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Nett Lakers gather to discuss new multi-purpose center

Band members gathered at the Nett Lake Community Center on April 9 for dinner and discussion about the proposed Community-Credit Union-Administrative Center to be built on the site of the former MC store in Nett Lake.

Jane Villebrun served 115 plates of her popular Indian Tacos; Andy Datko, CEO of the Bois Forte Development Corporation, discussed financing of the \$12 million project; and representatives of Short, Elliott, Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) presented preliminary drawings of the building. SEH is a consulting firm of engineers, architects, scientist and planners that the RTC retained to help with the project.

The RTC, SEH and Datko listened to Band members' suggestions, answered questions and laid out an aggressive construction schedule for the proposed 45,000-50,000 square foot building, which will be home to a Band member

owned Credit Union, Community Center and Tribal Government Offices.

RTC leaders are pushing for construction to begin in late summer of this year as part of their plan to counter the economic recession by creating as many jobs as possible on the reservation. If you're interested in working on the construction of the center, contact Dawn Benner in the TERO Office at 218-757-3261 or 800-221-8129 and get your name on the 2009 TERO list.

Five days after the April 9 community meeting in Nett Lake, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Rose Berens and SEH Architectural Designer Justine Fedor met with the Elders to listen to their advice on the project.



Preliminary drawing of new Center in Nett Lake. Overhang is for Credit Union drive-up service. Round end of building is large community gathering room.

Elders had comments and suggestions on the design and entrance of the building and the importance of honoring traditional ways in the native plantings, location, construction and strategies for heating and lighting the building. Many were pleased to hear that Tribal services will continue uninterrupted during the construction and that the old MS store may be relocated to serve as a future Teen Center for Nett Lake Youth.

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RTC approves new loan program

In his 2009 State of the Band address, Chairman Leecy announced that the RTC was working to create a new loan program to help Band members get through the difficult economics times. The RTC called on long-time financial partner and friend Bill Spang, president of the First National Bank of Buhl, to help create the program.

After 10 weeks of working out the particulars, Spang presented a detailed plan to the RTC on April 8 and they ratified it unanimously. The program is intended to assist Band members who are experiencing short-term financial needs by providing loans from \$500 to \$1,200.

Another objective of the program is to help Band members develop, or rebuild, a solid credit rating.

The loans, which will be administered through First National, and be backed by the Tribal government, cannot exceed 12 months. Applicants will be required to provide evidence of ongoing income for the previous 90 day period as well as an income source into the future. The income can be from a variety of sources, including employment, social security, disability payments, etc.

The loan can be used for any reasons, but it is essential that those applying realize it is a loan and not simply a grant. Payback of the principle and interest are required. Band members who fail to meet the payback terms of the loan will have the amount owed deducted from their Treaty per capita check.

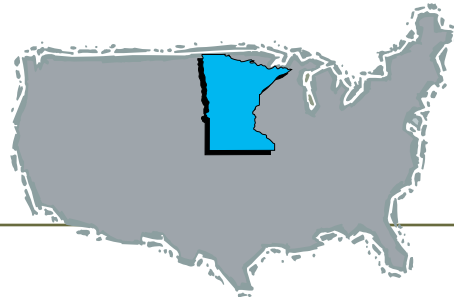
Secretary Treasurer David Morrison Sr. said,

"The program is intended to help people that are struggling during the current recession. We don't encourage Band members to take out a loan unless its for a good reason. And if you do, set up a plan to pay it back.

Our hope is that the loan program will not just provide some needed cash in the short-term, but also help set up individuals for future credit stability and assist those that need to rebuild their credit ratings."

The first step in applying for a loan is to contact Ronette Novak at the RTC, 800-221-8129, 218-757-3261; or by email, rnovak@boisforte-nsn.gov. Ronette will help with the prescreening needed to verify enrollment with Bois Forte and assist with the origination documents.

National and State News



Poor economy severe on Indian Country

Bill Lomax, president of the Native American Finance Officers Association likens the impact of the current recession on Indian Country as "...almost the perfect storm. You've got debt, overexpansion and a slow economy all hitting at once... Many tribes have overextended themselves in an attempt to build enterprises, but now find themselves without the profits they expected to take care of their debts."

The impact is hitting everyone across the country, from the Eastern Cherokee losing millions in the stock market to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on their largest business enterprise.

White Earth Tribal Chairman Erma Vizenor said that the meltdown of the economy might have started in Washington and Wall Street, but its effects have hit her reservation particularly hard. "It isn't the fault of the council or anyone," she said. "It is the condition of the economy."

"The effect has been economically severe and harsh to us on the White Earth Reservation," Vizenor said. "We have suffered budget cuts in law enforcement, fire protection, road maintenance, education, housing and social services, as well as health care that has been on a respirator for years while chronic disease has continued to escalate."

Bois Forte Chair Kevin Leecy acknowledges the global recession is a huge challenge, but says by keeping tight financial reins and steering a course of business diversification and reinvestment, Bois Forte is handling the economic recession better than most.

"Our business acquisitions and our commitment to diversification have allowed us to weather the economic storms during the past year and a half. Our manufacturing business has been hit very hard with a 48% decrease in revenue due to the global recession and a very tight credit market. However, at the same time, our retail sales continue to increase. We'll make the necessary changes to realign the manufacturing end of our investments and continue to work on building the retail. That is how a balanced, diversified portfolio is supposed to work and we're going to stay the course and ride out the recession."

Names do matter

After a 10-year battle, 76 public sites in Montana will be renamed to exclude the offensive word "squaw." Most of the changes are already official and a few are in some stage of the process.

"We celebrate 76 old places and 76 new names," Jennifer Perez Cole, the governor's Indian affairs coordinator, told the Associated Press. "This derogatory word 'squaw' was a word used by white men to describe Indian women," Perez Cole said. "We sent a message in '99 that it was unacceptable."

Cole noted that Montana is the second state to undertake the name-change effort, following Minnesota.

"This law will go a long way in healing these past wrongs," said state Sen. Carol Juneau, D-Browning, who sponsored the 1999 law as a state representative. "With these name changes, we've made Montana a better place."

A more poetic place, too. Stands Alone Woman Peak, a rock formation in Glacier National Park, has replaced Old Squaw. Storm Castle Creek now flows through forested land in Gallatin County instead of Squaw Creek.

"We've got some wonderful new names," Juneau said.

Other states undergoing name changes include Oklahoma, South Dakota, Oregon, Maine, Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee.

President Barack Obama nominated Larry EchoHawk (right) as assistant secretary for Indian affairs with the Department of the Interior on April 10.

Mr. EchoHawk is a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. He was the first American Indian elected to a constitutional statewide office, having served as attorney general of Idaho from 1991 to 1995. Before that, he served two terms in the Idaho Legislature.



Blandin Foundation plans first-ever American Indian Alumni Gathering

The Blandin Foundation is planning a first-ever gathering of American Indian alumni of its leadership programs on May 5-7, 2009. The event will celebrate and honor the more than 200 American Indian alumni of the foundation's Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program and mobilize the trained leaders to engage and empower youth in building healthy community.

Dr. Thomas Peacock, member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, and author and co-author of books on Native education, Ojibwe history and race relations, will deliver a keynote address. Michael Bucher, an award-winning Cherokee singer-songwriter who performed at the 2009 Presidential American Indian Inaugural Ball, will provide entertainment on May 5.

Invitations have been sent to addresses the foundation has on file. American Indian alumni who have not received an invitation or who have questions can contact Angela Jenkins at 218/327-8732 or 877/882-2257.



Tribal Sovereignty 101: beginning with the basics

Editor's Note: This article is the first of a series that will explore the history, defense and implications of tribal sovereignty.

Exercising and upholding tribal sovereignty begins by establishing a clear definition. For some, that's not easy.

At 2004 press conference, a reporter asked President Bush the meaning of Tribal Sovereignty. "Tribal sovereignty means that – it's sovereign...you're a...you're a...you've been given sovereignty and you're...viewed as a sovereign entity..." he stammered. "And, therefore, the relationship between the federal government and tribes is one between sovereign entities."

In clearer terms, sovereignty is the supreme and independent authority to govern. Dictionaries describe it as a "rightful status" and a "prerogative." Synonyms for the adjective sovereign include "potent", "utmost" and "indisputable".

Tribal Sovereignty refers to the authority of Native American tribes to govern themselves. It

indicates that they possess that right inherently; it is not dependent upon or granted by congressional acts. The reason has to do with timing: Native Americans were here first. The sovereignty of Indian Nations pre-dates the establishment of the United States and its federal government.

Tribal Sovereignty is based on six principles:
1) Each federal agency deals with each Indian Tribe on a respectful, government-to-government basis.

2) All federal agency decisions honor the fact that Indian Tribes provide the best quality and most efficient services to Tribal members.

3) Federal law should allow Tribal government to shape what is funded and done in Indian communities.

4) Federal agencies can and should rely on the fact that the elected leadership of Indian Tribes are, by definition, accountable to Tribal members.

5) Federal bureaucracies should be downsized,

reformed and restructured into technical assistance resource centers that aid Tribal governments in meeting the needs of Tribal communities, with the resulting financial savings transferred to Tribal communities for program services.

6) No function, program, service or activity that is supposed to benefit an Indian Tribe should be kept out of the reach of any Indian Tribe seeking to take the money and do it for themselves.

In practice, Tribal Sovereignty allows Bands to make their own laws and be governed by them. It grants the ability to regulate conduct and activities within the territory of each Tribe. In effect, each Tribe is a nation unto itself.

With those abilities comes the burden of defense: Each Tribe must resist threats to its sovereignty. It cannot expect other groups to defend it – or even to recognize threats when they're being made. We'll take a closer look at threats to tribal sovereignty in a future issue of the Bois Forte News.

Blood Quantum Update

Controversial topics before the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe will once again force a delay in voting on Bois Forte's proposal to amend the Constitution to change the Blood Quantum.

The MCT is currently embroiled in a heated election dispute over leadership at one of the member reservations as well as enmeshed in a major constitutional realignment with another member.

A vote on the Blood Quantum is still a top priority for Bois Forte, said Tribal Chair Kevin Leecy. "But simply bringing the issue to a vote isn't enough.

"We want to pass our proposal and in order to do that we need to have three fifths of the votes of the Tribal Executive Committee. We'll keep working the issue and bring it to a vote when the timing is right for the support we need to pass our proposal."

(Multi-purpose center cont. from page 1)

Funding for the \$12 million project will come from four sources.

➤ \$2.4 million in New Market Tax Credits.

A popular funding source in Indian Country, New Market Tax Credits have been used by the Mississippi Choctaw to build their hotel; the Navajo Nation for utility projects to deliver electricity to their homes; the Standing Rock Sioux to build a cell tower for television signal transmission; as well as Bois Forte Housing to build 20 homes in Vermilion and Nett Lake.

➤ \$3 million grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux

➤ \$6.6 million loan from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux

➤ \$2 million from the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant and loan programs.

The RTC is also exploring the possibility of Environmental Protection Agency and BIA grants available under the new Federal Stimulus Law. These funds could be used as part of a subsequent portion of the construction project that would involve building a new DNR and Environmental Services facility near the current Public Works Office and garage.



David Cihasky, Project Architect, from SEH presents the preliminary drawings at the April 9 Community meeting.

Nett Lake

Bois Forte EMTs hoping to double their team

Bois Forte is hoping to double the number of volunteer EMTs serving the Band. Currently, six members volunteer as emergency medical technicians, providing pre-hospital emergency medical services to the community. But the group is getting older and some members are nearing retirement.

The team is planning to host an open house in early May at the ambulance hall in Nett Lake's public safety building to describe their work and field questions. Training for a new batch of EMTs begins May 21 at the ambulance hall. It consists of 110 hours spread over the course of eight weeks.

That's a substantial time commitment, but it prepares volunteers well for work that is rewarding, said Teresa Morrison, who's been an EMT for 21 years. "It's worth the effort. I've enjoyed it all these years," she said. "But the people on the EMT team have been on a long time, and we're getting older."

Being an EMT has made her feel more deeply connected to the Band, said Morrison, who works as the office manager of Bois Forte's health office. And she's been a part of work that can be life-saving. "Years before [we had our

own EMTs], we had to wait for Orr to come out, and that was 45 minutes – for some, that's the difference between life and death."

Teresa was inspired to become an EMT by the example of her family members. Her sister and her husband were already EMTs when she began her training. "I just wanted to help people in need, and I knew they were short staffed at the time."

Mike Connor, who works as the Band's water-quality lab technician and has been an EMT for 13 years, encourages fellow Band members to join the team. He, too, was inspired by fellow members who made time for the heroic service, including his mom, Marcella, and his brothers and sister.

Connor said he's always liked to help others, which has also compelled him to be a fire fighter. "I've been told by my peers that I bring calmness to the scene," he said.

"Being an EMT has its ups and downs, but the ups more than make up for the downs," he said. It can be discouraging to witness dark battles with addiction and disease. But he's also able to witness – and engender – turnarounds.

"I encourage some people. They want a better life. And they get a second chance." It often comes down to simply being a good listener, Connor said.

He estimates that he receives 100 calls a year. He said he doesn't mind being on a call. "It takes up some weekends, but it doesn't tie you down. You're still able to do something around the house or in the community. This weekend I ended up doing my laundry and fixing a window on a work truck. As long as I have my pager, my radio and my medical bag there, I'm good to go."

There is a general need for EMTs, Connor said, but in particular, they need volunteers who can lift heavier patients.

Being exposed to diseases, ailments and addictions as an EMT has made Connor more health conscious, he said. "I am very healthy – more so since I've become an EMT. You see other people with complications, diabetics or weight issues, and they're more prone to have heart attacks or strokes. That's why I always look after myself. It makes me think about my health."

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Elders

Elders advise skipping annual trip

One of the things we treasure about Elders is their wisdom and they can be very wise about using one's treasure. That's a message the RTC is likely to hear when they review the Elder's response to a March survey about the 2009 Annual Trip.

The majority of Elders who returned the survey felt that because the current economy is unhealthy, it makes sense to skip the annual trip for this year. The Elders' response seems to take into account savings on two sides.

On the one hand, they want the RTC to cut back on some discretionary expenditures like the trip so that other vital programs can be fully funded. The Elder may also be looking at holding the line on some of their own spending for entertainment during these tight economic times.

Shirley Benner collected the survey cards and

tallied the numbers. Although some cards continue to trickle in, at the March 27 deadline, Shirley tallied 63 Elder responses indicating the trip shouldn't happen this year versus 48 who wanted to go ahead.

Shirley and Mavis Drift also reviewed the survey cards carefully to record what destinations the Elders prefer for future trips. The top destinations included the Grand Canyon in either Arizona or Nevada; the Badlands and Black Hills in South Dakota; Las Vegas, Nevada, and Niagara Falls, New York, tied for third choice. Several other destinations were mentioned by a few survey respondents including: Washington, DC; Bangor, Maine; New Orleans; and Lake of the Ozarks.

The Elders Committee representative will present the survey results to the RTC for discussion. The RTC will listen carefully to the Elders in making their final decision.

Happy May Birthdays!



Cecelia Gonier	May 5
David Kochie	May 5
Joyce Kay Davis	May 13
Gary Adams	May 16
Ramona Villebrun	May 16
Joanne Hanks	May 19 LL
Alma Lumbar	May 21
Clara McGleno	May 21
Frances Isham	May 26
Raymond Toutloff	May 27

Vermillion Indian Boarding School, Part 2



Kay Davis

Since this is the second part of the Vermillion Indian Boarding School (VLIBS) data, this article will begin in 1910. The school had been operating by collecting many children from all over Minnesota to fill its quota. By 1910, the Federal Census listed 108 Indian students at VLIBS and included the surnames of Anderson, Beargrease, Goodday, Light, Peterson, McCloud, Sam, Pete (spelled Peat on the Census), Peterson, Roy, Sky, and Wein, who were mostly from the Vermilion and Ely area. A couple of children from the Nett Lake or Pelican Lake areas, those of Day and Goodsky were listed.

The 1910 Federal Census listed blood quantum, Tribe of pupil and his parents, so only one pupil, 11-year-old Eddie Randolph, who was from the upper lakes area near Canada, in what is today the Voyageur National Park, was listed as $\frac{3}{4}$ Chippewa. The remaining Bois Forte members were all full bloods. Of the 108 students attending the boarding school that was meant to assimilate the Bois Forte Indians, only 26 were from Bois Forte families. They ranged in age from 5 to 19 years and had nearly an equal amount of boys and girls.

It is clear from the correspondence that Washington, DC, discouraged the continuance of the widespread recruitment from other Minnesota tribes and had a vision of mostly Bois Forte students. Thus, when Indian Agent Albert Reagan came to Bois Forte in 1908, his duties included convincing the Chiefs to send their children to VLIBS. Most of the Nett Lake Chiefs resisted, but slowly began to relent. An

Indian day school was held at Nett Lake (which will be discussed in an upcoming article), but their teachers were much more pliant, encouraging the children to adhere to the more traditional portions of the Ojibwe culture. VLIBS was structured like Carlisle Indian Industrial Boarding School and did not encourage such.

In his first meeting with the Chiefs of Bois Forte, which was recorded in his diary found at the National Archives in Chicago much talk was about VLIBS. It came a point in time that Reagan withheld commodity foods that had been treated for unless the children were sent to VLIBS. He even had the Indian policemen go to the homes and get the children. The numbers began to grow and by the time the school closed in 1919, it was full to overflowing and the surnames included nearly all of our ancestors. More next month, when we conclude about VLIBS with its closing.

Come join us at the next Elder meeting!

Monday, May 11 after 11:30 a.m. lunch
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Congratulations to the new Elders Committee Officers

Jerome Whiteman - Chairman
Justin Boness - Vice/Chair
Marcella Connor - Treasurer
Marilyn Geshick - Secretary
Mary Strong - Vermilion Elder Rep

Elders & Culture

A Bingo Night Story



Dr. Linda Grover

Beryl was keeping an eye on 20 bingo cards, nine on the table in front of her and 11 in her lap. She was wearing her bingo shirt, a sequined Mickey Mouse sweatshirt she got from her niece, who just that afternoon had touched up the roots of Beryl's very black hair, blacker than it had ever been when she was younger, used the curling iron to give it a little body, and teased it up into that French roll she had worn for the past 30 years. Her heavy black purse was on the floor in front of her chair, her right foot threaded through the handle and crossed at the ankle over her left. This was turning out to be Beryl's night: she was almost 40 bucks ahead and on the chair to her right Sis was getting cranky.

It's one thing to be happy for your friend when she wins, but after a while it starts to get on a person's nerves, thought Sis. She'd had two cups of coffee and that young girl with the coffee-donut cart acted like she couldn't see Sis eyeing that bowl of donuts. There were plenty sitting there but was she going to bring another one to Sis? No, she couldn't be bothered and here Sis always left her a dollar at the end of the night whether she won or not.

"Excuse me, young woman," Beryl spoke in her pleasant and ladylike voice, pitched so quietly that it cut through the smoke and hissed pleas for B4, c'mon, B4, B4. "Do you think my friend here could have another donut?" She daintily pointed her lips toward Sis. "...oh! bingo!" Ai! Five bingos that woman had, and all Sis had was the coffee shakes.

At break time Sis and Beryl walked over to a display of pictures and papers from the students of the Mozhay Point school. Sis didn't say a word, of course; how could she without looking like she was bragging? Her grandchildren's pictures were so much better than the other students' that it was almost an embarrassment.

Look at the colors, and look how little Fawn, just in kindergarten, drew that picture of herself with those four little dogs all on leashes and those tulips and the clouds up above and the sun, too, all with smiling faces. And look how neatly she printed her name! Sis maneuvered Beryl

over towards the center of the display, where she would be sure to see Fawn's picture as well at the one next to it, a smudged brown work with Girlie's grandson Howie's name in the lower corner, scratched so hard that the pencil had made holes in the paper. What crooked letters! And what in the Sam Hill was the picture supposed to be of? A potato? "Here's a nice one," she commented to Beryl, "that little kid sure must have worked hard on it."

"It's Little Howie's," Beryl cooed. "He is such a sweetheart."

".....Oh, my!" Sis started at the beauty of the four little dogs all on leashes and the tulips and the clouds up above and the sun, too, all with smiling faces. "Will you look at this one!" She peered at the neatly-written name. "Why, it's Fawn's!"

"The little sweetie," Beryl cooed in exactly the same voice, "bless her heart."

After the break, Sis, feeling generous because of the splendor of her granddaughter's school papers, turned the attention to a joke on herself. "I never look for patterns or lucky numbers when I pick out my bingo cards. My system is, I pick the top six cards off the pile, and those are the ones I play."

"Do you change them, then, when they don't pay?"

"Gaawiin, I stick with the ones I pick out when I get here, and those are the ones I play all night; that's my system."

"Oh. So, do you win much?"

"I never win!"

The table laughed.

".....bingo!" called Beryl.



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Youth & Culture

With internship and law school, Brodeen launches new career

Native Americans are sorely underrepresented in the legal industry, but Phil Brodeen is determined to change that.

The 22-year-old Band member will graduate from the University of Minnesota this May with a double major in Sociology and American Indian studies. The months after graduation will be action-packed.



Phil Brodeen

This summer, Phil Brodeen will be honored with the opportunity to participate in the Udall Native American Congressional Internship Program through the Morris K. Udall Foundation. The Udall

Foundation honors the late Representative Morris K. Udall, who was leader in the field of Native American public policy.

This year the internship program received a record number of applicants and this group of interns represents one of the strongest classes in the Udall Foundation's illustrious history. The applicants for the 10-week summer program included college seniors and graduate students from all over the United States. In the end, 13 students from 10 tribes and 9 universities were selected to participate as 2009 Native American Congressional Interns. Brodeen is the only participant from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and one of two from the upper Mid-West.

Through the Udall Foundation, the interns are paired with political offices that match their interests and career aspirations.

Over the summer Phil will serve a 10-week internship with Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin, South Dakota's lone member of the House of Representatives and a national leader on Indian issues. Brodeen will work on projects with her Native American policy aide, tackling issues he's sure will hit home.

Brodeen said he's impressed with her track record. Last year, for instance, Rep. Sandlin was a key supporter on a bill that increased police

forces on reservations. "I was reading it over," he said, "and it was exactly what is going on at Bois Forte: the police forces are over worked and over burdened. We need more officers' in order to ensure safety on our reservation and also to deter criminal activities"

The internship will provide a practical education, Brodeen added. "I'm looking forward to seeing the inner-workings of an office in Washington. It'll be interesting to see how much work goes into the legislative process.

Once the internship ends, Brodeen will embark on the next chapter of his life: law school. He applied to a total of ten law schools and was accepted into seven programs around the United States, but decided to attend the University of Minnesota's esteemed law school, which offered him a near-full scholarship. He seized the opportunity to stay in state.

"I want to keep my cultural connections," he explained. He appreciates the ability to easily visit the Bois Forte Reservation he grew up around and he is eager to continue his language immersion at the U of M, where he's been studying Anishinaabe for two years.

"Since the language is vanishing in my generation, I figured it would be beneficial to study and hopefully set up different language revitalization programs within my community," Brodeen said. "It's been challenging, but it's by far my favorite class. I look forward to it. Hopefully I'll be able to carry on a conversation in Ojibwa with my grandpa, who is Eugene Boshey Sr."

Studying sociology at the University has reinforced his desire to become an attorney. Those classes helped him understand how ethnic minorities are manipulated by the more dominant societies. The dominant society's actions create inequality that plays out in every arena, affecting community dynamics, work relations and legal rulings.

"Culturally-sensitive legal representation is hard to come by," Brodeen said. "There's such a big difference between the cultures, a huge gap that needs to be filled. Hopefully I can help fill that." He's been encouraged by fellow Band members who recognize the need for American Indian lawyers that understand their values and will advance their agenda. "Everybody's been so

supportive," Brodeen said especially his dad, Darrel, and his mom, Barb, Bois Forte's executive director, whom he calls his "biggest champion."

Brodeen reflected on his path to law school and the defining influence of his heritage. "In college I became involved in different programs that made me appreciate my heritage even more," he said. "I became proud of who I was and saw that I could do these different things, like become a lawyer, that would benefit our tribe so much. I vowed to use the gifts, talents and resources I got – scholarships and what not – to benefit our tribe instead of just getting a job that would pay the bills. I'm determined to give back to the community, like so many generations of my family did."

Nammy-winning Band member releases new album

Making music continues to bring Opie Day-Bedeau fulfillment and acclaim. In March the Nammy-winning Band member released the album "Love, Lies & Lullabies," a collaboration with longtime friend Mike Sullivan.

As the lead singer of Midnite Express, Day-Bedeau is known for stirring Pow-wow music incorporating the hand drum. "Love, Lies & Lullabies" marks new territory for the talented singer, featuring 15 brand-new round dance jams composed and performed by the two men.



Opie Day-Bedeau and Mike Sullivan collaborated on the new album "Love, Lies and Lullabies."

"It's more social," Day-Bedeau explained, and it has a sense of humor. In lieu of romantic mush – "I see the stars in your eyes, a love brought from up above" – these love songs are grounded in reality.

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Dear Student:

We are pleased to inform you that the Bois Forte Education Office has moved to a new location. We are now located in the newly expanded Nett Lake Elementary School/Medical & Dental Clinic complex.

Our new physical address is:
13090 Westley Drive
Nett Lake, MN 55772

PLEASE NOTE

Our mailing address WILL BE THE SAME at:
Bois Forte Education Offices
P.O. Box 16
Nett Lake, MN 55772

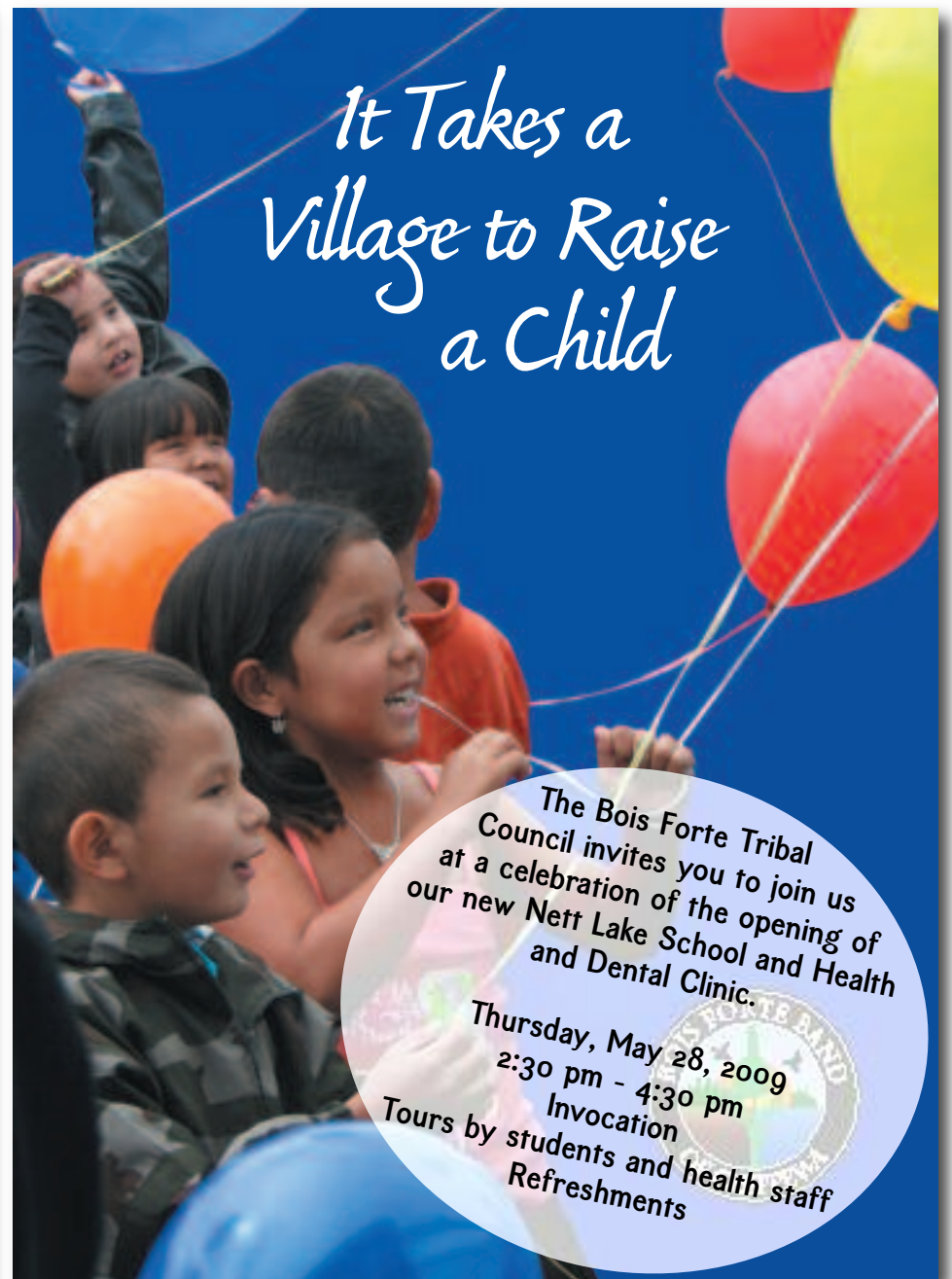
Our new telephone number will be: 1-218-757-3124
Commissioner of Education: Billie Mason dial extension 303
Education Programs Technician: Leanne Barto dial extension 302

We hope that this transition will not affect program services. There will be a Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, May 28. We look forward to welcoming you to our new office.

Sincerely,

Billie Mason
Commissioner of Education
Programs Technician

Leanne Barto
Education



(*Day-Bedeau cont. from page 8*) One song, for instance, declares: "I would do anything for you. I would wait for you. I would even lose some weight for you." The lighter tracks are balanced by a few "tear jerkers," along with several in Ojibwe and a few straighter melodic pieces. "There's something for everyone," Day-Bedeau said.

The two men recorded the songs in Phoenix, Ariz., home of Canyon Records, an esteemed recording studio that specializes in Native American music. Being in the studio lined with Grammy awards and Steve Wonder pictures, "I was awestruck," Day-Bedeau said. In its first weeks, the album has been very well received, according to a recent report from its executive producer Stephen Butler. "It's looking good," Day-Bedeau relayed. "He just got back from a Santa Fe Indian Art Show and said that he's heard nothing but great things about the CD. They want to release a line of T-shirts for 'Love, Lies & Lullabies.'"

With the advent of warmer weather and the Pow-wow circuit, Day-Bedeau is keeping busy. On April 25 in Albuquerque, N.M, Midnite Express attempted to defend the national championship it won last year at the Gathering of the Nations. This paper went to press before the event.

He's also a busy dad, raising four young boys in Oneida, Wis., with his fiancée, Josephine. Being a parent has brought him full circle, reinstating many of the rich traditions of his childhood. "No matter how much success he's had, he's never forgotten his roots," said his mom, Band member Charlene Day. His father, Joseph Bedeau, from Leech Lake, also encourages Opie to celebrate his Native American heritage.

"I was taught as a young boy, you should respect and gratitude toward the drum, you take care of that drum and that drum will take care of you," Day-Bedeau said. "And it's proved true."

Now his boys are storming around the house, pounding on their drums and singing at the top of their lungs. "My mom told me, 'You don't tell those boys to be quiet because I never told you to be quiet,'" Day-Bedeau said. "It's funny how it's the same now. It's an ongoing process. I've been fortunate enough to have been given a gift, so by all means I'm going to pass that on to my children. I hope they get everything out of the gift of music that I've received. I owe a lot of things in my life to the gift of music and the respect that I have for the journey that has brought me here."

Tribal Gov't News & Reports

Bois Forte welcomes new BIA officer

Chris Durfee was sworn in as Bois Forte's newest police officer April 8, a welcome addition to a small force, which now consists of five people.

Durfee said he recognized a need here. "My reservation now has 14 officers," he explained. "I came because I want to help another reservation, not just my reservation. It's time for me to start new challenges."



Tribal Court Judge Margaret Treuer administers the oath of office to Chris Durfee.

A member of the Fond du Lac Band, Durfee brings a wealth of experience, cultural understanding and a young family to the position. He'll work as a BIA and live in Vermilion with his wife, Dellarae, and their kids, Bradley, 13, Sarah, 7, and Hannah, 6.

Durfee grew up in the Fond du Lac reservation. He graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 2003 and earned his two-year degree from Fond du Lac Community College last year.

Prior to joining the Bois Forte police force, Durfee served the Fond du Lac reservation as a general police officer for five years and a sergeant for one year. During that time, he

performed a wide array of roles.

"I enjoyed everything about it," Durfee said. The highlight, he said, was being the school resource officer, working with the kids. He was stationed in the Fond du Lac school for three years.

Durfee founded the Explorers programs for teens and young adults who are interested in pursuing careers as police officers. The program started slowly but picked up nicely, eliciting an equal number of boys and girls. He said he'd love to start a similar program for Bois Forte, if Police Chief Peter Drift is interested.

Durfee also brings an expertise in drug recognition. He underwent extensive training to become a DRE, a drug recognition expert who is able to determine what someone is impaired on. That national distinction has made him a valuable resource in Minnesota.

Being a Native American uniquely qualifies him to serve Bois Forte, giving him a deep cultural understanding and sensitivity, Durfee said. For instance, he's able to delicately explain the proper and improper use of tobacco to teens. "When you can explain background on their culture, they'll listen to a Native more than they'll listen to a non-Native."

The warm welcome Bois Forte has extended to Durfee has blown him away. "The hospitality this reservation has shown me is what sold me. Initially I just thought Chief Drift is a nice guy, but it turns out everybody up here is so nice. I can't say enough about it. The people at Bois Forte have been more than friendly. They've welcomed my wife and my children and me with open arms. I wasn't ready for that. Usually people don't wave at everyone, but up here, everyone's waving at everyone. I'm like, 'Wow, this is nice!'"

Web traffic growing, new features added

The RTC is keeping with a global trend, providing Band members access to more and more information online. They seem to be responding.

A communication survey Band members responded to last fall indicated that the majority – 53 percent – are logging on to the Band's website for information. BoisForte.com is netting an average of 9,000 visitors a month. For the past few years, Band members have been able to access some forms online, such as the Burial Assistance Form, scholarship applications and the hunting season schedule.

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Old Grandpa Buster DeLead is reminding you that May is the 2009 fishing opener month. And with that is a warning about

Lead in Fishing Sinkers



Did you know that.....

...Most fishing sinkers are made of solid lead.

...Lead in fishing sinkers can cause lead poisoning.

...Lead dust from fishing sinkers can contaminate tackle boxes tables and other surfaces.

Even small amounts of lead can hurt a young child's growth and development. Children can get lead from fishing sinkers in their bodies when they:

- Put fishing sinkers in their mouth.
- Bite lead split shot sinkers to close them.
- Handle sinkers, then eat or put their hands in their mouth:
- Digging around in tackle boxes and fishing gear contaminated by lead sinkers:

What can you do?

- Never put lead sinkers in your mouth.
- Never bite lead split shot sinkers to close them.
- Don't let toddlers and young children play with or handle lead sinkers.
- Store your tackle box and fishing gear out of children's reach.
- Make sure the children wash their hands well with soap and water after handling sinkers, especially before eating.
- Purchase lead-free sinkers; they are available (made of tin).

*Jane Villebrun,
Lead PB Education Coordinator
Environmental Services
janevillebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov
(218) 757-3543*

DNR Updates

Forestry

The spring fire season is quickly approaching as the snow melts and the grasses dry out. Please keep an eye out to the changing fire danger levels either by the signs at 7-mile corner and Forestry or by keeping up to date at the forestry website: <http://users.northlc.com/nlforestry>.

Burning restrictions will be back in place quickly. Please contact Forestry at 218-757-3177 for a free burn permit or the local DNR if you live at Indian Point or Vermilion.

Be safe and help us prevent wildfires this season.

Netting

This year's netting season runs from April 15, 2009 to April 14, 2010, with a three and one half month closing from May 31-September 15, 2009. Permits are needed and can be obtained, along with a copy of regulations, by contacting or stopping by the 1854 Office in Duluth, the Vermilion Community Center in Tower, or the DNR Office in Nett Lake. If you have any questions, contact Leo Vidal of the 1854 Office at 800-775-8799. You can also contact Bois Forte's Game Wardens Ed Villebrun or Mike Villebrun at 218-757-3261, ext. 150

Remember when you go netting to carry your valid permit and 1854 ID card with you.

Netting is an exclusive Treaty right of Native Americans – no outside help allowed.

PLEASE NOTE – Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) are mandatory. There is no more grace period. In the past individuals not using a PFD were given a warning; this year you will be ticketed if you're not wearing or having pfd's for each person in the canoe.

Bears

The DNR will respond to any calls they receive about bears on your property and assess what steps to take on a case by case basis. It's important for property owners to be aware that you can minimize, and often eliminate, bears near your home by simply getting rid of "attractive" food sources in your yard. This includes things like bird and squirrel feeding material, household garbage, a grill or barbeque that contains food remnants.

Safety Classes

Congratulations to Destinie Villebrun, Preston Connor, and Tristen Villebrun, who successfully completed their snowmobile safety course last March. Conservation Officer Ed Villebrun and the Bois Forte DNR teamed up with the 1854 Treaty Authority Office to offer classes to area youth. State law requires anyone born between 1982 to the present, to participate in a classroom and hands-on course to earn a license to drive a snowmobile.

The DNR and 1854 Office will offer the classes again later this year. Commissioner Corey Strong said they are planning to schedule the classes between the fall volleyball/football season and the start of winter school sports in order to cut down on scheduling conflicts for kids who want to sign up for the course.

Strong said the DNR is also working to set up additional courses in other areas. An ATV safety class will be offered in mid-summer. In late summer, just before fall sports begin, the DNR will offer separate courses on archery and gun hunting safety.

Dam Update

In 1987, Bois Forte was advised by the state DNR that the best science of the day indicated a control dam on Nett Lake would enable the Band to rigorously adjust water levels and enhance the wild rice crop. A dam was built that could lower the water level down to the three foot mark.

In the past two decades, we have learned that unless a dam can lower the water level completely to the bottom, it can be destructive to upstream environments. Dead plant material decomposes and builds up, choking off normal growth if the water level can't be lowered enough to flush out the basin. That's a major challenge the DNR and RTC have been trying to address.

To help solve the dilemma, the Band has hired Wenck Engineering out of Minneapolis to conduct a feasibility study to assess the time and cost for substantial modifications to the dam structure and a two mile stretch of river that flows beyond the dam. The feasibility study will also include recommendations on how to improve fish access into Nett Lake.

The study, which began on April 1, is set to be completed in 90 days. The Band is planning to assess the recommendations, solicit community input and then possibly move forward on implementing the best changes with funding from the new Federal Stimulus law which has some dollars designated for Tribal environmental projects.

BFDC & Small Business

Golfweek names The Wilderness best course in Minnesota

It's not a matter of beginner's luck, The Wilderness has again proved, landing the prestigious distinction of being named best course in Minnesota by *Golfweek* magazine.

When the course opened in 2004, it was met with a flurry of acclaim, touted as one of the nation's best new courses. But as the novelty has faded, it's been replaced by a deep and abiding respect among golfers. Thanks to an unwavering commitment to excellence, The Wilderness has continued to stand out - a more formidable feat than dazzling newcomers at first blush.

"We're no one-hit wonder," said Wilderness Manager Tom Beaudry. "Every year we dig

down deep to become better than the year before. That takes a lot of work; staying on top is harder than getting there. We're so gratified that *Golfweek* recognizes our effort."



Unveiled in the March 9 issue, *Golfweek's* award is based on 10 criteria: routing; quality of shaping; overall land plan; greens and surrounds; variety and memorability of par-3s; par-4s; and par-5s;

tree and landscape management; conditioning; and the "walk-in-the-park test," feeling that the place is worth spending hours at. "*Golfweek's Best Courses* lists set the industry standard and are widely recognized for their integrity, credibility and unbiased evaluation of golf's finest courses," said Terry Olson, publisher of *Golfweek*.

(Web Traffic cont. from page 10)

Now, in response to increased demand, much more information is available. The website provides current job descriptions and applications for tribal government and the Bois Forte Development Corporation. It features athletic schedules and the results of the Band's important biofuels study. It also provides the trust account form for enrollment. A new page providing information from the Urban Office is coming soon. Archives of the Bois Forte News are also available on the website.

One of the most popular new features is the photo album, accessible from the homepage. It gives Band members a glimpse into various special events, including the first annual Youth Powwow in Vermilion, the 2009 State of the Band, last year's Elders trip, the relocation of the eagle nest to the Bois Forte Heritage Center, and the ANA grant language workshop in Washington D.C., which youth representatives Dalene Chosa and Ginew Dunkley attended. The website is updated three times a week.



To save viewers' time, new announcements and news are flagged as "new postings."

The RTC is committed to continuing its traditional print communication, including the monthly newspaper, quarterly reports and annual reports. Those remain valuable ways to relay important information. At the same time, it is excited to enhance its online communications in order to more fully serve the Band.

View these new features at www.BoisForte.com.

Looking for work? Contact Bois Forte Development Corp.

The Bois Forte Development Corporation has a variety of both part-time and full-time jobs available. Are you interested in working as an attendant at the Marina; a reservationist in the hotel; a host in the casino; a BlackJack dealer; how about a job in the RV Park or as a payroll clerk? Visit the employment and job postings at www.fortunebay.com or www.boisforte.com to learn more.

You can also call or email Tracey Dagen in the Human Resource Office of Fortune Bay at 1-800-992-7529 or tdagen@fortunebay.com for more information. If you're ready to apply for a position, please mail, email, or fax a resume and a cover letter to:

Employment Coordinator
Fortune Bay Resort Casino
1430 Bois Forte Road
Tower, MN 55790
FAX # 218-753-6404

Business Owners: Sell your products through BFDC

The Bois Forte Development Corporation is looking for items made by Band members to sell in our retail locations. We are looking for dream catchers, maple syrup, birch bark baskets, bird houses, candles, jewelry, jewelry boxes, and those kinds of items that can be sold in the gift section of a retail store. Food items must have the proper labeling and inspection from Indian Health Service and/or the State of Minnesota.

If you are someone or know someone who is a crafter and would be interested in selling your products to the Bois Forte Development Corporation, please email Stephen Peterson at speterson@fortunebay.com or call Stephen at 218-753-7805, 800-992-7529.

Community News & Events

Mashkiki Waakaigan Pharmacy serving urban area

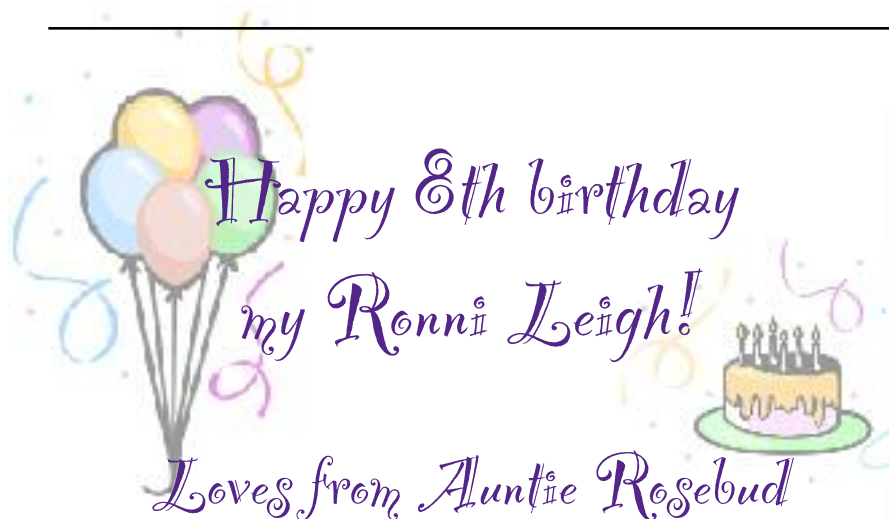
The Mashkiki Waakaigan Pharmacy, owned and operated by the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, is now accepting prescriptions from any provider serving Native Americans living in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties.

Located at 1433 East Franklin Ave So. Suite 13B in Minneapolis, just two blocks east of the Bois Forte Urban Office, the Pharmacy offers full service prescription services Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Automated phone orders can also be placed by calling 612-871-1989.

Documentation required for filling prescriptions:

- o Enrolled member of federally recognized tribe (tribal I.D)
- o Child or grandchild of an enrolled member (tribal document or birth certificate)
- o Proof of address in Hennepin or Ramey County – use one of the following:
 - Minnesota Drivers license
 - Minnesota State ID
 - Current utility bill with name and address
 - Rent receipt of lease with landlord contact information
- o Health Insurance Card (All public and private insurances accepted)
- o Uninsured Patience are required to fill out a MHCP application. Staff is available to assist with the application.

No co-pays or fees are collected for any of the services.



Happy 7th birthday
to my handsome
Kamryn!

Momma loves you
forever!



LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE BOIS FORTE BAND OF CHIPPEWA
TRIBAL CHILDREN'S COURT
NETT LAKE, MN

MAHNOMEN COUNTY HUMAN
SERVICES, PETITIONER, V. ELLEN
FRANCES WHITEMAN AND JERRY
JAMES BUSH, RESPONDENTS, et al.

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENTS,
ELLEN FRANCES WHITEMAN AND
JERRY JAMES BUSH, RESPONDENTS,
PARENTS OF H.L.B.; MINOR CHILD.

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN THAT A HEARING WILL BE HELD
ON THE 13th DAY OF MAY, 2009 AT 1:00
P.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, OR AS
SOON THEREAFTER AS COUNSEL MAY
BE HEARD, AT THE BOIS FORTE TRIBAL
CHILDREN'S COURT, BOIS FORTE
INDIAN RESERVATION, NETT LAKE, MN
55772, ON A REQUEST FOR A HEARING
FILED MARCH 25, 2009 BY THE
MAHNOMEN COUNTY HUMAN
SERVICES SEEKING SUSPENSION OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS. THE REQUEST
FILED BY THE MAHNOMEN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES MAY AFFECT YOUR
PARENTAL RIGHTS INsofar AS H.L.B.;
MINOR CHILD IS CONCERNED.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED BY THIS
SUMMONS AND NOTICE THAT YOU ARE
REQUIRED TO APPEAR AT THIS
HEARING AT THE ABOVE TIME AND
PLACE. A COPY OF THE PETITION MAY
BE OBTAINED BY YOU BY REQUESTING
THE SAME FROM THE CLERK OF COURT,
P.O. BOX 25, NETT LAKE, MN 55772;
PHONE NUMBER: 218-757-3462

Margaret Treuer, Chief Judge
Lucille Morrison, Clerk of Court
Attorney for Petitioner, Thomas Sjogren
P. O. Box 25
Nett Lake, MN 55772
Tel: 218-757-3462

Urban Office Tribal IDs

The Enrollment Office will be at the Urban Office to issue
Tribal IDs on May 18 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. and on
May 19 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Community News & Events

Congratulations, Eagles!

The Eagles basketball team continues to rack up trophies in their record winning season. The Eagles took first at the March invitational tournament at the Vermilion Community Center.



On floor in front - Gabby King

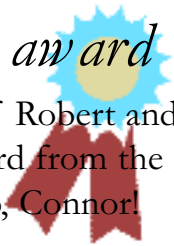
Kneeling - Malcolm Hoagland, Darnell Goggeye, Kristina Isham

1st Row - Cade Goggeye, Scott Rutar, Travis Hooper, Christain Bloom, Leonardo "Davinci" Martinez

2nd Row - Marcus Hoagland, Jaylen Strong, Tristen Villebrun, Jonathon Lambert, Xavier Wakemup

Connor Johnson earns reading award

Congratulations to 5th grader Connor Johnson, son of Robert and Cathy Johnson, who earned a "Read to Achieve" award from the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School in Cass Lake. Great job, Connor!



May 24th is Dal Geshick's Birthday!



To the Coolest Kindergartener,
Happy 6th Birthday, Son!

Love you, Mom, Dad, Sisters, Gram & Baby

ATTENTION, URBAN AREA VETERANS

The Tribal Veteran Service Officers who serve the metro area hold regular weekly hours in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Stop in and visit and learn more about the programs and services available to all Veterans.

Wednesday & Fridays
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wolves Den Coffee Shop
Minneapolis Native
American Center
1530 Franklin Ave.

Thursdays
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Black Bear Crossing
Coffee House
Como Park Pavilion
1360 Lexington Parkway North
St. Paul

REWARD: \$2,000



For information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone manufacturing or selling methamphetamines on the Bois Forte Reservation.

Call Crime Stoppers 800-222-8477 (TIPS).
You can remain anonymous.

King Reunion

To pre-register for the King Reunion on July 17-19, please send a note with your name, address, telephone number, email and the number of people who will be attending to:

Cathy Chavers
4591 Indian Point Road
Orr, Minnesota 55771

Due to the costs involved with the reunion, please pre-register as soon as possible in order for organizers to get an estimate of the number of attendees.

Congratulations to Jamie Connor,
daughter of Paul and Charlene Connor,
on her graduation from
Cass-Lake-Bena High School

Graduation: May 29
Open House: May 30



Presented by the Indian Legal Assistance Program

Landlord and Tenant Rights

The purpose of this article is to help you understand your rights and responsibilities regarding your housing.

If you rent a house or apartment, you have a binding legal contract with your landlord. This contract can be in writing or verbal. The agreement to rent is covered by statutory law. Some terms of the agreement are fixed by law and cannot be changed by the landlord or tenant.

Before Signing the Rental Agreement

Prospective tenants should inspect the rental unit before signing a rental agreement. Check the carpeting, paint, windows, appliances, plumbing, heating, and lights. Make sure everything is in good shape and list anything you find in disrepair. Landlords should perform a “walk through” with the tenant before he/she moves in. A “walk through” is in the best interest of both the landlord and tenant; but it is not required by law.

Background Checks

Landlords may do background checks on prospective tenants; and some landlords require the prospective tenant to pay an application fee. This fee is used to cover the costs of checking the tenant’s references, credit and criminal history.

Security Deposit

Landlords have the right to require tenants to pay a security deposit. This money is held by the landlord to pay for any damage to the rental unit beyond ordinary wear and tear. The security deposit cannot be used by the tenant to pay the rent. However, it can be kept by the landlord if the tenant is evicted or leaves with unpaid rent due.

If you have any questions or topics you would like addressed in future columns, please write to us at: Indian Legal Assistance Program, 107 W. First St., Duluth, MN 55802



*If kisses were snowflakes,
I would send you a blizzard!*

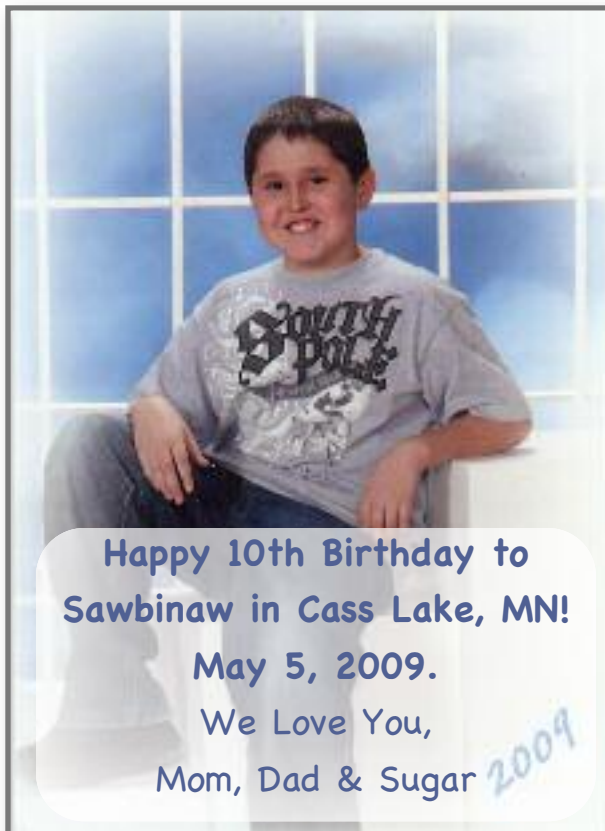
Happy 9th Birthday, my Savannah Rose!

Love,
Mom and Sister



Happy 4th Birthday
tiny girl Chase!

Loves from Auntie Rosebud

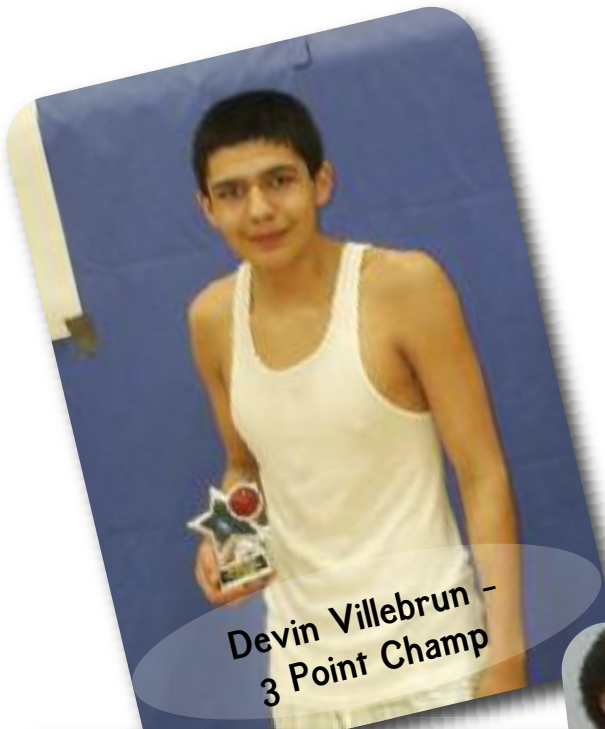


Happy 10th Birthday to
Sawbinaw in Cass Lake, MN!
May 5, 2009.

We Love You,
Mom, Dad & Sugar 2009

Annual PD tourney raises cash for DARE and GREAT

The Bois Forte Police Department hosted 13 teams at its annual basketball tournament on March 28 & 29, 2009 at the Nett Lake Elementary School. The teams raised \$700 and all of the proceeds will benefit the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) programs at the Nett Lake, Orr and Tower Schools.



Devin Villebrun -
3 Point Champ



Paxton Goodsky's Team -
1st Place Winners



Randall Boshkaykin -
Free Throw Champ



Earl Villebrun's Team -
2nd Place Winners



Lance Sipola's Team -
3rd Place Winners



Parker Drift's Team -
5th Place Winners



Michael Villebrun's Team -
4th Place Winners

The Bois Forte News

Coming in June ...

- Graduation and Honor Roll
- Sovereignty series continued
- Urban Office update
- Legislative wrap-up

Deadline for June issue: May 6

Submit material to:

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1678 Lilac Lane
Mendota Heights, MN 55118
651-260-2420
651-365-1349 fax
Helenwilkie@comcast.net

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