



FILM Project Hoping to Spark Interest



FILM advisory board: (l-r) Holly Spaude, Marcus Daniels, Sarah Adler, Chris Luter, David Herkert, Jennifer Daniels, Autry Johnson, Sarah Thomaschfsky and Jeffrey Keeble.

by Val Niehaus

A new grant has been awarded to the FCP Information Technology (IT) department this year, which is administered through the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). It is a grant titled Fostering Independence, Leadership and Mentoring (FILM) and its focus is on educating youth in the skills of video production.

The goal will be to enable youth to have their voices expressed in a creative way and to learn all the tools of the trade involved. This grant will be in place for the next three years and the youth who have participated in the program will

then be mentors for future participants.

David Herkert, FILM coordinator – level 3 technician, is the mastermind behind this project, working on it with the help of his IT teammates. Herkert envisioned this back in 2014 and with hard work and dedication he has seen this dream come true. He says, “Giving these students the ability to present and showcase their voices are what this is all about. It will help raise their self-esteem and encourage them to explore different issues they may be interested in. It will be helpful in their schooling and will inspire them to create in the video arena. Maybe it will even lead to jobs in the future in video production.”

Herkert has an extensive resume when it comes to video production. His background includes 20+ years of experience in producing 30-60 second commercials for three different companies in the tri-state region of Missouri, southern Illinois and Kentucky. Prior to that, he had been the director of the student-run television station at Southern Illinois University. During this time, he provided a 24-hour programming schedule that included student-produced shows such as soap operas, news shows, narratives, documentaries, music videos and talk shows.

FILM will consist of 20-25 different workshops starting in April and running throughout the summer months when it will be most intensive. During these workshops, the students will learn about script writing, directing, producing, set design, and even some acting. If there are drama students in the community, this is a perfect time to present your talent in front of a camera.

Along with these workshops comes

working with equipment, which Herkert says is state-of-the-art and includes studio equipment, a master control room, a couple of editing bays, and field production equipment.

The program is aimed towards students in the age range of 13-18 and who must meet certain educational criteria to participate. It is open to FCP tribal member youth first and then as time goes on, spaces will open to community members and non-tribal youth. In addition, having the drive to succeed, ambition and creativity never hurts in being selected to participate in this program.

Eugene Shawano Jr., tribal administrator, says, “My belief is, the youth are very good teachers when given the chance to work with each other without our interference. I also hope that they take this challenge to produce something that not just works within the group but that can be a model for ALL youth in this country. This will and can be an amazing project when you allow young minds to create.”

Chris Luter, chief information officer, stressed, “The goal here isn’t to film the latest powwow or to talk about the language. The goal is to talk about what the kids want to talk about—the problems they’re facing and the things they want to have a voice around. This has been made very loud and clear from Council and Administration. There might be some touchy subjects that students may reach into here and that’s going to be okay.”

Overseeing this program will be an advisory board which will be made up of nine people, including both tribal high school/college students, tribal members, IT employees and education employees. The board will lend advice to

the pre-planning of shows and the film production. Herkert says, “I met with everyone who is on this team and I feel everyone has a great ability to contribute to this. Each person has talents that they can bring to help guide the students in this project.”

This project is going to be the start of an amazing creative outlet for the youth to express themselves and show what matters most to them. Herkert says if this program takes off, “These tribal youth will be the pathfinders leading the way in the tribe’s pursuit of a television channel/station. This idea may be a year or two away, but building content and building the talent pool for this endeavor will be the keystone for building a great communications tool for the tribe and a voice from FCP to the outside world.” He also mentions, “I want to thank everyone who has been involved in the project, especially the FCP Grants department. Without their help this would not be possible.”

This is a groundbreaking and most up-to-date program for this day and age. It will bring many future opportunities for the tribe and it will show the next generation what they can really do and accomplish. The youth that start this program are going to be the pioneers of something that will eventually be an astounding achievement for this community!

Stay tuned for upcoming articles about this project and what it will have to offer. Interested youth between the ages of 13-18 may contact David Herkert at David.Herkert@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov

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Howard W. “Panda” Lemieux Ozzaawaanaqwad - Yellow Cloud

Howard W. “Panda” Lemieux (Ozzaawaanaqwad - Yellow Cloud), age 23 of Crandon, Wis., passed away unexpectedly as a result of a motor vehicle accident on Feb. 8, 2017. Howard was born in Milwaukee on Oct. 1, 1993, the son of Ronald W. and Dina Marie (Alloway) Lemieux.

Howard had many jobs in the tribal community. He also helped his family and friends in Milwaukee and Bad River. He enjoyed hunting, drumming, singing and watching the Green Bay Packers. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family. He will be remembered for always smiling and joking.

He is survived by his parents: Ron and Dina, of Milwaukee, formerly of Crandon; grandmother: Gloria Alloway, Crandon; sisters: Sarah and Gloria, of Crandon; brothers: Ronnie and Reddmen, of Crandon. Further survived by many aunts, uncles other relatives and friends from the Crandon and Bad River areas.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Agnes and Harvey Lemieux; and maternal grandfather, Edward Alloway Sr.

Visitation was held Feb. 11 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon. Native American feast and committal was held Feb. 12, with spiritual leader Joe Daniels conducting services. Interment followed at Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Crandon. Weber Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



Paul Henry Petonquot

Paul Henry Petonquot, 57, of Topeka, Kan., was called home by God on Feb. 15, 2017; a father, brother, confident, and good friend to anybody who needed one. Paul was born Aug. 19, 1959, in Wabeno, Wis., to Elijah and Shirley Petonquot. The family then moved to Topeka where Paul spent his childhood. He was fun-loving, caring, and a gentle, soft-spoken man who was loved by many.

Paul is survived by his brothers: Robert Petonquot, Rhinelander, Allen Petonquot, Crandon, Anthony Petonquot, Antigo, and Jerry Petonquot, Crandon; sisters: Judy Ross, Arizona, Jean Petonquot, Duluth, Minn., Lisa Miltag, Green Bay, Annie Olson, Argonne; and his daughter: Tina Marie Petonquot, Topeka. He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Anna (Shine) and Mose Williams; parents: Elijah and Shirley “Armina” Petonquot; aunts, uncle, sisters and brothers.

Funeral Services were held Feb. 18, at the Potawatomi Cultural Center; burial in the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery. Weber Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

He will be greatly missed by many...NEVER FORGOTTEN.



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Elder Menus MARCH 2017

Wednesday, 3/1 Creamed Chicken over Biscuits w/Peas & Carrots, Broccoli, Strawberry Banana Yogurt, Banana	Friday, 3/17 Fish Sandwich on Bun, Coleslaw, Oven Potatoes, California Blend, Pineapple
Thursday, 3/2 Beef Stir Fry, Egg Roll, Pears, Fortune Cookie	Monday, 3/20 Turkey Sandwich w/Cheese on Kaiser Roll, Baked Beans, Dill Pickle, Tomato Wedge, Applesauce
Friday, 3/3 Potato Soup, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Cucumber Slices, Mandarin Oranges	Tuesday, 3/21 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Sweet Potato, Cauliflower, Orange Juice
Monday, 3/6 Crispito, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Refried Beans, Orange	Wednesday, 3/22 Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Cottage Cheese, Green Beans, Orange Sherbet
Tuesday, 3/7 Sauerkraut, Turkey Hot Dog, Mashed Potatoes, Glorified Rice, Pineapple	Thursday, 3/23 Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Jello® Cake
Wednesday, 3/8 Indian Tacos w/Lettuce, Tomato, Black Olives, Onions & Cheese, Cherry Pie, Orange Juice	Friday, 3/24 Bean Soup w/Ham, Carrots & Celery, Cornbread, Peaches
Thursday, 3/9 Boiled Dinner, Roll, Apple	Monday, 3/27 Tuna Salad Sandwich, Pickle, Baked Beans, Tomato Wedge, Ice Cream, Peaches
Friday, 3/10 Baked Fish, Oven Potatoes, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Jello® w/Fruit	Tuesday, 3/28 Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Spinach, Grapes
Monday, 3/13 Chicken Wings, Sweet Potatoes, Asparagus, Mixed Berries	Wednesday, 3/29 Scalloped Potatoes w/Ham, Corn, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, 3/14 Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Side Salad, Peanut Butter Cookie	Thursday, 3/30 Baked Chicken, Stuffing, Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Banana
Wednesday, 3/15 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Grapes, Pumpkin Pie	Friday, 3/31 Tomato Rice Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Mandarin Oranges
Thursday, 3/16 Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Applesauce	*Menus subject to change.

FCP CARING PLACE March 2017 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):
3/7: Shopping
3/14: Casino Day (Wittenberg)
3/26: BINGO Carter Casino
3/28: Birthday BINGO, 12:30 at the Caring Place
3/31: Rouman Cinema

*Deadline for the March 15, 2017 issue
is Wednesday, March 1, 2017.*

Happy March Birthday to These Elders!

- 3-1 Karita Shegonee

3-4 Kevin Allis

3-4 Daniel Shepard

3-5 Corlis Daniels

3-5 John Gibbons

3-7 Lola Haskins

3-8 Melody Holloway

3-12 Karen Blakslee

3-12 Leona Greetan

3-17 Margaret Konaha
- 3-18 Gloria Deverney

3-19 Ruth Vigue

3-19 Al Milham

3-20 Victoria Milligan

3-22 Joshua Runningbear

3-25 Walter Johnson Jr.

3-27 Cassie Cornell

3-28 Marie A. Polar

3-31 Martina Falke

Attention
FCP Tribal Elders

The Wisconsin Judicare Wills Caravan will be in Mole Lake on Friday, March 24. If you would like to schedule an appointment to create a legal will that is fully executed, witnessed and notarized, call Penny at (715) 478-4892 to reserve your time slot. Transportation will be provided if needed.

Message From FCP Veterans Post 1

We consider it an honor and a privilege to be of service to the Potawatomi community. Membership in FCP Veterans Post 1 is open to all veterans and spouses of Potawatomi tribal members. Meetings take place on the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m. at the old tribal hall located at 8000 Potawatomi Trail in Crandon. Please join us!

From our Readers

Hello.
My name is Noden Kwe; my English name is Veronica Ergeson. I am the granddaughter of the late Delores Mann-Pemma, and Johnny Mann, Blackwell; and daughter of Jon “Bear” Mann, Milwaukee.
I am a writer living in Milwaukee, Wis. I moved back to the region after 15 years of living in Ohio and New York City. My mother moved us to Ohio when I was 10 years old. As an adult, I never quite imagined I’d be living in the area again, so when i did move back, I had a very

strong reaction in my soul and in my mind.
[sigh] There is nothing like the smell of Lake Michigan. I felt like a fish out of water who’d suddenly been thrown back into their natural habitat. The breathtaking views and the crisp oxygen were all so life giving to me that the poem became a way for me to put words into the emotional and mental experience I was having at that time.
As an artist, I tend to gravitate towards mixed media creations and graphics with texts. This piece is the

visual manifestation of the poem that I wrote. I had an image, one of a retro-American postcard in my mind, so I decided to go with that idea but encapsulate some of our tribal ancestral land which reflect a pre-treaty but post-contact era. I realize that historically speaking, our ancestral lands go beyond the Great Lakes region, but in my experience returning home, the smell of Lake Michigan was so intoxicating to me (especially after air quality in New York) that I wanted to highlight this region.



Ancestral Land: 11” x 18” mixed media on un-stretched canvas using acrylic marker and watercolor.

Ancestral Land

This land is our land
Oh my soul

Long before the banging and clanging
Of violent machines
Or drills beneath
Succulent lands
With exuberant shores
Surely,

Before concrete paths, or metal sea walls
Before ownership
Or sails in ships
Before bike paths or vacation homes for the rich

They rose here from a bedside
Beside, generations of purity
I saw him stretch from a good night’s rest
And embrace the dawn as his own lawn

Oh my Soul
Oh my Soul
Welcome to your Ancestral Land

As the winds always do
I came back to this view
Noden Kwe
From the Great Salt
To these Great Lakes
I feel the current within me break

I sink within the soil
As oil
As a substance encrusted to rock and debris
A dark matter creating
Tiny pockets of heat

In a gush of wind,
I’m thrust
Dust from dust
From darkness to the heights of the sun

I will never reach, for I am brought back beneath
From the deep end of the unseen
I collide back into me
Eyes wide
Welcome Back to your Ancestral Land

by Veronica Ergerson - Noden Kwe

FCP tribal members are encouraged to submit articles, stories, photos, poetry, artwork - anything that is positive, inspiring, or culturally relevant to your community is welcome. Our office is located at 8000 Potawatomi Trail in Crandon and is open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. We can be reached by phone at (715) 478-7437 or by email at times@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov.

School District of Wabeno Area Referendum Information

submitted by Theresa Connors, Administrative Assistant, School District of Wabeno Area

Frequently Asked Questions
Why is a referendum needed?
The school district has lost a significant amount of general aide over the past years. The referendum will help maintain current programs for our students. This is the last year of our current three-year referendum of \$750,000 per year.

How has the fund balance been used and how much money is needed for operation?
The fund balance is used to maintain educational programs and services for the students and faculty members of our school district as well as to maintain our school buildings. The school district receives money from the state two times a year. It is necessary to maintain a healthy fund balance to avoid short-term borrowing and for one-time expenses. This money is also needed in case of emergency expenses to building and grounds. Without a referendum, projections show the fund balance being depleted by the 2019-2020 school year.

What cuts or reductions has the School District of Wabeno Area already made?
General spending, staff reductions, salary freezes, and changes of insurance are examples of reductions, which have been made in the school district. Further reductions to program offerings will be detrimental to the educational success of our students.

How much will the referendum cost property owners?
The mill rate will increase from \$5.88 to \$6.85. By doing a five year referendum for \$1,600,000 a year, the tax increase will occur the first year and stay around the same the remaining four years. If question two regarding the Fab Lab also passes, the mill rate will be \$7.22 the fast year of the referendum (2017-2018) and drop down to \$6.83 the following year (2018-2019). Please visit the school website for a tax impact calculator.

*See chart below.

What will happen if the referendum does not pass?
If the referendum does not pass, the district will have options: another referendum this fall, dissolution, staff reductions, cuts in extra-curricular activities, and fees for food service program.

Remember, if the district dissolves, your taxes do not disappear. You will pay taxes at the mill rate of the new district where your property is located. Currently, the mill rates of our neighboring school districts are higher than the mill rate would be in our district with the referendum. The following provides mill rate information for Wabeno as well as surrounding school districts:

School District 2016-2017 Mill Rate
Wabeno Area - \$5.88 (\$6.85 with a passed referendum)
Laona - \$14.82

Crandon - \$9.30
Suring - \$7.37
White Lake - \$13.52
Goodman-Armstrong Creek - \$14.71
Crivitz - \$7.92
Gillett - \$8.31
Antigo - \$8.09

Call the district office at (715) 473-2582 or email Jennifer Vogler, district administrator, at jvogler@wabeno.kl2.wi.us with your questions.

What is a Fabrication Lab?
Fab labs incorporate technologies like 3D printing and computer-assisted design to give students in kindergarten through twelfth grade hands-on experience, allowing them to put into practice concepts they have learned in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses (Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, 2017). It is a small scale workshop offering our students a digital fabrication experience. Students will be able to imagine a project, plan a design for it, create it with the Fab Lab equipment and learn how to implement best designs for high quality projects.

A fabrication lab will assist in providing our kindergarten through 12th grade students skills to compete in our technology-driven economy for future jobs in manufacturing and engineering areas. Fabrication labs are not just for our students. This lab will be open for community members to use and develop

Quick Facts:

- The district is seeking a referendum to exceed the revenue limit to maintain current programs.
- The district has already made cuts in the past years.
- Question number one: The referendum will last for 5 years asking for \$1,600,000 per year.
- Question number two: The referendum will last for one year asking for \$300,000.

to build a Fabrication Lab. Total referendum amount for year one of the referendum would be \$1,900,000.

- Continuation of the same level of support is critical to maintain current programs for our students.

knowledge of 3D printers, laser engravers, robotics systems, plasma cutters, and computer numerical control routers (CNC machines) with the assistance of the instructor.

If you would like more information on the fabrication lab, please contact the district administrator, school board members, or review the referendum informational link on our school district website at www.wabeno.kl2.wi.us.

Property Value	Current Total School Tax Base (2016-17)	Proposed Tax Increase (from 2016-17)	Proposed Total School Tax (2017-18)	Monthly Proposed Increase	Daily Proposed Increase (using 30 days per month)
\$100,000	\$ 588	\$ 97	\$ 685	\$ 8.08	27 cents
\$150,000	\$ 882	\$146	\$1,028	\$12.17	41 cents
\$200,000	\$1,176	\$194	\$1,370	\$16.17	54 cents

Welcome to These New Employees

Allison Rhode Daniels
LNR
Tribal Historic Preservation Office Assistant
Hire date: 1/23/17

Deanna Mikolajczak
Carter C-Store
Assistant Manager
Hire date: 1/30/17

Ricky Miller
Stone Lake C-Store
Maintenance Technician
Hire date: 1/30/17

Kristi Treder
IT/Administration
IT Support Specialist/Trainer
Hire date: 1/30/17

Samuel Schratz
LNR
Biologist - Wildlife
Hire date: 2/7/17

Jessica Jacobson
Executive Council
Administrative Assistant (LTE)
Hire date: 2/6/17

Transfer/Job Title Change
Heath VanZile
HWC Maintenance
Groundskeeper

Amy Cirilli
Accounting
Bookkeeper/Receptionist



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Gte Ga Nēs Children Learn Lesson in Healthy Teeth

by Val Niehaus

Dental hygienists, Dawn Hines and Jessica Plummer, from the dental department of FCP’s Health & Wellness Center visited Gte Ga Nēs preschool on Feb. 21, 2017, to talk to the children about good dental hygiene.

Both Hines and Plummer discussed a series of topics including brushing, flossing and healthy eating. The children had the most fun with having a solution put onto their teeth that showed where the plaque was built up, turning their teeth a bright purple. This, in turn, showed them the areas where they had to really pay attention to when brushing. Once the solution was on Plummer then assisted

in showing the children the proper way to brush their teeth. When they finished brushing, most of the purple solution disappeared.

Hines explained, “You must brush your teeth twice a day for two minutes and visit the dentist twice a year. So always remember that number “2” when it comes to taking care of your teeth.”

Proper dental hygiene benefits everyone. Children only get one set of teeth after their baby teeth fall out so it’s very important to take care of them from the very beginning. It is also important for a number of other health reasons to keep up good dental care.



(above) Placing of the solution on teeth.

(right) Purple mouth being happily displayed!



(left) Good brushing technique. She also got a bit wet from the puppet that showed her how to spit after brushing.

Wabeno Sledding Party

submitted by Melanie Tatge, CHES, Community Health

Sledding is one example of how youth and families can remain physically active during the winter months. The American Heart Association recommends that youth get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. FCP Community Health is committed to helping community youth meet this target with hosting one physical activity event each month.

On Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, FCP Community Health and the Wabeno

after school program partnered to host a night of sledding and fun on the hill by the Wabeno High School football field. Youth who participated in the after school program made their own sleds out of cardboard, duct tape, and garbage bags and tested them on the slopes. Approximately 13 youth and two adults participated in the event. Guests had fun enjoying the weather, healthy snacks, and hot cocoa while staying active.



Let's Walk!

The Therapy Gym at Health & Wellness will be open for walking during the following hours:

Monday - Thursday: 6 - 7 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 12 - 1 p.m.
Monday - Thursday: 5 - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Questions?
Please contact
Rehab at 715.478.4344
or Community Health at 715.478.4355

Waiver needs to be completed prior to utilizing the gym

Must be accompanied by an adult if under 18

No use of therapy equipment



FCP Government to Launch Facebook Page



In an effort to expand communications to tribal members concerning community services, departmental calendar of events, coverage of tribally-relevant events, etc., FCP government is launching its own Facebook page on March 1. The general policies governing the page will be similar to that of the *Potawatomi Traveling Times*. You can find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/fcpotawatomi>

What's Going on in Carter?

submitted by Frank Shepard, PCCH General Manager

25th Anniversary Silver Celebration

Drawing, Saturday, March 25th - Carter Club members can earn or redeem 250 points for 10 entries starting Monday, Feb. 13. On Saturday, March 25, drawings will take place from 4 until 10 p.m. with 25 winners called to win \$1,000 cash each at random times. At 11 p.m., one winner will be selected for a cash prize of \$25,000! There will be a limit of two wins per person from 4 to 10 p.m. All Carter Club members with entries in the bin will be eligible again for the 11 p.m. drawing.

- Entries start Monday, Feb. 13.
- Tier entry multipliers will be offered on March 4, 5, 12 and 24.
- Tables will earn 10 bonus entries for every hour of consecutive play Feb. 13 through March 23.
- Bingo will earn 10 bonus entries for every Early Bird Package purchased Feb. 13 through March 23.
- New members can receive 10 free entries into the drawing the day the account is opened.

Pi Day, Tuesday, March 14 - A mathematical celebration for Pi, 3.14, just won't be the same if we didn't put the PCCH spin on it! Carter Club members can indulge in the Pi Celebration by enjoying their own personal pie while visiting. Pies are limited to quantities and flavors on hand and will be served from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. or until supplies are gone. Flavors available will be apple, cherry, blueberry and pecan.

Free Gift every Wednesday in March to commemorate 25 years of PCCH gaming. Over the five Wednesdays in March, guests will receive a different gift each week. Come to the Carter Club booth on Wednesdays to receive yours!

Live'n' It Up at 50 every Thursday - all Club members 50 and over will receive a free entry into a drawing at Carter Club booth. One winner will be drawn every hour from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

for \$100 cash each time. For every 250 points earned, the guest will receive 10 free entries into the drawings. Guests will be allowed to win twice each day. Seniors earn 100 same-day base points and get a \$5 coupon off a dinner, or earn 250 same-day base points and receive a coupon valued at \$11.95. Those that are not seniors can earn 200 same-day base points to get a \$5 off coupon for the dinner, or earn 450 same-day base points for a coupon valued at \$11.95. Coupons redeemable at The Flames or The Springs Restaurant.

St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 17 - Carter Club members will have the chance to win cash prizes in our St. Patrick's Day drawing. Just earn 100 same-day base points or redeem 200 points for 10 entries. Drawings will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. with two winners drawn each hour for a total of 10 winners. Winners will reach into our pot of gold and pull out a prize, which includes: two \$750; six \$500 and two \$250. Green beads will be given out for the guests.

Casino Anniversary - Celebration of 25 years will be held on the casino floor on Saturday, March 18 with complimentary food and beer between 2 and 4 p.m., and again from 8 to 10 p.m.

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Regular Program: \$5 packs. Regular games pay \$125; specials pay \$150; progressives pay \$125; last game pays \$250.

Thursdays in March:

Paper Only Session, Thursday, March 9 - \$10 packs. Regular games pay \$75; progressive pays \$100; specials pay \$125; last game pays \$500! *No coupons will be accepted for this session.*

Fridays in March:

\$500 Fridays, March 3 and 17 - \$35 packs. Five regular games pay \$250;

10 games pay \$500; specials pay \$150. Guests receive \$25 in Potawatomi Play with the purchase of admission pack. Limit 1 Potawatomi Play per session. Purchase Package 3 or 4, get Package 1 for \$50!

Black Light Bingo, March 31 - Basketball Theme. Admissions open at 9:30 p.m.; games start at 10:30 p.m. DJ from 10 p.m. to midnight with free beer. \$12 packs and machine specials. Games pay \$100; one game pays a prize; last game pays \$1,000; consolation \$250. Costume contest prizes: 1st Place - \$100 cash; 2nd Place - \$75 Potawatomi Play; 3rd Place: \$50 Potawatomi Play.

\$500 Cash Drawing, March 31 - One lucky winner will receive \$500 cash! Must be present and playing Bingo to win. Earn entries for each admission pack purchased throughout the month. Limit one entry per person per day.

Saturdays in March:

Electronic Only Session, March 11 - \$60 Package Buy-In (limit three). Buy-in includes all of the games played (45 cards each); 29 regular games pay \$125; last game pays \$500. No early birds or progressives (excluding Hot Balls) will be played. Faster-paced calling for more excitement! No coupons will be accepted for this session.

Bash, March 25 - \$20/10 packs. Regular games pay \$175; one special pays \$300; three specials pay \$400; the last

game pays \$600. Free beer and food with admission pack purchase.

March Birthdays:

Come and play Bingo with a birthday in March and receive a free pack along with a complimentary dauber of your choice (Only valid at Regular Session)

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 Games, 20 Odd # Coverall, 20 Bonanza

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

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

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



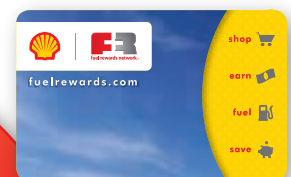
AODA is Moving!

AODA services are relocating to the FCP Health & Wellness Center located at 8201 Mish ko swen Drive, Crandon, Wis., effective Wednesday, March 1. For additional information, please call (715) 478-4300 and ask for AODA services.

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NOTICES

CULTURE

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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 suicidehotlines.com.

NA Meetings "The Good Life" - Tuesdays, AODA Building, 5519 Wejmo gek 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 Cleerman, R.N., at (715) 478-4889.

SPARKS Weight Mgmt. 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.



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- 3/2 - WIC & Infant Nutrition: We Care, 1 - 4 p.m.
- 3/7 - Infant Nutrition: HWC, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 3/9 - Fruit & Veggie Taste Test Day: HWC Lobby, 1 - 3 p.m.
- 3/14 - WIC: HWC, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 3/15 - Diabetes Luncheon: HWC, noon - 1:30 p.m.
- 3/2-3/30 - Tai Chi: HWC Rehab, Thursdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
- 2/28-4/27 - Youth on the Move Program, see flyer on this page.

Family Resource Center

- Healthy Relationships: Mondays (6, 13, 20, 27), 10 a.m. - noon.
 - FRC/CHOICES: Mondays (6, 13, 20, 27), 3:30 - 5 p.m.
 - Play Shoppe: Contact FRC for dates and times.
 - Circle of Sisters: Wednesdays (1, 8, 15, 22, 29), 1 - 3 p.m.
 - FRC Girls 10-17: Wednesdays (1, 8, 15, 22, 29), 3:30 - 5 p.m.
 - Community Women's Talking Circle: Thursday, (16), 1 p.m.
 - PIP: Thursdays (3, 10, 17, 24, 31), 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 (6, 13, 20, 27), 3:30 - 5 p.m.
 - Youth 13 - 17: Tuesdays (7, 14, 21, 28), 3:30 - 5 p.m.
 - Youth 7 - 9: Wednesdays (1, 8, 15, 22), 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.

Recreation Department

- After School Program: We Care, Mondays, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Exercise Program: Rec Center, Mondays/Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
- Open Gym: Wabeno Elementary, Wednesdays (1, 8, 15, 22), 3:30–5 p.m.
- After School Program: Rec Center, Wednesdays (1, 8, 15, 22), 3:30–5 p.m.
- Open Gym: Rec Center, Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Carter We Care: Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Movies in Rhinelander: March 17, leaving at 5:30 p.m.
- Bowling in Rhinelander: March 28, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Bingo: Rec Center, March 29, starting at noon
- Funset Boulevard in Appleton: March 30, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Movies in Rhinelander: March 31, leaving at 3 p.m.

National Congress of American Indians Address

News from the Senate

WASHINGTON. D.C. (Feb. 13, 2017) — U.S. Senator Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, addressed the National Congress of American Indians at its 2017 Executive Council Winter Session and Legislative Summit. The full text of Udall's remarks as prepared for delivery appears below:

The National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest, and most representative inter-tribal organization in our nation. It provides valuable leadership within Indian Country and across the nation. I am honored to be here with you today.

I have had the privilege of representing tribes at the state and federal level for more than 25 years now.

My home state of New Mexico has 19 Pueblos, three Apache Tribes, and the Navajo Nation. And New Mexico Pueblos have strong ties to the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo of Texas – who are originally from

New Mexico and share the unique Puebloan culture. In New Mexico, 10 percent of our population is Native American. Nationally, we have 567 federally-recognized tribes. And millions of Americans descended from our country's original inhabitants.

Over time, I have been able to visit your communities, get to know your leaders, and work on issues important to you. I have seen the dignity in your spirit, your hard work on behalf of your people, and your fierce dedication to preserving your languages, cultures, and sovereignty.

And so I now serve as vice chair of the Indian Affairs Committee in the Senate with great humility. I commit to being a strong voice and advocate for all tribes, and to make sure that the federal government stands by its trust and treaty obligations, and that tribal sovereignty is respected.

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Right out of the gate, the President has given you reason to doubt that tribal sovereignty, lands, and resources will be respected in the new administration. I am very disappointed in the President's decision to grant the easement to complete construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline without first consulting with the tribe. It is deeply disrespectful.

Let me be clear: I stand with Standing Rock. Determined men, women, children from tribes all across the country made their voices heard. We saw the hundreds of tents laid out across the white snow. And, we saw the water cannons sprayed on water protectors in freezing temperatures.

Across the country and the globe, people rose in opposition to the pipeline, and urged that Native American sacred sites be protected — that drinking water for tribal communities be protected.

The threat of the pipeline galvanized a social justice movement within Native American communities across the nation, especially Native American youth. They are empowered, ready to take up the mantle. This momentum will not be lost. It will continue.

The Dakota Access Pipeline was not a zero-sum game. The new administration could have figured out a way to respect tribal resources and go forward with the pipeline. I believe the President chose short-term political gains and corporate profits over respect for tribal rights and values. And he missed an opportunity to show genuine leadership.

In the wake of Standing Rock, federal agencies under President Obama's administration held formal consultations with tribes on infrastructure decision making all around the country. I was pleased to speak at one of the consultations in Albuquerque. High level officials from across the federal government attended, including from the departments of the Interior, Justice, the Army, Agriculture, and Energy.

Tribal consultation must be substantive and meaningful. It is not just a check box of the process. This is a fundamental principle of government-to-government relationships.

I hope the work of that nationwide, multi-agency effort is not lost, and that the recommendations laid out in the January report are taken seriously by this administration.

I will push to ensure that federal agencies seek tribal input and work to integrate tribal concerns into planning for infrastructure projects in the future, and to decide whether the Indian Affairs Committee needs to take oversight action.

As you all know, the Senate Indian Affairs Committee has a broad jurisdiction. We look at just about any important issue relating to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

Traditionally, Congress has taken a bipartisan approach to Native issues. Native issues should not be red or blue. I want to continue the tradition of bipartisanship to the greatest extent possible, in order to produce the best results for tribes.

I will fight hard to protect all existing funding for tribes, using my seat on the Indian Affairs Committee and my position as the lead Democrat on the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. This is a time of great uncertainty about the federal budget. Congress still needs to pass a budget for the rest of this year. And we don't know what to expect on tribal funding from the new president or the majority in Congress.

But I can promise you this: no one will fight harder to make sure that tribal programs get the resources they need.

On the campaign trail, President Trump promised he would begin a \$1 trillion infrastructure program. I hope this might be an area where we can work together. If so, we must use this opportunity to make investments and create jobs in Indian Country.

That's why I have been working with Senator Schumer and other members of the Democratic Caucus to put together our proposal for a trillion-dollar program. That program targets \$20 billion over five years for projects on tribal and public lands.

I know that many tribes are working hard to provide basic infrastructure. The U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates that 14 percent of households on Native American reservations do not have electricity — 10 times higher than the national average. More than 13 percent of Natives don't have reliable access to water. On the Hopi and Navajo reservations, it's 40 percent. According to a 2015 report from the Federal Communications Commission, 85 percent of rural tribal members don't have access to effective broadband, compared to 13 percent of all U.S. households.

We must address these very basic needs. Everyone should have access to electricity and running water. And broadband is essential to economic development, education, and health care.

Our tribal lands need improvements to roads, bridges and waterways, investments in schools, medical facilities, and community centers. And we need to invest in energy — especially in renewable energy sources that respect tribal lands and resources.

It is too soon to know what the President's massive infrastructure program will look like, or whether we will even have one. But I am committed to working across the aisle on tribal infrastructure, and to sorting out priorities, so we make wise investments that help sustain your communities for the future.

The committee also needs to work on measures that will help fuel tribal economies and produce jobs. Last session, I joined my committee colleagues from

both sides of the aisle to co-sponsor the Native American Business Incubators Program Act to help launch Native American-owned small businesses. Small businesses create jobs and opportunity and empower people to shape their own future. I want to do all I can to support entrepreneurs in Indian Country, to help cut through red tape and get access to start-up funding. I hope that we can continue to work on a bipartisan basis to grow jobs in Indian Country.

I am firmly committed to preservation of tribes' cultures and heritages. Your traditions, your languages, practices and beliefs must be strengthened and carried on by future generations.

Recently, the Indian Affairs Committee voted S. 254 out of committee. That bill extends the Esther Martinez Native American Language Preservation grant program through 2022. It also makes commonsense changes to the program's grantee requirements section — changes we put in based on direct input from tribes. Esther Martinez grants have supported tribal innovation in Native language programs efforts for many years.

I am optimistic we will be able to get S. 254 out of the Senate, on to the House, and signed into law this year.

I want to make sure the new administration continues to strongly and aggressively enforce the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Last October in Albuquerque, I chaired an Indian Affairs Committee field hearing to discuss steps that should be taken to close loopholes in the existing law, push federal agencies to enforce the laws, and ensure tribes play an active part in preventing the illegal sale and transfer of cultural items.

Native Americans have been the victims of theft and looting for generations. I was pleased Acoma Pueblo was able to stop the sale of their shield when it was put up for sale in a Paris auction house. Now, it must be repatriated. We must do more to stop illegal seizure and sales of your sacred objects. I intend to do all I can to make sure the new administration is a strong enforcer of laws that protect cultural patrimony.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal by the President and Republicans in Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act. They have no concrete plan to replace the ACA. I am strongly opposed to repeal without a replacement that makes sure no one loses their current coverage and benefits.

Native Americans are eligible to receive care through the Indian Health Service. But we all know that IHS has been severely underfunded, that long delays for basic and specialized services are common.

Tribal members have benefited from Medicaid expansion under the ACA by being able to access needed services, and so have IHS hospitals through third-party collections. While current federal funding covers less than half their operational

costs, increases from Medicaid expansion under the ACA have helped offset those costs.

But without Medicaid expansion revenue, necessary services that many are receiving now may no longer be available throughout Indian Country. This would be unconscionable.

With ACA repeal looming, I have prepared legislation to protect Indian Health Services. And I will fight any cuts in federal funding to tribes if the ACA is repealed.

Now, the ACA is by no means perfect. But it has helped millions of Americans secure health care coverage for the first time. So we should be working together, on a bipartisan basis, to ensure this progress is not lost.

And while it may seem that ACA repeal is on the back burner with all the other shenanigans going on, I assure you it is not. If you do not want to see the ACA and its key tribal provisions repealed, I encourage you to keep the pressure on your Congressional members.

I met with the President's nominee for Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Congressman Ryan Zinke. This was before the administration's actions on the Dakota Access Pipeline. During that meeting, I emphasized the need for him to be a strong advocate for Native Americans, if he is confirmed. He assured me that is his intent.

I asked him to help President Trump understand the need for tribal self-determination and consultation on any issue affecting tribal lands and cultures. There is apparently a steep learning curve there.

If Congressman Zinke is confirmed, I want to work with him to make sure tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, and interests are fully respected, and that tribes can always have their voices heard.

In his first year in office, President Obama started the Tribal Nations Conference. And he held the conference every year since. It's an opportunity for all tribes to attend, and to hear from the President and executive agencies about what they have done the past year and what they intend to do the next. It's been one way to hold the executive accountable.

I hope the new President continues to hold and attend the annual Tribal Nations Conference, and that he maintains the White House Native American Council — so that Native issues are systematically given cabinet-level attention and consideration.

I would like to conclude by affirming that, now more than ever, it's important that we all remain engaged in the political process — at the tribal, local, state, and national levels.

I know all of you here are engaged — that you work hard every day for your communities, your nations, and for our country. I thank you for your work. And I look forward to continuing our work together.

DHS Report: Opioid Overdose and Death Rates submitted by Department of Health Services

MADISON, Wis. (Feb. 10, 2017)

- The rate of opioid overdose deaths in Wisconsin has nearly doubled over the last decade, according to a new Department of Health Services (DHS) report, "Select Opioid-Related Morbidity and Mortality Data for Wisconsin."

The report provides statewide and county-level data on opioid-related deaths and hospital visits; neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), in which an infant is born with withdrawal symptoms from substances taken by the mother; and data on ambulance runs in which naloxone, a medication used to reverse opioid overdose, was administered.

"The misuse of opioids in Wisconsin is a critical public health issue, and this report offers key data to inform our work with local health departments, organizations, and coalitions to reduce opioid misuse, overdose and other related health problems," said State Health Officer Karen McKeown.

The report includes these data highlights:

- The rate of opioid overdose deaths increased from 5.9 deaths/100,000 residents in 2006 to 10.7 deaths/100,000 in 2015.
- Rates of drug overdose deaths involving opioids were higher among counties in the southeastern region of the state, and higher among men compared with women.

- For men, drug overdose deaths involving opioids were highest among young adults aged 25-34, and among women aged 35-54.
 - Hospital visits involving opioid acute poisoning (including overdose) increased from 25.3 to 52.0 per 100,000 between 2006 and 2014.
 - The rate of hospital visits involving heroin increased from 2.6 in 2006 to 17.4 in 2014. For men and women, rates were highest among adults aged 20-24.
 - The rate of ambulance EMS runs in which naloxone was administered rose from 51.2 to 67 per 100,000 from 2011 to 2015.
 - The rate of NAS increased from 2.0 to 8.7 per 1,000 live births from 2006 to 2014, a rate increase of 335 percent.
- In 2016, DHS issued a Public Health Advisory due to the opioid epidemic. This year, Gov. Scott Walker called for a special session of the Legislature to consider recommendations presented by the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse. New legislative proposals will build on efforts already underway thanks to the H.O.P.E. (Heroin, Opioid Prevention and Education) agenda, which includes 17 bills aimed at prevention and treatment of opioid addiction and overdose.
- For more information about opioids: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/index.htm*

Veteran Homelessness in Indian Country Addressed News from the U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Feb. 15, 2017) – U.S. Senators Jon Tester (D-Mont.), the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, are calling on VA Secretary David Shulkin to prioritize helping Native American veterans obtain access to critical housing resources.

Native Americans serve in the military at a higher rate than any other group. However, they are also at greater risk of homelessness than their veteran peers.

In a letter to Secretary Shulkin, the Senators note that tribes have reached out to them with concerns regarding an initiative aimed at reducing homelessness among Native American veterans called Tribal HUD-VASH. The Senators raised concerns about the VA's lack of assistance in providing timely support services and case management.

"Tribal HUD-VASH grants are intended to provide rental assistance, case management, and clinical and supportive services for Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness," the Senators wrote. "We are concerned the current level of support from VA is not allowing for the timely implementation of the program or achieving the goal of reducing Native American

homelessness in tribal communities."

The Tribal HUD-VASH program provides substance abuse treatment, mental health care, job training, and other housing assistance. According to VA policy, participants should be provided with a case manager who serves as a direct link between VA support services and the Native American veteran recipients. However, the VA's lack of focus on this program has led to poor service for Native veterans and the recent federal hiring freeze will likely compound the problem.

Through the Tribal HUD-VASH program, 26 grants were awarded to different Indian tribes. The Senators requested that the VA provide information regarding how the grants are working at each of the 26 areas and any possible barriers to providing the resources to the tribes so they can carry out their housing plans.

Tester spearheaded legislation to make HUD-VASH funds available to Native Americans living on tribal lands. Tester later introduced bipartisan legislation to make the HUD-VASH program permanent.

In addition to cosponsoring the legislation led by Tester, Udall has fought as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee to increase funding for veteran's programs on tribal land, including Tribal HUD-VASH.

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EXPLORE

1 BE ON THE LOOKOUT: Migratory birds will be returning and passing through. Look them up in a bird book with your family.

2 USE YOUR NOSE: Notice all the smells as spring arrives.



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Listen for Spring Peepers.

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Wolf Pups are born.

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COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ADVISORY MEETING

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Museum Lower Level Monday, March 6, 2017 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.


On the agenda:

- Hunting tags
- Historic & current forest management strategies



Open to Enrolled FCP Tribal Members

A light lunch will be served.

Your opinion is very important to us!



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Devil’s Lake Fisheree

submitted by Jennifer Mabrier, FCP Land & Natural Resources

On Saturday, Feb. 18, Mother Nature blessed us with a warm, sunny day that energized both the people and fish at the Devil’s Lake Fisheree. The fish were biting pretty steadily all day for the more than 60 people in attendance.

Ryon Alloway claimed the grand prize with his 13 ½ inch largemouth bass, but Hunter VanZile and Renn Marvin were close behind.

Community Health joined us for part of the day. People could take a break from fishing to go snowshoeing, make s’mores or cook hot dogs and veggies over the fire. Lisa Miller even brought homemade maple syrup marshmallows – yum! Everyone enjoyed the activities offered.

Migweth to all the families who came out. We look forward to seeing you at the summer fisheree in August!



Results

Adult

<u>Crappie</u>	
Ryon Alloway	11 5/8”, 14.7 oz.
Joe Brown Sr.	11 1/4”, 14.1 oz.
Jason Spaude	11”, 14 oz.
<u>Bass</u>	
Ryon Alloway	13 1/2”, 1 lb. 1.2 oz.
Ryon Alloway	10 3/4”, 8.4 oz.
Jason Spaude	10 3/4”, 8.2 oz.
<u>Bluegill</u>	
Dennis Shepard	8 7/8”, 8.9 oz.
Dennis Shepard	8 3/4”, 6.9 oz.
Israel Alloway	8 1/2”, 6.8 oz.

Youth

<u>Crappie</u>	
Hunter VanZile	10 1/2”, 11.5 oz.
Malakhi VanZile	10 1/8”, 9.9 oz.
Wylder Shepard	9 1/2”, 8.1 oz.
<u>Bass</u>	
Hunter VanZile	12 1/2”, 13.3 oz.
Renn Marvin	12 1/4”, 12.8 oz.
Renn Marvin	11 1/4”, 9.0 oz.
<u>Bluegill</u>	
Malakhi VanZile	8 5/8”, 7.8 oz.
Malakhi VanZile	8 1/2”, 7.3 oz.
Renn Marvin	8 1/2”, 6.9 oz.



above left: A beautiful day for a fisheree!
middle left: Enjoying lunch
middle right: Dennis Shepard
below left: Ryana Alloway (l) and her friend Justin waiting to try Lisa’s homemade marshmallows.
above right: Snowshoe scavenger underway.
above l-r: Ryon Alloway, Joe Brown Sr., and Jason Spaude