



FCP Emergency Management to Hold Full-Scale Exercise October 2015

submitted by FCP Emergency Management Department

Emergency exercises are integral to a sound community safety plan. They offer opportunities for the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Community and response partners to examine and strengthen their capacities for responding to various emergencies. By participating in different types of exercises, the FCP Emergency Management Department and their response partners can identify the appropriate methods for preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from crises. These exercises also may expose the limitations of existing plans, such as procedural gaps or training needs. By encouraging all response partners (e.g., officials in the public health, mental health, fire and law enforcement communities) to participate, FCP Emergency Management can assess the roles, responsibilities, relationships, communication strategies and resources that will be critical when a crisis occurs.

There are multiple types of exercises available but we started with a tabletop exercise to analyze an emergency incident in an informal, stress-free environment. This will provide participants with an emergency scenario to analyze and increase their awareness of the roles and responsibilities of individuals who need to respond, stabilize, terminate and help others recover from emergencies. The exercise is designed to prompt a constructive discussion regarding existing emergency response plans as participants identify, investigate and resolve potential issues.

Upon completion of the tabletop exercise, the participants are invited to join us in a functional exercise. The functional exercise examines and/or validates the coordination, command, and control between various multi-agency coordination centers. A functional exercise does not involve any "boots on the ground" (i.e., first responders or emergency officials responding to an incident in real time). It can be considered a "walk through" of the full-scale exercise.

After the functional exercise, we will move to a full-scale exercise:

Full-scale exercises evaluate the operational capability of emergency management systems in a highly stressful environment that simulates actual conditions. Full-scale exercises test and evaluate most functions of the emergency response operational plan, including the mobilization of emergency personnel, equipment and resources. To design and conduct full-scale exercises, the FCP Emergency Management Department will collaborate with local response partners including officials in the public health, EMS responders, fire and law enforcement communities. Administration has chosen a scenario that is most likely to occur in the community and thereby involve all community stakeholders. Facilitators will conduct a post-incident critique and develop an after-action report to identify issues for correction.

Steps to Developing an Effective Full-Scale Exercise:

- Create partnerships with local public safety agencies or a consultant.
- Assess the community's needs and identify available resources for an emergency exercise program.
- Define achievable goals and objectives for the exercise program.
- Develop a timeline and implement the exercise.
- Determine whom to invite to participate in each type of exercise.
- Provide information to the community and engage parents and tribal youth regarding the exercise that will be taking place in their community.
 - Develop scenarios based on actual vulnerabilities and risks the community may encounter.
 - Carefully review the proposed scenarios to ensure their appropriateness for the community.

We are extending an invitation to the FCP Community to participate in this exercise to test the capabilities of all personnel that have been training to respond to emergencies/accidents on FCP tribal lands. Community members are invited to be part of this operation at all levels. Whether you have received training or if you would just like to participate as an observer, please join us. It will take a lot of community support to make this happen, and a successful training exercise may be the difference between emergency responders making a rescue or making a recovery.

For information regarding the exercise, please contact the FCP Emergency Management Department at (715) 478-4428.



The above photos were taken by PTT at the collapsed building exercise held at the old FCP tribal hall in June 2011.

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Indian Affairs Has Exceeded its Goal to Increase the Number of Native Vet Hires

submitted by Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 16, 2015) – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn announced that Indian Affairs offices and bureaus have hired nearly 600 American Indian and Alaska Native veterans in fiscal year 2015, exceeding the goal set last year to increase the number of Native American veterans employed by these agencies from nine percent of the workforce to 12.5 percent.

“Our intent to build a 21st century Indian Affairs workforce depends upon attracting and retaining experienced and motivated personnel, and we know that America’s veterans are among the most capable, dedicated and well-trained individuals we need,” Washburn said. “I am very proud that we have not only met, but exceeded our goal of hiring American Indian and Alaska Native vets. We will continue to provide those veterans with opportunities to use their knowledge and skills in our mission of serving Indian Country.”

On June 14, 2014, Washburn announced the launch of a new initiative to hire more American Indian and Alaska Native veterans throughout Indian Affairs, which includes the Office

of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (OAS-IA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). The initiative targets veterans prior to their discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces and actively seeks members of the National Guard and reserves who are looking for careers that serve Indian Country.

Indian Affairs bureaus, regional offices and agencies provide a wide range of direct services to 566 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and thousands of Indian trust beneficiaries. Almost all Indian Affairs positions are filled with American Indians and Alaska Natives under a congressionally approved Indian Preference policy.

In total, Indian Affairs employees number approximately 7,940. They work throughout the United States not just with tribes, but also with state, local and other federal agencies in matters ranging from public safety, family and child welfare, and education to infrastructure maintenance, environmental protection, land and natural resources management, and other areas.

Two of those hired within the past

year are decorated veterans William Wolf Tail, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe, who is a correctional officer with a BIA Office of Justice Services (OJS) facility in Browning, Mont., and Damar Dore, a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe-Pleasant Point in Maine, who joined the BIA as a supervisory information technology specialist in Aberdeen, S.D.

Despite his many accomplishments and experiences during his military career, Wolf Tail deems one event as holding particular significance for him: “My most fond moment would be graduating from the basic corrections officer training program at the BIA’s Indian Police Academy.” He is looking forward to continuing his professional growth with OJS.

“I took the position with the BIA to continue service by serving Native American communities,” said Dore, who, like Wolf Tail, has many years of military experience. “I spent the first portion of my life protecting the freedoms that all Americans enjoy, and now it is time to use this knowledge to help protect indigenous freedoms. The oath we take as military members is to protect all from foreign and do-

mestic threats, and I intend on continuing to uphold my oath by providing solutions that have value to the agency and have a positive return on investment.”

For more information about Indian Affairs’ Hire American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Initiative, visit www.bia.gov/Jobs/Veterans/ or call Nancy Nelson, Human Resources Specialist, Indian Affairs Office of Human Capital Management, at (202) 208-6175.

The Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs assists and supports the Secretary of the Interior in fulfilling the United States’ trust responsibility to the federally recognized tribes and individual Indian trust beneficiaries. The Office of Human Capital Management (OHCM) oversees human resources management, policy and operations for the OAS-IA, BIA and BIE. OHCM reports to the Deputy Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs – Management within the OAS-IA.

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NEW DVDs

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- Winter in the Blood
- The Cherokee Word for Water
- Rymes for Young Ghouls

NEW CDs

POWWOW

- Southern Boyz: Pops
- The Bearhead Sisters: A Woman's Journey
- A Beautiful Night: Tanner Albers Memorial Round Dance

TRADITIONAL

- Whitehawk & Crow: The Morning Star
- Louie Gonnies: Spirit of the Swirling One

FLUTE

- Tony Duncan: Earth Warrior

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TRADITIONAL MEDICINE WILL BE HERE

Friday & Saturday, July 17-18, 2015
Friday & Saturday, August 21-22, 2015

HOW TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS

- Appointments are generally 30 minutes and can be made by calling the Forest County Potawatomi Health and Wellness Center at (715) 478-4300.
- Patients can self-refer or be referred by their Health and Wellness Center provider.
- Women on their moon should not make an appointment during this time. The traditional medicine practitioner asks that you schedule appointments within two days before or after this time.
- Follow up appointments will be scheduled by the Traditional Medicine Assistant at the time of your visit.

TRADITIONAL MEDICINE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO NATIVE AMERICANS, ALASKA NATIVES AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

WHAT TO BRING

- In the traditional way, please bring your Sema (tobacco) to each visit with the Traditional Medicine Practitioner.

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FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER
(715) 478-4300

July 2015 Elder Menus

Wednesday, July 1
Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Apple

Thursday, July 2
Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Asparagus, Corn, Pears

Friday, July 3
Holiday – No Lunch

Monday, July 6
Philly Cheese Steak w/Peppers & Onions, Baked Beans, Apricots

Tuesday, July 7
Hot Pork Sandwich, California Blend Vegetables, Nutria-Grain® Bar, Apple

Wednesday, July 8
BBQ on Bun, Potato Salad, Cucumber Salad, Mixed Fresh Fruit

Thursday, July 9
Fish Sandwich, Parsley Potatoes, Broccoli, Blueberry Muffin

Friday, July 10
Pea Soup w/Ham, Carrots & Onions, Cheese Sandwich, Frozen Yogurt

Monday, July 13
Chicken Wings, Sweet Potato, Peas & Carrots, Peaches, Peanut Butter Cookie

Tuesday, July 14
Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Cauliflower, Mixed Berries

Wednesday, July 15
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Corn, Green Beans, Pears

Thursday, July 16
Hot Tuna Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Breadstick, Mandarin Oranges, Apple

Friday, July 17
Chili, Frybread, Crackers, Plums, Strawberries

Monday, July 20
Egg Salad Sandwich, Nutri-Grain® Chips, Carrot & Celery Sticks w/Dip, Peaches, Blueberry Yogurt

Tuesday, July 21
Hot Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Pie

Wednesday, July 22
Chicken Alfredo, Carrots, Corn, Kiwi, Jello® Cake

Thursday, July 23
Brat Patty on Bun, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Apricots

Friday, July 24
Bean Soup, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Pudding

Monday, July 27
Beef Tips over Noodles, Squash, Asparagus, Ice Cream

Tuesday, July 28
Ham & Swiss on Rye, Macaroni Salad, Cottage Cheese, Orange Juice, Fruit Cocktail

Wednesday, July 29
Baked Chicken, Baked Potato, Spinach, Carrots, Tropical Fruit

Thursday, July 30
Soft Shell Taco w/Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Black Olives & Onions, Refried Beans, Jello® w/Fruit

Friday, July 31
Beef Vegetable Soup, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Oatmeal Cookies, Cranberry Juice

***Menus subject to change.**

FCP Caring Place July Activities Calendar



EVENTS IN THE ACTIVITIES ROOM:

Activity room is open daily for activities at the Caring Place. Exercise is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS (RSVP REQUIRED):

July 2: Shopping

July 6: Brewers Game

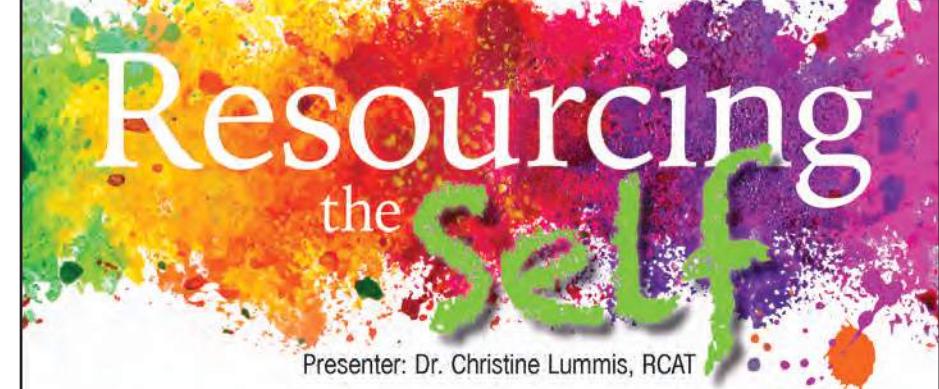
July 10: Rouman Cinema

July 15: Caring Place Cook Out

July 21: Casino Day

July 28: Caring Place Outing

July 29: Bingo/monthly birthday party for elders. Community invited.



Presenter: Dr. Christine Lummis, RCAT

Resiliency and self-care can include identifying and acknowledging one's internal and external resources. A variety of activities will be introduced over two days to creatively explore these resources. Participants will use drawing, painting, and clay to visually express personal symbols

as well as people, places, things and beliefs that are significant. There will be an opportunity to share these creations and personal meanings with the group. No art experience is necessary! Spontaneous expression is valued, and assistance is available for clay-building and paint-mixing.

JULY 1 - 2, 2015

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Lunch provided

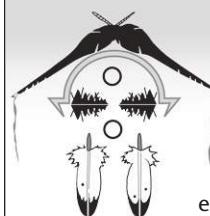
Please RSVP by June 26, 2015 | Tina Garcia (715) 478-4888

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**Deadline for the July 15, 2015 issue
is Wednesday, July 1, 2015.**

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Welcome to These New Employees

Thomas Loftis, Language & Culture - Education
Supervisor Language & Culture
Hire date: 5/26/2015

Cassandra Krook, HWC
Health Records Custodian
Hire date: 6/1/2015

Keven Pfister, Elderly L.P.N.
Hire date: 6/8/2015

Frankie Derfus, Child Care
Child Care Teacher
Hire date: 6/8/2015

Michelle Ruka, HWC
Residential Treatment Manager
Hire date: 6/8/2015

Haley Tupper, Rec SYE Cook
Hire date: 6/8/2015

Jessica Donek, Rec SYE Cook Aide
Hire date: 6/9/2015

Job Transfers/Title Changes
Tim Alloway Sr., Maintenance
Maintenance Worker/
Housekeeping
Hire date: 6/1/2015

Myra VanZile, Education
Youth Education
Services Liaison
Hire date: 6/8/2015

Christopher Phillips, C-Store
Transferring to Stone Lake
Hire date: 6/8/2015

FCPC Gte-Ga-Nes Preschool

We are currently recruiting children for the 2015-16 school year. Enrollment is open to children who are 3 years of age by Sept. 1, 2015. For more information, please contact Leslie Howen at (715) 478-7359 or Rebecca Jennings at (715) 478-7350.

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Ka Kew Sē Gathering Grounds
Carter, WI (Next to Casino)

Public Welcome

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Joey Awonohopay

Arena Director:
Rick VanZile

Head Dancers:
Ashley Rave
Jeff Keeble

HOST DRUM:
Tomahawk Circle

Grand Entries
Saturday: 1 & 7 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m.

FOR MORE INFO CALL:
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Honoring Health, Healing, and Tradition

Eye Injury and Prevention Month

July is Eye Injury and Prevention Month. In a month of festive fireworks and summer activities, here are a few tips to help get you through safely:

- Use sunglasses to help prevent unsafe ultraviolet rays from the sun
- Use safety glasses when lighting or handling fireworks
- Use safety glasses when working on outdoor projects
- Cover your eyes when applying bug spray or sunscreen (and wash your hands)

Appointments can be made by calling (715) 478-4345.
Hours: Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Young Warriors →

Young Warriors

is a mentors group, started by FCP Language & Culture, for young men ages 9-16. These young men will learn survival skills, language, cultural activities, and about life in the outdoors.

Dates for the Young Warriors Outings

- June 17-19, 2015 – Devil's Lake
- July 10-12, 2015 – Newman's Lake
- July 17-19, 2015 – Bug Lake
- July 31-Aug. 2, 2015 – Wabikon Lake
- Aug. 5-7, 2015 – Valley Lake
- Aug. 18-20, 2015 – Kentuck Lake

ALL PICK UPS WILL BE AT THE STONE LAKE C-STORE, 10 A.M. SHARP!

You must contact us for permission slips for the young men before each outing, and you will receive an itinerary for each outing along with supplies needed. Call Jamie Tuckwab at Language & Culture at (715) 478-7377 or at (715) 889-9298.

Dates are subject to change due to weather.

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Mish ko swen 5K Held Rain or Shine

by Val Niehaus

On June 13, 2015, FCP Health & Wellness Center's Community Health Department held its Mish ko swen (Strong & Healthy) 5K at the FCP Rec Center. The event started out a bit hesitant because of a huge rain cloud coming into the area; the accompanying downpours held back the start of the run/walk about 15 minutes. However, this was a minor inconvenience to the group of people who were committed to doing the event and who had come prepared with rain gear to complete the course

regardless of the weather. Despite this, most were pretty happy that the rain let up enough to have an enjoyable event for both participants and spectators.

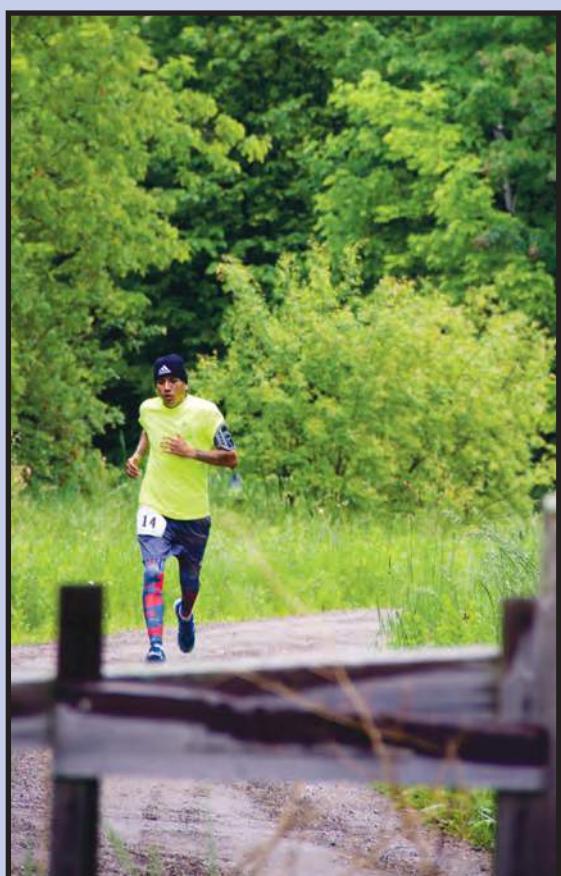
Greg Tallier did an amazing job as always being emcee and D.J. for the event. His music and dialog kept everyone fired up, and his rendition of the Star Spangled Banner was moving as always. All of the workers from Community Health were also a great help to the people who were taking part in the race. Despite the dreary

weather, the mood was very upbeat and one of excitement and fun. Some workers even watched little ones so their parents could participate in the event. This was greatly appreciated by all! The participants included a wide range of runners and walkers: the very young, the experienced, the casual, and those who were trying to push themselves to their personal best. It was amazing to see so many participants striving so hard.

The race went great! Despite the weather, there were a large number of

participants. It was clear everyone was having fun—many smiling faces despite the exhaustion by the end of the course.

Tortoise & Hare Race Management was available to time the racers who wanted to be timed. The top male runner was Ira Frank with a time of 21:50 and for top female runner was Michelle Kuber with a time of 22:52. Congratulations to you both for pushing yourselves to the edge!



(below) Jason Bertrand and his family enjoying an afternoon jog.



(left) Ira Frank...leader of the pack!



(right) Jayden Tuckwab trying to stay warm in the wet weather.

Graduates Honored at Luncheon Banquet

by Winda Collins

On Thursday, June 11, 2015, kindergarten, 8th grade, and 12th grade senior graduates from the Crandon School District as well as those graduating from various tech schools were honored at a luncheon banquet at the Stone Lake Rec Center.

FCP Cultural Education Liaison Brooks Boyd served as emcee while the Sweet Grass Hill Singers sang the opening song, the honor song and the travel song. FCP Education Department Behavioral Specialist Rebecca Jennings said the prayer before a delicious lunch that was provided by Dewing Catering.

After lunch, Crandon Education Committee members Peggy Konaha and Hazel George introduced the kindergarten, 8th grade and senior students. Both expressed their pride in the graduates and their accomplishments. FCP Education College Recruiter Jason Bertrand then introduced the tech school students. All graduates were presented with certificates; senior and tech school graduates were presented with Pendleton blankets as well.

This is a complete list of graduates: Kindergarten: Aviyanah Alloway, Edward Alloway III, Elyssa Bailey, Lita Basina, Spencer Bourdon, Sr., Larson

Brown, Keeyana Daniels, Simon Daniels, Jose Fernandez-Soman, Adonis Hancock, Deegan Kircher, Tatianna McGeshick, Wynter Montgomery, Donavon Olds, Mary Jane Soman-Daniels; 8th Grade: Darlaina Boyd, Janiece Brown, Faith Crawford, Micasslyn Crawford, Dominick Daniels, Maskwankot Daniels, Raelynn Daniels, Miranda Deverney, Reddmen LeMieux, Kaitlyn McGeshick, Matthew Phillips, Patricia Powless, Sylindria Thunder; 12th Grade Seniors: Tristan Alloway, Amber Jacobson, Jenna Jacobson, Mariah Rachal, Illiana Daniels; Tech School: Alex Montgomery, Dental Assistant Certificate; Steven Crawford Jr., Truck Driver Training; Brian Shepard, Diesel Truck Driving School.

Bertrand shared with those in attendance, "There are 60 FCP tribal

members currently pursuing higher education." He encouraged any tribal members interested in furthering their education to contact the Education Department for any information and/or assistance they may need.

A couple of the graduates offered comments: Graduating senior Tristan Alloway thanked his family and friends for their support. Dental Assistant graduate Alex Montgomery thanked her parents and said that it helps to have goals. Her goal now is to work at the FCP Health & Wellness Center one day. Steven Crawford Jr. expressed his surprise...he didn't know about the banquet but was glad he was in town and able to attend.

All the graduates seemed happy to be moving on to the next phase of their lives. *PTT* certainly wishes them the best of luck!



(above l-r) Edward Alloway III, Tatianna McGeshick, Wynter Montgomery

(right, left side of table) Education Department: Tom Boelter, Joy Sato, Rebecca Jennings, Myra VanZile, Brittany LaMere, Brooks Boyd

(below l-r) Amber Jacobson, Triston Alloway, Jenna Jacobson, Mariah Rachal



(above l-r) Darlaina Boyd, Faith Crawford, Reddmen LeMieux, Kaitlyn McGeshick



(left, right side of table) Education Department: Donald Keeble, Gabrielle Guterriez, Sarah Thomaschefsky, Holly Spaude, Jason Bertrand

(below l-r) Steven Crawford Jr., Alex Montgomery



2015 Summer Youth Employees

by Val Niehaus

photos by Autry Johnson, Kelly Spaude and Val Niehaus

This year's Summer Youth Employment (SYE) Program has taken a different step than in the past. Before, the youth would apply for the job they wanted and usually were placed right into that position. But with this year being a bit more realistic to the workforce environment, each youth who wanted to work had to go through a specific process - just like in the real world. Each youth had to be interviewed by the department

they chose. The youth really got to experience what it would be like to sit in front of a panel of interviewers, having to answer questions and then having their responses written down. Everyone who participated in this exercise really did seem to enjoy themselves. It was a great way to get to know the youth who wanted to work in a certain department.

As of now, there are 42 youth who are signed up for being SYE

workers for the FCP tribe. They are placed in departments such as Natural Resources, Education, Museum, Health & Wellness, *Traveling Times*, Maintenance and Beautification, which is the highest populated number of youth working. There are also other departments that are participating and letting these SYE workers learn about the operations here on the FCP campus.

The SYE program is a great op-

portunity for FCP youth. Not only does it teach them the responsibility of having a job, but it also helps prepare them to perhaps one day come back and work for their tribe and to be the leaders of the future.

PTT wishes all the SYE workers the best of luck this summer with their employment.

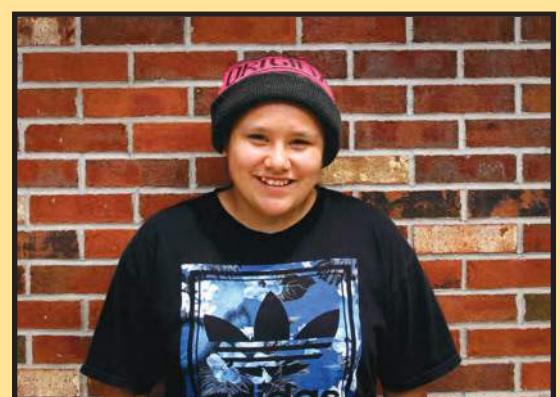
*Look for more SYE worker photos in upcoming issues.



Alyza Ford, FCP Housing



(l-r) Autry Johnson & Kelly Spaude,
Potawatomi Traveling Times



Bisher Daniels, CHOICES



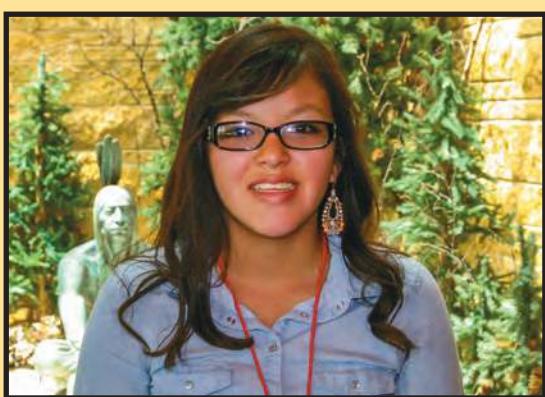
Darlaina Boyd, FCP Human Resources



(l-r) Ira Frank Jr. & Elijah Meshigaud,
IT Department



Raelynn Daniels,
Emergency Management



Sylindria Thunder, Health & Wellness Center Radiology



Tashina Frank, Caring Place (Elderly)



(l-r) Presley Keeble, Kyle Harris,
Micasslyn Crawford, Hailey Seidler
and Shavonn Tuckwab, FCP
Education Department

Work. Learn. Succeed.

“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”
~Jiddu Krishnamurti

What's Going On in Carter?

submitted by Frank Shepard, PCCH General Manager

Guests started earning entries on Sunday, June 7, for our 'Car Giveaway' to be held on Saturday, July 18, at 11 p.m., when we'll give away a 2015 Chevy Camaro! Carter Club members can earn 250 same-day base points for 10 entries or redeem 250 points for 10 entries. Five names will be drawn and one of those five will drive home in a new 2015 Camaro. The other four will be awarded a cash consolation prize ranging from \$500 to \$1000. Cash drawings for \$100 take place from 4 to 10 p.m., leading up to the car giveaway. There will be 20 winners during this time.

- Bingo players can earn 10 bonus entries for every early bird package or intermission package purchased by July 18.

- Table games players will earn 10 bonus entries for every hour of consecutive play at the tables until July 17.

- Ten free entries to new members of Carter Club the day they open an account.

- Tier entry multiplier dates: July 3, 4, 5, 12 and 17, 2015.

Every Wednesday in July is 'Puttin' for Green'! Carter Club members will have their chance to win some green on our 'Puttin' for the Green' game board. Winners will be given the golf club disc to drop to see what hole it will land in. The amount of the hole will be the amount awarded to the winner. Just earn 100 same-day base points for 10 entries or redeem 200 points for 10 entries. Drawings will take place from noon to 8 p.m. One winner will be chosen every hour for a total of nine winners. Limit of two wins per person per day.

'Livin' it up at 50'! Every Thursday, all Carter Club members over 50 years of age will receive a free entry into the drawing at the Carter Club booth. One winner will be drawn every hour from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for \$100 cash. For every 250 points earned, you will receive 10 free entries into the drawings. Guests are allowed to win twice each day. Also, seniors can earn 100 same-day base points and get a \$5 off coupon at The Flames Sports Bar & Grill or The Springs Restaurant. Or, if you would like your meal free, just earn 250 same-day base points. Those that are not seniors can earn 200 same-day base points and get a \$5 off coupon for a dinner at The Flames Sports Bar & Grill or The Springs Restaurant, or earn 450 same-day base points and get a free dinner.

'Home Run Celebration' - Carter Club members who purchase an aluminum pint Miller Lite® or Miller Genuine Draft® can receive a free entry into the Home Run Celebration

drawing. There is one set of tickets and winner need not be present to win:

- Brewers vs. Philadelphia Phillies – Saturday, August 15, at 6:10 p.m. Entries take place June 28 until Aug. 1. Drawing will take place at the Carter Club booth on Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

'Slot Mania Tournaments' will continue on Mondays, July 6 and 20, and Friday, July 24. Mondays will begin at 2:45 p.m., and on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Guests can qualify on Mondays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Friday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. To qualify, guests must earn and redeem 50 same-day base points, redeem 100 points from their comp rewards balance, or buy-in of \$10 per seat. Guests will be registered as soon as qualifications are met.

We will be holding a special 'July 5th Slot Tournament'. Guests can qualify from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To qualify, guests can earn and redeem 200 same-day base points, or buy-in of \$30 per person per spot. Carter Club Meuniers are able to fill two spots in the tournament. Registration for the tournament is a first come, first serve basis. This tournament is open to 200 seats. Stop in at the Carter Club booth for more information.

B I N G O!

Come in, check us out and be prepared to have some fun!

'BIGGER BETTER BINGO'!! Will be played on all days except where noted

- Bigger Payouts! Regular games pay \$150; specials pay \$200.
- Better admission! New paper package deals.

- Bingo! – Carter – it's the place to be for Bingo!

July's electronic special: Buy two electronic special packs, get one FREE! Offer good at all sessions except Cosmic and Mini Bash.

Every Wednesday and Sunday in July, join us for 'Hi Five Session'. All packs are \$5. Bingo on any number ending in '5' and receive '5X' the payout! Played on regular games only. Hotball will be excluded from multiplier.

'Bounce Back'! Guests who play bingo on Wednesdays in July will receive \$5 towards their bingo purchase on Thursday. Valid next day only.

'National Hotdog Day'! Thursday, July 23, all guests will receive a ticket at admissions for a free hotdog in our café.

Fridays in July:

- Finally \$500 Fridays: Friday, July 3, 17 and 31, early birds at 5:30 p.m. Regular games at 6 p.m.; \$35 packs; 25 regular games including

five games paying \$250 and 10 games paying \$500! Guests receive \$25 in

Potawatomi Play with the purchase of admission pack. Limit one Potawatomi Play per session.

- Cosmic Bingo: Friday, July 31, pajama party theme. Admissions opens at 9:30 p.m.; games start at 10:30 p.m. DJ from 10 p.m. – midnight. \$12 packs; games paying \$100; one game paying a prize; last game pays \$1,000 – consolation \$250. Dress in the theme for your chance to win Potawatomi Play. Free beer and popcorn!

- \$500 Cash Drawing: Friday, July 31, one lucky winner will win \$500 CASH! Winner drawn during regular session. Must be present and playing bingo to win. Earn entries for each admission pack purchased during the

month. Limit one entry per person per day.

Saturdays in July:

- Matinee Session, Saturday, July 4 (*Note: there will be no evening session.) Admissions opens at 11:30 a.m.; earlybirds at 1 p.m.; regular games at 1:30 p.m.; snacks will be served.

- Birthday Session, Saturday, July 11. Carter Club members with July birthdays will receive a free 6-On paper pack with their paid admission. Birthday cake will be served.

• Mini Bash, Saturday, July 18.

Longer session; \$20 admission packs; \$10 extra packs; prize drawings will be held throughout the session. Mini buffet including with admission pack purchase.

Electronic Buy-In Options

Carter Combo 1 - \$60, 30 cards, one Jackpot Game, one Roulette, one Game of the Month, one Dbl. Daub Coverall, one Dbl. Daub Feather, one Winner Take All, one Triangle Game, 10 Odd # Coverall, 10 Bonanza

Carter Combo 2 - \$80, 60 cards, two Jackpot Game, two Roulette, two Games of the Month, two Dbl. Daub Coverall, two Dbl. Daub Feather, two Winner Take All, two Triangle Game, 20 Odd # Coverall, 20 Bonanza

Carter Combo 3 - \$120, 90 cards, three Jackpot Game, three Roulette, three Games of the Month, three Dbl. Daub Coverall, three Dbl. Daub Feather, three Winner Take All, three Triangle Game, 30 Odd # Coverall, 30 Bonanza

Carter Combo 4 (Best Value) - \$160, 130 cards, four Jackpot Game, four Roulette, four Games of the Month, four Dbl. Daub Coverall, four Dbl. Daub Feather, four Winner Take All, four Triangle Game, 40 Odd # Coverall, 40 Bonanza

Electronic packages include all games except Earlybirds, Pick 8 and Hotballs.



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TRIBAL CONSTITUTION WORK GROUP

Started on June 1, 2015, the Tribal Constitution Work Group meetings are open to all tribal members interested. Meetings are held every Thursday from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Ordinance Department located at 7870 Love Knot Lane. If you prefer to meet individually, please contact our office to schedule a meeting. Direct any questions to Shanna at (715) 478-4820 or Heather at (715) 478-7412.

Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Child Support Agency (FCP-TCSA)

FCP-TCSA would like to help you – employees and tribal members of the FCP Community - with any concerns you may have, to answer all questions, and offer the services of our agency to:

- Work with you and your child support agency to ensure your order is correct under the current guidelines.
- Assist anyone receiving or paying child support by answering questions you may have and provide proper referral services.
- Keep up-to-date information in order to determine appropriate child support obligations and ensure that you remain current in your payments to avoid arrears.

FCPC-TCSA will work with you to achieve the best results and ensure child support for the most important people: your children.

Please be advised that FCPC-TCSA may not provide any legal advice.

For more information, please call (715) 478-7260.

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Potawatomi Gathering will be held in Carter Aug. 10-16, 2015. The Gathering Committee is looking for individuals who would like to:

- Teach a traditional skills workshop
 - Make homemade items for the giveaway
- Volunteer (help with events, drive golfcarts, be a firekeeper, etc.)

PLEASE STEP UP TO HELP

**Please contact Ruth Pemma
at (715) 889-1334
for more information or details.**

July 2015 Pow-Wow Trail

July 1-5
117th Arlee Celebration*
Arlee, Mont.
(406) 531-3689
robertmc@cskt.org
www.arlepowwow.com

July 10-12
Prairie Island Dakota Wacipi Celebration
5636 Sturgeon Road
Prairie Island, Minn.
(651) 267-4024 or 385-4161

July 2-5
143rd Quapaw Tribal*
Beaver Springs Park
Quapaw, Okla.
(918) 542-1853 or 724-6403
www.quapawtribe.com

July 17-19
42nd Honor the Earth LCO Pow-Wow Grounds
Hayward, Wis.
(715) 634-8934

July 3-5
Oneida*
Norbert Hill Center
Oneida, Wis.
(920) 496-5311 or
(800) 236-2214
www.oneidanation.org

July 17-19
29th Seafair Indian Days*
Day Break Star
Indian Cultural Center
Seattle, Wash.
(206) 285-4425 ext. 23
info@unitedindians.org
www.unitedindians.org

July 3-5
37th Red Cliff Pow-Wow Grounds
Red Cliff, Wis.
(715) 779-3700
lbalber@redcliff-nsn.gov
redcliff-nsn.gov

July 23-26
149th Winnebago Homecoming*
Veteran's Park
Winnebago, Neb.
(712) 428-4280 or
(402) 878-3222
info@winnebagotribe.com
www.winnebagotribe.com

July 3-4
15th Rosebud Casino Wacipi*
Rosebud Casino
Rosebud, S.D.
(800) 786-7673
www.rosebudcasino.com

July 24-26
48th Fort Totten Days*
Andrew Shaw Sr. Arena
Fort Totten, N.D.
(701) 381-9753

July 6-8
Red Lake Nation*
Pow-Wow Grounds
Ponemah, Minn.
(218) 556-7566
rlussier@redlakenation.org

July 24-26
31st Saginaw Chippewa*
Camp Grounds
Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
(989) 775-5701 or
(888) 732-4537

July 10-12
31st The Great Mohican*
Mohican Reservation Camp/
Festival Grounds
Loudonville, Ohio
(800) 766-2267
powwow@mohican
reservation.com
www.mohicanopowwow.com

July 31- Aug. 2
49th Menominee Nation*
Woodland Bowl
Keshena, Wis.
(715) 799-5114 ext.1267
bninham@mitw.org

***Denotes Contest Pow-Wow**



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. Every Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., for FCPC and members, FCP Cultural Center, Library and Museum. Open to all Potawatomi students, Language & Culture Class every Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Transportation for youth provided.

Beading Group

Open to all community members ages 13 and up from 5 - 8 p.m. in lower level of museum on Tuesdays. RSVP required.

PROGRAMS

Smoking Cessation Incentive Program - Open to FCP tribal members and individuals eligible for Alternative Care Program. Services include: appointments with nurses and CHRs to determine a quit plan, kit filled with items that aid in the quitting process, educational materials and products, plus a reward upon completion of third smoking cessation appointment.

To learn more about the program or to schedule an appointment, contact Sara Cleereman, R.N., at (715) 478-4889.

SPARKS Weight Management Program -

By appointment. S - Support; 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 Lisa Miller, RD, CD, at (715) 478-4320.

Diabetes Education

By appointment. Including blood glucose monitoring, making healthy changes, psychosocial, complications, sick day and travel, planning for pregnancy, hypoglycemia, medications, diabetes in general, insulin and goal setting. Please call Anne Chrisman, RN, at (715) 478-4383, or Cathy Chitko at (715) 478-4367.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FCP Marketplace - Thursdays, 2 - 6 p.m., Stone Lake C-Store featuring crafts, homemade soaps, fresh produce.

10th Annual Ray Stealer Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament - August 29, 2015. Entry fee \$150. 1st place \$700, 2nd place, \$500, 3rd place \$300. For entry, contact Una Ross at (715) 889-3811. For rules, contact Ross Stealer at (715) 889-1848. Buff's Snack Shack will be available.

Summer Sobriety Feast - July 30, 2015, 6 p.m. at the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum, Lower Level

HEALTH

Al-Anon Meetings - Wednesdays, 5519 Kak Yot Lane, Crandon, 5:30 p.m. Why: Al-Anon is primarily for those who have known a feeling of desperation concerning the destructive behavior of someone very near to them, whether caused by drugs, alcohol, or related behavior problems. When you come into this room you are no longer alone, but among others who have experienced similar problems. We will respect your confidence and anonymity, as we know you will respect ours. Please call (715) 478-4933 for more information.

AA Meetings - Lost Marbles

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

Wellbriety - 12 Step Meeting

Held every Monday at 6 p.m. in the lower level of the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum. ANYONE who is in recovery and searching for a sober way of living is more than welcome to attend! If you have any questions, contact Brooks Boyd at (715) 889-4902 or FCP Health & Wellness Center Behavioral Health at (715) 478-4332.

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 or visit suicide-hotlines.com.

SERVICES OFFERED

Employment Skills Program

FCP Economic Support has an employment skills program for tribal members with resources/tools to help them 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. This program can assist in:

- A direct connection between DMV to obtain, reinstate and/or find out what is needed in driver's license reinstatement.
- Résumé development and résumé critiquing.
- Mock interviews.
- Work experience within tribal entities.
- Job-seeking skills and employment guidance/mentoring.

Resource Room — we now have two locations within the Family Resource Center (Old Tribal Hall). The room has four computers that are open to the community, and there are two computers located at the Family Service Building in the upper level.

These computers are equipped with the following software to assist in improving your job skills, completing or updating your résumé, brushing up on computer and typing skills, and for completing correspondence.

- Turbo Typing - interactive, fun practice available to increase your hand/eye coordination and typing speed.

continued in next column...

SERVICES OFFERED

• Quick Skills - hands-on, self-paced to learn and enhance your computer skills of Microsoft programs such as Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Access.

• WinWay Résumé Deluxe - it's easy to develop a résumé with more than 14,000 ready-to-use templates, more than 100,000 job-winning phrases and more than 350 different design themes. When complete, the auditor will evaluate your résumé.

• WisCareers Website - career exploration guide and opportunities on computer programs. Complete a variety of assessments based on interests, work values, career skills and workplace skills; help coordinate your work values into an exciting career; check out a variety of technical schools and colleges; use a guided program to set up your portfolio.

The FCP Economic Support staff is also available to assist with any of these computer programs. For additional assistance, please contact us at (715) 478-7206, 7292, or 7295.

EDUCATION

Crandon Indian Education Committee - Monthly meetings held the first Wednesday of each month, 5 p.m. at HWC. Contact these committee members with questions or concerns:

Margaret Konaha - Chairperson
(715) 478-7347 (work)

Hazel George - Member
(715) 478-5612 (home)

Shari Alloway - Member
Number not available at time of print.
Myra VanZile - Youth Education Services Liaison

Myra.VanZile@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov

Wabeno Indian Education Committee - Meetings held every second Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m. at Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel.



JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Community Health

- July 2 & 9, Infant Nutrition (HWC): 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- July 2 & 14, WIC (HWC): 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- July 28, Wild Edibles Event (Museum): Look for more info!
- July 30, Blood Drive (HWC): Noon - 4 p.m.

FCP Family Resource Center

- Play Shoppe: Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Women's Healing Circle: Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 3 p.m.
- Life Skills Group: Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1 - 3 p.m.
- Positive Indian Parenting: Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10 a.m. - noon.
- 2nd Annual Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day: Date TBA - watch for flyers! Call (715) 478-4837 with questions about any programs.

CHOICES Program

CHOICES program will be picking up the youth from home for Summer Camp which runs through July 30. Camp is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for boys and girls ages 7 - 12 years old. Call (715) 478-7420 or (715) 478-7255 with questions.

Recreation Department

Get Fit & Stay Active - fitness equipment available at Rec Center Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Open to FCP tribal members, their immediate families and FCP employees. Hours subject to change based on scheduled activities. For information on Rec Center activities, call (715) 478-7420.

SUMMER Sobriety Feast

Thursday,
July 30, 2015

6 p.m.

FCP Cultural
Center, Library
& Museum
Lower Level

A speaker from the recovering community will be sharing their experiences, strengths and hope of recovery.

PLEASE BRING A TRADITIONAL DISH



PERSONALS

Welcome to the World...

Frankie Sunshine Daniels was born May 13, 2015, the daughter of Scott and Joey Daniels of Wausau.

Paternal grandparents are Lawrence Daniels of Wabeno and Katie Frank of Blackwell. Maternal grandparents are the late Gerald Leonard and Julia Davis, both of Wausau.



Happy 2nd Birthday,
Cheyton VanZile,
on July 4th!
We love you lots!
Mom & Dad

Happy belated
Birthdays
from the
Bulmers:
Aaron, Kathy,
Dalilha, Demitrick,
Riley, Rosie
and Lily

Rosie Pie 5/31
T.J. 6/4
Riley 6/7
Lily 6/10

Happy Birthday
to
Sister Fran.
Love always,
the
Bulmer Krew

ATTENTION FCPC Tribal Members!

The Ordinance Department is looking for your input on the draft (Second Amended) Gaming Control Ordinance!

Staff will be onsite at the following locations to answer any questions you have. Copies of the draft will also be available.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
July 6	3 p.m.	STONE LAKE: FCPC Museum	Lower Level Cultural Hall 8130 Mishko swen Drive
July 7	2 p.m.	MILWAUKEE: Potawatomi Hotel Boardroom	1721 W. Canal Street
July 8	2 p.m.	CARTER: Potawatomi Carter Hotel, Kischeck Room	618 Wisconsin Hwy 32
July 9	2 p.m.	WESTON: Holiday Inn Express & Suites	4210 Barbican Ave

You may also contact our office to schedule a personal meeting or to pick up a copy. Our office hours are Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Contact:

Shanna Ahlf, Ordinance Administrative Assistant:
(715) 478-4820 • shanna.ahlf@FCPotawatomi-nsn.gov

Heather VanZile, Ordinance Manager:
(715) 478-7412 • heather.vanzile@FCPotawatomi-nsn.gov



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- ★ Novelty Items ★
- ★ Wing Items ★
- ★ Large & Small Assortment ★
- ★ Packages for Kids & Adults ★

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Fireworks: 715-478-5550

Bipartisan Bill to Empower Native Communities and Expand Cultural Tourism Opportunities Introduced

submitted by Rachel Cromer, AIANTA

Washington D.C. (June 16, 2015) – THE U.S. Travel Association (USTA) and the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) praised the Senate leadership for the introduction of the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act of 2015. The bipartisan legislation was introduced today by U.S. Senators Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i), co-chair of the Senate Tourism Caucus, and John Thune (R-S.D.), chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. U.S. Senators Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Al Franken (D-Minn.), and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) are original cosponsors of the NATIVE Act.

"AIANTA strongly supports the goals of the NATIVE Act and we look forward to Congressional hearings and working with members of the House of Representatives to advance this important policy initiative," AIANTA Board President Sherry L. Rupert said today in a statement. "Tourism can help many tribes and Native communities become more self-sufficient, create jobs and businesses, and protect tribal heritage assets while sharing tribal culture with

domestic and global audiences. The potential of Native tourism remains a largely untapped national tourism resource and holds great potential for increasing domestic travelers as well as international visitors."

Rupert also serves as the Executive Director of the State of Nevada Indian Commission, and sits on the prestigious U.S. Department of Commerce Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (US TTAB).

"The NATIVE Act will help highlight the diverse options that are available to travelers to and within the U.S., which can only help spur travel activity and the powerful economic benefits that come with it," said U.S. Travel Association President and CEO Roger Dow. "People already think of traveling the U.S. for shopping, theme parks and natural wonders like our coastlines and mountain ranges, but this will boost understanding of our incredibly rich native history as well. This will be of particular benefit to international travelers, who spend \$4,300 per trip to the U.S. on average and are a big part of why travel is one of the most effective job creators of any sector of the economy."

The NATIVE Act received a unani-

mous endorsement from AIANTA's entire Board of Directors, representing six regions across the U.S.

"The NATIVE Act will help to advance tourism's potential to improve the lives of remote and well-known tribes in Alaska, while also supporting all of the work that AIANTA does to expand Indian Country tourism," said Rachel Moreno, AIANTA Board of Directors Vice President and Alaska Regional Representative, Sitka Tribe of Alaska.

"We are thrilled with Senator Schatz' introduction of this bill," said Rowena Akana, AIANTA Board of Directors Pacific Regional Representative, Native Hawaiian. "The NATIVE Act will offer new tourism opportunities for Native Hawaiians, previously unavailable," added Akana.

Other AIANTA Board members in support of the NATIVE Act include Mario Fulmer, Alaska Regional Representative, Huna Totem Corporation; Rowena Yeahquo, Pacific Regional Representative, Kiowa/Comanche; Jackie Yellowtail, Plains Regional Representative, Crow Tribal member; William D. Lowe, Plains Regional Representative, Muscogee Creek Nation; Ernie Stevens III, Midwest Regional Representative, Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin; Aimee

Awonohopay, Midwest Regional Representative, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and Lora Ann Chaisson, Eastern Regional Representative, United Houma Nation.

About AIANTA

The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit association of Native American tribes and tribal businesses that was incorporated in 2002 to advance Indian Country tourism. The association is made up of member tribes from six regions: Alaska, Eastern, Midwest, Pacific, Plains and the Southwest. AIANTA's mission is to define, introduce, grow and sustain American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian tourism that honors traditions and values.

AIANTA serves as the liaison between Indian Country, governmental and private entities for the development, growth, and sustenance of Indian Country tourism. By developing and implementing programs and providing economic development opportunities, AIANTA helps tribes build for their future while sustaining and strengthening their cultural legacy. To learn more, visit www.aianta.org.

Six Counties Team Up To Promote Northeast Wisconsin

submitted by Wisconsin Department of Tourism

LAONA, Wis. (June 24, 2015) – For the first time ever, six counties covering over 100,000 square miles in northeastern Wisconsin are partnering together for a tourism project, the Family Fun Passport. The project is partially funded by a \$20,540 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's Destination Marketing program, which allows tourism organizations to create branding projects for their region. The Family Fun Passport is designed to draw visitors to iconic museums and venues in northeastern Wisconsin while simultaneously gathering data to increase knowledge about their visitor base in the region. The project is estimated to have an economic impact of \$3,500,000 from traveler spending at area hotels, restaurants and stores.

"We're absolutely delighted to be supporting this outstanding collaboration among these six counties to build a lasting brand for their area," said Secretary of Tourism Stephanie Klett. "The Family Fun Passport is an excellent example of how destinations can pool resources to create projects that tap into a region's strengths to attract more visitors."

In fiscal 2014, the Department

funded 60 Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) projects, awarding a total of more than \$1.1 million dollars. Visitor expenditures driven by the marketing from these projects will exceed \$28 million dollars. In 2014, the tourism economy in Wisconsin totaled \$18.5 billion, a more than five percent increase over 2013. The combined traveler spending in these six counties is almost \$739 million supporting over 5,700 jobs and \$56 million in state and local revenue.

Northeastern Wisconsin museums and tourism venues invite visitors to get more involved with the history of their state by participating in their brand new Family Fun Passport program. Over fourteen destinations will distribute 4,000 passports over the course of the summer season. Visitors are encouraged to collect as many "stamps" on their Family Fun Passports as possible. In addition, visitors can access the passport via their smartphones through a mobile application developed by Nationbuilder. Participants in the Family

Fun Passport Program will also be able to enter for a chance to win a two-night stay at the Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel. Grant funds will go towards print and online promotional efforts.

Grant Recipient Quote Sara W. Connor, Executive Director of Camp 5

Museum/Wisconsin Forestry Museum and part of the Family Fun Passport in Northeastern Wisconsin Project said, "The

best part of this project will be the visitors who will be part of the historic "Sawdust Trail" when they visit the 14 participating museums. There are opportunities and events planned at all of the museums and visitors can register online and see the events on our www.familyfunpassport.org website. If our visitors do not have electronic access, they can have their Passport stamped at each location. It is a fun way to visit our Northwoods."

JEM grant funds are available to non-profit organizations for the promotion of Wisconsin tourism events and destinations. The state can fund up to

75 percent of a project's first year advertising and marketing costs and provides support for second and third year projects, but with decreasing amounts for funding each year until projects become self-sustaining. For information on the JEM Program and application materials, visit <http://industry.travelwisconsin.com>.

The mission of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism is to market the state as the Midwest's premier travel destination for fun. By executing industry-leading marketing programs, providing reliable travel information and establishing strategic partnerships, we will play a significant role in delivering exceptional customer service and generating greater economic impact and jobs for Wisconsin. The portal for traveler information can be found at: www.travelwisconsin.com.

**The FCP Library, Museum and Cultural Center and Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel are included in this grant and the Passport Fun Program.*

