



# POTAWATOMI TRAVELING TIMES

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## Fall 5K a Success

by Winda Collins

Saturday, Sept. 24, was cool, breezy and mostly sunny – a perfect day to participate in the Mish ko swen Fall 5K! The Rec Center was home base for the 70+ community members who came out to run, walk, push a stroller or carry young ones across the finish line.

The brainchild of the Community Health department, this marks the 7th year of the Mish ko swen 5K, which is held twice a year: June and September. The event is open to FCP tribal members and their families, and FCP employees.

Not only is this an opportunity to get up and get out for some fresh air and exercise, it's an opportunity to raise awareness and learn. Information was made available to those in attendance on such topics as: Infant Safe Sleep, Childhood Obesity Prevention, More Matters: Fruits and Vegetables, Head Lice, Breast Cancer, Emergency Preparedness and Suicide Prevention.

Gregg Tallier, DJ of choice, was on-hand to emcee, play music, and to keep things moving along. He came in handy several times as the route of the 5K was changed at the last minute, which caused a bit of confusion!

Runners and walkers were given the opportunity to have themselves timed. First male to finish was Ira Frank with a time of 24.26. First female to finish was Celine Kegley at 29.47. Kudos to all who participated – no matter the time!

A delicious, healthy lunch of wraps, fresh fruit and vegetables was served and prize drawings were held afterwards.

Many thanks to Community Health and all the volunteers who did a great job of planning and running the event.



Celine Kegley was the first female to finish.



Ira Frank was the first male to finish.



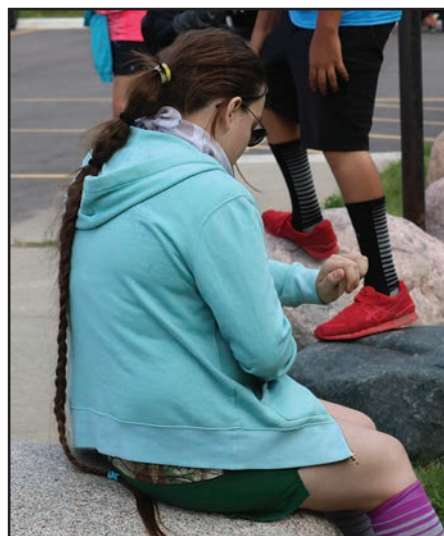
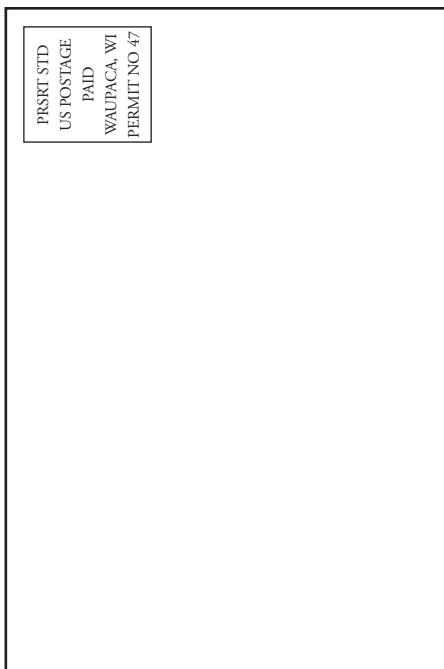
The Gilpin family warmed up before the 5K began.



And they're off...Look how fresh-faced and eager they all were. It wasn't easy, but everybody finished!



(l-r) Heather Robinson and Calli Victor were among those who worked the registration table.



Ghizgo Daniels waited patiently for the 5K to begin.



Tribal elder Walter Shepard made an appearance at the event.



Michael Gilpin finished towards the front of the pack. More photos on pg. 4...





**OUR MISSION:** Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC) will generate wealth and improve the quality of life for the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Community by making strategic investments, acquisitions and prudent asset management and community development decisions. Resources generated by PBDC and its holdings will help diversify the tribal economy that supports FCP’s tribal government and help improve the lives of FCP tribal members. Through trust, support, integrity, and mutual respect, PBDC is committed to building an economic engine that will support FCP for generations to come.



## Rev-up MKE Final Live Pitch Event



Over the past few months, PBDC partnered with Harley Davidson, Marquette University, Near West Side Partners, Water Stone Bank and Mueller Communications, among others, for a ‘Shark Tank-style’ business competition in Milwaukee, called Rev-Up MKE. Eight finalists made their live pitches to a panel of judges and the public during an event that took place at The Rave on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

The grand prize winner was “Pete’s Pops”, a local Milwaukee company that offers fresh fruit and cream popsicles in unique flavor combinations. They were awarded \$10,000 in start-up funds as well as a storefront in the Near West Side and numerous in-kind services.

“Funky Fresh Spring Rolls”, a mobile food vendor/manufacture offering unique spring rolls in non-traditional flavored rolls, made with fresh, local ingredients, was named as the runner-up. This team was awarded \$4,000 in start-up funds, with an additional \$1,000 to support company growth.

The third-place winner “WasteCap Resource Solutions/Milwaukee Community Service Corps.”, are two local nonprofits that teamed up to build custom furniture from salvaged materials in foreclosed homes throughout Milwaukee. They were awarded \$2,000 to expand business operations.

Near West Side Partners, along with PBDC and its other anchor institutions, plan to make this small business competition an annual event and intend to make a few changes after this inaugural competition. As part of next year’s competition, it’s been discussed that Near West Side Partners’ anchor institutions - PBDC, Harley-Davidson, Marquette University, Miller-Coors, and Aurora Health Care - will have more involvement with the finalists. Each anchor will work with a start-up company to help mentor them throughout the process leading up to the final live pitch event.

We’re very happy with the outcome of the first Rev-Up MKE competition, and we look forward to next year’s event!



Keith Stanley, Executive Director of Near West Side Partners, with Rev-Up MKE first, second and third place winners.



All eight Rev-Up MKE business finalists.



**GREENFIRE**

## Greenfire Open House Event

Greenfire Management Services hosted an open house event in its newly renovated space on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The celebration featured appetizers, drinks, and door prizes. Over 100 business colleagues joined us to celebrate the expansion of their space, their team, and their future.

“What a fantastic open house event,” said Kip Ritchie, President of Greenfire Management Services. “We are thankful for the support of the Forest County Potawatomi Community leadership and the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation. We’re looking forward to growing Greenfire for many years and grateful to have this new space.”



Matt Rinka, Rinka Chung Architecture Principal; Andrew Ziebell, Greenfire Project Manager; Kip Ritchie, Greenfire President



# Chivalry is Alive and Well



FCP tribal member and elder Cassie Cornell had the chance to visit off-site with her granddaughter, Cayla Thunder. As Cayla was parking the car at the Caring Place, Cassie's great grandson, Landen Thunder, was in charge of handling her luggage. photo by Lilli Erdmann

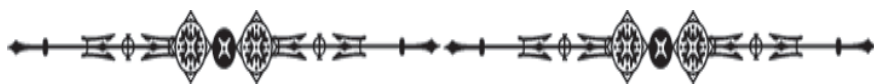
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## Harley Rose Frank "WasChoWen Glistening Water"

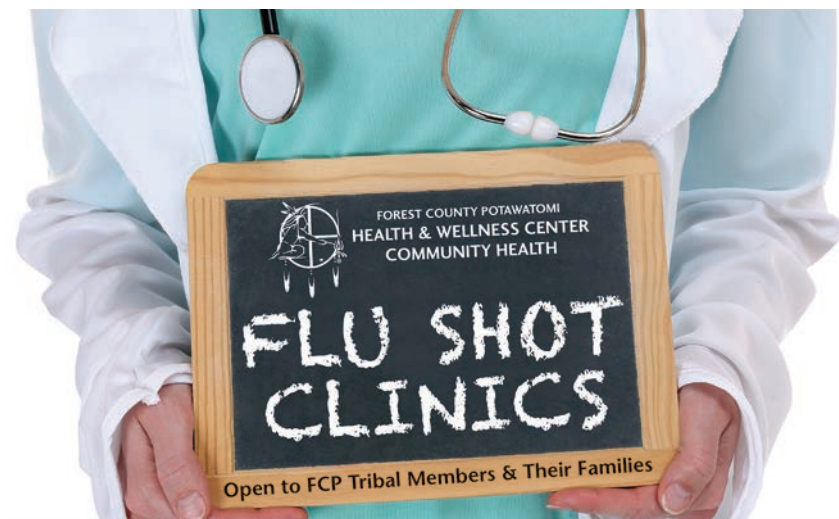
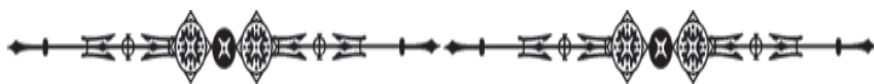
Harley Rose Frank, "WasChoWen - Glistening Water", age 25 of Blackwell, Wis., passed away unexpectedly in Menasha, Wis., on Sept. 29, 2016. Harley was born in Rhinelander on April 15, 1991, the daughter of William J. Frank and Heather I. Milligan.

Harley enjoyed reading, volleyball, traveling, racing and watching moto-x, photography, shopping and shoes. She also was a cook enthusiast who loved Mexican food. She especially loved spending time with her daughters and sisters.

She is survived by her daughters: Keira Lynn Godin and Rosabella Irene Shepard of Blackwell; significant other: Dylan Godin, Wabeno; mother: Heather Milligan, Blackwell; father: William Frank, Blackwell; sisters: Brandi and Delphine Frank, Blackwell; brother: Richard Gougé, Carter. Further survived by maternal grandmother: Victoria Milligan; paternal grandfathers: Kevin Nowak and Al Milham; paternal grandmother: Mabel Schingeck; aunt: Jennifer Milligan and family; uncle: Shawn (Lisa) Milligan and family; aunt: Ramona Starr and family; uncle: Phillip "Junior" Starr; uncle: Ivan Milham; aunt: Krystal (Martin) Wayman; aunt: Cheryl Frank and family; best friend: Chelsie LaBarge; and loved my numerous friends and family.

Preceded in death by: Maternal grandfather, Michael Dee Milligan; great-grandmother: Delphine Frank; maternal great-grandparents: Rose and Wesley Patterson; great-grandfather: Harry Frank; maternal great-grandmother: Gloria Milligan; special uncle: James Patterson; aunt: Sky Frank; and Arnold Nadjiwon, paternal great-grandfather.

Visitation was held Oct. 1, 2016, at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon. Native American services were held Oct. 2, with spiritual leader Billy Daniels conducting services. Interment was at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Blackwell. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).



EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Flu Shot Clinic	10/18/16	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	HWC Lower Small Conference
Diabetes Luncheon	10/26/16	12 - 1:30 p.m.	HWC Lower Large Conference
SIDS Event	10/27/16	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	HWC Lower Large Conference
Community Thanksgiving Feast	11/23/16	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Rec Center

Contact Jodie Harris, HW Community Health at (715) 478-4306 with questions. | [cmh.FCPotawatomi.com](http://cmh.FCPotawatomi.com)

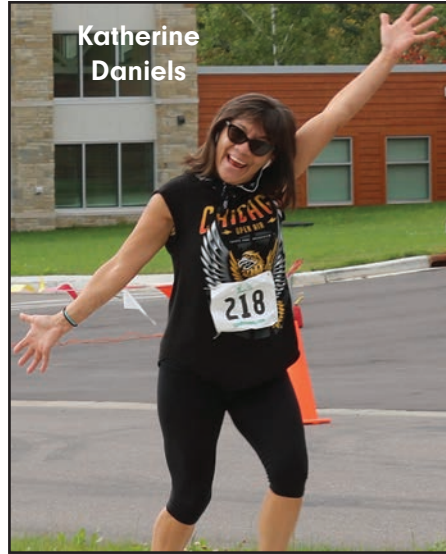




# Fall 5K



Trisha Thorbahn and daughter Makenna



Katherine Daniels



John Sykes, HWC PT



DJ Gregg Tallier

**THE HAUNTED BARN**  
 HAUNTING DATES  
**October 28-31, 2016**  
 Sponsored by Forest County Potawatomi Recreation

**HOURS**  
 4-10 p.m.

**NOT SO SCARY SATURDAY**  
 October 29  
 4-6 p.m.

**ADMISSION \$5 person**  
 Part of proceeds to benefit local food pantry

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**LOCATION** County Hwy. H, Wabeno, WI (1.25 miles north of Wabeno - turn north at Citgo)

## ELECTION FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### Tribal Vice-Chairman

Al W. Milham (Incumbent)  
 Clarence Daniels  
 Kenneth George, Jr.

### Tribal Secretary

Lorna Shawano (Incumbent)  
 James A. Crawford

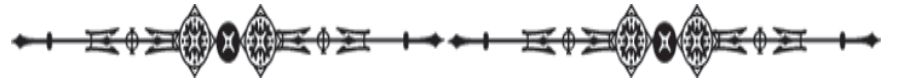
### Tribal Treasurer

Richard Gougé III (Incumbent)  
 Lori Cleereman  
 Joseph Daniels, Sr.

*Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016*

*Time: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.*

*Place: Executive Building Auditorium,  
 5416 Everybody's Road, Crandon*



## Welcome to These New Employees

**Gordon Tuckwab, Security**  
 Security Guard 2nd Shift  
 Hire date: 9/1/16

**Mabel Schingeck, Carter C-Store**  
 C-Store Clerk  
 Hire date: 9/13/16

**Brittany Smith, HWC-Dental**  
 Dental Assistant  
 Hire date: 9/6/16

**Andrea Olson, Carter C-Store**  
 C-Store Clerk  
 Hire date: 9/19/16

**Kim Stegall, Caring Place-Elderly**  
 C.N.A.  
 Hire date: 9/6/16

**Michael Laronge, Land & Natural Resources**  
 Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
 Hire date: 9/19/16

**Lew Boyd, Security**  
 Security Guard 2nd Shift  
 Hire date: 9/6/16

**Robert Jennings, Security**  
 Security Guard  
 Hire date: 9/19/16

**Justin Shawano, HR**  
 Receptionist/Payroll Support  
 Hire date: 9/7/16

**Lori Maddix, HWC-Dental**  
 Dental Assistant  
 Hire date: 9/19/16

**Bruce Johnson, Utility Dept.**  
 Utility Manager  
 Hire date: 9/12/16

**Juan Mendoya, HWC**  
 Housekeeping/Maintenance  
 Hire date: 9/19/16

**Aiyana Vanzile, Museum-Cultural Center**  
 Receptionist  
 Hire date: 9/12/16

**Jacob Struble, HWC-AODA**  
 Recovery Coach  
 Hire date: 9/19/16

**William Bocek, Security**  
 Security Guard  
 Hire date: 9/12/16

**James VanZile Sr., Education**  
 Part Time Teacher  
 Hire date: 9/26/16

**James Dunn, HWC**  
 Physician  
 Hire date: 9/12/16

**Michelle Pilkington, Utility Dept.**  
 Utility Operator  
 Hire date: 9/26/16





# Fall Clean-Up! 2016

**Beginning:** Friday, Oct. 14

**Ending:** Monday, Oct. 24

Dumpsters will be located at:

- Red Deer Ranch (Blackwell)
- Logging/Forestry Building (Carter)
- Solid Waste (Stone Lake)

**Items to be placed alongside dumpsters:**

- Tires
- Lawn Mowers or Weed Eaters
- Electronic Devices (including radios, DVD players, computers & computer monitors, satellite receivers)
- Old Appliances (including microwaves, TVs, air conditioners, refrigerators, ovens, washers, dryers, electronic waste)
- Automotive Parts (including car batteries, automotive oil, antifreeze, etc.)
- Chemicals (including paint, pesticides, household cleaners, etc.)
- Any kind of Metals

**Items allowed in clean-up dumpsters:**

- Household Items (including furniture, toys, carpet, mattresses, clothing, etc.)

**Items not allowed:**

- No yard waste
- No animal carcasses
- No fluorescent light bulbs
- No medical waste

If you need help transporting items, please contact Solid Waste at (715) 478-7330 or Natural Resources at (715) 478-7222.

## American Indian HERITAGE MONTH



WE INVITE NATIVE YOUTH, K-12TH GRADE, TO SHARE

### "How My Heritage Has Influenced My Art"

Deadline is **NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

Any Submissions Of:

**MUSIC, PHOTOGRAPHY, POETRY/STORIES, PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, POTTERY, BEADING, AND OTHER ARTWORK** Will Be Accepted

Projects & registration forms may be dropped off at or mailed to the **PIT Office**, located at: 8000 Potawatomi Trail, PO Box 340, Crandon, WI 54520 (Hours: Mon. - Thur. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.), or emailed to: [times@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov](mailto:times@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov). Call (715) 478-7437, stop in or e-mail us for a registration form.

Submitted works will be part of a display located at Potawatomi Traveling Times (PTT) in December 2016, may appear in an upcoming issue of PTT, may be used in other FCP publications or appear in other local newspapers.



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# OCTOBER IS D GWAK GISES FALL MOON

Look for»

## EXPLORE

- 1 Have your kids make their own bear den in your backyard.
- 2 Put a sock on your arm and walk through a field or area with tall grass. How many different seeds get caught in the sock?
- 3 Put out some sunflower seeds and watch the chickadees. The birds will stash extra food for the cold winter and can remember thousands of different hiding spots.
- 4 Outside, try hiding something brown and something white. Take turns being the hider or the finder. Which color is easier to find this time of year? What might happen to snowshoe hares who turn white before there's snow on the ground?



Milkweed seed pods opening



Bears preparing for hibernation



Cranberries ripening



Birds flying south for winter



Snowshoe hares turning white

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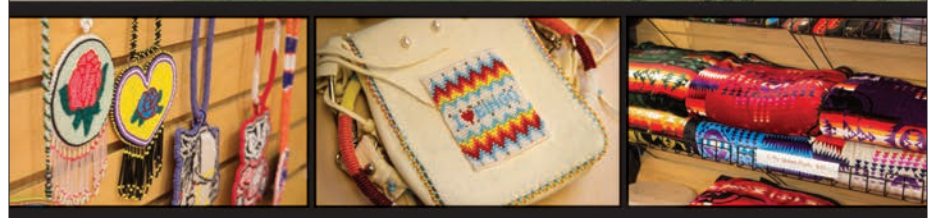
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# October Family Education Programs Announced

## Family Programs are Open to All at No Charge

submitted by Kathy Davies, Program and Advocacy Director

RHINELANDER, Wis. (Sept. 22, 2016) – Each month, the Alzheimer’s Association offers family education programs across Wisconsin. These classes are designed to assist anyone who has questions about Alzheimer’s disease or related dementias. All programs are free-of-charge and open to families, caregivers and the general community. Each program is presented by an Alzheimer’s Association staff member or trained community volunteer. These programs are made possible, in part, by funds raised through the Walk to End Alzheimer’s®.

Preregistration is encouraged. Please call (800) 272-3900 to reserve your seat. Class details can be found on our website at [www.alz.org/gwwi](http://www.alz.org/gwwi).

Here are the October program

offerings for this area:

### Effective Communication Strategies

This program helps families facing Alzheimer’s and other types of dementia explore effective communication strategies learning to decode messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expression and body language.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1 – 3 p.m., Crandon Public Library, (Lower Level Meeting Room), 110 W. Polk Street, Crandon

### The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease

This program explores the difference between normal age-related memory changes and more serious memory problems that may require medical attention.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Oneida Senior Center, 100 Keenan Street, Rhinelander

### Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body: Tips from the Latest Research

Participants learn about diet, exercise, cognitive activity, social engagement and how to create a plan for healthy aging.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 12:30 – 2 p.m., Vilas County Commission on Aging Building, 521 E. Wall Street, Eagle River

### Understanding and Responding to Dementia-related Behavior

This program helps caregivers understand behaviors and determine how to best respond.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 9 – 11 a.m., Natural Resource & Wild River Inter-

pretive Center, 5628 Forestry Drive, Florence \*Registration required\* Call Marla Bournoville at (715) 528-4890 by Oct. 21.

*The Alzheimer’s Association is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. For more information about Alzheimer’s disease and local services, visit [www.alz.org/gwwi](http://www.alz.org/gwwi) or call the Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.*



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Our nearly 12,000 sq. ft. expansion for Rehab Services is complete and ready for our patients. Rehab Services is now conveniently located on the first floor with easy access for all. The new space offers state-of-the-art equipment and new opportunities for expanded treatment. Our physical therapists, occupational therapist, massage therapist and speech therapist are looking forward to providing you with the excellent care you’ve come to expect from the Health and Wellness Center.

Please call us at (715) 478-4344 to schedule an appointment.

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October’s the month when the smallest breeze gives us a shower of autumn leaves. Bonfires and pumpkins, leaves sailing down — October is red and golden and brown.  
-Author unknown



# DHS Issues Public Health Advisory on Opioid Crisis

submitted by Department of Health Services

MADISON, Wis. (Sept. 27, 2016) - The Wisconsin Department of Health Services' (DHS) State Health Officer has issued a Public Health Advisory, in response to the use and abuse of opioids, including heroin and prescription painkillers.

"Wisconsin has taken great strides in recent years to address the escalating problems relating to the misuse of opioids, but there is much more work to be done," said DHS Secretary Linda Seemeyer. "Our data shows opioid addiction is a public health crisis that is destroying lives and families across the state, and we will continue our commitment to reversing the trend and ending this epidemic."

State Health Officer Karen McKeown notified local health departments of the Public Health Advisory on Sept. 23. "This Advisory is another tool in our multi-faceted approach to addressing this crisis," McKeown said. "We look forward to working with all of our partners to address this crisis and improve the health and safety of all Wisconsinites."

Opioid abuse has been identified as a top priority in the State Health Improvement Plan. Additionally, DHS has been promoting opioid misuse

prevention and treatment services, and recently announced the signing of a standing order to allow pharmacies to dispense naloxone, which reverses the effects of an overdose, without a prescription.

## State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

On Sept. 22, 2016, Governor Walker issued Executive Order #214 as a next step to recognize the growing opioid crisis and to call on the State Health Officer to issue an advisory bringing additional attention to the serious public health problem that has been created by the escalating opioid epidemic. We thank Governor Walker for creating a Task Force on Opioid Abuse to bring this critical issue to light.

This health advisory is being issued by the State Health Officer to inform the public of the alarming statistics of the current opioid epidemic in Wisconsin. The number of Wisconsin citizens who die as a result of drug overdose now exceeds the number of those who die from motor vehicle crashes, as well as suicide, breast cancer, colon cancer, firearms, influenza, or HIV. Opioid-related overdose deaths more

than tripled in Wisconsin from 194 deaths in 2003 to 622 deaths in 2014. They are now a leading cause of injury deaths in Wisconsin. Prescription opioid pain relievers such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, and methadone contributed to about one-half of the total drug overdose deaths, and heroin contributes to about one-third.

Opioid abuse and drug overdoses have a devastating impact on individuals, families, and communities in our state. Wisconsin must acknowledge this impact and work together to address this public health epidemic.

The Department of Health Services and our partners recently used the Wisconsin Health Improvement Planning Process to identify health priorities for the state. Opioid abuse has been identified as one of these priorities. More information, including how you can get involved, can be found at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hw2020/wi-hipp.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hw2020/wi-hipp.htm).

In an effort to reduce death and disability from opioid abuse, Wisconsin is striving to:

- Improve the way opioids are prescribed to reduce exposure to opioids, prevent abuse, and stop addiction by implementing and strengthening

strategies that help prevent high-risk prescribing and prevent opioid overdose.

- Promote the use of the prescription drug monitoring program, which gives health care providers information to improve patient safety and prevent abuse.

- Expand access and use of naloxone - a safe antidote to reverse opioid overdose.

- Expand access to evidence-based substance abuse treatment, such as medication-assisted treatment, for people already struggling with opioid addiction.

- Continue to enhance collaboration with other state and local agencies, health care providers, and other partners to develop strategies to reduce the devastation of opioid abuse.

This is a complicated problem which requires a cooperative effort of partners, organizations, and communities. Many are already working on efforts to combat this crisis, and we now ask for redoubled efforts and increased coordination. We are all in this together.

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**BREAST CANCER**  
Open to FCP Tribal Members

*Awareness event*

**October 25, 2016 / 4 - 6 p.m.**  
HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER, LOWER CONFERENCE ROOM

- LUMINARY WALK ON INDOOR TRACK!  
/// The first 30 participants will receive pink walking sticks. Earn your walking beads for each mile you walk!
- BALLOON RELEASE:  
Fill a balloon in honor of a survivor, in memory of a loved one, or with an inspiring message. We will release all the balloons together to promote Breast Cancer Awareness.
- EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS AND VIDEO: Learn ways to help prevent Breast Cancer and listen to survivor stories.
- DINNER PROVIDED  
*Prizes!*

Wear PINK to support Breast Cancer Awareness and be entered into a drawing!

FOREST COUNTY  
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HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

Contact Leah Littleton,  
Community Health Representative,  
at (715) 478-4381 or Community  
Health at (715) 478-4355 for  
more information.



# NOTICES

## CULTURE

**Language classes** offered every Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., for FCPC and members at the 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.

## HEALTH

**Wellbriety** - AA Meetings (#7169331 Area 74) every Monday at 6 p.m. in the lower level of the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum. Walking in a good way...a sober way. 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) 889-3530 or Isaiah Phillips at (715) 889-4945.

**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! Crisis Line: (888) 299-1188 (Serving Forest, Vilas & Oneida counties: 24 hours a day/7 days a week); Kids in Need: (800) 622-9120; The Get-2-Gether Peer Support Drop-In Center: (715) 369-3871; Run-Away Hotline: (800) 621-4000; (800) 273-TALK; TTY: (800) 799-4TTY or visit [suicidelines.com](http://suicidelines.com).

**NA Meetings "The Good Life"** - Tuesdays, AODA Building, 5519 Wej megek Court, 7 p.m. For info or questions, contact Ira F. at (715) 889-0527.

## 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.

## 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:

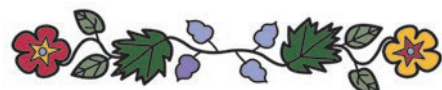
- A direct connection between DMV to obtain, reinstate and/or find out what is needed in driver's license reinstatement.
- Résumé development and résumé critiquing.
- Mock interviews.
- Work experience within tribal entities.
- Job-seeking skills and employment guidance/mentoring.

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.
- Quick Skills - hands-on, self-paced to learn and enhance your computer skills of Microsoft programs such as Word, Power-Point, 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.



## October 2016 Calendar of Events

### Community Health

- 10/11 - WIC: HWC, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 10/13 - Car Seat Safety Event: Parking lot across from Stone Lake C-Store, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 10/20 - Community Blood Drive: Museum, noon - 4 p.m.
- 10/25 - Breast Cancer Awareness Event: HWC, 4 - 6 p.m.
- 10/26 - Diabetes Luncheon: HWC, noon - 1:30 p.m.
- 10/27 - Infant Safe Sleep Event: HWC, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Family Resource Center

- Healthy Relationships: Mondays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 10 a.m. to noon.
- FRC/CHOICES: Mondays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- Play Shoppe: Tuesdays, Oct. 11, 18, 25, 11 a.m. - noon at FRC.
- Circle of Sisters: Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19, 26, 1 - 3 p.m.
- FRC Girls 10-17: Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19, 26, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- Community Talking Circle: Thursday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m.
- PIP: Thursdays, Oct. 13, 20, 27, 10 a.m. - noon.
- Open registration for Nurturing Fathers parenting class: 13-week curriculum; two-hour, one-on-one sessions.

Child care is available for all classes except Play Shoppe, which is a parent/child interaction activity. Please RSVP if child care is needed. Call (715) 478-4837 with questions about any programs.

### CHOICES Program

- Youth 10 - 12: Mondays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
  - Youth 13 - 17: Tuesdays, Oct. 11, 18, 25, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
  - Youth 7 - 9: Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19, 26, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- Youth will be picked up from Crandon school at 3 p.m. and delivered home between 5 and 6 p.m. Call (715) 478-4839 for more info.



**My Homecoming King & Queen  
#CaseHighEagles  
Cody Sardin, sophomore year &  
Khariyel Sardin, senior year  
Love, Grandma Jo Ann**



**Happy 3rd Birthday,  
Harper!  
Love, uncle Marcus  
and auntie Holly**



## Hundreds Rally Outside President's Final Tribal Nations Conference

submitted by Indigenous Environmental Network

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 27, 2016) - In solidarity with the Dakota Access resistance camps at Standing Rock, hundreds gathered outside President Obama's final White House Tribal Nations Conference for a rally opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline. The rally was held on the steps of the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium and was organized by the Indigenous Environmental Network with support from non-native allies. Supporters carried banners and signs reading "Resist Dakota Access Pipeline" and "We Stand With Standing Rock Sioux" while several Native leaders addressed the crowd.

"We are fighting an entire system predicated upon the disregard and suppression of Indigenous rights, and Dakota Access is yet another example of that system in

play," said Dallas Goldtooth, National Organizer with the Indigenous Environmental Network. "On behalf of our rights and the sanctity of Mother Earth we must keep fossil fuels in the ground - we must and will stop the Dakota Access pipeline."

Speakers at the rally included Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II; Dallas Goldtooth of the Indigenous Environmental Network; Grace Claymore, Standing Rock youth representative; Brian Cladoosby, president of the National Congress of American Indians; Heather Wood-Mendoza, Lakota Native Rights activist; and Lloyd Pikok, tribal vice president from the Native village of Point Lay, Alaska.

Earlier, President Obama spoke about the Standing Rock Sioux during

his remarks at the Tribal Nations Conference, saying, "I know many of you have come together, across tribes and across the country, to support the community at Standing Rock and together you're making your voices heard." On Sept. 9, following a court decision in favor of the pipeline, the Department of Justice, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of the Army issued a joint statement that temporarily stopped construction on one area of the pipeline pending further review and consultation with tribes.

"The Corps of Engineer's failure to hold meaningful consultation with our tribe before approving construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline is a violation of our rights," stated Dave Archambault Jr., chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux

tribe. "The Obama Administration has been an ally of the tribes and we appreciate that he will ask federal agencies to consider treaty rights in making decisions regarding natural resource projects. We hope that President Obama's direction to federal agencies is a turning point for more meaningful government-to-government consultation."

Over 200 tribes have now joined the Standing Rock Sioux in the fight against the pipeline, and reports from the ground say that there are over 4,000 people at the camp. With the fate of this pipeline now in President Obama's hands, tribal leaders and allies across the nation are urging him to challenge the fossil fuel industry's greed and stop the project permanently.

## United Nations Experts Validate Opposition to Dakota Access Pipeline

submitted by Indigenous Environmental Network

CANNON BALL, N.D. (Sept. 23, 2016) - United Nations Expert, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, released a statement calling upon the United States to immediately halt the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, in recognition of dire and direct threats to the drinking water, burial grounds and sacred sites of the Standing Rock Sioux people.

The pipeline also directly endangers traditional life ways and practices, and the health and well-being of current and future generations. Members of the Standing Rock Sioux and thousands of allies from across the United States and the world have been taking direct action since April 2016 to call attention to the violation of their Indigenous rights, desecration of their lands and waters, and the threats to our global climate engendered by the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The 1,772-mile pipeline, being pushed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Energy Transfer LLC Corporation, is proposed to pass under the Missouri River and Lake Oahe, a vital source of the tribe's drinking water and ceremonial practice.

In her statement, Tauli-Corpuz drew attention to blatant violation of treaty rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples and other international legal standards requiring the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before the approval of any project affecting their lands.

She called for immediate attention to the ongoing persecution, intimidation and harassment of the many protectors gathered on the ground in Standing Rock to directly oppose the pipeline and present alternative visions for a just and healthy world.

Tauli-Corpuz's call for the United

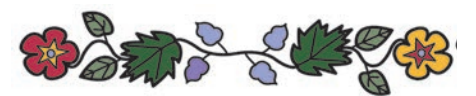
States government to take action to halt the pipeline was endorsed by other United Nations Experts, including:

- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Michel Forst
- Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, Léo Heller
- Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment, John H. Knox
- Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, Maina Kiai
- Special Rapporteur on cultural rights, Karima Bennouna
- UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and hazardous substances and wastes, Baskut Tuncak
- Current Chairperson of the Working Group on business and human rights, Pavel Sulyandziga

During his recent appeal to the United

Nations, Standing Rock Sioux Chairman David Archambault II invited Tauli-Corpuz to visit Standing Rock and witness for herself the escalating violations against Indigenous peoples and the land and water of the region.

"The UN Expert got it right," said Tom Goldtooth, the Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network. "What the U.S. calls consultation is not consultation but a statement telling people what they're doing after millions of dollars have been invested, painting Indigenous peoples as spoilers. The right of free, prior and informed consent begins prior to the planning process, not when their bulldozers are at your doorstep."



## The CNAY Welcomes Young Leaders to D.C.

submitted by Center for Native American Youth

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 26, 2016) - The Center for Native American Youth (CNAY) at the Aspen Institute welcomed a group of approximately 100 Native American youth to Washington, D.C., for the eighth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference and the second White House Tribal Youth Gathering. These young leaders from across the country served as Youth Delegates at the Tribal Nations Conference and joined elected leaders of the 567 federally-recognized tribes for nation-to-nation dialogues with members of the President's Cabinet on critical issues affecting Native American tribes.

The youth took part in the second-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering, where they engaged in dialogue with officials like U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, U.S. Department of Education Secretary John King, and U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy.

Hamilton Seymour, a 17-year-old Gen-I Youth Ambassador and 2015 CNAY Champion for Change from the Nooksack Indian Tribe, attended the conference and Tribal Youth Gathering to share his priorities for Native youth and Indian Country. "There are many challenges and difficulties facing youth across Indian Country," says Hamilton. "And these events provide an important opportunity for the Administration to hear about those, in addition to the incredible strengths and resiliency that we possess as Native people."

The Youth Delegates are part of the Generation Indigenous initiative (Gen-I), which is a broad initiative which takes a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve the lives and opportunities for Native youth across sectors. CNAY leads the National Native Youth Network, a component of Gen-I, that provides a sustainable platform to engage Native youth and provide them education-

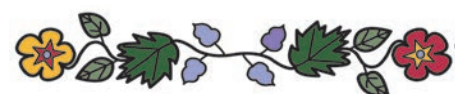
al, leadership, and funding opportunities. The Youth Delegates are all engaged as Gen-I Ambassadors and have led positive change through community service projects addressing issues from suicide to education to climate change.

"We are very excited and pleased that the Administration continues to extend these opportunities to Native youth," said Senator Byron Dorgan, founder of CNAY. "They all have powerful, inspiring stories to share and we will continue to uplift them as part of our work at CNAY."

Center for Native American Youth is dedicated to improving the health, safety and overall well-being of Native American youth through communication, policy development and advocacy. Founded by former United States Senator Byron Dorgan in February 2011, CNAY is a policy program within the Aspen Institute, headquartered in Washington, D.C. CNAY works to strengthen and create

new connections as well as exchange resources and best practices that address the challenges facing Native youth, with a special emphasis on suicide prevention. Visit CNAY's website for a comprehensive list of resources available to young Native Americans, tribes and the general public. For more information, visit [www.cnay.org](http://www.cnay.org).

*The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, DC. Its mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues. The Institute is based in Washington, DC; Aspen, Colorado; and on the Wye River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It also has offices in New York City and an international network of partners. For more information, visit [www.aspeninstitute.org](http://www.aspeninstitute.org).*







## President Signs NATIVE Act

submitted by Rachel Cromer, AIANTA

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 26, 2016) – President Barack Obama signed S. 1579, the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act Friday. The Act requires the Departments of Commerce, the Interior, and other federal agencies with recreational travel or tourism functions to update their management plans and tourism initiatives to include Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Sherry L. Rupert, American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) board president, said, “This is an incredibly important day for Indian Country tourism, the beginning of an important collaboration between the federal, tribal and non-profit sectors to strengthen and grow cultural heritage tourism in the United States. We thank the President for signing the bill, and Senators Brian Schatz (D-Hawai’i) and John Thune (R-South Dakota) and Representative Markwayne Mullin (R-Oklahoma) for shepherding the legislation through Congress.”

Tourism in the United States and in Indian Country is one of the largest and

fastest growing sectors of economic development and job creation. International tourism to Indian Country grew 181 percent from 2007 to 2015, resulting in \$8.6 billion in direct spending, according to U.S. Department of Commerce figures.

“This law will empower native communities to tell their own stories and build their own economic opportunities, said Senator Brian Schatz. “Visitors are increasingly seeking out a more authentic and historically-rich travel experience, and there is nothing more authentic and unique than the cultural tourism experience our native communities provide.”

“This is a good, common-sense bill that will have a real impact in tribal communities throughout the country, including the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota nations in South Dakota,” said Senator John Thune.

The NATIVE Act will require federal agencies with tourism assets and responsibilities to include tribes and native organizations in national tourism efforts and strategic planning. It will also provide American Indian, Alaska Native and



Native Hawaiian communities with access to resources and technical assistance needed to build sustainable recreational and cultural travel and tourism infrastructure and capacity in order to spur economic development and create good jobs.

Joining the originators of the bill, Senator Schatz and Senator Thune, the bipartisan co-sponsors of the NATIVE Act in the Senate were Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Al Franken (D-Minn.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), and Gary Peters (D-Mich.). The bill passed the Senate in June.

Joining Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla) in House co-sponsorship were Dina Titus (D-NV), Don Young (R-Alaska), Kristi Noem (R-S.D.), Tom Cole (R-Okla.), Betty McCullum (D-Minn.), Mark Amodei (R-Nev), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), and Jared Huffman (D-Cal.). The bill passed the House last week.

“The NATIVE Act is a strong piece of legislation that will drive economic growth not only in Native lands and cultural attractions, but also for communities in every corner of the country,” said U.S. Travel Association President and CEO Roger Dow. “We are pleased to see our govern-

ment prioritize a measure to expand travel and tourism promotion and attract more international visitors, whose trips often have a tremendous positive ripple effect on the surrounding local economy.”

Supporters of the legislation included U.S. Travel Association, American Indian and Alaska Native Tourism Association, Southeast Tourism Society, Western States Tourism Policy Council, National Congress of American Indians, Alaska Federation of Natives, and the Native Enterprise Initiative of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Support also came from tribes and tribal coalitions including the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. Bill Anoutubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, said he wished to thank the legislative sponsors, especially Congressman Markwayne Mullin, for the opportunity to work more closely with federal agencies on tourism. “The NATIVE Act will help Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation continue to strengthen its robust tourism efforts, and for many other tribes across Indian Country, it will create essential relationships with our federal partners and links to audiences across the U.S. and the globe.”

## Tribal Leaders to Participate in Formal Consultations

submitted by USDOJ – Office of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 26, 2016) – The U.S. Departments of Justice, of the Army, and of the Interior invited representatives from all 567 federally recognized tribes to participate in formal, government-to-government consultations on how federal decision-making on infrastructure projects can better allow for

timely and meaningful tribal input. Starting with a listening session on Oct. 11, formal tribal consultations were scheduled in six regions of the country, from Oct. 25 through Nov. 21. The deadline for written input will be Nov. 30.

The three departments previously announced on Sept. 9, the intention to

hold these consultation sessions after important issues were raised by the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and other tribal nations and their members regarding the Dakota Access pipeline specifically and pipeline-related decision-making more generally.

The consultations will focus on how the federal government can better ensure

meaningful tribal input into infrastructure-related decisions and the protection of tribal lands, resources and treaty rights and will also explore with tribes whether new legislation should be proposed to Congress to alter the current statutory framework to promote those goals.

## Millions Awarded to Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Programs

submitted by USDOJ Office of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 26, 2016) – Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch announced awards totaling over \$20 million to 106 state, city, tribal and municipal law enforcement agencies to establish and enhance law enforcement body-worn camera programs across the United States.

The awards, funded under the Office of Justice Programs’ Bureau of Justice Assistance’s (BJA) Fiscal Year 2016 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program, will help law enforcement organizations implement body-worn camera policies, practices and evaluation methods to make a positive impact on the quality of policing in individual communities. Under this grant announcement, BJA awarded more than \$16 million to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, as well

as a \$3 million supplemental award to continue support for body-worn camera training and technical assistance. An additional \$474,000 was awarded earlier this year under the 2016 Small Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program.

“As we strive to support local leaders and law enforcement officials in their work to protect their communities, we are mindful that effective public safety requires more than arrests and prosecutions,” said Attorney General Lynch. “It also requires winning – and keeping – the trust and confidence of the citizens we serve. These grants will help more than 100 law enforcement agencies promote transparency and ensure accountability, clearing the way for the closer cooperation between residents and officers that is so

vital to public safety.”

BJA expects award recipients to create programs that will be integrated as part of individual jurisdictions’ holistic problem-solving and community-engagement strategies.

The Body Worn Camera program was launched last year in response to a recommendation by the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing that law enforcement agencies use technology to strengthen relations with communities. BJA convened a Body-Worn Camera Expert Panel that identified issues and considerations confronting communities considering adoption of body camera technology. Initial research has shown that law enforcement use of body-worn camera programs improve law enforcement’s interaction with the public.

Today’s awardees include law enforcement agencies located in the following 32 states and Puerto Rico: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Tribal awardees include: **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the **Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi**.

For additional information about this grant program, visit <http://go.usa.gov/xKpJH>.





## Trust Accounting and Management Lawsuit Settlements Announced

submitted USDOJ – Office of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 26, 2016) - Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell announced that, as a result of an initiative begun in the summer of this year, the United States has reached settlement with 17 additional tribal governments who alleged that the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Treasury had mismanaged monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the tribes. With these resolutions, the Obama Administration will have settled the vast majority of the outstanding claims, some dating back more than a century, with more than 100 tribes and totaling over \$3.3 billion.

“These historical grievances were a barrier to our shared progress toward a brighter future,” said Attorney General Lynch. “With this announcement, those barriers have been removed and decades of contention have been ended honorably and fairly. These settlements reflect the shared vision, the mutual respect and the enduring partnership that we hope to

achieve between tribes and the federal government and I look forward to all that we will achieve together in the days to come.”

“Settling these long-standing disputes reflects the Obama Administration’s continued commitment to reconciliation and empowerment for Indian Country,” said Secretary Jewell. “As we turn the page on past challenges in our government-to-government relationship with tribes, we’re moving forward with tribal governments to ensure proper management of tribal trust assets. I commend the Department of Justice, our Interior Solicitors, tribal leaders and other key officials for recognizing the importance of communication and mutual respect, opening a new era of trust between the United States government and tribal governments.”

In April 2012, the Justice and Interior Departments announced more than \$1 billion in settlements with 41 federally-recognized tribes for similar claims, the result of nearly two years of negotiations, between 2009 and the 2012 announcement, the Departments of Justice and

of the Interior had settled with six other tribes. Since April 2012, the United States has reached settlement for claims of 57 additional tribes – including 17 reached after negotiations this summer and early fall – for an additional \$1.9 billion, following through on its commitment to bring to an end, honorably and fairly, this protracted litigation that has burdened both the plaintiffs and the United States.

Ending these long-running disputes about the United States’ management of trust funds and non-monetary trust resources will allow the United States and the tribes to move beyond the distrust exacerbated by years of litigation. These settlement agreements represent a significant milestone in the improvement of the United States’ relationship with Indian tribes.

The Department of the Interior manages almost 56 million acres of trust lands for federally-recognized tribes and more than 100,000 leases on those lands for various uses, including housing, timber harvesting, farming, grazing, oil and gas

extraction, business leasing, rights-of-way and easements. Interior also manages about 2,500 tribal trust accounts for more than 250 tribes.

Under the negotiated settlement agreements, litigation will end regarding the Department of the Interior’s accounting and management of the tribes’ trust accounts, trust lands and other natural resources. With monies from the congressionally-appropriated Judgment Fund, which is used to pay settlements or final judgments against the government, the United States will compensate the tribes for their breach of trust claims and the tribes will waive, release and dismiss their claims with prejudice. The parties have agreed to information-sharing procedures that will strengthen the management of trust assets and improve communications between the settling tribes and the Department of the Interior. The settlement agreements also include dispute resolution provisions to reduce the likelihood of future litigation.



## USDA Commits New Funds for Tribal Community Development

submitted by US Department of Agriculture Office of Communications

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 26, 2016) – At the 8th Tribal Nations Conference hosted by President Barack Obama, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack underscored the Administration’s support for tribal communities with \$9 million in new funds to support community development and education. Since 2009, under Vilsack, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has invested more than \$3 billion in economic development efforts for Native Americans.

“Since day one of this Administration, USDA has been committed to a Department that works side by side with tribal governments and individual American Indians and Alaska Natives,” said Vilsack. “We have expanded investment in Native and tribal community businesses, education, food security, housing, health care and infrastructure. This announcement continues our efforts to promote economic development and job creation in tribal communities for years to come.”

Earlier, President Obama kicked off the 2016 White House Tribal Nations Conference at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium. This event provides tribal leaders from the 567 federally-recognized tribes with the opportunity to interact directly with high-level federal government officials and members of the White House Council on Native American Affairs. Each federally-recognized tribe is invited to send one representative to the conference. This year’s conference builds upon the Presi-

dent’s commitment to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Country and to improve the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

At the event, Vilsack made three significant funding announcements:

- \$3.8 million in grants for 28 projects that will help tribal communities and businesses in 15 states. USDA is providing the funding through the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program. The grants can be used for technical assistance, training and other activities to help develop or expand small and emerging businesses in rural areas.

- \$2.3 million in grants to 13 tribal organizations for agricultural and conservation training, outreach and technical assistance in 15 states. The grants are part of USDA’s Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program, known as the 2501 Program. The grantees will leverage USDA funds along with partner funding, and serve tribal groups in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

- \$2.9 million in grants to help 20 tribal colleges make equipment, infrastructure, facilities and educational improvements. The grants will be provided through USDA’s Tribal College Initiative Grant program, which supports tribal land grant colleges and universities. The program is

an important source of funding for higher education in Native American communities. In 2011 and 2013, USDA Rural Development awarded Nebraska Indian Community College two grants totaling \$280,000 to build a classroom and training facility for construction and vehicle maintenance. The new, 4,000-square-foot facility is large enough to provide hands-on training.

In conjunction with the funding announcements, U.S. government partners, including USDA, signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) affirming the U.S. government’s commitment to protect tribal treaty rights and similar rights relating to natural resources through enhanced inter-agency coordination and collaboration. Additionally, another agreement was signed to extend an earlier MOU regarding Native American sacred sites.

Finally, in support of this gathering of tribal leaders, the USDA Forest Service published a new final rule in the Federal Register ensuring that federally-recognized Indian tribes have access to forest products for traditional and cultural purposes. For more information on this rule, please see the Federal Register notice.

USDA has significantly expanded its support for tribes and tribal communities since 2009, providing \$3.1 billion in rural development programs and services, including \$553 million to build or upgrade more than 300 tribal facilities and \$55 million to support Native-owned

businesses and economic development. To better coordinate and target USDA support for challenged areas, USDA launched the StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity initiative in 2010. Today, StrikeForce has invested more than \$23.5 billion in 970 persistently-poor counties, parishes, boroughs, census and tribal areas across the nation. In support of education, USDA supports scholarships for students to attend Tribal Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, and provides additional funding to support research and extension in American Indian communities. For more information on Federal housing support programs in Indian country, go to: [www.usda.gov/otr](http://www.usda.gov/otr).

Secretary Vilsack has made it a priority to build a new era for civil rights at USDA and ensure that all customers and employees are treated fairly, and all Americans are treated with dignity and respect. Under Vilsack’s leadership, USDA announced the historic Keepseagle settlement agreement with Native American farmers who have faced discrimination by USDA in past decades. USDA established the Office of Advocacy and Outreach in 2010 to improve access to USDA programs and enhance the viability and profitability of small, beginning, and socially-disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. And to improve relations with Native American tribes, USDA named the first Senior Advisor on Tribal Relations in 2012.



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