



Potawatomi Receive \$1.5 Million and 400 Acres from Forest County in Land Sale Settlement

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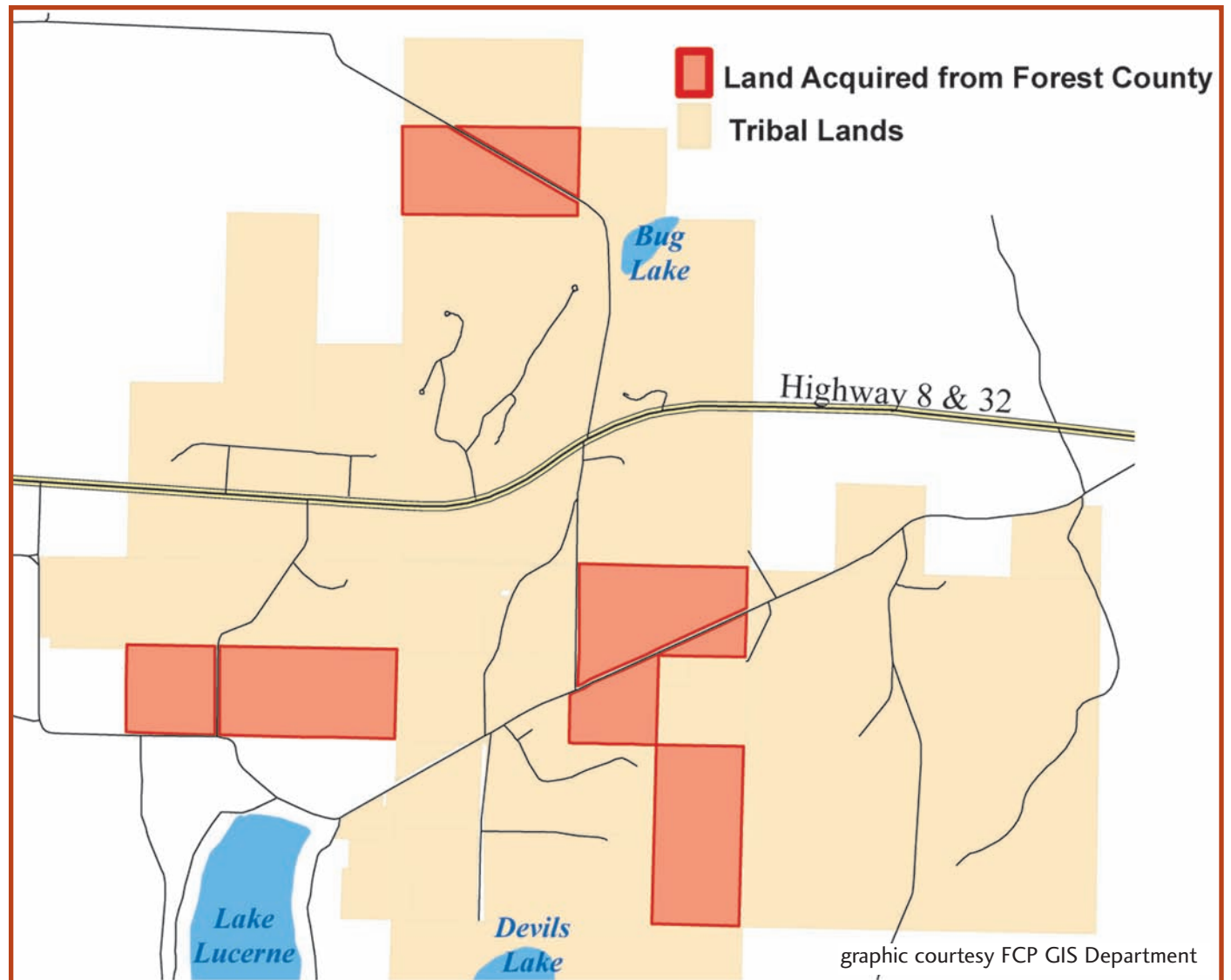


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graphic courtesy FCP GIS Department

The Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC) and Forest County have reached a settlement agreement in principle, regarding a dispute arising from land sale agreements dating back to 1980, under which FCPC is to receive both financial and property compensation from Forest County. Representatives of FCPC and the county are working to hammer out the final details of the settlement.

The settlement stems from a 30-year-old agreement with Forest County to purchase approximately 880 acres of county land in Lincoln Township. In 1980, Forest County and the proposed Crandon mine owners entered into an agreement that provided the proposed mine owners the right to purchase approximately 880 acres of land in Lincoln Township.

As part of the Crandon mine purchase in 2003, FCPC was assigned that right to purchase the 880 acres of land in Lincoln Township. FCPC also obtained approximately 1,396 acres of land north

of Crandon, known as the Branham Lands, as part of the Crandon Mine purchase.

Under a 1996 agreement between the county and the proposed Crandon mine owners, Forest County was provided the right to purchase the Branham Lands. The Branham Lands agreement allowed Forest County to purchase the 1,396 acres for \$200,110 (less than \$150 per acre).

In 2004, FCPC and Forest County exercised their rights to purchase the respective properties and agreed to a simultaneous closing of the two parcels of land. However, after initially agreeing to close on the two properties, Forest County refused to sell the land to FCPC. Then in June 2008, the Forest County Board passed a resolution that terminated the Branham Lands agreement and claimed to terminate the 880 acre agreement. The county had the authority to terminate the Branham Lands agreement, and because termination of that agreement allows the tribe to keep the

Branham Lands, the tribe accepted the county's termination of the Branham Lands agreement.

Because the county had no right to terminate the 880-acre agreement, FCPC filed a claim in Forest County Circuit Court seeking financial restitution for all sums paid to the county. At that time, Forest County had received \$1.5 million from FCPC and the various owners of the proposed Crandon mine in recognition of the right to purchase the 880 acres. The Circuit Court ruled in favor of FCPC, holding that the county had to pay to FCPC all \$1.5 million in payments it had received from FCPC as well as the owners of the proposed mine.

As contemplated in the settlement MOU between FCPC and Forest County, the county would pay the tribe \$1.5 million as compensation for the option payments on the land. FCPC would also receive 400 acres of land owned by Forest County to compensate for the interest accrued on the option payments.

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Kokomo Indian School Photo Update

Since the photograph at right appeared in the November 1, 2010 issue of the *Traveling Times*, Bob Ritchie stopped by the PTT office to identify other students in the photo. Please refer to the photo cap for names.

If you know the identity of any of the people in this photograph, please let us know, and we'll pass the information along in a future issue of the *Potawatomi Traveling Times*.

Feel free to drop by our office located at 8000 Potawatomi Trail in Crandon or email information to times@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov.

Thanks Bob!

photo taken sometime between 1938 and 1941, courtesy Kerr Family collection



Persons with a square frame around their face as identified in the November 1, 2010 issue are (l-r) Henry Ritchie; George Kerr, teacher at Kokomo Indian School; Reverend Dokken; and Ted Shockto. Those with a round frame around their face in the front row are (l-r), Bob Ritchie, Sammy Alloway and Johnny Tobias. Those in the middle row are (l-r) Betty Ritchie, Alice Johnson and Arlene Alloway.

Veterans Day Ceremony Held to Honor Veterans



On Veterans Day, November 11, several veterans and members of FCP Executive Council gathered at the FCP Executive Building to honor all veterans. Earth Day was on-hand to sing a Retreat Song as the flags were lowered, and a Flag Song as they were placed at half mast. They also sang a Victory Song and a Veterans Song to finish out the ceremony. Those present at the ceremony were (l-r): Tom Boelter, FCP Executive Council member; veterans Brian Franz, Billy Daniels Jr., Brooks Boyd, Rebekah Mielke, Ardin Mielke, J.R. Holmes, Ray Williams and Al Petonquot; and Joseph Daniels, FCP Executive Council treasurer.

photo by Linda Sturnot



IHS and VA Sign Memorandum of Understanding

submitted by Department of Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON – The Indian Health Service (IHS) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), which will help both agencies improve the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) veterans. The IHS-VA MOU outlines a plan for coordination, collaboration and resource-sharing between the two agencies.

“This memorandum of understanding is a renewal of the important partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Indian Health Service. It represents VA’s commitment to American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans through associations with the Indian Health Service and tribal facilities throughout the nation,” said Secretary of

Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “The partnership further expands VA’s capability to serve those Veterans within their communities and provides increased access for Veterans in extremely rural areas.”

“We at HHS care deeply that American Indian and Alaska Native veterans are receiving the VA health care they earned through their military service and are entitled to through the Indian Health Service,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. “This new agreement will go a long way to ensure that both agencies work toward providing the best possible care for these veterans.”

The MOU will facilitate innovation at the local level between IHS, tribal,

urban, and VA programs. It also emphasizes the necessity and importance of tribal consultation. This will be accomplished by increasing the services available, improving the delivery of care by sharing programs, providing culturally competent care for beneficiaries, and increasing the quality of care through training and workforce development.

“This MOU between the IHS and VA provides a firm foundation for collaboration to meet the needs of the AI/AN veterans who have served our nation,” said Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, IHS director. “It is an important step forward in our work to better serve all American Indian and Alaska Native people.”

In addition, this agreement will

improve quality through training and workforce development and address emergency, disaster, and pandemic preparedness and response planning. The MOU requires the establishment of an implementation task force, the engagement of IHS and VA leadership to set priorities for action, and an annual progress report.

The MOU expands the partnership established through a previous MOU in 2003 that improved communication between the agencies and tribal governments, and developed strategies for sharing information, services and information technology.

The MOU can be viewed at: <http://www.ihs.gov/announcements/documents/3-OD-11-0006.pdf>

Working on the Road

by Michelle Spaude



Jamie Tuckwab (left) and Houston Shepard (center) listen intently as Kim Kircher (right) describes the TrANS program.

A TrANS (Transportation Alliance for New Solutions) informational meeting was held at the old Tribal Center on Wednesday, Nov. 10, for those community members interested in a road construction career. Kim Kircher, TrANS coordinator, talked to approximately one dozen people describing the different jobs that can be available, once the 120-hour TrANS Industry Awareness Program is completed. "There are more options than everyone thinks," said Kircher. It's not just raking and shoveling dirt. However, "You need to be physically fit," she added. People need to realize, as well, that work is normally seasonal and out of town. The wages usually compensate for this.

The classes started on Monday, Nov. 15, and will run for five weeks, Monday through Friday, from noon-4:30 p.m.

If you missed signing up, there will be more classes offered in the future. Please contact Rick Alloway, FCP Family Resource Center coordinator at (715) 478-7262 or Kim Kircher at (715) 478-7633 for more information.

Elder Interim Board Established

by Michelle Spaude

A small group of elders gathered at the FCP Cultural Center, Library and Museum on November 4 to continue discussions from a meeting held on October 21 regarding the elders' board, by-laws and ordinance.

Lunch was first served. Bob Daniels gave the prayer; a delicious meal, prepared by Charlene and Charlotte Daniels, was enjoyed by all.

The floor then opened up for comments. Herb Daniels spoke first. He gave thanks to the cooks, his brother for the prayer and to the elder staff "for being there for us". Daniels recognized them for all they do for the elders. He also urged all elders to voice their opinion. "We all can say something," he said.

FCP Elder Director Debbie Daniels handed out a rough draft of the elders' board by-laws to those in attendance. The group read them and fine-tuned some wording. At the time of print, the by-laws are in the process of being presented to FCP Executive Council for approval.

Daniels went over the Title III funds received from the state and the Title VI funds received from the federal government. She, once again, empha-

sized the importance of establishing an elder board, so that the funds from the state can be used before the December 31 deadline. It was consensus of the group to establish an interim board before leaving the meeting. "That would be wonderful!" smiled Debbie Daniels, as she repeated those words a second time.

Volunteers for the interim board were Clarice Ritchie, Bob Daniels, Rebekah Mielke and Louie Spaude. They will have their first meeting as an interim board on **Tuesday, December 7**, at noon at the elder building. After they eat lunch with the elders, they will have their meeting in the apartment building next to the elder building. The board will be "looking out for the benefit of all elders", said Ritchie. "We have a good start here," stated Bob Daniels. "I will be going around visiting other elders," he added.

A formal board will be elected at the **February 1** meeting that will take place at the FCP Cultural Center, Library and Museum. This is for all FCP elders; mark the date on your calendar! It will be a lunch meeting starting at noon.

Happy December Birthday to these Elders!

12-07 Craig Ritchie
12-11 Rebekah Mielke
12-17 Delores Mann
12-20 Mabel Schingeck
12-30 Louie Spaude

**Deadline for the December 15, 2010 issue is
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Welcome to the World!

Ryder Storm

Brunette was born September 12, 2010, weighing in at 6 lbs., 13.2 oz., and was 18 1/2 in. long.

Parents are Brandon Brunette and Nicole Renkas of Wabeno, Wis.

Grandparents are Jenny Gilligan, Wabeno, Wis.; David Renkas, Wabeno, Wis.;

Peggy Renkas, Wabeno, Wis.; and Dennis Brunette, Appleton, Wis.

Great-grandparents are Donald and Marie Gilligan, Laona, Wis.; Paul and Marilyn Renkas, Wabeno, Wis.; LeRoy and Maxine Buettner, Wabeno, Wis.; Tom Brunette, Green Bay, Wis.; and Bonnie Brunette, Wabeno, Wis.

Baby Ryder has a brother, Conner Brunette who is 9 years old.



Ryder Storm Brunette

OB-GYN Physician Team Joins Health and Wellness Medical Staff

submitted by Linda Helmick, MS, FCP Health & Wellness Center Health Administrator

The Forest County Potawatomi Health and Wellness Center (HWC) is pleased to announce the addition of an OB-GYN team to the medical services available at the clinic. Dr. Rick Perkins and Dr. Dennis McFadden will begin providing care at the Health and Wellness Center in December 2010.

Dr. Perkins is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia Medical School. He completed his residency training at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is board certified by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In addition to obstetric care, he has an interest in caring for women with incontinence issues. He has been a member of the medical staff at Aspirus General Clinic, Langlade Hospital, and Aspirus Wausau Hospital since 2007.

Dr. McFadden is a graduate of the

Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency training at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Grand Blanc, Mich. He is board certified by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. His professional interests include gestational diabetes, high risk obstetrics and pelvic surgery. Dr. McFadden joined the medical staff of the Aspirus General Clinic and Langlade Hospital in 2010.

Dr. McFadden will perform deliveries at Langlade Hospital in Antigo. High-risk deliveries will be referred to Aspirus Wausau Hospital due to the resources available in its Newborn Intensive Care Unit. Dr. Perkins will see patients at HWC on Tuesdays three weeks of the month, and Dr. McFadden will see patients on the fourth Tuesday of the month.



Dr. Rick Perkins



Dr. Dennis McFadden

FCP Health & Wellness Center Concerned About Children's Health

submitted by Beth Stamper, FCP Health & Wellness Center Infection Control Committee Secretary

When going to a doctor's appointment, many of us think about getting healthier. You may have noticed recently that there is an absence of children's toys in patient waiting areas. This step was taken to prevent the spread of illness. In the past, it was common for medical facility waiting rooms to provide toys to entertain children, but along with books and toys, come germs.

Not all children who visit the doctor's office are ill, but there are children who come to see the doctor who have runny noses, coughs, rashes, etc. While toys in waiting rooms can be a welcoming distraction to keep small children occupied, they are also a playground for

germs and other infectious organisms. It is well known that children can't resist putting things in their mouths, and for this reason the FCP Health & Wellness Center has chosen to provide items that are less likely to spread a virus or infection. Patient waiting areas have been provided with televisions, books and/or magazines, and in the children's area near the main lobby, there is a large fish tank. The Health and Wellness Center's Infection Control Committee invites parents to bring toys from home for the child to use while visiting the Health & Wellness Center.

Other good infection control practices include using alcohol-based hand

rub and washing your hands often.

It is again that time of year when the seasonal flu will be emerging. The following are good practices for preventing the spread of infection:

- Wash hands after wiping your child's nose, changing their diaper, or helping them to the toilet.
- Cover your nose and mouth with tissue when coughing or sneezing, and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Don't forget to wash your hands afterward, too. Don't sneeze or cough into your hands; if you don't have a tissue, sneeze into the crook of your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

- Wash hands before eating or feeding your child.

- Wash hands after handling public items such as telephones and other frequently touched areas such as door handles, etc.

The staff at the FCP Health & Wellness Center are dedicated to sound infection control practices. Through education and teaming up with parents to bring along one of their child's toy or coloring book from home, together we can provide an entertaining and germ-free environment for children.

Mayo Clinic Receives \$6 Million Grant to Expand Outreach to American Indians and Alaska Natives

submitted by Mayo Clinic News Bureau

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Mayo Clinic Cancer Center has received a \$6 million five-year Community Networks Program Center grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to further develop its cancer health disparities outreach within American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.

Mayo Clinic has a 30-year history of working within these communities to help improve health outcomes, recognizing that they suffer from high incidence rates and poor survival rates for most cancers.

Founded in 2000 as one of 18 NCI-funded special populations networks to

support culturally-appropriate cancer control activities, Mayo Clinic's Spirit of E.A.G.L.E.S. program created a national consortium of approximately 200 members, including AI/AN community representatives and students, cancer advocacy groups and academic cancer centers. Expanding on this foundation, the new Spirit of E.A.G.L.E.S. Community Network Program will continue this collaboration, focusing now on comprehensive cancer control, including translational research, clinical trials and continued community-based participatory research.

Specifically, this funding will enable

clinical research studies to be conducted in Alaska and Wisconsin, as well as help formalize the Hampton Faculty Fellows Program to mentor the next generation of Native American cancer control researchers.

As one of only two American Indian medical oncologists in the country, Mayo Clinic's Native American Programs director Judith Kaur, M.D., is uniquely positioned to lead this program.

"This grant will enable us to build upon the important community outreach and research that we have been dedicated to over the past three decades," says Dr. Kaur, who works with a multidisciplinary

team of Mayo colleagues dedicated to disparities outreach. "The program has been gaining momentum, especially the many important relationships we've established within these communities. We're looking forward to expanding our crucial work to help educate and subsequently save lives."

Mayo Clinic is a non-profit worldwide leader in medical care, research and education for people from all walks of life. For more information, visit www.mayoclinic.org/about/ and www.mayoclinic.org/news.

Setting Clock and Calendar for NOAA Radio

submitted by Joy Moravec, FCP Emergency Management Dept. Secretary

Please check your NOAA Radio:

- Press and hold the mode button until you see the first flashing number.
- To change the setting, press the volume buttons up or down.
- Press mode to confirm and to move on to the next step for setup.
- The Setting sequence is 12 / 24 hr., hour, minute, year, month – date format, month, day and day of the week, and then language (English – E, French – F and Spanish – S).

Having problems with you NOAA

radio? Check the following:

- If your radio is plugged in or not.
- You may need to change batteries.
- Check settings.

When your NOAA radio is plugged in, it will not use the battery power. The best thing to do is to make sure you put new batteries in it at least once a year.

If you have any questions about setting up your NOAA Radio, please feel free to contact Joy Moravec, FCP Emergency Management Department, at (715) 478-4428.

Carbon Monoxide: Winter's Quiet Killer

submitted by Wisconsin Emergency Management

(MADISON) – To promote winter awareness, Wisconsin Emergency Management's ReadyWisconsin campaign is urging families to take preventative steps to minimize the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Nearly half of all accidental carbon monoxide (CO) deaths occur during the winter. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States, with more than 20,000 people visiting the emergency room and nearly 500 killed each year from overexposure to the gas.

"Families should have a CO detector on each level of their home, especially near the bedrooms," said Todd Pritchard, preparedness coordinator for ReadyWisconsin.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that can be generated by improper ventilation of furnaces, generators, gasoline, propane or charcoal-burning devices, car exhaust systems, and wood-

burning stoves. Breathing the gas displaces the oxygen in the blood and can cause death in minutes at high levels.

Symptoms of overexposure to CO are often mistaken for the flu and include: headaches, fatigue, dizziness, shortness of breath/chest pain, nausea/vomiting, and confusion. If you experience any of these symptoms or your CO detector sounds an alarm, you should head outside immediately for fresh air and call 911.

For more information on CO poisoning, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/co/.

ReadyWisconsin is a campaign from Wisconsin Emergency Management with a mission to prepare individuals, families and businesses for emergencies and disasters. For additional winter safety tips, visit <http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov> or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ReadyWisconsin and Twitter (www.twitter.com/ReadyWisconsin).

During a Winter Storm

submitted by Linda Thomaschefskey, FCP Emergency Management Director

The following are guidelines for what you should do during a winter storm or under conditions of extreme cold:

- Listen to your radio, television, or NOAA Weather Radio for weather reports and emergency information.
- Eat regularly and drink ample fluids, but avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack – a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.
- Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia. These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent

exhaustion. If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, get the person to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first, and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the person is conscious. Get medical help as soon as possible.

- Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your home cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heater outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.
- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive, consider the following:
 - Travel in the day, don't travel alone, and keep others informed of your schedule.
 - Stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.

What's Going On In Carter?

submitted by Cheryl Waube, PCCH General Manager

Your Christmas list is now going to be the real deal here at Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel!

Are you looking to possibly win a Caribbean Cruise, a \$1,000 shopping spree, a top-of-the-line gourmet cookware set with a KitchenAid stand mixer, or even better yet, a 52" LED HDTV? All you have to do is mark your calendar for every Saturday in December (except Christmas) and be here to earn points for any of these great prizes. You get to choose which prize you would like to put your entries toward. Show up here by noon each Saturday and earn 3X points until midnight. Guests will receive 10 entries for every 250 same-day base points earned, or redeem 500 points from your Comp Rewards balance to receive 20 entries. At 7 p.m., we will draw for the cookware/mixer; 8 p.m. for the \$1,000 shopping spree; 9 p.m. for the Caribbean Cruise; and at 10 p.m. for the 52" LED HDTV!

Every week in December, earn and redeem 1,000 same-day base points for a collectible plush holiday bear. Every week it will be a different bear - while supplies last.

Here is your chance to win two tickets for the Green Bay Packers vs. New York Giants on Sunday, Dec. 26... you don't even have to be present to win these tickets! Any guest who purchases a Miller product from The Flames Sports Bar & Grill or The Springs Restaurant is eligible to win these tickets. Winner to be drawn at 7 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Come and sample our fresh-baked cookies every Wednesday in December. These delicious cookies are distributed at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

We have a bonus for you every Wednesday in December. The first 250 guests who come visit us at the Carter Club booth will receive their first 'free' gift. Yes, free! No earning or redeeming points. Come enjoy the "Tastes of the Season" drawing.

If you are looking for a more traditional holiday meal, we have the perfect meal for you: glazed ham with stuffing, yams and green beans. Every Wednesday in December until 10 p.m., this delicious meal can be served to you for the price of \$8.95 at either The Flames Sports Bar & Grill or The Springs Restaurant.

Every Thursday in December, seniors will also get an entry into the drawing where 10 guests win \$100; only one entry per person. Five winners will be drawn at 1 p.m., and five winners drawn at 6 p.m. Must be over 55 years of age and present to win.

Back by popular demand! Every Thursday we will be serving Prime Rib until 10 p.m. at The Flames Sports Bar & Grill or The Springs Restaurant. Guests can earn 200 same-day base points for a \$5 off coupon, or earn 450 same-day base points and receive a FREE Prime Rib dinner.

Have you had a chance to check out our Slot Tournaments? If not, here is your chance. On Sunday, Dec. 26, we will be holding an Open Slot Tournament! There

will be eight preliminary rounds from 1 p.m. through 4:30 p.m., with the final being held at 5 p.m.

Come in, let loose and get crazy by ringing in the New Year with us on New Year's Eve. Entertainment will be The Del Rays who are scheduled to play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Enjoy a free buffet and free party favors. What a way to bring in 2011!

If you are a bingo player, here is what we have in store for you:

Come and join in the fun; make your reservation now for New Year's Eve!

- On New Year's Eve the doors will open at 4 p.m. Entertainment from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., dinner served from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. \$50 packs include: all regular games paying \$150; three special games paying \$1,000! Additional packs cost \$30; floor sales pay \$500! Make your reservation by Dec. 26 at the bingo money room window during regular bingo hours.

- Every Wednesday in December 'Wii Love Wednesday'. Fifteen dollar packs with \$5 extra packs; first 20 guests that purchase two admission packs will be eligible to participate in Wii Bowling.

- On Thursdays, all packs are \$11 with \$5 extra packs.

- Fridays, all packs cost \$8 – just a reminder that on Dec. 10, due to Cosmic Bingo, regular games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

- On Friday, Dec. 10, join us for Cosmic Bingo. Last game of the evening pays out \$200.

- On Sunday, Dec. 12, we will be celebrating bingo's 19-year anniversary! We will be having a wreath giveaway and also BLINGO! All regular games paying \$119 with the last game paying \$500.

- If your birthday is in the month of December, you will receive a free entry pack when you present your I.D. at admissions.

NOTE: Beginning Saturday, Dec. 4, we will no longer have evening sessions. We are back to the afternoon sessions.

Important closing dates for the month of December:

Our facility closes at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7, for team member Christmas party.

Facility is closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 25, in celebration of Christmas.

Don't forget to check us out on our website: www.cartercasino.com, or better yet, become a fan of ours on Facebook! Here is how easy it is to become a fan:

- Log on to the Internet.
- Type in: www.facebook.com.
- If you are new to Facebook, you will need to sign up for an account.
- After you fill in the information, click on 'sign-up'.
- In the search box, type Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel.
- There will be a button that says 'become a fan'.
- Click on this button and you are now a fan and you keep up on all the casino's events.



Junior Golfer

submitted by Molli A. Pauliot



Julia White and Quentin Thundercloud

Julia White, age 13, was the proud recipient of the 2010 HAGA Golf Tour Junior Award. White played with the tour this summer and enjoyed playing with the other youth.

Although golf can be a frustrating game, throughout the tour all the youth experienced support, motivation, and camaraderie with each other and adults involved in the sport. Their fun and enjoyment outweighed any frustration. At times, the adults pointed out to the youth that

they were playing better than them. All the youth were encouraged and had made personal goals with their golf game.

After golfing this summer with the Thundercloud Golf Academy, White has made several strides in her golf game. Her initial goal was to be able to beat her brother, Dean Pauliot Jr. This goal was accomplished during the Lil Skenadore Memorial Golf Outing when she came in first in the youth division, and "Little" Dean came in second. Setting her next goal for the summer was to be able to beat her father, "Big" Dean. This has not been accomplished yet, but through practice, White believes she will accomplish it next year. Big Dean doesn't think she has it in her yet. After Julia beats her father, she wants to be able to outskill team members Quentin Thundercloud and Andrew Thundercloud.

With all the encouragement of her local community and relatives, White wanted to try out for the 2011 Indigenous Games golf team. While contemplating signing up, Quentin Thundercloud and Andrew Thundercloud encouraged her, and told her they would go with her to the try-out.

Quentin met Julia for a practice run of the golf course; the following week, Quentin and Andrew met her with the official from the Indigenous Games for her tryout held at Thornberry Creek at Oneida. White was notified a week later that she

made the team and will play in the 2011 Indigenous Games!

White is looking forward to the 2011 golf season. She is planning on playing in junior golf tournaments throughout Wisconsin, the HAGA Golf Tour, the 2011 Indigenous Games, and being a freshman, to make the Portage High School golf team.

Her ability has potential as a golfer, and she wants to thank: her parents; Choka Quentin; Choka Andy; all her Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi relatives that bought raffle

tickets; and those that asked her how her golf game was going. Also, thanks to the Ho-Chunk Nation for funding the youth so they could participate in the HAGA Tour, and the HAGA Board members: Garrett Blackdeer, Sandra Littlejohn, Gary Hall, Penny Yabarra, Martin Littlewolf Sr., Ed Winneshiek, and Les Fay. A special thank you goes to Tracy Thundercloud for getting the awesome trophy. Pinigigi.

White is the daughter of the late Dallas White, and Dean and Molli Pauliot.



Front row l-r: Pierson White and Dean Pauliot Jr. Back row, l-r: Quentin Thundercloud, Olivia Rave, Ashley Rave, Julia White, Levi Winneshiek, Heather Youngthunder and Andrew Thundercloud

Soccer Team Finishes First

submitted by Bean and Tammy Jacobson

The Columbus Force soccer team, coached by Gerald Jacobson Jr., finished their 2010 fall season with a record of 6-1-1 giving them a first-place finish in MAYSA's U14 girls recreational league.

Gabby Menomin (pictured below, front row left) made honor roll first quarter

with a GPA of 3.56. She also made the softball team for the Indigenous Games on the 13-14 yr. age group. She is excited to be playing for Team Wisconsin's softball team and is hopeful that there will be a soccer team for the games.



(Front row, l-r) Gabby Menomin and Lea Wagner. (Middle row, l-r) Kelsey Wedig, Brynn Hesselberg, Alyssa Klecker, Cheyenne VanSyckel, Britta Hesselberg, Jade Ramirez, Rebecca Zimmermann and Cleo Reynolds. (Back row, l-r) Cindy Miller, Brittany Layne-Sullivan, Adele Poser, Karrie Griese, Bean, Krystal Kohl, Jessie Reynolds, Lexi Kolb and Monique Ansay.

Gte Ga Nēs Students and Staff Hope You had a Gobble, Gobble Thanksgiving and Wish You a Merry Christmas!



When You Wish Upon a Star

by Winda Collins

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, Gte Ga Nēs Preschool sponsored a Make a Wish Bear event for the students and their parents at the FCP Cultural Center, Library and Museum.

Sue Hon, an independent stuffed animal workshop retailer, was on-hand with teddy bears, stuffing and a wide variety of themed outfits from which to choose. Once those choices were made, Hon showed those present how to stuff their bear and encouraged them to make their wishes on a rainbow star before placing it in their bear and then closing it up in their new furry friend.

As adults, we tend to think of grandiose, heartfelt wishes for those we love. Children don't always think that way... the wishes made ran the gamut from things like a star and lots of toys, to bazookas and machine guns to a car. One little fellow wished for a pickle!

Everyone had a great time, and the staff of Gte Ga Nēs Preschool thanks all the parents and children who attended the event.



Antonio Cisneros shows off his new fishing buddy.

Play Shoppe Talks Turkey



On Nov. 16, Don Dewing took Kerry Fox, Family Resource Center parenting specialist (far right), and her Thanksgiving-themed Play Shoppe participants on a hay ride to the reservation land close to the FCP tribal hall. Before and after the hay ride, Play Shoppe parents worked on making a personalized photo placemat for their child to use at home during their family Thanksgiving meal.

Photo by Amy Kampstra

Letters to a Teacher

Haskell Institute
Lawrence, Kansas

Nov. 1, 1938

Dear Mr. Kerr:

I am here in the Haskell Institute so you won't have to go get me. Sorry your victory pole won't have to carry my scalp.

I heard they are going to build a new school by the old school house. I suppose the pupils are very glad that a new school house is being built for more room or not. They should be proud of their new school house when it is finished. I wish they would get done with it right away, so I can see it this spring. I wish I was going there now.

That is too bad that John missed this opportunity. That is all kinds of things that he would like. Like basketball, track and trade in vocational. Fine details to do, too.

The day that I left, I told him to come with me. I coaxed him to come, but he said I'll come Saturday and be sure to be there. I waited for him when I got here. Still he didn't come. I gave up then. If he would have come with me he would have not been in trouble.

Ned and I room together in the Keokuk Hall. We have an electric radio, too. We have a nice room. We've had excellents on our room so far, and very attractive. My drawing makes it very attractive.

I go to school in the morning only. In the morning the subjects I have to take is mathematics, general science, and English. My first subject is mathematics for 45 minutes, second is general science, third is English and study hour (for to work subjects). Last 45 minutes on Tuesday and Thursday I go to physical education. We don't have to go to study hour on those days.

The first trade-finding I went to was leather craft (shoe shop). They taught us how to repair shoes for boys and girls in Haskell. I learned quite a bit on repairing shoes. I went there for six weeks (every other week). I went to detail every other week, too. In detail, I work for Mr. Frazier, our assistant boy's adviser. I work in detail and trade finding in the afternoon.

I now work in painting. We paint what the boss tells us. Last we were painting a barn and finished it, too. This week I work for Mr. Frazier.

I have two years to take twelve lessons in these twelve courses. I could pick the course I want right away if I find one. I think I am going to finish these twelve courses. Then I can pick after I finish.

I have lots of fun here now. I like it now. I knew I would like it. I made friends with lots of boys and girls. There are some boys and girls here that I went to school with in Lac du Flambeau and Tomah Indian schools. I was so surprised to see them here.

There are boys and girls here that are near from home. They are from Neopit, Wis.

It is nice and warm here for me. The trees are now losing their leaves. Sometimes it is too hot for me.

I suppose there is snow already around home. Is it very cold?

I go to archery club, too. Ned and I are going to try be Robin Hoods. I am getting better with the bow and arrow now.

We had a football game last Friday. Burlingame (Kan.) High School played here with Haskell. We paid 15 cents to go in. Haskell won 57 to 0. Burlingame was beaten badly.

We had a Halloween party last Saturday in Winona Hall (girl's dormitory). Ninth and tenth grade students had a party there; eleventh and twelfth grade students had it in the boys gym.

Did I win first prize on the drawings in County Fair? I hope I did win.

Do you have an artist in your school? I hope you have one to keep up the reputation for Kokomo. We have lots of artists here - boys and girls.

I hope the pupils keep up the reputation for Kokomo, and keep it there too. Tell the pupils to be proud of their school. I am glad I went there, too.

Tell the pupils I said hello. Tell them to study hard. I realize I should have studied harder, too. They will need it when they come here or go to Flandreau. And have to use it.

I am going to try to go through high school and college. I need it too if I want to make a good living in the future.

Ned doesn't have very much time to write a letter to you. He wrote two full sheets already to you and can't finish it. He is very busy. He works all afternoon, even in the evening he goes to business affairs. He is a scout leader and patrol leader. Just now he went to a boy scout meeting. He is always studying his chemistry. It seems he is a very busy student. He told me he'd finish it as soon as he gets ahead in things.

Tell your wife and children I said hello. I hope I can see you all this spring.

Answer soon.

Yours truly,

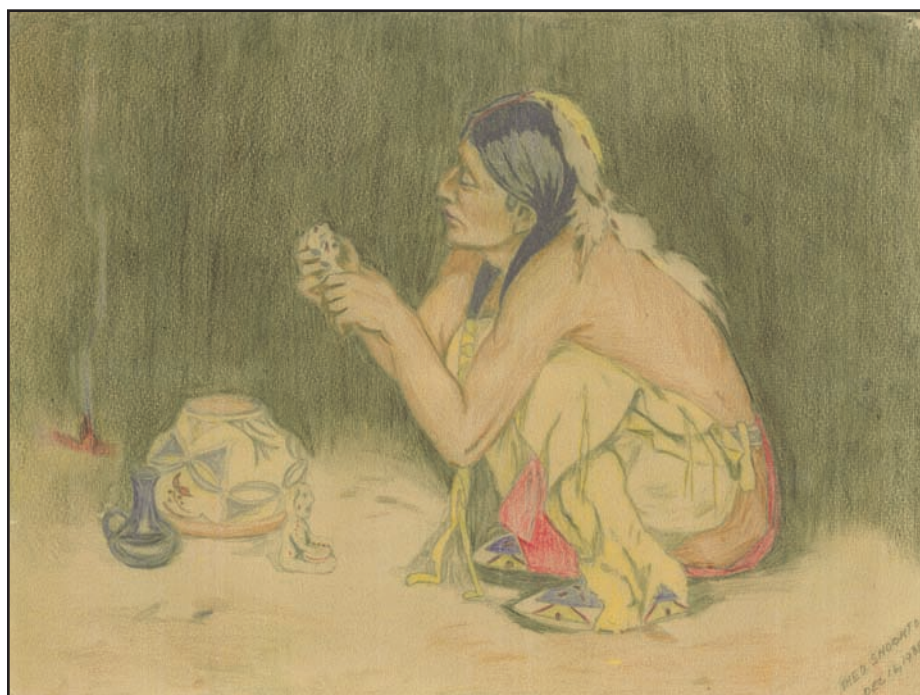
Theodore Shockto

PS. I hope the pupils had a nice Halloween party. I wish I was there. I am sending you my picture.

The photo of Theodore Shockto (right) and the two drawings created by him (below) are from the Kerr Family collection as shared with FCP tribal member Norman Tribbett.



Theodore Shockto
1922-1970



Written on the back of the drawing created by Theodore Shockto above:

3/30/86 - Ted Shockto was an Indian pupil at Kokomo School, which I taught from 1934 to spring of 1942. This drawing is a copy of "The Primitive Sculptor", a painting which was taught to the pupils at that time. Ted has been dead many years. This drawing was on the bulletin board in the County Superintendent's for a long time.

Dream Dance Celebrates Santé Wine Hospitality Award; Unveils Autumn Menu

submitted by Ryan Amundson, PBC External Communications Manager

MILWAUKEE (Nov. 3, 2010) – With the fall months upon us, crisp autumn winds have swept in a new seasonal menu at Dream Dance Steak, as well as some accolades for the restaurant's impressive wine program.

Dream Dance Steak has been honored by *Santé Magazine* with the Santé Wine Hospitality Award for outstanding achievement in wine service and knowledge. *Santé Magazine* is read by more than 40,000 restaurant professionals monthly.

"We couldn't be more thrilled to be one of the 35 restaurants and professionals to be recognized for wine hospitality by *Santé Magazine*," said Jeff Cook, Dream Dance Steak general manager. "Our award-winning, retail-priced wine program is something our guests have truly grown to appreciate at Dream Dance Steak."

This is the third time Dream Dance Steak has been honored by *Santé Magazine*. In 2008, the restaurant was honored with the Wine Hospitality Award. In 2006, the restaurant received the magazine's Culinary Hospitality Award. The award-winning wine list accentuates a new autumn menu created by Chef Jason Gorman. The menu features an array of Wisconsin delights inspired by the harvest and bold flavors of locally-produced

ingredients. Unveiled in late October, the menu includes fall favorites like pumpkin risotto with Wisconsin parmesan, sea scallops accompanied by sweet potato purée and Wisconsin root beer venison prepared with seared foie gras and the return of Chef Jason's spaghetti squash carbonara.

Never content with serving the status quo, Chef Jason is plating up the unique flavors of Australian Kangaroo prepared with crispy celery root, green apple, poblano peppers and white pepper port syrup, as well as applying his signature modern interpretation on traditional dishes such as slow-roasted lamb shank "old school style" and the classic Waldorf salad.

Seasonal menu items complement the restaurant's signature fare of mouth-watering steaks, like Grass-Fed Filet Mignon, American Kobe Ribeye and New York Strip, all topped with Wisconsin butter.

Dream Dance Steak is the place to unwind after work with exceptional appetizers and wine. For a limited time, enjoy seven delicious appetizers for \$7 and seven varieties of wines for \$7, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

For more information, or to make reservations, call Dream Dance Steak at (414) 847-7883 or online at www.pays-big.com.

Enhance the Value of Your Donations to Community Programs

submitted by Penny Otte, UW-Extension

Community groups and social organizations often host food drives to fill local food pantry shelves in the fall. By keeping a few simple tips in mind, you can enhance the value of the food donations you make.

Make sure to check the dates on packages of foods that you donate. Many packaged items are marked with dates that indicate freshness. Some examples include:

- Quality or pack dates, often designated on packages by the words "Better if used by..." and a date. Look for these dates on packaged mixes, cold cereals, peanut butter, and increasingly, on canned items like fruits and vegetables. These dates mean that after the quality date, the food will begin to lose its flavor and may even develop an off flavor. Quality dates are an estimate of how long foods will remain at their peak quality. Donate only foods that are well within the quality dates marked on the package.

- Expiration dates, such as "Expires 2/15/08" or "Do not use after 7/9/07." Look for these dates on infant formula, vitamins, yeast, baking powder and cake mixes. Do not donate foods that are past their expiration date.

- Pull dates. Example: "Sell by May 16." Look for these dates on perishable, refrigerated foods such as milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, cream, eggs, lunch meat and packaged salad mixes. Perishable

foods, with the exception of garden produce, are usually not included in a food drive. If they are, choose foods that are well within the pull date for best quality.

Besides looking for a date, be sure to check the integrity of the package. To ensure that the food has not been contaminated, donate only foods from unopened packages. Avoid foods with packaging that shows signs of leakage or damage. Do not donate canned items that have broken seams or large dents.

Can you donate home-canned foods, fresh eggs or produce? Food pantries often welcome donations of fresh garden produce. Home-canned foods or meat or eggs that have not been handled by licensed food processors should, however, not be donated.

"If you have a question about a proposed donation, contact the food pantry. Staff there will be happy to discuss whether they can accept or store the donation that you have in mind," suggests Barbara Ingham, food science specialist with UW-Extension.

According to Gayle Coleman, nutrition specialist with the UW-Extension, some families are relying more often on food pantry items to feed themselves.

"Your donation of nutritious food will help these families through what is for them a very difficult time," says Coleman.

Coleman urges consumers to donate foods that have a stable shelf life, are full

Dream Dance Steak Autumn Menu

Small Plates

- Wisconsin Cheese Curd Fritters, Cranberry Pepper Jelly
 - Roast Pork Flatbread, Cherry B.B.Q. Sauce
- Surf and Turf Stir Fry, Laughing Bird Shrimp & Grass Fed Beef
 - Lobsterwurst, Lobster Butter Sauce, Ricotta Dumplings
 - Pumpkin Risotto, Toasted Sage, Wisconsin Parmesan
 - Iceberg Wedge, Maple Bacon Brittle
- Waldorf Salad, Candied Walnuts, Celery, Gala Apples, Grapes, Butter Lettuce
 - Butternut Squash Soup, Chicken Confit, Hen of the Woods Mushrooms

Big Plates

- Pan Seared Salmon with Potato Puree, Pickled Radish, Horseradish Cream, Lingonberries
 - Sea Scallops with Sweet potato, Black Kale, Pickled Ham Hocks, Golden Pepper Romesco Sauce
 - Baked Chicken Penne with Craves Brother's Mascarpone Cheese, Escarole, Toasted Bread Crumbs
- Australian Kangaroo with Crispy Celery Root, Apples, Poblano Peppers, White Pepper Port Syrup
- Slow Roasted Lamb Shank "Old School Style" with Saffron Carnaroli Risotto, Gremolata
- Wisconsin Root Beer Venison with Seared Foie Gras, Spaghetti Squash, Apple Wood Bacon, Roasted Garlic Cream Hazelnut Green Beans

DD Steak Plates

- Grass Fed Filet Mignon 8 oz. • Bone-in Ribeye 22 oz. American Kobe Ribeye 16 oz. • Grass Fed Filet Mignon 12 oz. New York Strip Steak 12 oz. • Porterhouse 30 oz.

Steaks are simply seasoned and broiled at 1700°. Each steak is topped with Wisconsin butter and served with our signature duo of potato and a house salad. Salads include a choice of Vinaigrette, French, Ranch, Blue Cheese or Caesar.

Sauces

- Door County Cherry BBQ • Dream Dance Steak Sauce • Home Made Teriyaki Black Garlic Aioli • Green Chili "Ketchup"

Steak Add Ons

- Petite Lobster Tail • Giant Shrimp • Seared Foie Gras Jumbo Lobster Tail • King Crab Legs • DD Steak Mushrooms

Desserts

- Butterscotch Cheesecake with Blackberry Preserves Ultimate Chocolate Cake • Vanilla Custard and Berry Soup Tonight's Selection of Ice Cream or Sorbet Trilogy

Chef's Nightly Features

Tuesday - Tasting Menu
Wednesday - Steak Diane

Thursday - Wisconsin Cheese Burger*
Friday - Fish & Chips

Saturday - Black & Tan Short Ribs

Want front row seats? Ask your server about our kitchen table.

Seven & Seven For \$7

- Crispy Buffalo Wings, Rooster Sauce, Celery, Blue Cheese Dip
 - Tempura Tiny Green Beans, Honey Mustard
- Surf And Turf Stir Fry, Laughing Bird Shrimp & Grass Fed Filet
- Wisconsin Cheese Sauce, Grass Fed Beef, Crispy Corn Tortillas
 - Roast Pork Flatbread, Cherry B.B.Q. Sauce
 - Australian Kangaroo Skewer, White Port White Pepper Syrup
- C.V. 6 yr Cheddar Slider, Apple Wood Smoked Bacon, Green Chili Ketchup

of nutrients, and are easy to prepare. Good examples of foods to consider donating are:

- Whole grain, low-sugar cereals such as plain instant oatmeal, whole grain Os, and bran flakes.

- Whole grain or enriched pasta and instant rice—either brown or enriched. Boxed noodle and rice dishes can be an easy starting point for a one-dish meal.

- Whole grain crackers (especially reduced-sodium) and popcorn.

- Canned vegetables, especially those without added salt.

- Fruits canned in juice, unsweetened applesauce, 100-percent fruit juice and dried fruit such as raisins or raisins.

- Spaghetti sauce, salsa and canned beans, including baked beans.

- Canned meats. Food pantries tend to receive a lot of canned salmon or tuna, so consider other meats such as canned chicken, ham or beef. Do not donate meat canned at home.

- Peanuts and peanut butter.

- Reduced-sodium broth and soups.

- Low-fat salad dressings or spreads, and condiments such as catsup or mustard.

- Baby food and infant formula would be welcome donations. Just be sure to donate these products well within the date marked on the package. Infant formula cannot be distributed past the expiration date.

The local food pantry in your community may also have special needs that you can help meet. According to Terri Miller, UW-Extension nutrition program coordinator serving Florence, Forest, and Vilas Counties, don't forget that food pantries always welcome cash donations. Cash donations help food pantry volunteers offer the widest possible array of products to the individuals that they serve.

Miller encourages everyone in Forest County to consider food pantries as part of year-round giving. "It's important to help those in need during the holidays, and every day," notes Miller.

Remarks by Assistant Attorney General at the NCAI Annual Conference

submitted by USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Nov. 15, 2010

Vice-President Majel-Dixon, thank you for that kind introduction. Let me extend my appreciation to President Keel and the other members of the executive committee, as well as all the tribal leaders and members of the Native American community who are here for welcoming me this afternoon. And I want to extend greetings from Attorney General Eric Holder, with whom I've often discussed issues of importance to the Native American community, as well as a special greeting from the Associate Attorney General, Tom Perrelli, with whom many of you have worked personally and who is so committed to strengthening the ties of common interest and cooperation between sovereign Tribal Nations and the U.S.

I am particularly honored to be with you as the Nation celebrates Native American Heritage Month in November, a time when we remember the rich legacy that First Americans have bestowed upon us, and recall that we are a stronger America because of that legacy. It's a time to remember the important trust relationship between the U.S. and Native Americans and that although we continually strive to become A More Perfect Union that historic relationship has too often fallen far short of perfection; a time to remember the founders of this great organization, and their pledge to promote tribal sovereignty and self-determination in the face of the disruption and devastation caused by assimilation and termination policies pursued in the not-so-distant past.

And, just days after Veterans Day, it's a time to remember those American Indians who honorably served a government that did not always honor them: the Code Talkers and Cold War Warriors and other Native American men and women who wore the uniform and whose courage helped secure the freedom we enjoy here, at this moment and in this place.

So I am deeply honored by your invitation to be with you today and to share with you some of the work in which we have been engaged at the Department of Justice to improve life in Indian Country.

I know many of you are familiar with the Office of Tribal Justice and the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, which handle both affirmative and defensive litigation with respect to Native Americans. But you may not be as familiar with the work we do in the Civil Division, which I lead and where we also handle several cases and initiatives involving Native Americans.

First, a quick overview: The Civil Division is the Justice Department's largest legal component. With about 1,000 lawyers and over 1,400 employees, the Civil Division deals with just about every type of civil legal issue facing our country today, in thousands of cases that collectively involve the most significant issues of national security, presidential authority, the constitutionality of laws passed by Congress, the enforcement of our federal consumer protection laws and the recovery billions of taxpayer dollars lost to fraud such as health care fraud, mortgage fraud and other types of financial fraud.

And from the time I was sworn-in as assistant attorney general 19 months ago, I have been engaged in issues of consequence to Indian Country. Whether it's ensuring greater outreach to Navajo claimants in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act pro-

gram that is administered by the Civil Division, or working to resolve the long-running Cobell litigation, or the recent Keepseagle settlement that I was proud to announce with USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack last month, I am constantly reminded of this administration's unwavering commitment to moving the ball forward towards justice as it concerns Native Americans. It is a responsibility all of us in this administration take seriously.

So let me talk a little bit about two matters we've focused on in the Civil Division: the Keepseagle settlement and our work to improve the administration of Native American claims under RECA, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

As you know, the Keepseagle case was filed nearly a decade ago when a group of Native American farmers and ranchers alleged discrimination by the USDA in its farm lending practices and its processing of civil rights complaints. Now that case was often the subject of contentious litigation between the U.S. Government and the Native American plaintiffs, so there was a great deal of hope when Secretary Vilsack and Attorney General Holder expressed their great desire to see us turn the page on this and the other farmer discrimination cases that have had long histories at USDA and the Justice Department.

Now, resolving the Keepseagle matter has been a high priority for me, and although this settlement will not be final until it is approved by the court following a fairness hearing this spring, I'd like to share with you some of the key terms of the settlement agreement because they're so important.

First, the agreement provides, in the words of President Keel, "long awaited justice for American Indian farmers and ranchers who have only sought an equal opportunity to work hard and succeed, [as well as] tangible steps... to right a wrong [and] reinforce the trust relationship between the U.S. and American Indian tribal nations."

I was in the courtroom on the afternoon we announced the settlement. And I will tell you, there were tears on many faces that day - tears of joy, tears of relief that this long, painful chapter was finally coming to a close. For the Department of Agriculture and the Justice Department, this agreement reflects a strong and abiding interest in moving past a difficult history so that the federal government is better able to work constructively with the millions of Native Americans it serves.

Second, the agreement is important because it will provide substantial tangible benefits to many Native American farmers and ranchers, including avenues to help them remain on their land, farming and ranching. Toward that end, the settlement agreement includes both monetary and non-monetary relief.

With respect to monetary relief, a fund totaling \$680 million will be used to pay eligible class members to compensate them for their claims of discrimination. Importantly, this fund does not require a specific congressional appropriation, but will be payable from an appropriated fund called the Judgment Fund, which we in the Civil Division use routinely to resolve litigation.

Claims will be paid through a claims process. That process will be non-judicial and non-adversarial, meaning there won't be a judge or opposing lawyers involved. Instead, there will be an independent,

claims adjudicator who will review the claims applications of eligible class members and make determinations based on the information individuals submit.

There will be two tracks of potential relief available: Class members who can provide substantial evidence of discrimination will receive a settlement of up to \$50,000 per successful claimant. Class members who have stronger evidence of discrimination may submit that evidence and seek up to \$250,000. Based on past experience in other similar cases, we expect most individuals will fall within the first track - the up to \$50,000 track.

In addition to the monetary award, successful claimants will receive other benefits such as:

- Debt forgiveness for those who have outstanding USDA farm loan program debt that was allegedly impacted by discrimination.
- Additional payments to offset potential tax liability on settlement awards.
- A temporary moratorium on foreclosures of most claimants' farms, as well as a moratorium on accelerations and administrative offsets of class members' farm loan accounts.

The USDA also plans to take steps that will benefit all Native American farmers and ranchers, and not just those who are class members in this suit. These steps include:

- The creation of a new Federal Advisory Council for Native American Farmers and Ranchers that will encompass Native American representatives as well as senior USDA officials.
- The creation of a new USDA Ombudsperson position that will address issues relating to Native American farmers and ranchers, as well as farmers or ranchers from other socially disadvantaged groups, and will be empowered to refer issues to the USDA Office of the Inspector General or to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights for further investigation.
- The provision of enhanced technical assistance services concerning financial, business and marketing planning skills.

It's an important agreement and while it does not, of course, solve all of the challenges faced by Native American farmers and ranchers, it's an important step forward.

Now, I've only given you an outline of the agreement; more information will become available over the next few months. Answers to questions such as: how do I get a claim form; how do I obtain help filling a claim form out; when will the claims process start; how can I seek debt relief - all of these questions and more will be addressed in the coming months as the lawyers work to get the settlement approved by the court and begin the process of notifying people throughout Indian Country about the settlement and how to find out whether they're eligible to participate.

Now, the second area where we've made important progress in the Civil Division, and one I'm most proud is with RECA, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act program. Through this program, we have paid out over \$1.5 billion in compensation on over 23,000 claims of persons affected by uranium mining and nuclear weapons tests in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, primarily in the Four Corners Region. Many of the claimants are Navajo, and over \$175 million has been paid on the two thousand claims filed by Navajo Cold War Patriots.

Last year, after I learned that large numbers of Navajo claimants were not filing claims or were filing claims that did not succeed the first time they were submitted, I traveled to the Navajo Nation where I met with Cold War Patriots and their families, as well as with the dedicated public servants who help administer the RECA program. I wanted to get a better understanding of why first-time Navajo claimants were being rejected at a higher rate than non-Navajo claimants, especially because those Navajo claimants who persisted and resubmitted their claims more often than not were successful the second time around.

What I learned during those meetings led me to the conclusion that we had to do a better job of outreach, of informing people about the RECA program and helping meritorious participants to prepare their claims. So, after several meetings and planning sessions, last March I returned to the Navajo Nation to launch the RECA Outreach Internship Program, an initiative specifically designed to improve outreach to Native American claimants and provide more individual assistance in the completion of RECA claim forms.

A key part of this initiative is that it is a student internship: We recruited nearly 30 students in the Four Corners region, most with cultural or linguistic ties to the Navajo and Hopi communities, paid them a salary and trained them to conduct claims outreach and provide individual assistance.

But in addition to a paid internship, we wanted to expose these students to the value of public service. So before they embarked on their work, we flew them all to Washington, D.C. for a weeklong training session. Not only did they learn how to do effective outreach and provide the important individual assistance, they also met with senior administration officials, learned about law and public service, and ways they could make a difference to their communities and the Nation as a whole.

And, I'm pleased to report, that the internship program is already exceeding our expectations. These young people are making a real difference, and we are already seeing promising results in the claims being filed by Native American RECA claimants.

Now, I've shared with you only two of the many ways in which the Justice Department is trying to make a difference in the lives of First Americans. There are, of course, many more: from our support of the Tribal Law and Order Act, signed into law by President Obama last July, which increases accountability for federal agencies responsible for public safety in Indian Country and gives greater local control to tribal law enforcement agencies; to the nearly \$127 million in grants recently awarded by the Justice Department to support the public safety initiatives of federally recognized Indian tribes.

And, while our work to fulfill the U.S. trust responsibility to Native Americans is far from over, I believe the efforts I've discussed - and the critical support the NCAI has given to these efforts - I believe we are moving closer to a trust responsibility that truly fulfills its promise; closer to a government-to-government relationship with sovereign tribal nations that we can be proud of; closer to that aspiration, first articulated over 200 years ago, of becoming a More Perfect Union.

Thank you very much.

NOTICES

CULTURE

Neshnabemwen - The Potawatomi language has endured through the passage of time. At one time, it is said that we all spoke the same language. Later on, we started speaking different languages and forming tribes based on who was able to understand each other.

The Bodewadmi, Ojibwe and Odawa were all one tribe and spoke the same language. As the differences in the language grew, they each formed a separate entity. However, they maintained a close bond and formed the "Council of the Three Fires" to deal with any issues that might affect them. The Three Fires signified the alliance between the three, while their individual fires proclaimed their own identity.

Beginning Learners on Monday Evenings: 5 - 7 p.m. - Potawatomi Cultural Center, Library and Museum: (715) 478-7478.

Regalia-Making Classes Offered

The FCP Health and Wellness AODA Youth Prevention Program, sponsored by the Behavioral Health Department, is offering beading and regalia-making classes for youth and family member(s) ages 10 and up.

Classes are taught by Charlene "Doots" Daniels who is available during the following times:

- Monday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Wednesday: noon - 5 p.m.
- Thursday: noon - 5 p.m.
- Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Due to limited quantities, participants must bring their own fabric and hide. The program can provide beads, needles, sewing machines and assistance. If interested, or if you have questions, please contact Daniels at (715) 478-4195.



EDUCATION

Crandon Education Committee

Monthly meetings held the first Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m., upper level of the FCP Cultural Center, Library and Museum. Contact these committee members with questions or concerns:

Sonya Milham - Chairperson

(715) 473-6410 (home)

Hazel George - Vice-Chairperson

(715) 478-5612 (home)

Brenda Cornell - Secretary

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Myra VanZile - Home School

Coordinator

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WIEC - Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel.

EDUCATION

Academic Success Learning Lab

The Nicolet College Academic Success Learning Lab is open here in the Forest County Potawatomi community to help you.

A Nicolet instructor is available to assist adult students in getting their high school diploma or just brush-up on skills.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the FCP Cultural Center, Library and Museum Lower Level Classroom #010

This is not a formal class; it's an open lab. Feel free to drop in anytime during those scheduled hours for information or help. Stay as long or short as you like. And it's free!

Call Christie Schmidt at (715) 478-7206 or Daniel Smith at (715) 478-7355 if you have any questions.

EVENTS

Health & Wellness Center's 10th Anniversary Celebration

Join us at the Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center (Everybody's Road, Crandon) on November 29, from 4-6 p.m. Everybody welcome! Call (715) 478-4300 for more info.

New Year's Eve Sobriety Feast

Thursday, Dec. 31 • 6 p.m. • FCP Health & Wellness Center lower level
A new year is just around the corner! This event features a talking circle and door prizes. (You must attend the entire event to be eligible for the door prizes.) Please bring a dish to pass. Main dishes will be furnished. If you have any questions about this event, please call 715-478-4371/4325.

Balancing Your Life & Diabetes / SPARKS

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Diabetes Education Room, Health & Wellness Center
Diabetes Education: Monitoring, making healthy changes, psychosocial, complications, sick day and travel, planning for pregnancy, hypoglycemia, medications, diabetes in general, insulin and goal setting.

Sparks Weight Management Program Physical Activity & Nutrition Education:

S - Support (weekly participation encouraged)
P - Program
A - Get Active, Stay Active
R - Reap the Rewards: Feel Better, Be Healthier
K - Know the Basics of Good Nutrition
S - Stay Focused on Being Healthy
Please Call Theresa at (715) 478-4383, Lisa Miller at (715) 478-4320 or Cathy at (715) 478-4367.

The Women's Warrior Society

Meetings will be held the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information, please contact Marilyn Alloway at (715) 478-4317.

Sponsored by FCP Domestic Violence Outreach



HEALTH

Do You Feel Like No One Understands You? You're not alone! Let your voice be heard! Let someone share your pain!

If you are thinking of committing suicide or know someone who is, please get help! Help is only one touch or a phone call away.

Crisis Line: 1-888-299-1188 (Serving Forest, Vilas & Oneida counties: 24 hours a day/7 days a week)

Kids in Need: 1-800-622-9120

The Get-2-Gether Peer Support Drop-In Center: 715-369-3871

Run-Away Hotline: 1-800-621-4000

1-800-273-TALK

TTY: 1-800-799-4TTY

suicidehotlines.com

AA Meetings - New location!

Wednesdays at 7 p.m., CoVantage Credit Union lower level, Crandon

Crandon AA - Thursday Night Big Book Study, lower level Crandon Library - 7 p.m. Contacts: Carol (715) 482-5012 or Ahshoni (715) 220-8777.

AA Meetings - Lost Marbles

Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Saturdays at 9 a.m., Wabeno Fire Dept. Contact Donald at (715) 889-6709 or Ryan at (715) 850-1265 for more information.

Family Services CHOICES

Program: Make Good Choices

All FCP Community Youth from ages 9-18 are invited to sign-up or re-register for the program. You must be registered to attend CHOICES events. Please contact Miss Lori at (715) 478-4198.

A reminder from the FCP Insurance Department:

The tribal member and tribal member dependent medical plans are always to pay after all other medical plans, including but not limited to employer medical plans, Medicaid, and Medicare.

Please call Janet at (715) 478-7448 for details.



OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Needed - for FCP

Bakakwsen i Shkwadem, *The Door is Open* Domestic Violence Shelter. We need caring, compassionate people who want to support Anishnabe people. If interested, please call (715) 478-7201 (24-hour hotline). Thank you kindly!

Why volunteer? Make an impact, get satisfaction, help others, develop yourself, utilize time and learn.

CWD Testing

The FCP Wildlife Program is asking hunters to submit samples to be sent in for testing for CWD. Samples are taken from the brain/spinal cord of harvested deer. Hunters may bring in the entire animal or just the head for samples to be removed at the FCP Natural Resources Department (5320 Wensaut Lane, Crandon). Please keep note of specifically where and when the animal was harvested.

Win a Red Deer European mount and venison from the Red Deer Ranch for participating! All hunters submitting samples from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2010, will be entered in a drawing. The FCP Wildlife Program appreciates your cooperation!

SERVICES OFFERED

Employment Skills Program

FCP Economic Support has an employment skills program for tribal members with resources/tools to help you overcome employment barriers. We are here to coach and encourage individuals to recognize their skills and to find occupations related to those skills and interests.

If you would like more information, please stop by FCP Economic Support or call at (715) 478-7292.

MILITARY VETERANS

Veterans Post 1 - We consider it an honor and privilege to be of service to our Potawatomi community. Membership is open to all veterans and spouses of Potawatomi tribal members. Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m. at the FCP Language Department on Lois Crowe Dr.



Notice to FCPC Hunters:

In an effort to improve data regarding wildlife resources on FCPC lands, changes will be made to the process of issuing game transport tags. Game, Fish and Fur transport tags will now be available from the FCP Natural Resources Department in Stone Lake during regular business hours rather than the Tribal Security office. Tags will be available from Security on weekends for a limited time.

Please watch for further information regarding game tags as it comes available. For more information, please contact the Natural Resources Office at (715) 478-7222 during regular business hours: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The FCPC Natural Resources Department is located at 5320 Wensaut Rd., Crandon, WI 54520.

Traditional Native Hand Drum Workshop

When: Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010 • Noon - 4 p.m.

Where: Woodland Indian Art Center, downtown Lac du Flambeau, Adawe Mall at 562 Peace Pipe Road

Admission: \$ 75

Registration Fee

Why: Construct a traditional Native hand drum with Lac du Flambeau master artist Jerry LaBarge. You will leave with your very own hand drum. All materials are included.

For more information, contact Cari Singer at (715) 588-3700 or (715) 892-1390, or by email at woodlanddartcenter@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FCP Family Resource Center

Healthy Relationships: Mondays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Adults only - call Kerry at (715) 478-4837.

Play Shoppe: Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (for children birth to 5)

Life Skills Group: Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.

Positive Indian Parenting: Thursdays 10 a.m. - Noon.
Call (715) 478-7262 for more information on programs or events.
Watch for *Strengthening Families* - coming soon!

Recreation Department

Call the Rec. Center at (715) 478-7420
for info on open gym hours or December events.

Community Health Carter We Care Facility

<p>Mondays (Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27): Dietitian - 8 a.m. Walking Program 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesdays (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29): Diabetes Day - 9 a.m. Walking Program 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Thursdays (Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30): MCH/HOC Day - 8 a.m.</p>	

Walking 4 Directions


All programs are at the tribal hall, 8000 Potawatomi Trail, unless specified otherwise. All activities are open to all community members. If your child would like to participate or you can volunteer, please call (715) 889-1568. Monday - Thursday pick-up is at 3:45 p.m. Activities start at 4:30 p.m. No transportation for Friday activities.

Words of Wisdom: Tuesdays - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. with dinner after (Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28)

December 2010 FCP Elder Menu*

<p><u>Monday, November 29</u> Reuben Sandwich, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Cottage Cheese, Cookie</p> <p><u>Tuesday, November 30</u> Liver & Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Jello w/Fruit</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 1</u> Chili, Frybread, Cake w/Peanut Butter Frosting, Peaches</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 2</u> BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Corn, Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p><u>Friday, December 3</u> Fish Sandwich, French Fries, Coleslaw, Strawberries, Cookie</p>	<p><u>Monday, December 6</u> Cheeseburger, Tomato Slice, Pickle, California Blend, Baked Chips, Baked Beans</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 7</u> Beef Stew over Biscuits, Bananas, Jello</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 8</u> Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Strawberry Yogurt</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 9</u> Hot Tuna Casserole, Peas, Beets, Biscuit, Peanut Butter Cookie</p> <p><u>Friday, December 10</u> Bean Soup w/Carrots & Ham, Cornbread, Plums</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Meals are subject to change.</i></p>
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Happy Birthday from Daddy Rex.
They can't keep you forever.
Miss you buddy.
Love you too.



I would like to wish everyone a
Happy Thanksgiving!
Gloria & Ed Alloway
Dina & Ronnie Lemieux family
Consquela Alloway, Robert & kids
Josephine Alloway & kids
Rose Alloway & Cassius
Arlene Alloway family
and Daniels family
From, Tanya Alloway

Happy Birthday 11/25/10 to
Clara Ann (Schingeck) Learned.
From, her husband Brian,
all six kids, step-daughter Meagan
and the rest of the gang!
44 years oooooooooo!

Hurry and get well
Donavan Shepard!
We love and miss you!
Mom & Family

Wishing
Marie Beddel
a happy birthday
on Nov. 15th.
Love you, Patsy

Happy birthday
to my son,
Anthony Yang.
God bless you.
I'm hoping you come
home to me soon.
Love, Mommy
Relynn Yang

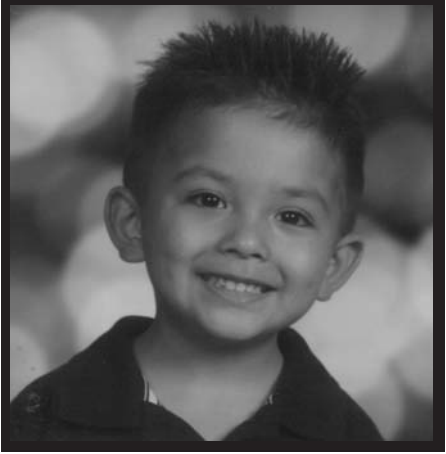



Happy 4th Birthday
to the great grandson of
Gordon N. Waube,
Anthony Michael Yang.
Grandma loves you with all
my heart and I miss your
cute face every day.
Grandma's not going
to be at your birthday
parties but God bless you
and have fun. With my love,
Bronda Ambrose,
your grandma

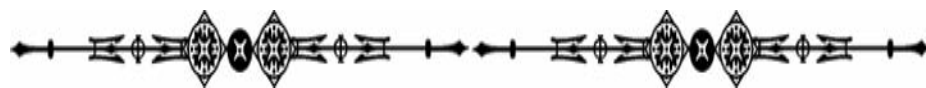
Happy belated November birthdays:

- 11/5: Grandson Nathan Shepard Jr.
- 11/9: Daughter Malinda LaBarge
- 11/4: Daughter-in-law Nee Nee
- 11/9: Grandson Schanze Shepard
- 11/25: Grandson Frank Shepard Jr.

Love to all,
Mom and Grandma Patsy

The family of Margaret Gember would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Donny Thunder for his precious gift of friendship to 82-year-old Margaret while she lived on Kak Yot Lane. Donny's warm and gentle spirit is a true reflection of Native People's heart for taking care of elders and children.



Obsessed

submitted by Steven Daniels

Everyone in high school has got to have at least one crush - that wasn't a word Casey used.

It was another calm day of school for Josh, because he just got rid of his old girlfriend. "Ok, kids, I want you all to meet Casey." Josh looked at her, and she looked right back at him in the eyes that day. Josh wanted to see the glare in her eyes that made her look nice. A couple of days went by, and Josh kept running into Casey as if he had a little high school crush on her.

"Hi, I'm Josh," he said.

"Well, hello, Josh. Are you spying on me?" asked Casey.

"Aha, oh no, I'm not following you around. I think we have all the same hours besides seventh hour," replied Josh.

Josh and Casey walked with each other and talked for a while in class. Josh felt as if he was talking to an angel. Casey found a new group of friends when she went back to school. To Josh, it seemed as if she didn't want to hang out with him anymore, but Josh didn't take it hard or anything. He just moved on with his high school life.

About three weeks later, Casey wanted to smoke a cigarette in the school woods with Josh. Josh didn't really want to but he had nothing to do that day and just ended up going with her into the woods. Josh and some of her friends came along and were taking pictures of that day. Casey didn't want to be

in them, so she got mad and said, "Delete them, or I will get my boyfriend, Josh." They looked at her like, is she crazy? The girls didn't want them gone because it was black mail they could use on her. One of her friends came up and asked him if he and Casey were together. "NO," said Josh, surprised.

Josh didn't know what her problem was, saying that she and Josh were together, but he wanted to know more about why she was saying the things she did. Josh didn't want to just walk up on her and ask her right away, so he had one of his guy friends write a note for her. Fifth hour came around and the note was given to her. When she opened the note all you could see in big red and black letters was, "Why are you so obsessed with me?"

She took it as something bad and went crazy. The next day, she felt so mad - so red in the face - she didn't even want to see anyone but Josh. She walked in the office and told Mr. Down that Josh was smoking drugs on school grounds so he would get in trouble. Mr. Down and the police didn't hesitate to find more out. The class phone rang and Josh knew instantly it was for him. He started to think of what bad things he did that day and how he could get out of it.

"Josh, please stand up; put your hands on the wall and spread your feet," said the policemen. They had him empty out his pockets. Josh wasn't worried because he knew he didn't do anything this bad for the policemen to be searching him. That day, Mr. Down and the policemen assumed that he was hiding something even though Josh had nothing on him.

Homecoming was a fun holiday for all students in the school. All the students got split up and put in their grade classes for a competition to see who could make the best float for the parade. Casey kept throwing hard things at Josh and his friends. None of his female friends were having that so his friend Bella walked over by Casey. She yelled at her for throwing things at them. Casey got really mad and ran in the paint room for the school. About 45 minutes later, the teacher wanted Josh to go look for Casey. Josh just looked up at the old, blue ceiling wondering where she was.

Josh walked a little bit down the hall and saw that the shop room was open, with the lights going on and off by themselves. He heard the paint room door moving, and it sounded like someone was crying. Josh opened the door and saw that Casey had a sharp object in her hands and was cutting her legs with it. Red ran down the door and down her arms while she was crying.

"I thought you liked me!" screamed Casey. Josh was very silent. He was in way too much shock to even walk away and get help.

"You did this to me!" yelled Casey. She grabbed Josh's hand. She closed her hand and his on the sharp object so his DNA would be on the sharp thing to get him into trouble. All bloody and red, he dropped it and ran down the hallway screaming for help.

"What happened?" asked Mrs. Barr, the science teacher. Josh was telling his story in front of all of the kids doing the float. In a matter of minutes, cops, teachers, firemen,

and everyone in charge came to the school. Josh watched Casey being carried out the front doors. As they pushed her out, she looked at him with a big smile and laughed.

"Josh, please stand up; put your hands behind your back and remain silent. Anything you say can, and will, be used against you in a court of law," said one of the cops.

An hour later, the cops were questioning Josh about what happened at school. Josh told them all that was going on and the things Casey did to him. The cops didn't buy his story and kept him in the holding cell until the doctor's report came in.

Josh felt very calm, because he knew he didn't do that. All he needed was proof of her doing that stuff to herself.

"Okay, Josh. We apologize for this misunderstanding," said the cop. "The hospital did a psychiatric evaluation on Casey, and it shows she needs serious help. Read the hospital report."

When the police went to Casey's house to talk with her parents, they noticed a blood spot on the living room floor of the house. That night, the big local news headline was, "Homecoming day for local high school goes bad. Casey Tawin is currently charged with the murder of her parents on two counts and is under high supervision for suicide watch."

Josh went to school the next day. He was hoping that it was going to go well. Josh overheard the teachers say, "Why can't the school find out where she came from or where she was before this school?"

To be continued...

The End - Part 1

submitted by Steven Daniels

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. Matthew 24:29

The 2011 oil spill in Lake Michigan was one of the worst man-made disasters in the history of the Northwoods. Over the years, trying to help keep it under control, the oil killed off over 78 percent of the lake's fish and wildlife. The oil spill was very large, covering about three feet on top of the water.

Lake Michigan does connect to most all of the dams and shores of lakes in the western part of Wisconsin.

Ryan loved to watch the glare off the lake in his community. It reminded him of being happy when he was a little boy in the 6th grade.

"Top story, the oil has gone out of control and is headed for a big impact on western Wisconsin," said the anchorman. Ryan sat there looking at this news update with a shocked face of frightfulness. Everyone the next day in school was talking about the end of the world with the oil spill. The day was filled with a lot of "what ifs", and the fear that was sitting on Ryan's shoulders was freaking him out more than anything that day.

Ryan wanted to ask his friend if she would want to come to his house for awhile just to talk and get stuff off their shoulders. "I have a very bad feeling about this oil thing, Mia. Our town and lakes will be hit first by the force of the oil and, it's going to be a bad picture that day."

Mia sat there with a silent look on her face. It was a worried face, because Ryan predicted what might happen to their little town. "Well, Ryan, I think we don't have anything to worry about. I think they'll stop it before it comes too close," she replied.

Ryan knew she was worried about the whole oil thing: she even walked home with a face that Ryan couldn't even explain.

A couple of days later, the kids in Mrs. Glade's class were waiting on the edges of

their desks for the best noise in the world [the bell] at that point. The school let out, and the kids were done for the week. Kids ran to the bus and to their cars while Ryan walked home from school and took the lake way.

Ryan thought watching the lake would make him feel better before it stormed badly. As Ryan walked down the rocky road, he looked down and saw a yellow and black tape around the walking part of the lake. Ryan started to run and just as he got over the hill, he saw big blotches of brown and black oil coming in very fast. He looked over the lake, and all he saw were birds and animals dying from the oil. Ryan looked as far on the lake as the eye could see and saw that there was thick black covering the whole lake.

It became very windy while Ryan walked around the lake with a shocked face. Ryan wanted to run home, but he saw a baby deer stuck in the harsh oil on the shore. He wanted to help it so badly, but he couldn't get to it. As the phone vibrated in his pocket, he took it out and read a text from his mom: "Get home Ryan - there might be a tornado warning out." Ryan started to walk away. As he got down the road a little bit, the wind picked up and was very strong. Ryan looked behind him and saw the oil was being blown on land. Then he started to run away from it. There was so much oil coming in; it filled the whole lake up with a black paste.

"Mom! Mom! Mom!" yelled Ryan.

"What is it, babe?" asked his mom.

"The oil finally hit the shores here! The oil is being blown on land in our town."

The dam that was holding most of the oil back from getting out in the streets broke, and all you could see was black oil spreading all over the road. So much oil was in the lake it made it seem as if there was a flash flood in the town.

Mrs. Glades was in her basement washing her clothes for the night. She could also hear the wind outside. She looked out her basement window and saw that there were things being pushed down the road by a black sludge. Mrs. Glades turned around and started to run upstairs. Just as she got to the first step, she fell and twisted her ankle.

"Help! Help!" cried Mrs. Glades. As she

was screaming the oil came up to her basement window and was getting higher and higher. Then something went "BANG" and broke the fragile window. The oil was pouring in really fast. Mrs. Glades looked at the oil coming in, and she started to crawl up the first step to get out of there fast. The oil was coming in way too fast. It just took her more in her basement and covered her whole basement with five feet of oil.

Ryan wanted to show his mother what was going on. He ran to the front door, opened it, and he saw all the oil and water going down the roads. Ryan ran to his mom and showed her what was happening. He was shocked, and Mia was on his mind. He wanted her to be with him, because he'd know she was safe.

Hours went by, and the oil filled basements, took dogs with the flow - took everything in its path. People were on top of their homes to avoid the oil. Ryan and his mother went to the top of the house. As he got to the top, he looked across the town and saw lots and lots of people on their homes sitting, waiting, watching the oil go by. Ryan saw that the houses had lights. He was very frightened because one spark would catch the whole town on fire.

"God, help us," said Mia. Mia was on the top with her dad and mom, terrified. Mia was looking on the side of her house, and she noticed there was a path where no oil touched. Mia's mom and dad were too busy getting their important stuff on top of the house. Mia jumped down the long old house, but the tree bush broke her fall. She got up and ran down the road to Ryan's house, yelling his name at the top of her lungs.

"Mia! Mia! Mia!" cried her mom. Mia crawled up a huge old tree. It looked like an old, black-covered stick. As she got up to the top, she looked over and saw a car sliding down the road going towards the tree

that she was climbing. The car hit the tree so hard it broke the tree in half instantly. The tree and Mia fell on the side of Ryan's house. Mia hung on to the tree for dear life, because if she fell off it, she'd be pulled right under the oil slide.

Ryan jumped up and ran to the side where he saw Mia crying and asking for help. Ryan then looked and saw that the electricity post fell hard on top of the tree with Mia on it.

"Ryan, help me," cried Mia. Some of the sparks from the post fell and caught the dry grass on fire. It was only a matter of time before the whole town was going to be in flames. The sweat coming down his face got in his eyes while he tried getting Mia off the tree and up on the top of the house.

Ryan's mom looked and saw the fire got to the oil and started the whole town on fire. Ryan's mom ran and helped him get Mia up on the house. Mia was almost off the tree and on the ground. The oil caught on fire. They pulled her up on the house with all the strength they had. Looking around them was like looking into hell. You could hear people screaming from being burned, and you could hear people crying for help.

"This is it," whispered Ryan. As Ryan gave up hope, a helicopter came down on every house to help save the people trapped before the houses blew up. Ryan looked up and saw lots of them flying around in the air. It looked like God sent them to their homes.

To be continued...

ROLLING THUNDERS

Made by Loreen Alloway



Christmas Idea!

Hand-Crafted:

- Goat's Milk Soap
Scents: Sweet Grass, Sage, Cedar, Mother Earth, Indian Summer & More
- Native American-Themed Gift Baskets with Beauty Items
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