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25th Annual Potawatomi Gathering



FCP veterans: (l-r) Louie Spaude, JR Holmes, Richard Brzezinski, Ernie Wensaut, Brenda Shopodock, Clarence Daniels, Jayson Jackson, Mike Konaha, Gregg Miller

Val Niehaus

The estimated registration for this year's 25th Annual Potawatomi Gathering was around 2,300 members from each of the nine Potawatomi Bands. The event was held this year in Mayetta, Kan., home of the Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) during the week of July 29 - Aug. 5, 2018.

The week started off as always with the Language & History Conference. Potawatomi language lessons were held on July 30, and included presentations

from Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) elder, Jim Thunder. Rhonda Purcell, Justin Neely and Lindsey Marean also participated in the events held that day and shared their knowledge and lessons with all who attended the sessions. On July 31, the Potawatomi history lessons were presented and again, Thunder spoke on behalf of FCP along with Thomas Wabnum, Geewadin Elliott and Violet Snowball. All speakers during both day's sessions have earned respect from many Potawatomi people. Not only are some of them elders, but they are among those who have studied the thousands of years of history of their people and are highly knowledgeable about the past.

While cultural sessions were underway, there were also a handful of recreational events for those who cared to participate. Tournaments were held beginning on Thursday and continued through the weekend and included competitions in golf, softball, volleyball, horseshoes and pool. FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. participated in the pool tournament and had a great time playing and meeting his extended Potawatomi family. He said, "I had a great time playing and ended up taking fourth out of all the participants." Considering the number of participants, a fourth-place finish was a pretty good achievement in a competition of this caliber. He was happy to spend some time enjoying a sport he loves and meeting new Potawatomi people. He

really loved being at the Gathering with his wife, son and extended family.

In addition to the recreational tournaments, there was also a 25th Annual Potawatomi Gathering Art Show in which many Potawatomi members participated. On display were a variety of pieces of appliqué, beadwork, carving, paintings, drawings, photography, etc. One artist's work stood out among the many that were displayed. That was FCP tribal member Mike Alloway's painting of Potawatomi Chief (Jim) Mexico aka Wamegesako (1880-1953). This is a phenomenal acrylic portrait painted from a snapshot of Mexico that Alloway perfected onto a 36" x 42" frame. As people worked their way through all of the beautiful works of art, this was definitely a show stopper. Not only did it receive many viewings and comments, it was the overall "Best in Show" winner of all the paintings. Congratulations to Alloway on this extraordinary work of art!

If all that doesn't sound busy enough, there was also a youth conference, Hypnosis Show: Native Style with Robert Johnston, and a ribbon shirt contest that Thunder participated in at his young age. He actually received second place for his ribbon shirt! There was a Tribal Court conference, a performance play called "We Fought Termination" by Jackie Mitchel, and Sharon Hooqstraten (Citizen Band) was set up to take formal portraits of Potawatomi regalia.

Cultural workshops this year included moccasin making, hand drum making, bias beading, beaded earring making, plant presentation, appliqué, ribbon satchel bag production, finger weaving, pumpkin drying, ribbon skirt assembly, and a handful of other activities in which members could take part. This is always the most popular it seems as many people want to be able to learn these cultural skills and undertakings in order to take the knowledge back home - perhaps to teach to others.

On August 4, there was a celebration for Julia Kabance held at Our Lady of Snows Church. Kabance is the oldest living member of the PBP Nation at the respectable age of 108. Born on August 10, 1910, to Frank and Mary Kabance, she is the oldest living veteran in the United States. Simply amazing!

One other endeavor that was available for any who were interested was a buffalo tour through the rolling hills and plains of Kansas and specifically, on the PBP reservation. This was more or less a hayride tour through the pastures that these majestic animals up close and personal. It was said there are about 230 here on the reservation, which seems just crazy considering only a hundred and fifty years ago there were millions of these animals inhabiting the plains of this country.

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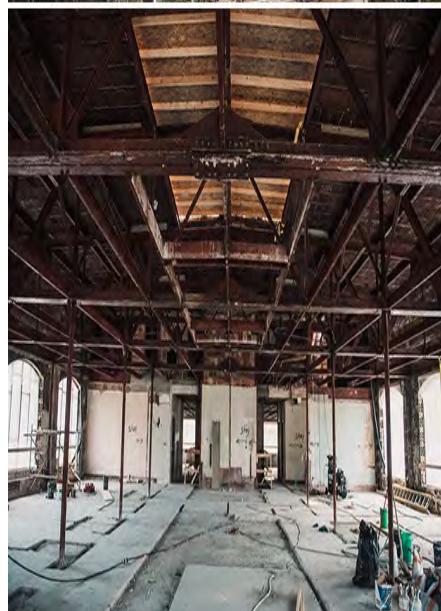
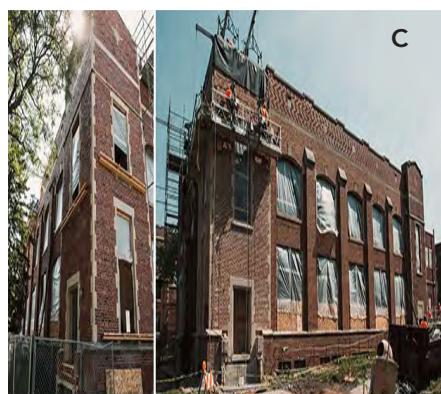


Project Spotlight: REFECTORY BUILDING - WGEMAS

As construction managers, Greenfire looks to maintain historical integrity through refurbishment of the existing building. The Refectory renovation on the Wgema Campus is a prime example of celebrating the past by building for the future.

The exterior is getting a facelift as masonry restoration is underway. The interior is going through a transformation itself as demolition is now complete. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing rough installation is now in progress throughout the interior along with framing plaster repair.

During the operational Concordia days, the Refectory served as the laundry facilities on the garden level, a cafeteria for students on the first floor and as the infirmary on the second floor. With its enormous smokestack, it piped heat to each of the campus buildings. The Refectory was built circa 1925. The renovation will include an updated industrial kitchen, a great gathering room and then additional office space. It will house the Indian Council for the Elderly (ICE) where they serve meals to the elders Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. It will also house Lisa Kaye Catering on the garden level with additional space available for future tenant use.



A) The Rectory in its heyday

B) The Refectory in recent times

C) Retuckpointing of exterior using original and replica bricks, demolition of gathering room

D) Rendering of new gathering room



Company & Employee Profiles: GETTING TO KNOW REDHAWK

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Cynthia Aceves

As a Redhawk Network Security senior account executive, **Cynthia Aceves** leads customer relations efforts and manages day-to-day business and partner relationships. Her close attention to customer service and customer care is apparent in everything she does. With a deep background in financial services, Aceves understands what financial organizations struggle with and can offer support and guidance. With 20 years of experience, Aceves is well skilled in building and fostering client relationships, existing partnerships, and new partnerships. She has a successful track record in account development, contract management negotiations, conflict resolution, and all incoming and outgoing communications. Aceves is highly motivated and enthusiastic, with an eagerness to provide the highest quality of customer service to all. Aceves is committed to growing and expanding Redhawk's business, in the financial industry and beyond. Prior to joining Redhawk, Aceves held business development and customer service manager positions at Diebold Nixdorf, AIMCO, and Iron Mountain. Aceves received her MBA, Business Administration and MHA, Health Care Administration at Marylhurst University.



Rob Wille

As senior account executive at Redhawk Network Security, **Rob Wille's** primary focus is building solid, long-lasting relationships with clients. Wille's vast technology expertise in IT service management, security solutions, technology infrastructure, and enterprise mobility management enables him to help customers find the right solutions to meet their requirements. With a background deeply rooted in healthcare, education, and government, Wille is working to expand Redhawk's security practice into new markets. During his 15 years with Symantec, Wille developed his consultative approach managing regional channel relationships and enterprise customer clients across the United States. He is attentive to customers' needs and is committed to providing excellent customer service with the highest level of professional integrity. Customers have complimented that Wille's planning skills are exemplary, always focused on not only finding the answer to a current client challenge but helping the client plan for future expectations as well. Wille holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Oregon State University.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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potawatombdc.com/careers/



Greenfire Management Services Adds Three New Team Members

submitted by Greenfire Management Services

MILWAUKEE (July 27, 2018) – Greenfire Management Services, LLC (GMS), one of southeastern Wisconsin’s fastest growing firms, announced it added three new team members to its roster. Two employees will be headquartered in the Milwaukee office, and one will work from the northern office in Wausau, Wis.

“We are thrilled to share the news of recent hires in both of our locations,” said Kip Ritchie, GMS’ president. “As we continue to secure additional contracts throughout the state and region, we know this team will make valuable contributions to our company and the customers we work with.”

Kyle Widenski joins the Milwaukee office of GMS as the marketing coordinator and plays a vital role in creating and implementing the company’s annual marketing plan, maintaining the brand, and facilitating business development outreach. He was previously a marketing producer with Sinclair Broadcast Group and a content producer for Nashotah

Homes, Inc. Widenski is a graduate of DePaul University in Chicago and holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism with a minor in photography.

Ashley Drevnak joins the Milwaukee office of GMS as a project manager. She is an integral part of the team and is responsible for the overall management of projects from pre-construction to the final acceptance and payment with sales and estimating responsibilities. Before joining GMS, Drevnak worked as a project manager for Interior Management in New York where she developed expertise in high-end residential construction. She is a graduate of Temple University where she earned a bachelor of architecture with honors.

Evan Fromm is the newest addition to GMS’ Wausau office, joining the team as a project manager. In this capacity, Fromm is responsible for the overall management of projects from pre-construction to the final acceptance and payment with sales and estimating responsibilities.

Fromm’s career includes work with Merrill Steel, Veritas Steel, Manowski Welding and PDM Bridge. Fromm is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a major in industrial technology management.

GMS currently has 37 employees in its Milwaukee and Wausau offices and has openings for Director of Business Development and Project Coordinator.

About Greenfire Management Services, LLC: Since it was formed in 2010 as a subsidiary of the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC), Greenfire Management Services has grown into a leading construction management firm. Greenfire’s portfolio includes major construction projects for some of the Midwest and Wisconsin’s most successful property developers, as well as the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe. Greenfire was recently recognized as the Minority Contractor of the Year and Fastest Growing Firm. Greenfire is a wholly-owned company of the PBDC and is a state-certified, Native American-

owned company. For more information, call Kip Ritchie at (414) 290-9400 or visit our website at greenfire.com.

About the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation: The Potawatomi Business Development Corporation is owned and operated by the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin. The corporation seeks to diversify the tribe’s business interests beyond gaming in an effort to secure the future of the tribe for the next seven generations and beyond. In addition to Greenfire Management Services, business holdings include: Potawatomi Federal Solutions, 1Prospect Technologies, Advancia Corporation, Advancia Aeronautics, Advancia Technologies, Potawatomi Training, Silver Lake Construction, Data Holdings and Redhawk Network Security. For more information on the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, call (414) 290-9490 or visit our website at www.potawatombdc.com.

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Tribal Court 101

Informational meetings to help FCP tribal members and interested parties understand how to use the court to their full advantage

Each Session: 12:30 - 2 p.m.
A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED DURING EACH SESSION

August 21, 2018
Executive Building Auditorium
SESSION 1 — General Overview
An overview of the establishment, structure and main functions of FCP tribal court, judges and court staff.

September 18, 2018
Potawatomi Carter Casino and Hotel
SESSION 2 — Guardianship 101
Topics include who may file, what the duties of the guardian are and the difference between a guardianship and a conservatorship, and the difference between guardian of the estate and guardian of the person.

October 2, 2018
Executive Building Auditorium
SESSION 3 — Family Actions 101
This session will cover all family matters including divorce, child custody and placement, child support, enforcement, maintenance and post-judgment.

October 23, 2018
Executive Building Auditorium
SESSION 4 — CHIPS
An overview of the child protective services process from start to finish.

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TRIBAL COURT
Contact: Tina Bushong @ 7255 to sign up



Peter W. Pemma
“Bémsat - Walks with the Thunder”



Peter W. Pemma Sr., “Bémsat - Walks with the Thunder”, 75, of Crandon, Wis., passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Peter was born October 27, 1942, in Hayward, Wis., the son of Peter and Adeline (Thunder) Pemma. He was united in marriage to Bertha Mae Shockto and she preceded him in death on Sept. 18, 2013.

Surviving Peter are his daughters: Ruth Pemma, Wabeno; Betty Jo (Jeff) Keeble, Wabeno; Cheryl Pemma (Winslow Mexico), Wabeno; Bernice Pemma, Wabeno; Brenda Pemma, Wabeno; Lateachia Pemma (Sam Begay IV), Wabeno; Anitra Pemma, Wabeno; son: Michael (Trish) Pemma, Wabeno; Francis “Nitty” Shepard; grandchildren: Donald, Jeffrey, Lyle and Presley Keeble, Ian Waubanscum, Marcos Gutierrez, Gabrielle (Penaquon) Doud, Athena Begay, Symone, Zion, Royal and Sundown Pemma; great-grandchildren: Mason and Alaina Hoeldt, Marianna and Mazianna Doud, Leon Keeble, Aurora Bostwick, sister: Rosalind Kendrick, Carter.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Marie Shepard, Delores Mann; brothers: Ronald, Melvin and Max Pemma; sons: Pete and Robert Pemma.

Native American Services were held Aug. 2, at the Stone Lake Recreation Center with Leon “Boyce” Valliere officiating. Burial followed services on Aug. 3, 2018, at Blackwell Cemetery. Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Marion E. Crawford



Marion E. Crawford, age 65, of Lakewood, Wis., formerly of Wausau, passed away July 20, 2018, at Lakewood Assisted Living. She was born January 8, 1953, in Laona, Wis., the daughter of Howard and Margaret (Shepard) Crawford.

Through life, Marion worked as a CNA, blackjack dealer, bartender, and on ginseng farms.

As a devout Christian, God was very important to her, as well as her family - especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed going out to eat, playing bingo, going on elder trips, watching the Green Bay Packers, and going and having her nails done.

She is survived by mother: Margaret Hawley, Wausau; daughters: Ann Spaude, Wausau; Trina (Florence) Crawford, Wausau; sons: Nicholas Truax, Wausau, Brandon (Ashley) Crawford, Weston; Robert (Katelin) Rucks, Wausau; sister: Louise (Sonny) McGeshick, Mole Lake; brothers: Steve (Bev) Crawford, Crandon; Johnny (Jeanette) Crawford, Jr., Wausau; sister-in-law: Kathy Crawford, Crandon. Further survived by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and special friend, Dale Becker, Wausau.

She is preceded in death by her father: Howard Crawford; daughter: Jolene Spaude and brother: James Crawford.

Visitation was held on July 24; funeral services were held July 25, both at Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel, Crandon. Pastor Don Dewing officiated. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.



Deadline for the September 1, 2018 issue is Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

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FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI TRIBAL COURT

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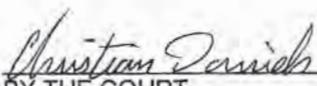
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-captioned matter shall be heard in the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court on the matter of the application of **Isaiah Michael Stover** for permission to change his name and legal designation to **Isaiah Ray Kirk** and for the consideration and determination of any further relevant matters.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

WHEN: 1:00 pm on August 29th, 2018
WHERE: Tribal Courtroom
 2nd Floor, FCP Executive Building
 5416 Everybody's Road, Crandon, Wisconsin

DATED THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2018


 BY THE COURT
 Associate Judge Christian Daniels
 FCP Tribal Court



Message From FCP Veterans Post 1

WE HAVE MOVED! Meetings take place on the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m. in the lower level conference room at the FCP Museum.

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.

Please join us!

Woodland Sky Native American Dance Company Performs at FCP

by Val Niehaus

Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) hosted a free-of-charge event on campus at the Executive Building auditorium on July 25, 2018. Sponsored by Native American Tourism of Wisconsin, the event featured an outstanding performance by Woodland Sky Native American Dance Company. This particular performance also featured hometown drum group Fire Nation Singers.

Co-founders Michelle Reed and Shane Mitchell, both enrolled Ojibwe Lac du Flambeau members, founded the company in 2013 and have been going strong ever since. The group consists of Ojibwe, Menominee, Potawatomi, Lakota and Apache dancers who demonstrate a number of styles of dance and regalia including grass, fancy, jingle, hoop and the all-time favorite traditional. Within each of these different styles there are specific dances and stories that have come to be from the teachings of elders in Native American communities - stories that have been passed down through thousands of years of Native-people history.

Open to the public, this performance

offered a fantastic opportunity to observe and learn about different dances and the historical meaning behind them. This dance company definitely makes one feel all the emotions in the heart and mind through its incredible performances!

The company travels primarily throughout Wisconsin performing in tribal and non-tribal communities. This includes various events during the summer months and schools across the state. It has even traveled the country to help educate people about Native American culture. The company is becoming more and more well-known for its storytelling and the way it presents its message to the audience through accomplished dancing and exquisite regalia.

If you ever get the chance to witness this company's performance, take advantage of the opportunity. It's something you'll not regret. It truly embodies the pride of being Native American.

For more information on future performances of or to book an event with Woodland Sky Native American Dance Company, one may follow them on Facebook.



Deer Dance: Brevin Boyd



Traditional Men (l-r): Shane Mitchell, Ira Frank, Brevin Boyd



Michelle Reed and Ronnie Preston explain the story of the Eagle Dance.



Story of the Jingle Dress (aka Healing or Medicine Dress)



Hoop Dance: Hunter Reed



Men's Fancy: Dawson Grignon



Woodland Sky Dancers with Fire Nation Singers



Fifty-Four Important Steps

by Winda Collins

An end-of-the-community-fire feast was held on Monday, July 23, in the parking lot across from the Stone Lake C-Store. The feast marked the last day of a sacred fire that was lit the day of the Recovery Walk back on May 31 – an historic event bringing two tribes together for one purpose: to shed light on the alarming and growing number of those addicted to opioids. The feast served several purposes: to honor those who kept the fire burning for 54 days, to keep opioid epidemic awareness alive in the community, and to instill the need for a positive, working together mindset into the hearts and minds of those who have within them the power to make a difference.

With a crowd of approximately 150, the event began at 3 p.m., with a grand entry song by Fire Nation, followed by a flag song and a veteran's song.

FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. got the program underway with a warm welcome to those in attendance. He gave a huge shout out to law enforcement from the City of Crandon and Forest County who were present. He thanked them for taking action against those who sell this poison to the people. Daniels went on to speak about drugs being an on- and off-reservation problem that knows no age or color. He made mention of children in the community who are taking part in activities to help others. When speaking of the sorrow brought into the community by drugs, Daniels said, "Migwetch for caring about your people!" He stated that there would be more good things happening in the community.

Vice Chairwoman Brenda Jacobson was the next to speak. She thanked the Creator for the beautiful day and for bringing the crowd together. She spoke of saying many prayers to combat this sickness that has affected the people and of bringing together more pipe carriers to help in the fight. She stated, "The community can heal...but not with money or speakers. We have to do it ourselves."

Secretary James A. Crawford spoke for a few minutes and thanked those who kept the fire going. He stated, "Healing has to be from inside the community."

Council Member Brooks Boyd thanked those in attendance and spoke of the 'beast' wreaking havoc in the community. He said, "I've never seen anything like it – right here at home...not in New York City or a movie." He then spoke of the need for new ideas and thinking outside the box when it comes to solutions.

Council Member Nickolas G. Shepard

Sr. said, "I'm so proud of those who kept going for 54 days...it's unheard of!" He then mentioned each fire helper by name.

Treasurer Joseph Daniels Sr. welcomed those attending the celebration for the 'movement'. He spoke of the youth having a calling – a goodness from their hearts to help the community. He stated, "Thank you to Executive Council for answering the youth!" At this time, Daniels (flanked by his eldest daughter and wife) presented eagle feathers to Jorge Cisneros and Una Ross for setting a positive example to the community – most especially to the youth.

It was then that those tasked with keeping the fire were named and honored:

Fire Keepers (these four were given a Pendleton blanket): Jorge Cisneros Sr., Isaiah Phillips, Robert Daniels Jr., Hector Ramirez

Fire helpers: William Martin, Charles Ritchie, Reese Skenandore, Sam Alloway

Kid fire helpers: Bondesē Frank, Jorge Cisneros Jr., Michael Cisneros, Jeffrey Cisneros, Antonio Cisneros, Brian Tallier, Frank Daniels, Jerome Daniels, Jorg Daniels, Shane Daniels, Rolland Daniels, Chris Daniels

An honor song followed and then FCP elder Jim Thunder said a prayer for the food - a delicious feast catered by Dewing's Catering.

During the meal, the microphone was open to anyone wishing to speak. FCP AODA Director Micah Nickey spoke briefly. One comment made as he was speaking of those keeping the fire was, "Commitment is a huge virtue as an Indian person." It should be noted that several in attendance praised Nickey for the great job he is doing.

There were two more notable speakers during this time: Jorge Cisneros Sr. and Shelby Cleereman. But *PTT* won't share their words in this article. Some things must be heard with the heart as well as the ears and both must be done in the presence of such courage. *PTT* Reporter Val Niehaus will be adding to this story in an upcoming issue.

The last song was a water drum song by Isaiah Phillips and Hector Ramirez.

At this point, Chairman Daniels dismissed the group and invited those who wished to join those dismantling the fire across the road.

Many thanks to all involved with this 54-day journey. It's 54 more steps in a good direction. Stop the dealing! Start the healing!



FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. addresses the gathered group.



FCP Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock in the color guard.



Fire Nation Singers



(l-r): Isaiah Phillips, Hector Ramirez, Robert Daniels Jr., Jorge Cisneros Sr.



Local law enforcement in attendance (l-r): Forest County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Alex Walrath, Sheriff John Dennee, Crandon Police Department Chief Daniel Packard Jr., Officer Eric Bath.



Energy Saving: Does What I do Really Matter?

submitted by Jenni Mabrier, Environmental Education Manager

I'll admit it. A lot of the time I leave my phone charger plugged in, even when I'm not charging my phone. It's one simple step to reach over and unplug it after I unplug my phone, but in the mornings when I'm rushing to get out the door it can feel like one step too many.

I felt guilty about that charger. I studied natural resources and the environment in college. If anyone should be taking the extra steps to save energy, it should be me. That got me wondering about just how much of an impact one person or one household could really have. Could I let myself off the hook about wasting a little energy?

I'm enough of a geek that I looked up some information and started crunching some numbers. It turns out that leaving my phone charger plugged in when I'm not using it wastes about 1.5 kilowatt-hours (kWh) a year. About 1.9 pounds of coal is needed to generate those 1.5 kWh. I'm not the only person in my house with a cell phone, howev-

er, and I'll bet most of you have more than one in your house. Don't forget about tablets too – I counted four device chargers that were almost always plugged in for my family of three. Just like that, my house is up to 7.4 pounds of coal.

If your house is anything like mine, it's not just phone chargers that are always plugged in. We use our Xbox™ for TV streaming and gaming. But once we all went to bed, that game console was still on and drawing power. If we game and stream videos for five hours a day, that's 19 hours it's just sitting there. The power company burns 198 pounds of coal a year just to generate

the energy for my game console to sit idle for 19 hours of the day. That releases the same amount of greenhouse gases as driving 362 miles.

If you're keeping track, my house has now burned just over 200 pounds of coal a year to power things that aren't being used. Burning that coal has released over 475 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air. We could keep going, but I'm getting tired of math. What I quickly realized is my little lapses were adding up to more pollution than I realized (and more than I was comfortable with) so I looked for ways to change it.

I'm not suggesting you unplug

everything in your house before you go to bed each night and before you leave the house to go somewhere. I know I wouldn't do it. Luckily, technology is here to help. At my house, our Xbox™ is now plugged into a smart power strip. When we turn our TV off, it shuts off power to the Xbox™ too. No extra energy wasted and no extra effort for me – my kind of energy saving.

In addition to smart power strips, there are also power strips with timers, smart outlets, smart lights, smart thermostats... you get the idea. I'm pretty sure at this point my house is smarter than I am. Both the timer power strips and the smart outlets work for my phone and tablet charging cords. I set a timing schedule, and then the outlet turns off power to my chargers when I'm not using them. And best yet, once they're installed I don't have to make any extra effort and those 200 pounds of coal can stay in the ground and out of our lungs.



FCP Transit Bus Antigo Shopping Trip

We would love to have you and your neighbors ride along! The next trip is August 12, 2018, making stops at Fleet Farm, Walmart and Two Angels Restaurant for lunch. We will be picking up at several locations for your convenience:

- 8:00 a.m. - Stone Lake Elderly Apt. Complex
- 8:10 a.m. - Stone Lake C-Store
- 8:20 a.m. - Glenview/Fairfield Apt. Complex in Crandon
- 8:45 a.m. - Mole Lake Cenex gas station
- 9:00 a.m. - St. Mary's Church in Pickerel
- 9:10 a.m. - Lil' Hummers Bar & Grill

*Times may vary slightly. The bus will only be stopping at the places where people have called to be picked up. *Transit bus is wheelchair accessible*

Cost to ride the bus:

- Ages 6-54: \$1.00
- Ages 55 and older: \$0.50
- Children 0-5 years of age: Free

If you are interested in going on this shopping trip, please call (715) 478-4940 to sign up. We hope to hear from you!

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SATURDAY, AUG. 18
2018
8 A.M. - 3 P.M.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD IN EACH CATEGORY FOR BOTH ADULTS (15 and older) AND YOUTH.

GRAND PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE LONGEST FISH CAUGHT, ADULT AND YOUTH COMBINED.
(weight will be used in the event of a tie)

Open to all Tribal Members & Families
Lunch & beverages will be provided

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
NATURAL RESOURCES

Categories: Bass | Trout | Perch | Crappie | Sunfish | Northern Pike



2018 Potawatomi Gathering

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The gentleman serving as the tour guide said, “We take the raising of these buffalo to heart and in the good way. There are new calves being born and that is a great thing to see for our people.” They are amazing creatures to see up close and with the destruction of them from years past is one of the greatest wildlife tragedies of all time. It’s great seeing tribes like PBP doing something to get them back.

Friday and Saturday were the days many were looking forward to as this was powwow time! Friday night started things off with grand entry (GE) at 7 p.m. with the veterans of all bands coming together to carry in the colors and staffs along with dancers from all over Potawatomi Nation. FCP Veterans Post I represented the FCP tribe with honor and respect. They even had some new ribbon shirts made just for the occasion! Chi Migweth to Sharon Cloud for making the beautiful shirts. To look out in the arena and see Potawatomi people celebrating each other and their culture is a phenomenal sight indeed!

Saturday grand entry was held at both 1 and 7 p.m. Specials included switch dance, four-person team dance, spot prizes and clown contest. Host drums were Big Soldier Creek (with Edward Alloway Jr. representing FCP), Little Soldier Creek, and Whistling Wind. Other drums were welcome as well. Emcee was Jason Hale; arena director was Chago

Hale. Head male and female dancers were different with each session but FCP’s very own Richard Gougé was head male dancer during the Saturday afternoon session.

This is a week-long celebration of the Potawatomi people and is jam-packed with cultural activities, sights to see, vendors from which to buy, food to fill bellies, stories to hear, memories to be made, and history lessons to be learned and passed on. There were crafts to perfect, artworks to be viewed, games to be played, regalia to be admired and friends to be made. It is a time when all the nine bands of Potawatomi can come together for THEIR huge extended family reunion. No matter who you asked or talked to, they were grateful for this journey and for the opportunity to be part of such an incredible event. It’s a time for old friends from a year ago to meet up again, families to learn more about their own blood, and a time to meet new and exciting friends. When walking around the grounds where this event is held, everywhere you looked there were smiles, laughter and a feeling of companionship. And speaking of grounds, you can start keeping your eyes open for information about the 2019 Potawatomi Gathering which will be hosted by Wasauksing First Nation in Ontario, Canada.

To Prairie Band Potawatomi, Chi Migweth to hosting this year’s Gathering. You showed great love and caring for all Potawatomi people who were able to attend. Until next time!



Wagon ride to see the buffalo



The young running with the old



Chairman Daniels with wife Kim and son enjoyed their time together.



Teachers and presenters from Language Conference photo by Mike Alloway



Great times were had during the powwow.



Rhonda Purcell, Richard Gougé, Sogi LeClere and Carla Collins participating in bias beading workshop.

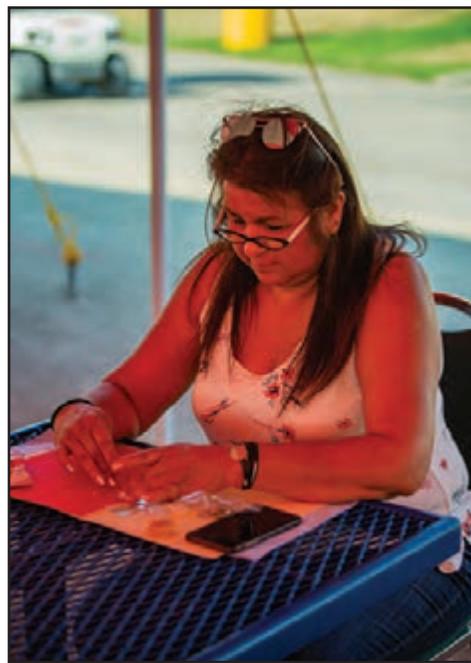
2018 Potawatomi Gathering



(l-r) Lou Aitkins, Candi Wesaw (artist of Potawatomi dictionary), and Mike Alloway enjoy some shade with a heat index of 100+!



Grand entry Saturday afternoon with FCP tribal member Richard Gougé as head male dancer.



Mary Shepard (center) with daughters Gordy Mexico (l) and Richelle Mexico (r) in the beading earrings workshop.



Joe Daniels with Nora Pemma Parker who made him the ribbon shirt he is wearing.



Penelope Peters represents FCP.



Mike and Peggy Konaha pose for a quick pic at the veterans dinner.
photo by Brenda Shopodock



Jim Thunder cools off in front of one of the many fans available during the week due to the heat.



Brenda and Phil Shopodock's selfie game is strong.
photo by Brenda Shopodock

See you next year at Wasauksing First Nation!

Quench Thirst with Infused Water

submitted by Jordyn Fink, Community Health

Stay hydrated with infused water. You can infuse your water with fruits, vegetables, herbs, and so much more! When you infuse your water with fruits/vegetables/herbs, it helps you drink more liquids throughout the day. Infused water does not have excessive calories, large amounts of sugars, or artificial flavorings in it. Plus, you can control how much flavoring you want to add. According to College of Agriculture and Human Science at Prairie View A&M University, there are many benefits to infusing water: help with digestion, immune system support, blood sugar regulation, hydration, weight management, appetite control, obesity, cardiovascular health, and more.



time to infuse than harder ones, hence the reason to cut hard fruits thinly.

Tear herbs in half so they release their oils faster into the water.

Cucumbers, citrus fruits, melons and mint leaves flavor the water almost right away, so drink this water within four hours of infusing it. Apples, cinnamon, fresh ginger root, and rosemary need an overnight soak in the fridge to release their flavors into the water.

Try these infused water combinations:

- Cucumber, lime, strawberry, mint
- Lemon, raspberry, rosemary
- Orange, blueberry, basil
- Lime, ginger root, basil
- Watermelon, honeydew, mint
- Cucumber, mint, jalapeño
- Lemon, thyme
- Orange, hibiscus, star anise
- Orange, cinnamon, cardamom, cloves
- Pear, fennel

Source: *Health Benefits of Infused Water*, May 25, 2016, *College of Agriculture and Human Science at Prairie View A&M University*, www.pvamu.edu/cahs/2016/05/24/health-benefits-of-infused-water/

Tips and tricks for infusing water:

Make sure to wash/rinse your fruits, vegetables and herbs to remove any chemicals, pesticides, dirt or other residue.

Use cold or room temperature water. If you want to feel fancy, you could use sparkling water for some extra fizz.

Use glassware or buy an infusing water pitcher/water bottle.

Cut softer fruits (citrus, berries) in half, while harder fruits (apples) should be sliced very thin. Softer fruits take less

TICKBORNE DISEASES RISK IN WISCONSIN

There are many diseases that can be spread by ticks in Wisconsin. Anaplasmosis, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, Lyme disease, Powassan virus infection, and Rocky mountain spotted fever are among the diseases that can be spread by ticks. Most tickborne diseases in Wisconsin are spread by the black-legged tick (also known as the deer tick). Preventing tick bites is the key to reducing your risk of tickborne disease.

Tickborne Disease Risk

The risk of Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases in Wisconsin is increasing as the state is seeing more months of the year when ticks are active. Longer tick seasons increase the chance of someone coming into contact with a tick.

It is important to remember that ticks are present in all counties in Wisconsin. People living in any county in Wisconsin can contract Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases. Follow the prevention tips below to reduce your chances of being bitten by a tick.

Average incidence of confirmed and probable Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis cases by county of residence, 2008-2017

Risk Level
(Incidence per 100,000 population)

- Highest: ≥ 100 cases
- High: 50 to 99.9 cases
- Moderate: 10 to 49.9 cases
- Low: > 0 to 9.9 cases

*Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis account for the majority of tickborne disease cases in Wisconsin.

Tick Bite Prevention

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM BITES. Wear insect repellent with 20% or more DEET. Wear a long-sleeve shirt and pants while outdoors.

AVOID TICK-HEAVY AREAS. Ticks like to live in tall bushes and other vegetation. When walking on trails, stay in the center and do not go off into the brush.

PERFORM DAILY TICK CHECKS. Check your entire body after being outside, even if you were only in your yard. Shower as soon as possible after coming in from the outdoors.

BE ALERT FOR FEVER OR RASH. Even if you do not remember being bitten by a tick, a fever or rash may be the first sign of Lyme disease. Symptoms of tickborne diseases may include fever, chills, muscle aches, fatigue, headache, and rash (not in all tickborne diseases). Contact your health care provider right away if you have any of these symptoms.

TUMBLE DRY CLOTHES AFTER BEING OUTDOORS.

Tumble dry your clothes on high heat for 10 minutes to kill any ticks that may have come in on your clothes.

PREVENT TICKS ON ANIMALS.

Try to prevent pets from bringing ticks into your home by not allowing them in tick-infested areas, and by using veterinarian-prescribed tick collars or spot treatment.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
State of Wisconsin | Department of Health Services

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CURRENT ON YOUR VACCINES?

- Influenza kills more people in the U.S. than all other vaccine-preventable diseases combined.
- More than an estimated 80% of U.S. adults are not up-to-date on their whooping cough vaccination.
- Vaccines save more lives than seat belts in the U.S.

Call us today to find out: (715) 478-4339

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

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www.FCPotawatomi.com
Mon. - Fri. | 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Open to the Public

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Honoring Health,
Healing, and Tradition

Join us as individuals share stories of how substance abuse has impacted their lives, how they cope with the grief of losing a loved one, and how they stay on the path of sobriety.

Artwork by Robinson Lemieux

The HEALING JOURNEY

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 | 6 p.m.

FCP MUSEUM — LOWER LEVEL

OPEN TO THE FCP COMMUNITY, ELDERS, FAMILIES AND YOUTH AGES 9+

POTLUCK: FEEL FREE TO BRING A DISH

Contact: FCP Community Health: (715) 478-4355, or FCP AODA Services: (715) 478-4370, with questions: www.FCPotawatomi.com

For additional information on the topic of grief and grieving, contact the FCP Behavioral Health Department at (715) 478-4339. For topics related to AODA and sobriety, please contact FCP AODA Services at (715) 478-4370.

Open to Community,
FCP Tribal Members and Their Families



CAR SEAT Safety Event

Thursday, August 16, 2018
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Parking lot across from Stone Lake C-Store

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR ANNUAL CAR/SAFETY EVENT

- On-the-Spot Car Seat Checks with Child Passenger Safety Technicians
- Emergency Vehicles
- Enter for Prizes
- Learning Opportunities on Safety Topics

SPONSORED BY: FCP Community Health, FCP Emergency Management, FCP Land & Natural Resources, FCP Family Services, FCP Employee Wellness, Forest County Health Department, Forest County Sheriff's Department, and Fire & Rescue from Surrounding Areas

PLEASE CONTACT YVONNE OR CALLI AT (715) 478-4355 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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COMMUNITY HEALTH
cmh.fcpotawatomi.com

**! UNDER !
! CONSTRUCTION !c**

The FCP Gift Shop & Library will be **CLOSED** starting August 6 for new flooring/construction. The Museum Gallery will be open and staff will still be available for questions and assistance. Please call (715) 478-7478 with questions. The estimated re-open date is Monday, Sept. 3, 2018.

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August Luncheon

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER COMMUNITY HEALTH

RSVP APPRECIATED
Cathy Chiko (715) 478-4567
Anne Chramos (715) 478-4585
Lisa Miller (715) 478-4320

cmh.FCPotawatomi.com
Check out the registration form at cmh.FCPotawatomi.com

diabetes program

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018
12-1:30 P.M.
FCP 8-Plex Apartment Commons
(Next to the Caring Place)

National Immunization Awareness Month

Lunch, Education & Prize Drawings

- GRILLED TERIYAKI CHICKEN
- STEAMED BROCCOLI RICE BLEND
- TROPICAL FRUIT
- WATERMELON SORBET-INFUSED WATER

Open to FCP Tribal Members with Diabetes and their Guest

Fall HIKE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15, 2018

POTAWATOMI STATE PARK
STURGEON BAY, WI

SCHEDULE

- 8 AM: LOAD BUS at FCP Health & Wellness Center
- 8:15 AM: Depart
- 10:45 AM: Arrive at the Park HIKE, HIKE, Lunch, HIKE
- 5:15 PM: Dinner to-go - Travel Back to Crandon
- 8 PM: Return to FCP HWC

REGISTRATION

- Open to FCP Tribal Members, Their Family and Guests
- Youth MUST be Accompanied by at Least One Responsible ADULT
- SPACE is LIMITED to first 30 people
- Registration Deadline: SEPT. 1, 2018
- ONLINE: cmh.fcpotawatomi.com
- PHONE: 715.478.4355
- IN PERSON: FCP CH Office



We will be hiking 5-10 miles, so please be walking regularly to prepare. Please note: a Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q) will be required at registration.



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NOTICES

CULTURE

Language Classes

With summer vacation here, please call (715) 478-4173 with questions regarding times/locations of language classes.

HEALTH

Wellbriety - 12-step meeting, Mondays at 6:30 p.m., FCP Museum lower level. Walking in a good way...a sober way. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you have any questions, call FCP AODA at (715) 478-4370 or Isaiah Phillips at (715) 889-4945.

7 Directions Men's Group - Open to all Mondays, 1 p.m., at HWC AODA upper level. Tired of hurting the ones you love? Learn how to respect yourself. Join our group which include topics related to everyday life. Call (715) 478-4370 with questions.

Principles of Recovery - A guide to living well on the road to recovery. Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon at HWC AODA. Call (715) 478-4370 with questions.

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

Kwe Kenomagewen - Women's support, Wednesdays, 2 p.m. HWC AODA. Call (715) 478-4370 with questions.

Hour of Power - Big Book, NA Book or Wellbriety Book, Thursdays, 2 - 3 p.m. HWC AODA. Call (715) 478-4370 with questions.

***NEW* Living Life! AA Big Book Group** - Thursdays, 6 - 7 p.m., Northwoods Veterans Center, 104 S. Lake Avenue, Crandon. Contact Terri B. with questions at (715) 622-0502.



HEALTH

Do You Feel Like No One Understands You? You're not alone! Let your voice be heard! Let someone share your pain! If you are thinking of committing suicide or know someone who is, please get help! 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.

PROGRAMS

Smoking Cessation Incentive Program - Open to FCP tribal members and individuals eligible for Alternative Care Program. Services include: appointments with nurses and CHR's 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 Program - 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

Economic Support Programs
Tribal Employment Skill Program - available to adult tribal members who can be placed on a paid work experience opportunity in various tribal departments for up to six months. This allows tribal members to test drive different areas to find a good fit. The staff can assist with:

- Direct connection between DMV to obtain, reinstate and/or determine what is needed to obtain the driver's license
- Work-related expenses
- Resumé development/ resumé critiquing
- Mock interviews (practice before a job interview) and tips.
- Job-seeking skills/soft skills
- Employment guidance/advocacy
- Fidelity bonding available

We currently have a 53 percent success rate for successful work experience to employment.

Work Study Program - for students that are in their senior year. Students can be on a work experience but must have good standings in all their school classes. We work with the FCP Education Department to set this up.

Badgercare - a state/federally-funded program that provides health coverage for individuals living on the reservation or within Forest County, tribal children and affiliated-tribal members.

Foodshare - a state/federally-funded program that provides an EBT food card to eligible individuals living on the reservation or individuals that have tribal children living in Forest County. The program has eligibility requirements that also considers shelter/housing expenses.

Foodshare Employment & Training Program (FSET) - individuals that are eligible for Foodshare would be eligible for this program which can assist with gas voucher, job training costs and other expenses relative to the goals

SERVICES OFFERED

that are set for securing employment.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - this work program is funded through the Administration for Children and Families with an income limit of 125 percent of federal poverty level for individuals living on the reservation or individuals living in Forest County that have FCP tribal children. Individuals get a cash payment each month providing that they completed their work activities each month.

General Assistance (GA) - this work program is funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is available for federally-recognized tribal members living on the reservation. Eligible individuals will get a cash payment each month providing that they are complying with the work plan developed with their case worker.

Native Employment Works (NEW) Program - this work program is funded through the Administration for Children and Families for individuals living on the reservation or within the service area. The paid work placement opportunity is for three months at 24-35 hour per week and we have limited slots available based on funding.

Resource Rooms - located at the old tribal hall and at the Family Services Building. Each area has computers that individuals can utilize to complete their resumé, type correspondence, work on the self-paced Microsoft Computer Training Program, apply for jobs, or apply online for healthcare coverage programs.

The FCP Economic Support staff is available to provide services for resumé building, computer training programs, and for any other economic support program information. If you want more information on any of these programs, please stop by the Family Services Building or call (715) 478-4433.

AUGUST EVENT CALENDAR

CHOICES Program

- Youth 9 - 12: Mondays (13, 20, 27), *Summer Hours
 - Youth 13 - 17: Tuesdays (14, 21, 28), *Summer Hours
 - Youth 6 - 8: Wednesdays (15, 22, 29), *Summer Hours
- Call (715) 478-4839 for more info.



Family Resource Center

- Healthy Relationships Class: Mondays (13, 20, 27) from 1 - 3 p.m.
- FRC Girls Group (ages 10-17): Tuesdays (14, 21, 28) *Summer Hours
- Team Building w/CHOICES (age 6-8): Wednesdays (15, 22, 29) *Summer Hours
- Positive Indian Parenting Class (PIP): Thursdays (16, 23, 30), 10 a.m. - noon.
- Community Women's Talking Circle: TBA
- NEW Fatherhood is Sacred & Motherhood is Sacred Parenting Class
- Open registration Nurturing Fathers parenting class: 13-week curriculum; two hour, one-on-one sessions.

Child care available for all classes; please RSVP if child care is needed. Call (715) 478-4837 with questions about any programs.



Community Health

- 8/14 - WIC (HWC): 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 8/15 - Diabetes Luncheon (8-Plex): noon - 1:30 p.m.
- 8/15 - The Healing Journey (FCP Museum): 6 p.m.

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

WHEN

September 18, 2018
1 - 4 p.m.

WHERE

Family Services Building
5415 Everybody's Rd.

FOR MORE INFO CALL NATALIA

AT (715) 365-2607

OR EMAIL AT

NATALIA.GRAF@DWD.WISCONSIN.GOV

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Senate Democrats are Committed to Expanding Tribal Self-Determination

submitted by press@schumer.senate.gov

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 23, 2018) – U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senate Democratic Leader, and U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, penned a joint op-ed on Indianz.com about Senate Democrats' commitment to expanding tribal self-determination and fulfilling the federal government's trust and treaty obligations to Indian Country.

The Democratic Steering and Oversight Committee convened a meeting between tribal leaders and Senate Democrats to discuss Indian Country's legislative priorities.

[Read the full op-ed below:](#)

Last week, the Democratic Steering and Oversight Committee convened a meeting between tribal leaders and Senate Democrats to discuss Indian Country's legislative priorities. Tribal leaders and advocates underscored two overarching points throughout their comments:

1. Congress must uphold federal treaty and trust responsibilities to tribes by ensuring that Native communities have access to federal resources.

2. Taking a one-size-fits-all approach to developing legislation that impacts tribes does not work.

These points served as an important reminder that Congress must remain committed and attentive to fulfilling the United States' obligations to Indian Country.

Certainly, through our work in the Senate with tribal leaders, we understand that what may work well for the Seneca Nation in New York may not work as well for the Pueblos of New Mexico - or for any other federally-recognized tribe

to which the United States has a treaty and trust responsibility to provide federal programs and services.

That is why the policy of tribal self-determination stands as one of the most successful federal Indian policies in our nation's history. At its core, tribal self-determination recognizes that tribes have the right to govern themselves and that decisions made for Indians by Indians produce the best outcomes for the unique needs, cultures, and beliefs of their communities. Tribes and Senate Democrats agree: we must build on the successes of tribal self-determination by creating opportunities for further expansion of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA, Pub. L. 93-638).

Passed by Congress in 1975 and expanded several times since, the ISDEAA authorizes the Secretaries of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Department of the Interior (DOI) to transfer administrative control of certain federal programs – established for Indian tribes in fulfillment of federal trust responsibilities – to tribes through contracts and compacts, known as “638” contracts and self-governance compacts. Initially limited in scope to the HHS Indian Health Services and DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Congress amended ISDEAA to expand “638” contracting and compacting authority to additional DOI and HHS agencies and to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

ISDEAA signaled an historic end to decades of disastrous federal policies aimed at terminating the federal trust relationship and dismantling tribal governments. It ushered in a modern

era of Indian Affairs policy that respects and honors the government-to-government relationship that exists between the United States and tribes, recognizes the inherent sovereignty of tribal self-rule, and provides tribes with the flexibility to adapt federal programs to suit their own communities' needs. No other law has proven more effective than the framework originally set out in the ISDEAA.

In each of our roles - Vice Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs and Democratic Leader - we are committed to fulfilling the U.S. government's trust responsibility to Indian tribes and will consult with tribes to develop legislation that extends “638” contracting authority to additional federal programs that benefit American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Earlier this year, we sent a letter to our Republican counterparts that requested swift consideration of bills important to Indian Country – including, the PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act (S. 2515), which would create consistency and build efficiencies for tribes that operate both DOI and HHS self-governance programs. Since then, we have also joined our Democratic colleagues to push for expansion of “638” contracting to programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as part of the Farm Bill Reauthorization – a successful effort that saw the Senate Farm Bill package include the first ever authorization of a self-determination demonstration program at USDA.

With the self-determination door open at USDA, we will continue working with tribes to push for even greater self-determination authority at the Department. We will engage with the Secretary of Agriculture, our Republican

counterparts, and other stakeholders to look for a path forward on “638” contracting authority of key USDA Forest Service and Food Service programs – priorities for tribes across the country that want to improve resource management and address food insecurity in their communities.

As self-determination expands across federal agencies, inter-agency coordination will be critical to its success. That is why we strongly believe the federal government would benefit from the establishment of a federal-tribal council, which would be responsible for identifying best practices, working to implement ISDEAA at new agencies, and ensuring that tribes are meaningfully consulted throughout the entire implementation process. We envision the council would also inform Congress's work in support of tribal self-determination by identifying additional programs on an annual basis for expansion of “638” contracting authority.

The legacy of bipartisan cooperation is woven into the history of ISDEAA, so we urge all Senators to join us in advancing these important ideals. In the meantime, we will continue working hand-in-hand with Indian Country to expand tribal self-determination under ISDEAA. And, above all, we will hold fast to the principles of tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and meaningful consultation in our work in the Senate.

Sen. Tom Udall, Democrat from New Mexico, serves as vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in the 115th Congress. Sen. Charles Schumer, Democrat from New York, is the Democratic leader in the Senate.

Baldwin Secures Support for Wisconsin Tribes in Farm Bill

submitted by Baldwin Press

The Senate recently passed the 2018 Farm Bill and Senator Baldwin secured major support for Wisconsin tribes in the bipartisan legislation.

The Senate and House now go to conference on the Farm Bill and will soon send a final version to the President for his signature.

Senator Baldwin worked to include the following in the 2018 Senate Farm Bill:

• [Supporting Research and Grant Opportunities for Tribal Colleges](#)

The 2018 Farm Bill includes en-

hanced resources for grant and research opportunities for tribal colleges and universities by expanding access to nearly \$11.3 million in USDA research and extension funding.

• [Investing in Tribal Broadband and Infrastructure Financing](#)

The legislation increases funding for rural broadband deployment in rural communities and prioritizes tribes and other underserved communities in grants and loans for broadband. It also provides refinancing for USDA projects that improve broadband access and water in-

frastructure in substantially-underserved trust areas.

• [Expanding the Good Neighbor Authority](#)

Senator Baldwin has long advocated for expanding the Good Neighbor Authority throughout Wisconsin. The 2018 Farm Bill will allow the National Forest Service to partner with tribes, through cooperative agreements, to perform watershed restoration and forest management services.

• [Legalizing Hemp](#)

Senator Baldwin cosponsored the

Hemp Farming Act, led by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and included in the Senate version of the 2018 Farm Bill, to legalize hemp farming and create new state and tribal plans to develop and expand hemp production.

• [Addressing Food Insecurity in Tribal Communities](#)

The legislation includes language to make tribes eligible for participation in local food programs, allowing them to grow, process and market native foods.

The FCP Elderly Board will be meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at the Caring Place. Please join us!

Udall Fights to Improve VA Services for Native American Veterans

submitted by news@tomudall.senate.gov

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 26, 2018) – U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) joined Senators Jon Tester (D-MT) and Dan Sullivan (R-AK) to introduce bipartisan legislation to improve VA outreach, health care and benefits for Native American veterans through establishment of a VA Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs. The Advisory Committee will facilitate communication and understanding between the VA and tribal governments to better address the unique barriers Native American veterans face when accessing the VA.

“Native veterans, including many in New Mexico, put their lives on the line for our country - but too many of these courageous men and women aren’t able to access the services they have earned,” said Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. “The bipartisan VA Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs will improve the department’s government-to-government relationship with tribes, and it will generate solutions

that make VA programs work for Native veterans across Indian Country.”

“Native Americans have signed up to serve our country at a historically high rate and the VA must do more to make sure they have access to the health care and benefits they earned,” said Tester, Ranking Member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee. “Our bipartisan bill will make sure that Native American veterans have a seat at the table as the VA comes up with important solutions to connect Indian Country with VA services.”

“Alaska has more veterans per capita than any state in the country, and Alaska Native veterans serve at higher rates in the U.S. military than any other ethnic group – bravely answering the call to serve, even during the darker times in our nation’s history when many were discriminated against and denied basic rights,” said Sullivan. “This special kind of patriotism is unique, as are the health care and access challenges impacting these veter-

ans across Alaska and the United States. I am pleased to have worked with my colleagues on this bipartisan legislation which seeks to amplify the voices of these communities within the VA and ensure that they are heard.”

The bill has received support from tribes and tribal organizations including the Navajo Nation and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

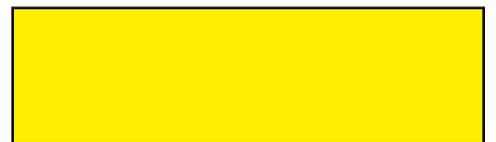
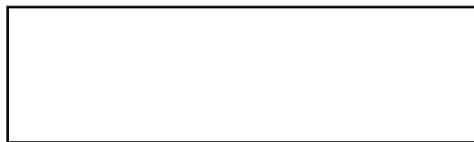
“We at the Navajo Nation are proud of our veterans who have served this country honorably for generations. I applaud the introduction of the VA Tribal Advisory Committee Act, a bipartisan bill that would create a Native American Veterans Advisory Council. This bill is a step forward for tribes to have a larger voice in advising the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to help our Native American veterans,” said Russell Begaye, president of the Navajo Nation.

Veterans hold a place of honor in Native communities,” said Jefferson Keel, NCAI President and retired U.S. Army

Officer. “Too often our Native veterans do not benefit from the programs and resources they earned through their service to this country. The Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Advisory Committee Act would ensure federal policy-makers are considering and working to address the unique challenges that make accessing programs difficult for veterans in our communities.”

The senators’ VA Tribal Advisory Committee Act will establish a 15-member committee representing each of the 12 regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, including three at-large Native American members and at least four veterans.

The Advisory Committee will facilitate communication between the VA and tribal governments, meet face-to-face with the VA secretary to provide guidance on tribal and Indian affairs, and report to Congress its recommendations for legislation to improve Native American veterans’ access to VA care and benefits.



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New Replacement School for Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School Celebrated

submitted by Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

BENA, Minn. (July 30, 2018) – The Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke was among the dignitaries to speak at the dedication of the newly-constructed Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School on the Leech Lake reservation. This replacement building is the result from the combination of efforts made over 25 years. The new building replaces the metal-clad pole barn, a structure originally built as an auto mechanic shop and bus garage. It lacked proper insulation that made regular classroom sessions difficult during Minnesota's harsh winters.

"The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school project between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the tribe is a great example of what is possible when we work together in consultation with tribes," said Secretary Zinke. "All Native American kids deserve a world-class education - 48,000

American Indian students and their families count on the Department of the Interior to deliver this kind of experience at school. We'll do everything we can to help give them world-class facilities."

The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs John Tahsuda joined Secretary Zinke on a tour of the new building, which is equipped with a state-of-the-art library and a kitchen designed to teach the preparations of traditional foods. Indian Affairs, through the Office of Facilities Property and Safety Management and Division of Facilities Management and Construction, partnered with the school and tribe to make this project possible.

"Indian Affairs is a proud partner with both the tribe and the school's leadership," said PDAS Tahsuda. "The journey to build a real school for the Bug-O-Nay-

Ge-Shig students has been a long one, but this is a proud moment for the many who spearheaded this effort. Indian Affairs is proud to help fund this state-of-the-art facility."

"We want to remember this day as a win for tribal education and future generations who will benefit from the school which will provide a safe, welcoming hub for students, teachers, and members of the community," said Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman Faron Jackson Jr.

"Almost 300 students will attend the new high school this fall," said Superintendent Mary Trapp. "It has taken 25 years for this vision to become reality. It is a dream come true for the generation of students who are proud of the education they earned here, but who had endured the failing infrastructure around them."

The contract was awarded in 2017

and the builders aimed to build the facility within a year.

The new Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School will also serve as a community center. It uses geothermal heating technology which proves a cleaner and more sustainable source of energy. The installation of large windows in each classroom allows more natural light and a visual connection to the surrounding landscape. The media library will allow for students to take advantage of long-distant learning opportunities.

The Administration proposed legislation to establish the Public Lands Infrastructure Fund in the FY 2019 budget to provide up to \$18.0 billion to address needed repairs and improvements in the BIE schools, as well as the national parks and national wildlife refuges.

Indian Affairs Law Enforcement Officers Honored by Trump Administration

submitted by U.S. Department of the Interior

FARGO, N.D. (July 26, 2018) - U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke recognized Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Turtle Mountain Agency Law Enforcement Officers Stacey Larocque and Michael Slater and BIA - Standing Rock Agency Law Enforcement Officers Wayland Bad Hand and Gary Sandland with the Secretary's Commendation Award for their quick and heroic actions to save the lives of individuals who overdosed on deadly, synthetic opioid drugs.

"Officers Larocque, Slater, Bad Hand, and Sandland are heroes and role models for every one of the Department's 4,000 law enforcement officers," said Secretary Zinke. "Thanks to their quick actions and cool heads, they were able to save lives. I'm incredibly proud and honored to have them on our team."

"Teamwork and training saved lives," said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs John Tahsuda. "Our officers are dedicated to protecting Indian Country every day. I applaud these officers for utilizing their training in an exceptional manner while under pressure to save tribal members from the deathly grips of their opioid overdose. They saved members of Indian Country's family."

"On behalf of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, we would like to commend Sergeant Stacy Larocque and Officer Michael Slater on receiving the letters of commendation and the pinning of the Life Saving Ribbons," said Chairman Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Jamie S. Azure. "Our community is proud of all of our law enforcement and grateful for all of our uniformed officers and emergency services who knowingly put their lives on the line to protect

others in the line of duty." Officer Slater arrived at the home on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in New Town, N.D., and found a man unconscious and with no pulse. The family at the scene alerted Officer Slater about the suspected overdose. Officer Slater administered CPR until Officer Larocque arrived to administer naloxone, commonly referred to as narcan. The man gained consciousness after three doses and within minutes was responsive to the first responders.

The Secretary recognized Sergeant Larocque and Officer Slater during a round table meeting with North Dakota's five tribes. The conversation focused on issues each tribe faces with the opioid crisis and included options and opportunities to help the communities. Officer Bad Hand responded to a reported assault of a female on the Standing Rock Reservation. Upon arriving at a residence, Officer Bad Hand found the unresponsive woman exhibiting signs of an opioid overdose. Officer Gary Sandland arrived at the scene and retrieved the narcan, a dose in the form of a nasal spray, from Officer Bad Hand's patrol car. The woman regained consciousness after the medication was administered by Officer Bad Hand. Officer Sandland continued to assist by holding the IV bag of narcan that the responding Standing Rock EMS had inserted in the distressed woman's arm.

The Secretary's recognition of Officers Larocque, Slater, Bad Hand, and Sandland was followed by a round table meeting with the tribes from North Dakota: Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Three Affiliated Tribes, and Turtle Mountain of Chippewa. The conversation focused on issues each Tribe faces with the opioid

crisis and included options and opportunities to help the communities.

"President Trump has made it clear that ending the opioid crisis is a top priority, and I'm honored to have the government-to-government relationship with North Dakota's tribal nations," said Secretary Zinke. "For too many, opioids have torn the fabric of the community apart, leaving children orphaned or in dangerous situations. Under President Trump's leadership, the federal government is partnering with tribes to identify and prioritize community-based recovery solutions. This would both help victims return to health and also keep our children safe and close to home."

"This round table has provided another opportunity to advance the essential dialogue that includes tribal communities in the national opioid crisis," said Chairwoman Myra Pearson of the Spirit Lake Tribe. "The opioid epidemic is another silent threat to our families and it is one that all tribal communities should all be aware of. Proper storage and disposal of medication are effective ways to protect against potential abuse. I encourage everyone to learn to identify the signs of opioid abuse, the signs of an opioid overdose and how to respond to an overdose until trained first responders arrive. Together, we can help save lives."

"I extend my deepest gratitude to Secretary Zinke for spotlighting this important issue and meeting with the North Dakota tribal leaders," said Chairman Mark Fox of the Three Affiliated Tribes. "For the health and wellness of Indian Country, we must continue to work together on developing and implementing strategies to overcome the threats posed by the nationwide opioid crisis. I am

committed to continuing the open dialogue started at the Round Table with the Administration to stop the encroachment of this epidemic in its tracks."

Earlier in the year, Secretary Zinke established the first-of-its-kind law enforcement Joint Task Force (JTF) on opioids. The JTF brings together officers from the BIA, state and local law enforcement, and tribal law enforcement. The JTF conducts investigations and sting operations on reservations at the request of tribal leadership. At the beginning of the year, Secretary Zinke held a series of tribal community visits on the opioid crisis in Indian Country: Tohono O'odham, Gila River, Salt River, and AK-Chin in Arizona; Oneida in Wisconsin; Spokane, Colville, and Lummi Nations in Washington State. The Interior's JTF was established by Secretary Zinke to help achieve President Trump's mission to end the opioid epidemic. The Secretary has publicly praised operations led by the new JTF that resulted in the seizure of \$2.5 million worth of methamphetamine and \$22,000 in marijuana, heroin and other narcotics near Pueblo lands in New Mexico, and an opioid bust around tribal lands in Arizona that seized 9,050 fentanyl pills, 48.2 pounds of methamphetamine, 1.2 pounds of heroin, 863 pounds of marijuana, one-half pound of cocaine, and \$30,000 in cash. A Memorandum of Agreement between the BIA and the Indian Health Service supports training for BIA Law Enforcement in administering narcan, a naloxone nasal spray. Officer Jonathan Vigil was the first BIA Officer to successfully use narcan while on duty on August 2, 2016.

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