W  
 FRIDAY, CHARLIE  
 FRIDAY, JOE  
 GAHGEWEZAINCE,  
 GAHSHIPOWAYWEDUMOKE,  
 GALLANT, WILLIAM P  
 GAWBOY, BARTON J  
 GEORGE, MARGARET JOSEPHINE  
 GESHICK, AUDREY F  
 GESHICK, LAURA J  
 GESHICK, RAYMOND  
 GEZAINCE,  
 GLASS, CARLOS A  
 GOGGLEYE, KELLY B  
 GOGGLEYE, LORRAINE /S/  
 GOGGLEYE, SKYE C  
 GOGGLEYE, WILMA /ANDREWS/  
 GOOD, KAREY  
 GOODSKY, BRADLEY DENNIS  
 GUENTHNER, BRANDON LEE  
 HAIN, JOHN

HANLON, THOMAS  
 HARDING, HOWARD R  
 HAVRON, DAVID  
 HAWK, JOHN  
 HAYNES, APRIL  
 HAYNES, STEPHANIE  
 HAZLETT, KRISTINA  
 HAZLETT, RICK  
 HILL, RACHEL M  
 HILL, RACHEL M  
 HODGSON, LEONARD A  
 HODGSON, NOREEN MAE  
 HODGSON, SHIRLEY L  
 HODGSON/HORVAT, ELIZABETH J  
 HURSH, COLLIN  
 HURSH, KENDELL S  
 HURSH, RAOHL  
 ISHAM, LAURA CONNORS  
 JACK, ANTHONY L  
 JACK JR, EARL F  
 JACKSON, DELORES  
 JOHNSON, CANDICE M  
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 JOHNSON, PAMELA D  
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 JOURDAIN, LEONARD  
 JOURDAIN CHOSA, ANGELINE M  
 KAYZEBAHGESHIGOKE,  
 KINCH, MARGARET S  
 KING, DAYLE R  
 KING, HERBERT H  
 KING, JUDY K  
 KING, MARGARET A  
 KINGFISHER, JENNIE /OPHEIM/  
 KINGFISHER, LIZZIE  
 KLOVSTAD, EUGENE ALLEN  
 KLOVSTAD, JEAN ROSE  
 KNOWLTON, DEBRA LEE  
 KONCZAK, THOMAS  
 LAMMI, JOHN  
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 LEARY, THOMAS O  
 LEGO, DIANE E  
 LEHTI JACKSON, STELLA  
 LEVERICH, SHEILA  
 LIGHT, WILLIAM  
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 LONG III, PHILLIP JOHN

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 MANVILLE, PAULINE  
 MARSHALL, JULIUS  
 MAYER, KEVIN S  
 MAYSQUAHAHMEMAYGOKE,  
 MCCOY, RAYMOND CLARENCE  
 MCDANIEL ROY, SAPHRONIA LUCILLE  
 MCGINNIS, JACK  
 MCGINNIS, LIZZIE  
 MCGINNIS, NORMAN  
 MCKENNETT, LOUISE  
 MEZHAKHKEGESHIG,  
 MITCHELL, BRYAN  
 MORNINGSTAR, CONSTANCE A  
 MORRISON, DORA M  
 MOTTAZ, SCOTT W.  
 MURPHY PAPPAS, CHARLOTTE  
 MURRAY, AMANDA  
 NAMAYPOOK, CHARLIE  
 NANNYPOKE, JOE  
 NANNYPOKE, KATIE  
 NEVITT, DIANE VAUGHN  
 NODINAHCUMIGOKE,  
 NORCIA, ROXANNE L  
 NORDEEN, REBECCA  
 NUCKOLLS, PATRICIA A  
 O LEARY, DANIEL D  
 OLSON, JORDAN S  
 OTTERTAIL, ALFRED  
 OWAHGETST,  
 OZHAWAUSHKOBETUN,  
 PARKER, PAMELA J

PEACOCK, BEAU E  
 PETERSON, ROSITA (VASQUEZ)  
 PORTER, TRACEY  
 RAYMOND, HEIDI A  
 RAYMOND, RHONDA L  
 RHYMER, CHERYL D BROWN  
 RICH JR, MARVIN S  
 ROCHA, TANYA M  
 ROTTENWOOD, CHARLES  
 ROY, ATEEKEA L  
 ROY, DUANE E  
 ROY, JOHN A  
 ROY JR, CLARENCE  
 SABHERWAL, DARLENE J  
 SAHBAHDIS, ANNIE  
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 SAM, CARRIE ANN  
 SAM, CLIFFORD  
 SAM, DAVETTA MARIE  
 SAM, KATHERINE  
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 SMITH, APRIL  
 STAFFORD, NADINE  
 STRONG, ADAM K  
 STRONG, JASON G  
 STRONG, ROSALIND

SWAN, VICTOR J  
 TAITTONEN, ANN B  
 TENCLAWS, MAGGIE  
 THOMPSON, DOROTHY G  
 TOLRUD, THOMAS J  
 TOLRUD, THOMAS JOHN  
 VILLEBRUN, EDITH MORRISON  
 VILLEBRUN, ELAINE M SMITH  
 VILLEBRUN, VINESSA D  
 VIVIER, ALEX  
 WEBB, MADELENE  
 WEBSTER, MICHAEL  
 WEISS, IRENE M  
 WENDLING, DOROTHY  
 WEST, BRUCE E  
 WEST, SCOTT S  
 WEST, TERRY A  
 WESTBROOK, OSCAR T  
 WILLIAMS, FLORENCE  
 WILLIAMS, JOHN  
 WILLIAMS, THERESA M.  
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 WILLY, HACKLEY  
 WILSON, JOHN  
 WILSON, VICTORIA  
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Marybelle Isham visited with Elders at the Urban Office on July 16 to present information on the proposed Keetac Taconite Mine Expansion. Marybelle is working with the Heritage Center to survey Elders on their memories of the stories, history and cultural significance of the area that might be impacted by the taconite mine.

Elders who would like to talk with Marybelle can reach her at 218-757-3791.

### CenturyLink offers telephone assistance to individuals living on Tribal Lands

CenturyLink is energizing its efforts to inform residents of two assistance programs that provide discounts on initial telephone installation and basic monthly telephone service to qualifying low-income consumers. Link-Up helps these consumers pay the initial costs of getting telephone service. Lifeline provides certain discounts on monthly service for qualified subscribers.

Lifeline and Link-Up are available to qualifying consumers in every U.S. state (territory and commonwealth). Qualifications for participation vary by state. States with their own programs have their own criteria. In states that rely solely on the federal program, the subscriber must participate in one of the following programs: Medicaid, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance or the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Head Start, the National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or if the Household annual gross income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty level.

The amount of the discounts also varies by state. Link-Up helps qualified low-income consumers to connect to the telephone network. This federal program offsets 1/2 of the initial hook-up fee, up to \$30, for qualified households.

Residents of American Indian and Alaskan Native tribal lands may qualify for an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and up to \$70 of expanded Link-Up support beyond current levels. An individual living on tribal lands may also qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up discounts if he or she participates in one of the above programs or one of the following federal programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance or Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.

Individuals living in a CenturyLink service area should call 800-201-4099 or visit [www.centurylink.com/lifeline](http://www.centurylink.com/lifeline) to inquire about eligibility.



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# Elders

## The name of Minnesota

By J. Kay Davis



J. Kay Davis

I have been archiving the records acquired and donated by myself (collected before and during my tenure as Bois Forte Historian) and the Trygg Collection (researched by J. William Trygg during his time collecting data for the Indian Claims Commission, Docket 18U), both of which are now housed at the Heritage Center

at the Lake Vermilion reservation. Though I know what I had collected and about which had written previous articles, it is now time to write about some of the many extremely interesting Trygg articles.

Published in 1880, James H. Baker described the area around Lake Superior as historically and pre-historically busy, finding much evidence, but little known history. However, when the Jesuits arrived, they found mainly the Chippewa, who

filled the entire basin of Superior. They were a powerful people in the Great Lakes area, and Lake Superior to them was known as Gitchi Gummi, or Big Lake.

In addition, Baker, who was traveling with a Chippewa Chief, noticed a small tree of medicinal value, called mah na sa tia. Baker was told by the Chief that also the name given by their people to the country west of the Great Lake (Lake Superior). This name was confirmed by other Chippewa Indians as well, and included the Sioux name for it as well.

Because Minnesota of today was discovered from the East to the West, by way of Lake Superior in which the Chippewa were living, it would make logical sense that the name, Minnesota is a derivation of the Chippewa word, Mahnasatia.

Until next month....

Happy August



Birthdays, Elders!

<b>Gary Donald</b>	<b>8-02</b>
<b>William Tibbetts</b>	<b>8-03</b>
<b>Jackie Chavez</b>	<b>8-04</b>
<b>Helen Drift</b>	<b>8-10</b>
<b>Beverly Steel</b>	<b>8-12</b>
<b>Kenneth Barney</b>	<b>8-13</b>
<b>Trudy King</b>	<b>8-13</b>
<b>Eugene Hanks</b>	<b>8-14</b>
<b>Floyd Morrison</b>	<b>8-14</b>
<b>James Gawboy</b>	<b>8-17</b>
<b>Dale Leecy</b>	<b>8-19</b>
<b>Janice Hartland</b>	<b>8-20</b>
<b>Lela Goodsky</b>	<b>8-24</b>
<b>William Light</b>	<b>8-28</b>
<b>Vickey Hackey</b>	<b>8-31</b>
<b>Pam Sherman</b>	<b>8-31</b>



## 2011 Elders trip itinerary

**Day 1 - Tuesday, October 18, 2011**  
Tower/Twin Cities to Las Vegas

Two motorcoaches will originate in northern Minnesota near Tower and will stop with a pickup in Duluth, destination being Minneapolis/St. Paul's Humphrey Terminal. These two groups will be joined by a third originating in the Twin Cities. Together they will travel aboard Sun Country Airlines to Las Vegas, NV for the start of an adventure in the beautiful Southwest. Upon arrival in Las Vegas, three buses will be waiting to transfer the group for a two-night stay at the Golden Nugget Casino and Hotel downtown. Meals...D.

**Day 2 - Wednesday, October 19, 2011**  
Las Vegas City Tour

This will be a day spent in Las Vegas. In the morning hours the group will enjoy a narrated tour of the city. The afternoon is free for exploration on your own, transportation being provided.

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*Come join us for some healthy fun!*

### Wisdom Steps 8th Annual Golf Tournament

Fond-du-Lac

Friday, September 16, 2011 at the Black Bear Golf Course  
I-35 and 210 in Carlton, Minnesota  
9:00 a.m. Registration - 10:00 a.m. Shot Gun start



Electric carts, casino dollars, and gift bags!  
Plus many other prizes and fun contests, a silent auction and raffle!

*Your generous support to improve Elder health will benefit you and the Elders of tomorrow.*

#### REGISTRATION LEVELS

- Corporate Sponsor - \$600 (4 person team, hole sign, & GPS Ad)
- Hole Sponsor - \$400 (Hole sign)
- Foursome - \$400 (4 person Team)
- Individual Golf Entry - \$100
- Dinner Only - \$25



*Brochures available upon request*

#### TO REGISTER CONTACT:

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*(Elders trip itinerary cont. from page 8)*

After dinner this evening the group will enjoy a show in the theater at the Golden Nugget Hotel. Meals...B,D

**Day 3 - Thursday, October 20, 2011**

*Las Vegas to Mesquite*



Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a leisurely morning. Our three buses will depart at mid morning from the Golden Nugget and travel north for a one-night stop in the town of Mesquite, Nevada. Our home for the night will be the Casa Blanca Resort and Casino. Enjoy dinner and relax in anticipation of the beauty that lies on the road ahead. Meals...B,D

**Day 4 Friday, October 21, 2011**

*Mesquite to Zion, Bryce and Kanab*

Our buses depart to the North this morning and travel to southern Utah. Visit Zion National Park to enjoy the beautiful scenery in hopes of spotting wildlife. Depart Zion over dramatic

roadways and travel north to Bryce Canyon National Park. Stunning scenery awaits as we tour along the rim of Bryce Canyon. Low on film, our group continues to the town of Kanab, Utah for our overnight accommodations. Meals...B,D.

**Day 5 - Saturday, October 22, 2011**

*Kanab to Lake Powell*

Travel east this morning to the area of Page, Arizona where we'll view beautiful Lake Powell. Visit the Glenn Canyon Dam, which holds back the waters of the Colorado River. Check in at the beautiful Lake Powell Resort enjoying Lake View rooms. In the afternoon our group embarks on a boat cruise exploring the side canyons of Lake Powell. Return for dinner at the resort followed by an interpretive presentation by local Navajo Elders to gain insight of the Navajo culture in the Southwest. Meals...B,L,D

**Day 6 - Sunday, October 23, 2011**

*Lake Powell to The Grand Canyon/Flagstaff*



Stunning scenery awaits us today as we depart to the Southwest. Open spaces abound on our journey to the Cameron Trading Post on the Navajo tribal lands. Enjoy an opportunity to browse their extensive gift shops. Afterwards, continue to what may be the highlight of the trip for most participants. Numerous stops will be made along the south rim of the Grand Canyon. Adequate time for picture taking and browsing in the gift shops, museums and visitor centers of the Grand Canyon will be included this afternoon. Later, depart to the South for our lodging in Flagstaff, AZ. Meals...B,D

**Day 7 - Monday, October 24, 2011**

*Flagstaff to Las Vegas*

We'll come full circle today as we depart Flagstaff en route back to Las Vegas. Along the way we'll include a visit to the magnificent Hoover Dam and have the chance to experience one of the man-made wonders of the world. Our final night lodging will be at the Golden Nugget in downtown Las Vegas where a fitting dinner awaits us. Meals...B,D

**Day 8 - Tuesday, October 25, 2011**

*Las Vegas to Twin Cities*

We'll have a midday departure for the Las Vegas airport in anticipation of our non-stop flight back to the Humphrey terminal in Minneapolis. For those that call the Twin Cities home, the journey ends tonight. Our northern groups will have lodging available near the airport in anticipation of their return home the morning of the 26th. Meals...B.

Jeff Jordan (standing) talks to some of the Elders gathered at the Urban Office's July Elder Activity Day. Jeff told the Elders of the importance of sharing their stories with his generation. Those seated (front right to left) in the circle, Marge and Chuck Mohler, Olive Connor, Cheryl and Roy Early, Gail Leecy, Donna Lee, Marybelle Isham, Verna Strut, and David Wickner then played a memory game telling short stories of their memories from childhood of growing up in, or visiting, Nett Lake and Vermilion.



# Education

## Head Start heads out into the community

If you hear a knock on the door soon, it might be someone from Bois Forte Head Start. Staff members are out in the community visiting families and distributing door hangers that explain how the program prepares young children to succeed in school.



The proven benefits of Head Start include:

- Preparation for Kindergarten reading, writing and math
- Safe, healthy learning environment
- Attention to medical, dental and nutritional needs
- Opportunities for families to get involved

**Bois Forte Head Start is accepting applications for the 2011-12 school year for its Nett Lake and Vermilion programs. Children must be three years old by September 1, 2011 to enter Head Start.**

**For more information or to register a child, contact Christine Bloom or Vondalee Carr at (218) 757-3265, or e-mail [cbloom@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:cbloom@boisforte-nsn.gov) or [vrcarr@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:vrcarr@boisforte-nsn.gov).**



### Clinic dates for Head Start physicals



Your child must receive a physical before they can attend Head Start. To schedule your appointment contact Bois Forte Health Services at 218-757-3650.

Tuesdays in Augusts have been scheduled at the Nett Lake Clinic for Headstart Physicals. Dates included are: August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Clinic dates in Tower are Mondays in August starting with August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Dental exams will also be available these dates at both clinics.

At this time no Audiologist will be coming to the Nett Lake Clinic.



## Benefits of Head Start



- National Family and Child Experiences Survey data shows that Head Start graduates, by the spring of their kindergarten year, were essentially at national norms in early reading and early writing and were close to meeting national norms in early math and vocabulary knowledge.
- The National Head Start Impact Study found that a higher proportion of Head Start parents read to their children more frequently than those parents of children who were not enrolled in Head Start.
- Studies demonstrate that Head Start and Early Head Start improve the health of the children and families they serve. Recent research reports that the mortality rates for 5- to 9-year-old children who had attended Head Start are 33 to 50 percent lower than the rates for comparable children who were not enrolled in Head Start.
- The Head Start Impact Study demonstrated that a much higher proportion of Head Start children received dental care than those children who did not receive Head Start services.
- The Head Start Impact Study showed that Head Start reduces the frequency and severity of problem behavior as reported by their parents.
- Head Start children are significantly less likely to have been charged with a crime than their siblings who did not participate in Head Start.
- For every dollar spent on Head Start, society earns back at least \$7 through increased earnings, employment, family stability and decreased welfare dependency, crime costs, grade repetition and special education.

# Youth & Culture

## A look back at the 2011 Language Camp



Mii gwech to Bois Forte's International Falls Outreach Coordinator Pam Hughes and Ivy Vainio, Multicultural Student Services Specialist with the University of Wisconsin-Superior for sending photos of Bois Forte participants at Fond du Lac's 4 day Ojibwe Language Camp in July. Bois Forte's own language immersion camp will be held the first week in August at Sandy Bottom Beach. For more information, contact Don Chosa at 218-750-1518.

Photo 1: Bois Forte's Theresa Morrison worked with quillwork on birchbark under the guidance of Myna and Theodore Toulouse from Sagamok, Ontario; Photo 2 & 3 : Band member Virgil Sohm plays the hand drum while Gordon Jourdain (Lac la Croix Band member) teaches the participants Moccasin game; Photo 4: Band member Elias White, son of Theresa Morrison, made a flute under the instruction of Red Cliff Ojibwe musician Frank Montano. Photo 5: The infamous Batman (Virgil Solm) sneaks up on Leah Cowlshaw and Pam Hughes.



## August Powwows

<p><b>Aug. 4 -7</b> Rocky Boy's Annual Powwow Box Elder, MT 800-823-4478</p>	<p><b>Aug. 12-14</b> Grand Portage Rendezvous Days &amp; Traditional Powwow Grand Portage, MN <a href="http://www.nps.gov/grpo/planyourvisit/special_events.htm">www.nps.gov/grpo/planyourvisit/special_events.htm</a></p>	<p><b>Aug. 19-21</b> Iskigamizigan Traditional Powwow Vineland, MN 320-532-5944 <a href="mailto:iskigamizigan@hotmail.com">iskigamizigan@hotmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:mjennings@grcasinos.com">mjennings@grcasinos.com</a></p>	<p><b>Aug. 26-28</b> ICMN Summer Powwow Tonganoxie, KS 913-626-4798 <a href="mailto:henresr@earthlink.net">henresr@earthlink.net</a></p>
<p><b>Aug. 6-7</b> First National Intertribal Powwow Whitehall, NY 518-260-6059 <a href="mailto:whitehallpowwow@yahoo.com">whitehallpowwow@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Aug. 13-14</b> Leonard J. Pamp Memorial Powwow Dowagic, MI 517-204-3016 <a href="mailto:sdonnis@yahoo.com">sdonnis@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Aug. 20</b> Annual People's Center Celebration and Powwow Pablo, MT 406-675-0160</p>	<p><b>Aug. 26-28</b> Cha Cha Bah Ning Powwow Inger, MN <a href="mailto:Dorothy.robinson@llojibwe.com">Dorothy.robinson@llojibwe.com</a> 218-659-2708</p>
<p><b>Aug. 6-7</b> Honoring Wounded Warriors Barre, MA 918-541-4277 <a href="mailto:Alyn1@aol.com">Alyn1@aol.com</a></p>	<p><b>Aug. 18-22</b> 93rd Annual Crow Fair Crow Agency, MT 406-623-5132 <a href="mailto:geobuck@hotmail.com">geobuck@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Aug. 20</b> American Indian Council Powwow Lebanon, IN 317-871-4696 <a href="mailto:aicindiana@yahoo.com">aicindiana@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Aug. 27-28</b> The Gathering Powwow Rushville, IL 217-322-7048 <a href="mailto:brushycreek@yahoo.com">brushycreek@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="mailto:wayawalker@yahoo.com">wayawalker@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p><b>Aug. 12-14</b> Pine Point Powwow Ponsford, MN 218-573-3007 <a href="mailto:chamber@parkrapids.com">chamber@parkrapids.com</a></p>	<p><b>Aug. 19-21</b> Shakopee Mdewakanton Wacipi Shakopee, MN 952-445-8900</p>	<p><b>Aug. 25-28</b> Ponca Powwow White Eagle, OK 580-762-8104</p>	

# Tribal Gov't News & Updates

## Credit Union: The Bois Forte community speaks!



*Hi, it's Nikki and I want to share what our Band members and employees had to say about our future credit union, answer your questions and feedback, and let you know about some new info that has a major impact on how our credit union will take shape!*

The most frequent question I am asked continues to be, "When is the credit union opening?" We expect to be operational by December 2012 and I appreciate your continued patience & support. I am also very eager to open, but this is a long and arduous process. We are actually moving at a faster rate than expected; your input and advice has played a significant role. Thank you to the 650+ survey respondents and the 500 interested in joining!

In close second, people want to know, "What are the benefits of having our own credit union?" Beyond convenience? In a nutshell, **empowerment**. Through the survey and your future voice as a credit union member/owner, you are shaping our credit union's development: our products, services, and most importantly—our practices. We still have to abide by federal regulations, but we are designing programs and policies with you in mind. After canvassing our local towns, I can tell you that no other financial institution is doing that.

At this time, I also want to share that the National Credit Union Administration has limited what start-ups can offer in their first days of operation (anything can be added down the line). Many survey respondents were interested in business and mortgage loans, but we will not be able to service these lending activities for a while. About half of our other desired products/services are safe and I will make a rigorous effort to keep the remaining products on our spread.

As a final note: *Submit your suggestions for the credit union naming contest with a prize of \$750 ASAP, because the opportunity will be gone by the second week in August!*

*The survey was anonymous, so I was not able to respond to specific requests. Please contact me directly, because I want to help!*

I finally compiled the final results of the credit union survey that was sent out last winter and a number of people had individual requests that need to be met before the credit union opens. There have also been several in-person and phone requests I want to address. Feel free to call, stop by my office, or email me if any of the following apply to you:

- Making mortgage payments on time or refinancing
- Help winterizing a home on Indian Point
- Nett Lake experienced mechanic seeking employment
- Elder in need of an advocate to help them close an account with Wells Fargo
- Relocation to a new senior living center
- \*Help developing a business and obtaining financing (applies to a number of respondents)
- Home repair loans (applies to a number of respondents)

**I will do my best to put you in touch with someone who will help you!**

Nikki Pieratos, CDFI/Credit Union Manager

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### From the surveys: We'll have most of your major requests!

- Help repairing your credit and financing that does not focus solely on credit scores (over 50% of people said bad/no credit was their biggest obstacle)
- Branch locations in Nett Lake and Fortune Bay
- Serve non-Band member employees
- Safe and secure deposits—protected by the Federal Reserve and insurance
- Financial education and business development training



## Contract Health renewal applications have been mailed



Contract Health Renewals Applications have been mailed out to Bois Forte Band Members.

If you did not receive an application and would like one or if you have questions about the applications, contact Connie Harju or Trudy King at 218-757-3295 or 1-800-223-1041 or by email at [charju@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:charju@boisforte-nsn.gov) or [tking@boisforte-nsn.gov](mailto:tking@boisforte-nsn.gov).

## 2011 Hunting Seasons

### Deer

Limit of 4 either sex

Bucks only- July 1 to Dec.31

Does - Sept. 1 to Dec. 15

Shining - Oct. 15 to Oct. 31

### Bull Moose

Limit 1

Sept. 15 to Oct. 15

### Waterfowl

Reservation Season

Aug. 20 to Dec. 31

### Small Game

Grouse 5 Daily

Sept. 1 Dec. 31

### Trapping

Oct. 1 to Sept. 31

### Bear

No Season



## Fight to protect Indian Health Care

The enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act permanently reauthorized the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The IHCA is intended to raise the health status of Native people and provides many opportunities for tribal communities to build and strengthen their health care systems. Last month 28 state governors signed on to a letter calling for the full repeal of the federal health care reform law.

Call or write Senators Amy Klobuchar (218-741-9690 or [klobuchar.senate.gov](mailto:klobuchar.senate.gov)) and Al Franken (218-722-2390 or [franken.senate.gov](mailto:franken.senate.gov)) and tell them to fight against efforts to repeal the Patient Protection and affordable Care Act.



# Community News & Announcements

## Adoptive parents needed

The Leech Lake Child Welfare Department is in dire need of adoptive homes for children who need a permanent loving home.

We have several sibling groups waiting for a family to call their own. If you have a lot of love, patience, and room in your home and heart for a child, please call or stop in for more information!

One sibling group will be adopted to a non-native family if a native family is not identified. These children have been in foster care for almost four years and have not had much cultural exposure. We really need your help!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in adoption or learning more about adoption and our waiting children, please call or stop by the Leech Lake Child Welfare office. Our office is located at 6035 161st St NW, across from the Facility Center. Our toll free number is 1-866-252-5665 or local (218) 335-8270. Ask to speak to the Adoption Specialist.

The basic requirements for becoming an adoptive home are that you must be over age twenty-one, enrolled or eligible for enrollment in a federally recognized tribe, and can pass background checks. First generation descendants may also apply and depending on the circumstances, our Child Welfare Commission may approve your application.

Please contact me if you are interested or would like more information.

Patty Frazer,  
Guardianship/Adoption Specialist Leech Lake Child Welfare Department  
(218) 335-8244 or 1-866-252-5665 or patty.frazer@llojibwe.org

## University of Minnesota Starwatch August 2011



Excerpts from Deane Morrison

Moonless mornings in August and September are the times to look for the elusive zodiacal light. This broad, fingerlike glow points up from the eastern horizon along the sun's path between about one and two hours before sunrise. Called the "false dawn" in the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam, it is caused by sunlight reflecting off dust in the plane of the solar system.

August's biggest show—the Perseid meteors—will be a flop this year, thanks to a nearly full moon washing out all but the brightest meteors. The shower peaks the night of the 12th-13th. That full moon shines the next night. Algonquin Indians called it the sturgeon moon, for the iconic Great Lakes fish that is most easily caught this time of year. As the moon wanes, though, it glides through the morning stars. Catch it on the 25th, when it appears close to Mars.

The University of Minnesota Duluth offers public viewings of the night sky at the Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium. For more information and viewing schedules, see [www.d.umn.edu/planet](http://www.d.umn.edu/planet)

## What can one person do?

Lisa Sellman, is author of children's book "The Legend of the Wolves of Gunflint Lake".

Don't tell Lisa Sellman that one person can't make a difference. She knows better. Sellman, a community activist and lifelong volunteer, recently learned how one act of kindness can set off a chain reaction that can span the globe.

"It just started out with me asking a regional pet food company for a donation of dog food for Red Lake Rosie's in Minnesota," said Sellman, a professional dog trainer and owner of a pet care business. "I called Solid Gold Northland, and one of the marketing managers there advised me that they were trying to increase the number of people who 'liked' them on Facebook, and that if I could get 40 new Facebook members to click on their 'like' button, they'd give me \$200 worth of pet food."

So Sellman, who currently volunteers for six different community groups, sent a message out to all her Facebook friends inviting them to Solid Gold Northland's fan page on Facebook.

Somehow, the invite made it to the Facebook page of The Patrick Miracle, a page devoted to the story of a two year old pitbull found by a janitor in a dumpster. Their Facebook page has charted over 109,000 "like" clicks from users. When the founders of the page posted Sellman's invite, Solid Gold Northland received more than 2,000 new fans from all over the world in the course of about 48 hours.

"When I contacted them the next week, they were blown away by how quickly the response took off," said Sellman, "As a result of the combined outreach, Solid Gold Northland and Chuck and Don's Pet Food Outlet have committed a donation of \$2,000 worth of pet food, and I've helped to forge new friends from other countries who all care about the same things I care about. And it all started with a simple posting on Facebook because I wanted to help a local animal shelter. It's been magical."

Sellman's simple act was a drop in the bucket compared to her schedule of volunteer activities. She works as an after school care volunteer at the

Minneapolis Indian Center, a special events assistant at the Loft Literary Center, a volunteer marketing director for canine events at the Gunflint Lodge (the real location contained in her children's book), and a trail staff assistant with Wilderness Inquiry, where she and her husband take disabled children and adults on outdoor adventures throughout the US. They have been volunteers with this organization since 1997.

"Although I work hard, I love being able to serve my community," Sellman said. "The people in all the organizations I'm involved with, all share my values and my world view and they are my friends and my family. The people and the activities fill up my life with fun, joy and a purpose I could never have achieved any other way. It doesn't mean that I think everyone should take the same path that I have. I know most people don't have the time. My point is this: it only takes one simple act, one click of a mouse button to start a movement. It happened to me and it can happen to you. All you need to do is give it a shot."

# Community News & Announcements

## Clarence E. "Bo" Day, Sr.



Clarence E. "Bo" Day Sr., 68, Cass Lake, formerly of Nett Lake, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2011, at the Virginia Convalescent Center, Virginia, MN.

**Clarence E. "Bo" Day, Sr.**

He was born in Nett Lake on August 7, 1942, grew up and lived in Northern Minnesota most of his life. "Bo", as he was known, was a talented artist, and many of his pictures are on display throughout the northland. He enjoyed playing guitar, traveling with his family, playing bingo, but most of all treasured time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children: Clarence "Toby" (Nicole Morris) Day Jr. of Cass Lake; Maybelline (George) Anderson of Ely, Stephanie Whiteman of Mpls, Tayna (Ron) Reynolds of Virginia, MN, Stephanie Littlewolf of Mpls, Teri (Kenn) Latzau of Cass Lake, Amanda (Aaron Wind) Littlewolf of Cass Lake and Mia (Brandon Beaulieu) Day of Cass Lake; 1 brother, Marlan (Edna) Day of Hinckley; 2 sisters, Lori King of Brainerd and Margie Cripe of Kokomo, IN; 38 Grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents his is preceded in death by a brother Earl Day Jr. and a sister, Irene Fischer.

**SERVICES:** Traditional services were held 10:00 AM Tuesday (June 14th) at the Nett Lake Government Center, where visitation was after 4:00 PM Monday. The spiritual advisor was Steven Jackson. The casket bearers were: Marlon Day, Kenn Litzau, Eugene "Son" Boshey Jr., Aaron Wind, Melvin King and Clarence Day Jr. The alternate bearers were: Mark Littlewolf, Ron Reynolds, James Boshey and Elmer Boshey. The honorary bearers were: Allen Wind, Xander Day, Conrad Day, Jason Littlewolf, Herschel Evan Crowghost Jr., Kenneth Litzau III., Darik Deegan, Ian Deegan, Aiden Deegan, Josh Johnson, Forrest King, Aaron Dorscher, Garrett Dorscher, Troy Dorscher, Alex Littlewolf and Wilbur Littlewolf. Interment was in the Nett Lake Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were with the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook, MN

## Patricia "Pat" A. Villebrun



**Patricia "Pat" A. Villebrun**

Patricia "Pat" A. Villebrun, 63, Nett Lake, passed away on Friday, July 1, 2011, at Essentia Health (St. Mary's Hospital) in Duluth.

Pat was born on September 9, 1947, at Cook, to Frank "Bronc" and Viola (Porter) Villebrun. She grew up in Nett Lake where she lived

most of her life. Throughout her working career, she was employed as a secretary for the RTC (Reservation Tribal Council) and Bois Forte Housing, a receptionist at the Nett Lake School, and a cashier at Fortune Bay. Pat was a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. She enjoyed a good game of cards, especially smear, liked traveling, bingo and the casino. Most of all she treasured time spending with her family.

She is preceded in death by her father, Frank "Bronc" Villebrun in 1986; and one sister, Ramona "Mona" Villebrun in 2009.

She is survived by her mother, Viola Villebrun

on Nett Lake,; 2 sons, Henry Villebrun of Nett Lake and Clayton Villebrun of Eveleth; one daughter, Lyn "Mouse" (Allan "Buzz" Connor) Caribou of Nett Lake; 1 brother, Frank (Elaine) Villebrun of Orr; 3 sisters, Eileen (Kenny) Barney of Orr, Olive Connor of Mpls., and Jacqueline K. Villebrun of Nett Lake; 2 grandchildren, Conrad Roy and Steven Roy Jr.; her favorite puppy, "Star", along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**SERVICES:** Funeral services were held at 10 AM Wednesday (July 6th) at the Nett Lake Baptist Church, where visitation was held after 5 PM Tuesday. Rev. Kevin Lasley was the officiant. The casket bearers were: Damon Day, Donny Villebrun, Brent Villebrun, Jeff Isham, Kenneth "Tooter" Villebrun and Nick Villebrun. The honorary bearers were: Kentrell Villebrun, Andrew Day, Darrell Connor, Frank Villebrun Jr., Frances "Tuna" Connor, Lawrence "T. John" Connor, Michael Villebrun, Rodney "Sam" Villebrun and John M. Day. Interment was in the Bois Forte Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were with the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

## Mii gwech from the Ishams

With this card of thanks we would like to give all who gave support, cards, donations and all the nice gestures from friends at the time passing of our Father and Grandfather, Felix "Lucky" Isham, who passed on May 21, 2011. Lucky's Brothers, Sisters, Nieces and Nephews had a loss also get a very special thank you as they were very much of support. It is all very much appreciated and he will be sadly missed.

Again Mii gwech to all,

*The Lucky Isham Family*

### My Wings

*Though my wings have flown for years  
It is time to rest please no tears  
With you all in my heart here or there  
I'm glad to have known you, you were all very dear  
I couldn't have done it with out you  
Deep down this is forever true  
Now the Great Spirit has chosen me  
We are all his children you can see  
Live your life, be happy and free.*



## Tips on how to avoid online scams

Like the TV commercials say, “Free is better.” The only problem with the Internet is that it’s not always free, and sometimes the price can be steeper than you’d ever want to pay.

That’s the warning offered from Todd Drowlette, Chairman of classified listing site Move That Block ([www.movethatblock.com](http://www.movethatblock.com)). Drowlette said that his research into the consumer-to-consumer advertising space on the Internet revealed a wide variety of practices that exist for the sole purpose of deceiving the consumer.

“We all tend to have faith in the ‘truth in advertising’ laws protecting us from bait and switch scams,” Drowlette said. “The problem is that the Internet is so saturated with bait and switch sites, the government would never have enough resources to prosecute them all. So, it’s really up to consumers to beware and be aware of the kinds of sites that are out to get their money, get their email addresses or just flat out rip them off.”

His tips include:

- **Free or Premium** – Before signing up with a listing site, surf it carefully to ensure that all their user listings are free. It’s common for them to charge companies for display ads and banner, but that’s only one of their revenue models. Many sites advertise free user listings, but in reality, only the first one is free and only after you sign up for a paid membership. Make sure you understand exactly what you will be getting for free before you sign up.

- **Credit Card for ID Purposes** – Some sites will ask for your credit card information to determine that you are of legal age to place an ad. Don’t believe it. If someone wants your credit card information, it’s because they want your money, not your ID. In some cases, you’ll find an unauthorized charge on your card, but because you didn’t read the fine print when you signed up, it’s impossible to get the charge reversed.

- **The Fine Print** – When you register on a

classifieds or pay-to-use site, don’t just click through all the registration procedures. Each click constitutes an agreement with the site, so read the Terms of Service and Privacy Policies carefully. This is not just fine print. These documents spell out your legal rights, and the site you’re visiting is counting on the fact you won’t read them. In addition, the privacy policy spells out whether they will sell your email address to spammers once you sign up. Sure, the ads are free, but you’re actually paying with your email address and personal information, which may be sold to spammers and other promotional companies who will inundate you with junk mail.

- **Free to Post** – Sure, it might be free to post, but that may be all you can do. Many sites use that as the come-on, and then advise you that only premium (paid) members can see your listing, or that you cannot get responses until you pay for a premium membership yourself. Make sure everything is free before you post. After all, what’s the point of posting if you can’t communicate with anyone who sees it?

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

**ZZ Top**  
August 13 @ 7:30 p. m.  
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OUTDOORS AT FORTUNE BAY.  
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Special Guest: Foghat  
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*A change will do you good!*

**Nibi and Manoomin: Bridging Worldviews**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

Date: August 22-24, 2011

Location: Shooting Star Casino, Mahanomen, MN

This symposium is intended to build on the work initiated in August 2009. In partnership with White Earth and other tribes, a symposium was held to begin creating a space to learn from one another (University of Minnesota researchers with an interest in wild rice and tribal elders sharing their knowledge and stories about manoomin) in a good way. That initial gathering was very powerful and long overdue. One outcome of the symposium was to hold regular gatherings to share stories, research, learning and build trust so that wild rice is appreciated as a sacred gift from the creator by us all.

This second symposium entitled, “Nibi and Manoomin: Bridging Worldviews,” provides another occasion for exchanging teachings between Western and Anishnaabe cultural frames. In addition to manoomin we will include lessons on water (nibi) at this symposium. Water and manoomin belong together.

More information about the August 22-24, 2011 symposium and online registration will be posted soon.

Web link: <http://www.cfans.umn.edu/diversity/initiatives/wildrice2011.htm>

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## Change of Address Form

Bois Forte regularly sends out important information in the mail. Per capita checks, community meeting notices and the RTC quarterly letters are examples of items that are regularly mailed. It is essential that we have your correct mailing address so that you can receive this information.

If you have moved recently, or are not receiving regular mailings, please fill out the change of address form below and mail to:

Toni Wakemup  
Bois Forte Enrollment Coordinator  
5344 Lake Shore Dr  
Nett Lake MN 55772.

Please note, you must check the box below your signature if you want us to give your new address to the Bois Forte Newspaper.

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City/ State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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