



## Wiigwaasi jiimaan Launched



(l-r) Council Member Brooks Boyd, Jorge Cisneros Sr., Ira Frank, Wayne Valliere, Lawrence Mann Sr. and son Lawrence Jr.

by Val Niehaus

July 24, 2019, was a day of history-in-the-making as the Wiigwaasi jiimaan (birch bark canoe) was able to float away in the waters of Devil's Lake on the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) reservation. It was a perfect picturesque Northwoods morning – truly fitting for this special occasion.

*Potawatomi Traveling Times (PTT)* previously shared two stories about the

beginning and the near completion of this birch bark canoe in the March 1 and the July 1, 2019 issues. These articles explained the processes that were used to create it. They also expressed the dedication that Wayne Valliere, Ira Frank, Lawrence Mann Jr., and many community members shared as they worked to finish this piece of cultural history for the Anishnaabe people – here and in the surrounding area.

The morning started with Valliere, Mann, Frank and two other apprentices giving prayers and blessings before this canoe set off in the water on its maiden voyage – prayers to look over it, protect it, and to keep those safe who travel within its walls.

FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. and his son Justin made certain they were present for this momentous occasion. Daniels said, "You know, right when I wake up in the morning, I am on-the-go with meetings, phone calls, everything – but this right here was not only important to me, but important for my son to be a part of, too. So I wanted to make sure to be here over everything else. It's great seeing all of you here because this day will go down in history, and you will always remember this for as long as you live. I was able to participate in the building of this, and we all had a great time just laughing and telling stories. The night I came to help with the pitch, I honestly didn't want it to end. It really

was great for my spirit to be a part of the building of this. I want to thank Wayne and all the people who helped in building this beautiful piece of work – it really is something to be proud of."

Once the blessing was finished and Chairman Daniels had spoken, it was time for Frank and Mann to hop in and paddle off in the waters of Devil's Lake. Not only is this lake on the FCP reservation, it also has great cultural significance to the Potawatomi people. It was important for this canoe to have her first voyage here.

After Frank and Mann returned, it was then anyone's turn to hop in and paddle off onto the waters. Summer Day Camp youth were present for this amazing day. A few young boys and girls were able to try out the canoe, which brought smiles to faces and made memories for them all. A whole family of about six even climbed in, and as Valliere said, "That right there is how our people traveled. Just think... seeing that canoe filled like that. It looks like a family going off to berry pick. It's great to see."

Seeing the Wiigwaasi jiimaan from the beginning of its construction in January 2019 through the finishing touches, and then finally watching it glide across the water on Devil's Lake on this day, was a historical and emotional sight to see. For the people who helped build it, this was a spiritual process as well as a gratifying experience. As Valliere said, "This is the

'community' Wiigwaasi jiimaan. Every hand that has touched this has imprinted themselves on this canoe and that is something special."

Chi migweth to Valliere for coming to the FCP community to teach this art and to guide those involved in the construction through the building and final dedication of this cultural treasure. It is beyond appreciated, and all involved will look forward to future endeavors under his guidance.

*More photos on page 2...*



Mann and Frank are the first to paddle out into the water.

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Jeanette M. Towns

Jeanette M. Towns, 69, of Escanaba, Mich., passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at Parkside Village by Hillcrest in Green Bay, Wis.

Jeanette was born in Escanaba on April 4, 1950, the daughter of Carl and Viola Gerdeen. At the age of 7, she was lovingly adopted by Keith and Leona Towns. She was a life-long resident of the area until she moved to Green Bay for health reasons and to be close to her daughter and grandchildren.

She graduated from Gladstone High School and attended cosmetology and nursing school.

Jeanette loved to cook, sew and go for joy rides. She enjoyed going to the casino to gamble and dance. Her greatest joy was spending time with her daughter, Jennifer, and her grand babies. She cherished playing with them and watching them grow.

Among survivors is her daughter: Jennifer Gerdeen; grandchildren: Wesley Gerdeen, Beau Phillips, and baby Phillips arriving in August; Jeanette's long-time companion: Gary Christenson; siblings: Carol Coyle, Keith Gerdeen and Bob Gerdeen; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Kevin, Lorraine and Carl.

Visitation was held July 25 followed by services officiated by Major Alex Norton at Crawford Funeral Home, Escanaba. Burial immediately followed at Gardens of Rest Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [crawfordfuneralhomes.net](http://crawfordfuneralhomes.net).



Message From FCP Veterans Post 1

Meetings take place on the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m. 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!

Deadline for the September 1, 2019 issue of the *Traveling Times* is Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

Wiigwaasi jiimaan photos...



Daniels is very proud to have his son, Justin, be a part of this amazing day.



Mann and Valliere enjoy the morning water.



Mann and Daniels with their boys, Lawrence Jr. and Justin, paddling off on Devil's Lake.



Jorge Cisneros Sr., Mariya Tuckwab, Stetson and Fletcher Tuckwab, Jayden Tuckwab and Brooks Boyd give an example of the canoe occupied with a small family.



Geronimo Shepard and Preston VanZile try out the Wiigwaasi jiimaan.



# Quarterly General Council Meeting

by Winda Collins

The most recent General Council Meeting took place Aug. 10, 2019, at the FCP Rec Center. On-hand this day to distribute information to and answer questions from tribal members were Family Services, Planning, Education, and Enrollment.

On display was the recently built and launched canoe. There was also a well-made video of the launch playing on the television screens. As the Rec Center began to fill, there was much visiting and laughter going on. Chairman Daniels made his rounds through the crowd. At one table, he was overheard telling the youth sitting there to make sure to

take a close look at the canoe. He said, “Make sure you touch it... it’s part of our history now, so when you touch it, you become part of that.”

A delicious buffet meal provided by Dewing’s Catering began at noon while tribal members continued to arrive and register. Quorum was made, and once this was announced by the Chairman with a heartfelt thank you, Veterans Post 1 posted the flags and staff while Fire Nation sang an honor song and then a welcome song. Shortly after, the meeting got underway. The next General Council Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 9, 2019.



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# FCP Chairwoman Shopodock Joins Alliance Whose Aim is to Change Border Crossing Law

by Val Niehaus

The Jay Treaty is: “The right of American Indians to freely cross the border and live and work in both the United States and Canada comes from the Jay Treaty, an agreement signed by the U.S. and Great Britain in 1794. Congress later affirmed these rights in section 289 of the 1952 Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA). The INA limited Jay Treaty rights to those American Indians born in Canada with at least 50 percent Aboriginal (Indian) blood. If you are a Native Canadian with at least 50 percent Aboriginal blood, you have the LEGAL RIGHT to...” It goes on to explain the rights of what is legal for the person to do. *(above cited from www.washingtonlawhelp.org)*

From this law, many tribal communities and leaders have come together to form an alliance to abolish this law, and they have formed the Jay Treaty Board Alliance (JTBA). Back in February 2019, Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Executive Council approved tribe’s member-

ship in the JTBA and authorizes it to list Vice-Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock as one of its members.

As you can see, the biggest obstacle here is saying the Native American must have 50 percent blood, which in today’s world can upset many tribal people along with their tribal leaders. As FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. says, “We don’t want to have to worry about having 50 percent blood quantum for our people to pass the border. We are all of this First Nation and we shouldn’t have to prove who is Native by 50 percent and who is not. We are all tribal members.”

With this law in place, there are many tribal leaders who want to see it abolished. This is what Vice-Chairwoman Shopodock has been hard at work doing: collaborating with other tribal nations. Summits are being held to eradicate this law that would allow any Native American with a tribal I.D. to pass the border without having to prove they are

at least 50 percent Aboriginal blood. As Shopodock says, “This is a control issue still to this day for our people.”

These summits started in January 2019 in Tucson, Ariz., and have continued to the present with the last being held in July 2019 in Washington, D.C. Chairwoman Shopodock and her husband, Phil, attended all of them in order to represent and advocate for the FCP tribe.

Shopodock brings up the example of how this personally affects the FCP tribe, saying, “We [Potawatomi] host a Gathering each year in which we just returned from. I want it made easy for my people to cross the border when these are hosted in Canada.” The other problem that Shopodock brings up when crossing the border is when border patrol searches through sacred bundles, eagle feathers, traditional medicines, etc. She says, “These things are sacred to us and for someone to be rummaging through

them as if they mean nothing is very upsetting.”

The Chairwoman’s husband, Phil, joins her during these summits as an elder spiritual leader. He explains this to many that these items are sacred to Native people and should be treated with the utmost respect they deserve.

In an effort to make crossing borders without undue hassle, many tribes are already moving forward in enhancing their tribal member cards that include the name, date of birth, address, issue date, photo, signature and enrollment number. Some have even included a bar code on the back that can be scanned to provide more information.

Tribal leaders are pushing for these changes and will revisit this important subject at the next summit in October 2019. Vice Chairwoman Shopodock is hopeful that a resolution can come about. Otherwise, the fight will go on.

*See more on this topic on pg. 15.*



(l-r): Laurence Kenmille of Salish & Kootenai Tribe, Kootenai Tribe Chairman Gary Aitken Jr., Ranking Member Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee Rep. Paul Cook, FCP Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock, FCP elder and spiritual leader Phil Shopodock, Audrey Hill of Indian Defense League



(l-r): Kootenai Tribe Chairman Gary Aitken Jr., Senator Jon Tester of Montana, Laurence Kenmille of Salish & Kootenai Tribe, Audrey Hill of Indian Defense League, FCP Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock, FCP elder and spiritual leader Phil Shopodock



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(l-r): FCP elder and spiritual leader Phil Shopodock, FCP Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock, Wasauksing First Nation Chief Warren Tabobondung





# Potawatomi Gathering 2019

by Val Niehaus

Hosted by Wasauksing First Nation of Parry Sound Island, Ontario, this year's Potawatomi Gathering kicked off on July 30, and ended on Aug. 4.

*"The Potawatomi Gathering is an annual event hosted each summer by one of the nine recognized bands of the Potawatomi located in the United States and Canada. The Gathering was founded in 1994 through the vision of Wasauksing Elder Stewart King and other tribal leaders from the Potawatomi communities. The Gathering is an opportunity for members from all over North America to join together to celebrate their Potawatomi heritage, culture, resiliency and survival as a nation. The Gathering features an annual language conference, youth conference, cultural and craft workshops, sporting events, tribal meetings and powwow." Source: <https://potawatomi.ca/#About>*

The week started off with the opening of the language conference. This is a highlight to many First Nations people as it provides opportunities and resources to keep their Native language flowing through history. As the elders say, "Our language is who we are."

Jim Thunder is a huge influence here at home in the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community and is highly sought after when it comes to speaking the Potawatomi language. As one of the last estimated seven fluent speakers, the younger generation come to speak with him in Bodwéwadmí. They also gain knowledge about the history of the language and all that goes with it. This year, Thunder received a great honor in receiving a plaque on behalf of the Potawatomi Nations in recognition of his dedication in preserving the Bodwéwadmí language – an honor for Thunder to receive and keep close.

Once the two-day language conference wrapped up, it was then time to start engaging in the cultural workshops that many look forward to. It's also a time for relaxing, meeting up with old friends, or meeting new ones.

Thursday, Aug. 1, started with the sacred fire lighting and water ceremony, followed later by many just pulling into town for the weekend and registering. Workshops this day included tulip bags, appliqué ribbonwork, baby moccasin-making, bias beadwork and genealogy. Later in the day there was also a fish-fry demonstration and memorial feast.

This day was a busy one for the youth attending as they had their own conference that included a mural-making project, digital networking/app-making, an indigenous meme decolonization discussion, community activism, an intense game of Lacrosse and canoeing/language activity. Very busy!

There was a Potawatomi golf tournament and continuation of cultural workshops that evening. The biggest and most exciting part of this day was the Island Queen Boat Cruise in Parry Sound. This was a non-stop, three-hour tour around the island which pointed out significant landmarks and beautiful scenic sites for cruisers to photograph. This specific cruise even had the Wasauksing Councilor Vincent Chechock doing commentary on all the sacred spots that hold great importance to his people around the island. Very cool experience! Many of the FCP elders enjoyed the relaxation time with one another on the cruise. After a long day, it was time to turn in for rest until the next morning.

Friday, August 2, 2019, brought more events starting with sunrise ceremony and carrying into the continuation of more

cultural workshops. Many repeated themselves as the day before but a few new ones were added: quillwork, storytelling, skirt-making, and there was even a maple sugar bush walk. This day also included a film screening: "Sounding Thunder" and a tribal governance table meeting that FCP Executive Council Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock and Secretary James A. Crawford attended. Both were present at the Gathering, and sitting in on this meeting enable them to discuss future Gatherings and certain issues pertaining to Potawatomi nations. As always, it's great having all Potawatomi nations come together as one to discuss important issues that affect not only their tribes personally, but as a whole nation.

Later in the evening was another big moment for the FCP tribe as one of the young ladies was competing for this year's new Potawatomi Princess. This is an honor that many young woman hope for in showcasing themselves and who they are in life – a strong Potawatomi woman who loves their tribe and heritage. Waleli Frank was able to make the FCP proud in competing against four other young ladies. All had to give an interview, answer the question, "What does culture means to you?" and show a talent. Frank pulled out all the stops, did great in all categories, and came out at second runner up! This made all who were there supporting her very proud. She replied with a smile and said, "I was happy for this experience and I know what to do next year!" What a great accomplishment to have in for future endeavors. The new 2019 Potawatomi Princess title was given to Kateri Phillips from Citizen Band Potawatomi.

Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019, was the day many were waiting for as this was the

day the Potawatomi Gathering Powwow began. The powwow grounds of Wasauksing First Nation are breathtaking and left many in awe. This area is beautiful with its high rock bluffs overlooking the waters and woods surrounding the area. You can tell why the people there love this area and have called it home for thousands of years. There is a cliff that many members hold dear where they jump off into the lake below. An FCP tribal member even relayed a story to some of us about his first experience in jumping off this cliff the last time the Gathering was held here. And, well, let's just say... he gave a few young men a show when the water decided to strip him of his swim trunks. What a great story to share of the memories and laughter associated with that Gathering.

The powwow went well, and the FCP Post I Veterans represented with their eagle staff and flags during grand entry. FCP members young and old all got out to enjoy their time. The food and craft vendors were amazing with so many lining the area with their goodies and exceptional artwork. To finish the day, the passing of the ashes onto the next host was done, along with the closing ceremony and powwow giveaway.

Overall, this Gathering went as planned with no big hiccups... it was a busy, fun-filled week with many old and new friends meeting up to talk about their families, culture, tribes, and life in general. Chi Migweth to the Wasauksing First Nation for hosting this year. It was a great time had by all! Many are already looking forward to next year with the host being Hannahville Indian Community in Upper Michigan!



Majority of FCP elders after the boat cruise











# Making Connections Through Summer Fun

submitted by Rebecca Jennings, FCP Education    photos by Summer Day Camp Staff Members

The 2019 FCP Summer Day Camp concluded with a special field trip to Logger's Landing in Rothschild, Wis. This final trip was a great way to end a very successful summer with FCPC youth ages 7-12. Eight different departments offered meaningful and fun activities to the campers within the six-week time span. They were: Community Health, Education, Emergency Management, Family Services, Language, Library, Natural Resources, and Recreation. Over the course of the program, 82 different children attended, with daily attendance ranging from 29 to 55. The average daily attendance was 48 students, which was awesome!

This year, we began the day with

various physical activities, language and a check-in time. This gave the campers an opportunity to burn off some energy before heading out to departmental activities including hiking, Ozobots, origami, reading and math games, "Will it Float?," nutrition, making snacks, and an obstacle course, just to name a few. We also got to join in the Land & Natural Resources Community Open House with activities, food and a bounce house.

Camp afternoons brought the choice of recreational games or art. Kickball, dodgeball, and Capture the Flag were enjoyed. For those with an artistic bent, there were painting, drawing and molding of clay. FCP Emergency Management provided fire extinguisher training and

brought in Laona firefighters with their equipment for the campers to try on.

Our fieldtrips included a trek to Wildwood Wildlife Park, swimming at the Berman Family Aquatic Center in Merrill, Camp 5 in Laona, Rouman Cinema to see "Toy Story 4," and Logger's Landing. With our warm summer weather, we also enjoyed a number of days with an ice cream treat to help cool down.

Education Department staff appreciates all of those who participated – campers and employees – that made this program full of fun, learning, and relationship-building. Also, thank you to the families for allowing their children to take part. Stay cool and enjoy the remaining days of summer!





# A Taste of FILM

submitted by Holly Daniels

Every Tuesday, the Life Skills group spends the morning with the FILM Program to get a small taste of the various aspects of filmmaking. On July 16, the group was able to gain firsthand experience in producing a complete scene. The youth rotated through all the different roles, each getting a chance to act, direct, and operate a camera, boom microphone, lighting, and the clapper. With the guidance from the FILM and Media teams, as well as the SYE workers, the group was able to produce multiple versions of the same scene. As the morning went

on, students from the Life Skills group grew more comfortable in their positions and took advantage of their full creative freedom. The group displayed natural talent in each area, especially in acting and directing. All the footage will be put together and edited by SYE worker Jaiden Deschinny and will be showcased at the FCP's Third Annual FILM Festival on Sept. 28. All are invited to the auditorium in the fall to witness the Life Skills group's first taste of FILM.



# Rising Sun Daycare News

Submitted by Mary Fatla

The month of July was very busy. With the fourth falling on a Thursday and working a half day on Wednesday, it was a short week. Even so, we were able to take a trip to the movies. There were 32 children for Toy Story 4, and we were so proud of their fantastic behavior! The cinema manager even commented on how well-behaved the children were for such a large group. Since the children made the movies such a great experience, we were able to attend another movie on July 22 - the new Lion King. And again, the children put their best foot forward. Rising Sun staff is so proud! On Tuesday, July 30, we loaded the children on the school buses and went to Cardinal Park to play a little kickball with the children and let the younger children

play on the playground. Miss Connie prepared a very nice picnic lunch for us, and we all had a great time! During the month of July, we took advantage of a reading-and-snack program offered by Crandon School. Once a week, Amy Marvin from the summer reading program came to read to the children and offered them a snack. Each child had a chance to pick out a book from her assortment to take home. Thanks to Amy for including us in her busy schedule to read to the children. It's always fun to have other readers come and read. Hats off to the FCP Transit Bus for taking us to the Rhinelander cinema and being so accommodating to Rising Sun Daycare!



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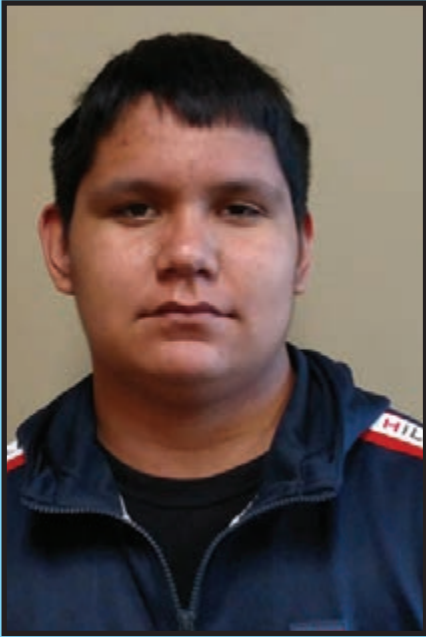


# Summer Youth Employment 2019

continued



Language:  
Alexizanna Stevens



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Petewonkwet Daniels



Natural Resources:  
Elias Saddler, Galen Daniels



Natural Resources:  
Curtis Mallory, Renn Marvin



Human Resources: Cierra Frank, Khia Marvin, Ramona-Sunshine Boyd

Summer Youth Employment youth not featured this year due to circumstances beyond PTT's control are: Transition House: Grace Thunder, Jordan Thunder; Maintenance: Eli Soman; Family Services: Monique Shepard

# Forestry Department Acquires New Equipment

submitted by Forestry Department

According to Fire-Fuels/Community Forest Manager Jimmy Gumm, Land & Natural Resources Forestry Department acquired a new piece of equipment: a new 2018 John Deere 1110 G Double Bunk Forwarder. Below are the details pertaining to this new equipment:

- Motor is EPA Final Tier 4 which is highest clean burning diesel offered reducing air pollution from heavy equipment.
- Replaced Fabtech single bunk forwarder with close to 18,000 hours on machine.
- New machine will allow Forestry Department to complete projects in a more-timely manner, efficiently giving them the ability to haul over twice the amount of wood out per load and reducing downtime for repairs.

- Is currently being used on Trump Lake Road project which is roughly 2 ½ miles of road construction and clearing.
  - Besides working on all the government projects currently on Forestry's list of work (Trump Lake Road project, Carter C-Store clearing project, new playground site clearings, Rec Center clearings, etc.), the new forwarder will also be used to start clearing multiple lots for tribal members' new home construction sites.
- Overall, the new, cleaner burning, more efficient forwarder will greatly increase Forestry's ability to complete projects for the tribal government and tribal members.




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• **Kwe Kenomagewen** - Women's support, Wednesdays, 2 p.m. @ Old Tribal Hall. Call (715) 478-4332 with questions.

• **Hour of Power** - Big Book, NA Book or Wellbriety Book, Thursdays, 2 - 3 p.m. @ Old Tribal Hall. Call (715) 478-4332 with questions.

**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.

**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 Cleere-man, 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.

### CULTURE

**Language Classes** - Please call (715) 478-4173 with questions regarding times/locations of language classes.



### SERVICES OFFERED

**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:

- Obtaining, reinstating, determining what is needed to obtain the driver's license

- Work-related expenses
- Résumé development/résumé critiquing
- Mock interviews and tips
- Job-seeking skills/soft skills
- Employment guidance/advocacy
- Fidelity bonding available

**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 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 résumé, type correspondence, work on the self-paced Microsoft Computer Training Program, apply for jobs, or apply online for healthcare coverage programs.

FCP Economic Support staff is available to provide services. 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 - 11: Mondays (19, 26)
  - Youth 12 - 17: Tuesdays (20, 27)
  - Youth 6 - 8: Wednesdays (21, 28)
  - CHOICES will be collaborating with the 13-year-old Day Camp on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.
- Youth will be picked up from home starting at 10 a.m., and will be dropped off afterwards. Call (715) 478-4839 for more information.

### Family Resource Center

- Healthy Relationships Class: Mondays (19, 26) 1 - 3 p.m.
  - Moral Reconation Therapy Class: Tuesdays (20, 27), 10 a.m. - noon
  - Positive Indian Parenting Class (PIP): Thursdays (22, 29), 10:30 a.m. - noon
  - Open registration Fatherhood is Sacred & Motherhood is Sacred parenting class: 12-week curriculum; two-hour duration, one-on-one sessions.
  - Open registration Nurturing Fathers parenting class: 13-week curriculum; two-hour duration, one-on-one sessions.
  - Stay tuned for updates on Play Shoppe!
- Child care available; please RSVP if needed. Call (715) 478-4837 with questions about any programs.

### Community Health

- 8/21 - Diabetes Luncheon (8-Plex Apartments): 12 - 1:30 p.m.
- 8/29 - Taste Test Day (HWC Lobby): 1 - 3 p.m.



**Forest County  
Potawatomi  
EMERGENCY  
NUMBERS**

### HOUSING

**5460 Kak Yot Lane  
Crandon, WI 54520**

**Main line: (715) 478-7270**

**Electric (Tom Kessel): (715) 889-3310**

**Plumbing (Dan Gruber): (715) 889-3276**

### UTILITIES

**8355 Mish ko swen Drive  
Crandon, WI 54520**

**Main line: (715) 478-7390**

**Director (Bruce Johnson): (715) 889-0496**

### SOLID WASTE

**5315 Ritchie Lane  
Crandon, WI 54520**

**Main line: (715) 478-7330**



# Potawatomi Hotel & Casino Unveils New Hotel Tower

submitted by Jay Saunders, PHC Public Relations Specialist

MILWAUKEE (Aug. 8, 2019) – Potawatomi Hotel & Casino (PHC) is proud to unveil its latest expansion project with the grand opening of a new hotel tower.

The new guest rooms and amenities, including a ballroom, meeting space, and the all-new Ember Salon & Spa are part of the property’s \$80 million, 180,000 sq. feet project to further improve the guest experience and enhance a true jewel in the Menomonee Valley.

“We are thrilled to showcase this new hotel tower and provide new amenities to our wonderful guests and the Milwaukee community,” said PHC CEO and General Manager Rodney Ferguson. “It’s because of them, along with our hard-working team members, that we have become Wisconsin’s premier entertainment destination.”

The new tower adds 119 rooms and suites to the property, which brings the total number of guest rooms to 500 – making it the second-largest hotel in Milwaukee. The new accommodations include the 19th floor Chairman’s Suite, featuring 1,600 sq. feet of luxury-living space which includes a gas fireplace, billiards table and butler’s pantry.

It’s one of 59 suites in the tower in addition to 60 standard guest rooms, each featuring floor-to-ceiling windows to

provide views of downtown Milwaukee and Lake Michigan. Every new room also includes spacious bathrooms fitted with fixtures by Kohler, remote control sheers/blinds and an energy-efficient, state-of-the-art thermostat system.

Rooms and suites are just the beginning of new amenities now available to guests. The second tower boasts two amazing new meeting and multi-use spaces: The Legacy Ballroom is 12,000 sq. feet of space that can hold up to three events at once and can accommodate more than 600 guests, and The Boardroom on the top floor which provides unique opportunities for meetings while overlooking downtown Milwaukee.

Potawatomi is also proud to introduce Ember Salon & Spa, the first-of-its-kind in the Menomonee Valley. Ember features ways for every guest to enjoy a little pampering, including a salon, barbershop, pedicures and manicures, and massage rooms for singles or couples.

This new tower, which matches the 19-floor hotel which opened in 2014, is nearly two years in the making. Since breaking ground in December 2017, hundreds of people worked to make this project successful, including Gilbane Building Company, Greenfire Management Services, Cuningham Group and Zimmerman Architectural Studios. The



expansion also created 50 new jobs.

“We’ve been fortunate to work with so many great partners in the community to make this new hotel tower happen,” Ferguson said. “And this beautiful addition to our property would not be possible without the vision and leadership of the Forest County Potawatomi, which has played a huge role in the renaissance of Milwaukee’s Menomonee Valley.”

**About Potawatomi Hotel & Casino**  
*Set in the heart of Milwaukee,*

*Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is Wisconsin’s premier entertainment destination, offering guests the best in gaming, dining and entertainment. The property features six award-winning restaurants, the intimate 500-seat Northern Lights Theater and more than 60,000 sq. feet of event space. A 500-room, 19-story hotel, the second largest hotel in Milwaukee, opened in 2014 with a second tower unveiled in 2019. To discover more visit [www.paysbig.com](http://www.paysbig.com).*



# Potawatomi Hotel & Casino Submits Application to Develop Waukegan Casino in the Heart of Potawatomi Treaty Lands

submitted by Ryan Amundson, PHC Public Relations Manager

MILWAUKEE (Aug. 5, 2019) - Potawatomi Hotel & Casino (PHC) submitted an application to develop a commercial casino in the city of Waukegan, an area rich with tribal history and in the heart of Potawatomi treaty lands.

“The city of Waukegan is in search of a qualified developer to bring a first-class entertainment experience with their new casino. Having successfully operated in this gaming market for several decades, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is a natural fit to develop this project and create the entertainment destination that Waukegan is seeking,” said Potawatomi Hotel & Casino CEO and General Manager Rodney Ferguson.

Waukegan is one of the oldest communities in Illinois and Potawatomi is part of that long history. Potawatomi were living and conducting commerce when the French and early settlers came to the Waukegan area. It was first named

Little Fort and later changed to Waukegan, the Potawatomi word for “trading post.”

The Potawatomi reestablished their presence in Milwaukee nearly 30 years ago where their forbearers had been largely removed during the 19th Century. Having reclaimed its proud tradition of economic leadership in Milwaukee, PHC is ready to embark on a similar mission in Waukegan – also in the heart of Potawatomi treaty lands.

“For nearly 30 years, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee has been offering visitors from across the country a first-class entertainment experience. Our property attracts more than six million visitors annually, making it one of the largest entertainment destinations in the Midwest. With a history of expansion and continual reinvestment, we don’t take our success for granted,” said Ferguson. “We are excited about the opportunity

to bring that same level of success to Waukegan.”

A minority-owned enterprise, PHC has experience not only building a successful business, but also a highly-skilled minority workforce. Through its business practices, PHC has been recognized as a leader in environmentally-sound economic revitalization efforts.

The Waukegan Potawatomi Casino would be licensed by the Illinois Gaming Board and operated subject to the state and local laws of Illinois.

Illinois Gaming Expansion Background

In July 2019, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed a gambling package into law that expands the number of casinos licenses available in Illinois. The new law added casino licenses for Waukegan, Rockford, Danville, Williamson County, and the south suburbs of Chicago. The city of Chicago was also granted a casino

license under the legislation. Potential developers had to submit their proposals to the city of Waukegan by Monday, August 5.

City of Waukegan staff will review the proposals and the finalists, chosen by the Waukegan City Council, will be forwarded on to the Illinois Gaming Board by the end of October.

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# Native Leaders Advocate for Jay Treaty Border Crossing Rights

submitted Press Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 2019) - Indigenous leaders representing the Jay Treaty Border Alliance recently met with representatives of the United States government in Washington, D.C., to advocate for pending legislation to protect the treaty rights of Native people to enter and work in the United States. H.R. 2496, sponsored by Representative Derek Kilmer of Washington State, would modernize the definition of “Indian” under Section 289 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to recognize tribal government determinations of Indian status. Current law states that border crossing rights apply only for an Indian with 50 percent or more “blood of the American Indian race” which the Alliance considers archaic, racist, and a denial of the inherent authority of tribal governments to determine citizenship and membership status.

Alliance representatives were led by JTBA co-chairs: Kootenai Tribe of Idaho Chairman Gary Aitken Jr. and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Chief Eric Thompson. Other leaders attending included: Forest County Potawatomi Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock, Six Nations of the Grand River Chief Ava Hill, La pee Kenmille of the Salish & Kootenai Tribe, and Audrey Hill of the Indian Defense League of America.

The leaders were able to meet with Idaho Senator and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Jim Risch, and staff for Senators Jon Tester of Montana and Tina Smith of Minnesota. They also met with staff for Rep. Deb Haaland, Vice Chairman of the House Resources Committee, Rep. Ruben Gallego, Chairman of the Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee, Paul Cook, Ranking Member of the Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee, and Representatives Sharice Davids of Kansas, Kelly Armstrong of North Dakota, Charles Truxal of Florida, Elise Stefanik of New York, Russ Fulcher of Idaho, and Greg Gianforte of Montana.

A key element of the DC fly-in was a meeting with senior staff of Customs and Border Protection within the Department of Homeland Security. Discussion focused on: Department support for H.R. 2469, administrative guidance to recog-

nition of tribal government credentials at the border, training of CBP personnel on Indian law and treaties, and establishment of a DHS working group on Indian border-crossing issues.

The JTBA’s DC “fly-in” follows a meeting in May in which Native leaders representing tribal nations from Alaska to Maine convened at Niagara Falls to meet with United States and Canadian border officials to discuss challenges facing their people in crossing the international border. The third summit of the Northern Tribal Border Alliance drew participation from almost 70 tribal leaders representing 19 Indian nations and tribes. For the first time, the Summit held sessions in three countries: the Seneca Nation, the United States, and Canada.

The Jay Treaty Border Alliance was founded and co-chaired by the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe in 2017 to provide an opportunity for leaders of Indigenous nations and tribes located on or near the United States/Canada border to discuss border crossing and related issues. *(The Alliance was originally the Northern Tribal Border Alliance but changed its name to reflect participation of First Nations in Canada.)*

Historically, Native peoples living along the current border faced no interference prior to the establishment of the border. This state of affairs continued following the Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation of 1795 between Great Britain and the United States, e.g. the “Jay Treaty”, which provided in Article III that - It is agreed, that it shall at all times be free to His Majesty’s subjects, and to the citizens of the United States, and also to the Indians dwelling on either side of said boundary line, freely to pass and repass, by land or inland navigation into the respective territories and countries of the two parties on the continent of America ... and freely carry on trade and commerce with each other.

However, while the U.S. Congress enacted legislation to govern free passage into the United States of Indians born in Canada (8 U.S.C. §1359), Canada has never done so, leading to considerable disruptions in the daily lives of Native peoples living on both sides of the border.

In 2017, the Government of Canada

investigated First Nation Border Crossing Issues that culminated in the issuance of a Minister’s Special Representative Report. As revealed during the recent Summit in Niagara Falls, this Report has served as a major catalyst for action by the Canadian government led by Customs and Border Services Canada. *See MSR Report at: [www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1506622719017/1506622893512](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1506622719017/1506622893512).*

Indigenous peoples who live on or near the border and who cross it for political, social, cultural, and commercial reasons have continued to be frustrated in their border-crossing efforts.

This has been an historic challenge that has since escalated following the expansion of state security measures following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Regardless, the inherent rights of Native peoples living along - and in some cases - on both sides of the border dictate the need for intensified advocacy to protect inherent Indigenous rights on both sides of the border.

Gary Aitken, Jr., Chairman of the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, stated: “The Third Summit continues to build on the strengths of our prior efforts, with participation of Native leaders from across Turtle Island and significant dialogue with our partners in the United States and Canadian governments. We have developed engagement strategies for advocacy in both Washington and Ottawa in the coming months to pursue recognition of our inherent and treaty-recognized border-crossing rights.”

Chief Eric Thompson, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, stated: “It is clear from the increased representation of First Nations councils and communities and Tribes spanning from Maine to Alaska who participated in the Summit that the Northern Tribal Border Alliance is forming effective working relationships to protect and advance our common interests and address shared challenges faced at the United States/Canadian border. I am looking forward to continuing our conversations with United States and Canadian government and border officials as we advance legislation, improve regulations, and develop best practices that ensures our inherent right to cross the United States/Canadian border as

indigenous peoples is respected.” Ava Hill stated: “We are very pleased with the formation of the Tribal Alliance which brings tribes and First Nations together to jointly work on the border-crossing challenges that we continue to face. It is through our collaboration and combined strength that we will develop strategies and continue to advocate with government officials in both Washington and Ottawa.”

**Future Events:** The Alliance anticipates the need for an additional “fly-in” to Washington, D.C., in the Fall of 2019 for purposes of advocating for enactment of U.S. of H.R.2496. It also anticipates convening in Ottawa following the Canadian national elections for purposes of advocating for reciprocal border-crossing legislation from the Canadian government.

**Additional Information:** Please contact Robert Odawi Porter, representative of the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, at [rob@capitolhillpolicygroup.com](mailto:rob@capitolhillpolicygroup.com) or Kayla Gebeck, representative of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, at [Kavla.Gebeck@hklaw.com](mailto:Kavla.Gebeck@hklaw.com).

## Border Summit Attendees:

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, NTBA Co-Chair, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, NTBA Co-Chair, Cayuga Nation, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, **Forest County Potawatomi**, Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Mohawk Council of Kahnawake, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, Oneida Nation of the Thames, Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Six Nations of the Grand River, Wabanaki Confederacy, Wasauksing First Nation, Walpole Island First Nation, Iroquois Caucus, Assembly of First Nations, Yukon Region, Government of Canada (Canadian Border Services Agency, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Public Safety Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada), United States Department of Homeland Security (Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intergovernmental Affairs, Customs and Border Protection), Office of U.S. Representative Brian Higgins, U.S. House of Representatives (Co-Chair, Northern Border Caucus), Indian Defense League of America.

## Wisconsin Humanities Council Grants \$10,000 to FCP Museum

The Forest Republican (July 25, 2019)

With a \$10,000 grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council, the Forest County Potawatomi Community will transform its entire museum exhibition. Funds will help museum staff collect materials from other museums and institutions. The new displays will reflect the community’s history and traditions,

encourage connections, and foster a better understanding of the Forest County Potawatomi, while engaging youth and elders.

The grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council will help renovate the 15-year-old museum, refreshing displays and content. The new exhibits, named

“Voices of Our People,” will address three core themes: who we are, our history, and our traditions. Each theme will share Potawatomi worldviews, history, and traditions.

“We are very honored that the Wisconsin Humanities Council has accepted our application for funding,” said Assis-

tant Museum Director Samantha Smith. “These funds not only help in costs of renovating our museum exhibit, but it will help to research, collect and preserve historically-significant information to support and strengthen understanding of Potawatomi history for generations.”



# Tribes Receive Federal Grants for Energy Independence Projects

Wisc News (July 26, 2019)

The federal government has awarded two Wisconsin tribes more than \$2.6 million in grants to help develop local energy resources.

The Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Forest County Potawatomi Community are among 12 tribal governments that will share more than \$16 million in energy security and resilience grants from the Department of Energy’s Office of Indian Energy.

The goal of the grants is to “provide autonomous operation for increased community resilience,” according to the DOE. Altogether the projects will affect more than 900 buildings and are expected to generate about \$7.5 million a year in energy savings.

“The selected projects are consistent with the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination, with a fuel- and technology-neutral energy strategy that recognizes the breadth of energy resources on tribal lands and each tribe’s right to use them as they see fit,” Office of Indian Energy Director Kevin R. Frost said in a news release.

With matching funds from the tribes, the grants are expected to support more than \$5 million worth of projects in Wisconsin and \$39 million nationwide.

According to the DOE, the Bad River Band will receive almost \$1 million to install a solar-powered “microgrid” system to power three buildings. The system, which will include batteries and computerized controls, will be able to operate independent of the electrical grid and is expected to offset the electrical demands of two of the buildings.

The \$2 million project is expected to save the tribe about \$841,000 over 25 years.

The **Forest County Potawatomi** will receive more than \$1.6 million for two projects, including more than one megawatt of solar panels to be installed on tribal buildings in Milwaukee and reservation lands. The solar installations – ranging from eight to 280 kilowatts – are expected to generate more than \$100,000 a year in savings for the tribe.

A second grant will fund a combination of solar panels and energy efficiency measures at a new \$60 million community center in Crandon, Wis., which are expected to save another \$111,000 a year.

# Bill to Improve Health Care Access for Native American Veterans

News from the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 2, 2019) – U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and U.S. Representative Ro Khanna (D-Calif.) announced introduction of the Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act, a bill to improve health care access for Native American Veterans by providing Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) coverage for care that Native American veterans receive at urban Indian health centers. This legislation would help Native American veterans acquire culturally-competent care, while at the same time helping relieve the burden on the VA system.

“We owe all veterans a debt for their service to our country, and this legislation will ensure more Native veterans have equal access to timely, culturally-competent care regardless of where they choose to live after leaving their military service,” said Udall. “I am proud this bill continues my work toward equitable and effective health care for all Native communities.”

“Native Americans serve in the military at a higher rate than any other population, and over 70 percent of Native Americans live in urban areas. Urban Indian organizations, like the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley, fill a crucial gap in the health care system for Native Americans that do not have access to more remote facilities run by the Indian Health Service. To honor their service to the United States, we must ensure that Native veterans have access to the care that best fits their cultural and health needs,” said Khanna.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is the primary federal agency responsible for providing health care to Native Americans through a series of federally-operated facilities, tribally-run facilities, and urban Indian health centers operated by urban Indian organizations. Federal law allows the VA to reimburse federally-operated and tribally-operated IHS facilities for services they provide to Native American veterans.

However, the law does not currently allow urban Indian health centers to participate in the same service reimbursement agreements as other two branches of IHS. This exclusion limits the ability of those urban facilities to maintain and expand services sought by Native American veterans and other Native American patients. The Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act will correct this exclusion and allow Native American veterans to have access to the timely, culturally-competent care they deserve.

In addition to Udall and Khanna, the bill is cosponsored by U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), and Tina Smith (D-Minn.) and U.S. Representatives Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.), Don Young (R-Alaska), Gwen Moore (D-Wis.), Paul Tonko (D-N.Y.), Greg Gianforte (R-Mont.), Don Bacon (R-Neb.), and Deb Haaland (D-N.M.).

“Native Americans have served our nation in uniform at a historically high rate, but too often these veterans face barriers and roadblocks when it comes to receiving the care and benefits they’ve earned,” said Tester, Ranking Member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee. “Our bipartisan bill provides Native American veterans in Montana with the health care and services they need when returning home from military service. It also expands Native American veterans’ access to care by streamlining reimbursements to clinics that provide essential care to these men and women in uniform.”

“Right now, dozens of clinics around the country that serve Native veterans - including several in Minnesota - aren’t being reimbursed for care they provide like their federally- or tribally-operated counterparts. Clinics that serve Native veterans in urban areas should be reimbursed just the same as clinics in any other community,” said Smith. “These are clinics that treat things like mental health, including PTSD, chronic diseases, and addiction. And they do so in a culturally-sensitive way meaning that Native vets often seek care at these facilities instead of at the VA. Our bill would make a simple fix to make sure clinics get the same level of reimbursement no matter where they’re located.”

“Native American veterans have earned the right to quality, culturally-sensitive health care. Our country is indebted to Native veterans in this respect and more. I stand beside Rep. Khanna as he calls attention to the unique shortfalls that exist for Native veterans in our healthcare systems. The majority of Native Americans live in urban areas, and yet problems persist in VA and Indian Health Service reimbursements that reduce patients’ access to care. The Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act will close gaps in health equity for Native veterans. I hope to quickly see its passage through the U.S. House,” said Assistant Speaker Lujan.

As of 2018, the VA had partnered with 188 federally-operated and tribally-operated IHS facilities to provide direct care and reimbursement for services ranging from primary care to behavioral health. These agreements have resulted in improved access to care for more than 9,300 Native American veterans.

With the Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act, 37 urban Indian nonprofit IHS facilities operating in 19 states will be able to partner with VA on similar reimbursement agreements, including the First Nations Community HealthSource in Albuquerque, N.M., and the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley facility in San Jose, Calif.

“At First Nations Community HealthSource, we never turn anyone – veteran or not - away. Native veterans in Albuquerque consider our facility a safe, accessible space to receive health care,” said Linda Son-Stone, Chief Executive Officer of First Nations Community HealthSource. “With critical underfunding, this legislation would allow all Urban Indian Organizations to provide more services for the necessary care we already provide to our Native veterans. Thank you, Senator Udall, Representative Haaland, and all of the legislators who made Native veterans a priority.”

“The National Council of Urban Indian Health has made it a priority to ensure that Urban Indian Organizations are included in the IHS-VA MOU to help provide health care to American Indian and Alaska Native veterans,” said Sonya Tetnowski, Vice President of the National Council of Urban Indian Health and CEO of the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley. “As a Native veteran myself, I understand the importance of coming home and knowing I have a safe space to receive care. Thank you to my own Representative Ro Khanna, and we are grateful for the leadership of the 116th Congress in introducing this landmark legislation.”

The bill is supported by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH), Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of American, and VoteVets.

“The Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act is important legislation to ensuring that our Native veterans in urban areas are no longer left behind,” said Francys Crevier, NCUIH Executive Director. “Now, the Department of Veterans Affairs will be able to fully work with the 41 Title V Urban Indian Organizations that are integral to the Indian Health Service IHS/Tribal/Urban system who are already providing critical resources for American Indian and Alaska Native veterans who have served the United States as part of their dual trust obligation not only for veterans but also for American Indians and Alaska Natives.”



Upcoming Gallery Exhibition: “Intersections: Indigenous Textiles of the Americas”

NACF Open Call for Mentor Artist Fellowship Applications Announced

submitted by Serena Larkin

The Lynn Mecklenburg Textile Gallery is pleased to present Intersections: Indigenous Textiles of the Americas, an exhibition co-curated by Indigenous scholars Kendra Greendeer (Ho-Chunk) and Dakota Mace (Diné). The exhibition, to run Sept. 5 through Dec. 6, 2019, will bring together textiles of several Indigenous groups to explore material interrelationships among Indigenous cultures that have long engaged in intricate networks of exchange throughout the Americas.

From the Andes to the Great Lakes, textiles reflect many cultural narratives of community and tradition. This exhibition analyzes select textiles from the Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection and the Little Eagle Arts Foundation, a Ho-Chunk arts organization, to provide a deeper understanding of the lifeways, movement, and stories these objects embodied. It is through these points of intersection that scholars may trace the interrelations of Native cultural practices and oral traditions throughout the western hemisphere and spanning more than a thousand years of history.

Greendeer and Mace reflected on the show: “As Indigenous curators, we felt that it was important to create an exhibition that came from an Indigenous perspective. We wanted to provide a new window to recognize and acknowledge the complexity and interconnectedness of Indigenous peoples through textiles.”

Intersections was developed with the generous support of honorary curators Jane and David C. Villa as part of a series

of exhibitions celebrating the Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection’s 50th Anniversary. To learn more, including about yet-to-be-announced special events related to the exhibition, visit [sohe.wisc.edu/intersections](http://sohe.wisc.edu/intersections).

**The Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection** advances understanding of cultures and their history through engagement with textiles for the creative, technical, and educational benefit of scholars from the University and beyond. It is a teaching collection, with over 13,000 textile artifacts spanning 16 centuries and 108 countries.

**The Lynn Mecklenburg Textile Gallery**, which is the Collection’s newly-built permanent space for displaying textiles and clothing, will be open Wednesday–Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Thursdays until 7 p.m.), and Saturday–Sunday, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. beginning August 3 (reduced summer hours are posted online). Admission is free.

**The Little Eagle Arts Foundation** (LEAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting American Indian art by cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit of American Indian/First Nations artists in order to achieve success and promote a cycle of economic security in Indian Country.

**The School of Human Ecology** at the University of Wisconsin–Madison was founded in 1903. For over a century, it has promoted real-world, problem-solving research and teaching to improve the quality of life for children, families, consumers, and communities.

submitted by Native Arts and Cultures Foundation

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) is pleased to announce its open call for applications for its Mentor Artist Fellowships. The NACF Mentor Artist Fellowship is a regional artist project award focused in the Upper Midwest, Pacific Northwest, and Southwest regions of the United States. The Fellowship is open to established American Indian and Alaska Native artists of 10 years or more who want to mentor an emerging American Indian or Alaska Native artist apprentice for a period of 15 months in either the Traditional or Contemporary Visual Arts categories. The mentoring period is April 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Eligible applicants must be at least a five-year resident of and enrolled in a federally- or state-recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native corporation that is located in one of the following states: Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Southern California (Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties), Washington, or Wisconsin. For a full description of eligibility requirements, please visit [bit.ly/nacf-2019mentor](http://bit.ly/nacf-2019mentor).

The Fellowship is a monetary award of \$30,000: \$20,000 to the mentor; \$5,000 for the joint art project and \$5,000 for the apprentice’s participation expenses. To demonstrate the experience and success of the mentoring, a completed joint mentor/apprentice art project is

required at the end of the fellowship period and is to be shared in a community engagement event or activity. The call for submissions for the NACF Mentor Artist Fellowship is now open until Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, at 5 p.m. Pacific Time. Notifications will be sent by March 2020.

The Mentor Artist Fellowship’s goal is to improve creative development, artistic rigor, and intergenerational cultural and traditional knowledge perpetuation by fostering the growth of Native artist mentors and apprentices and empowering them to play an integral role in their communities. The Mentor Artist Fellowship program is generously supported by individual donors and regional funders committed to preserving and perpetuating Native arts and cultures. NACF is grateful to Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, the Ford Family Foundation and the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation for supporting the Mentor Artist Fellowship program.

**About the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation**  
*The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation’s mission is to promote the revitalization, appreciation and perpetuation of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian arts and cultures through grant making, convening and advocacy. To date, the foundation has supported more than 300 artists and arts organizations in 32 states and the District of Columbia. To learn more about the Mentor Artist Fellowship and the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, visit [www.nativeartsandcultures.org](http://www.nativeartsandcultures.org).*

First Nations Accepting Applications for Fellowships of \$50,000 Each

submitted by First Nations Development Institute

First Nations Development Institute and The Henry Luce Foundation have partnered to launch the Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship. The fellowship is a 12-month, self-directed enrichment program designed to support the growth, development, knowledge and networks of Indigenous knowledge holders and knowledge makers.

First Nations is now accepting applications for the inaugural year of the program. In 2020, First Nations will award 10 fellowships of \$50,000 each to outstanding Native Americans engaged in meaningful work that benefits Indigenous people and communities in either reservation and/or urban settings.

This fellowship is intended to support Native knowledge holders and knowledge

makers as they advance their work and significantly move forward their field in ways that will ultimately lead to broad, transformative impacts for Indigenous communities. It is open to both emerging and experienced leaders from a wide variety of fields, including, but not limited to, agriculture, food systems, youth leadership development, natural resource management, climate change, economic development, journalism, language and cultural revitalization, traditional and contemporary arts and more.

Complete information, that includes eligibility requirements and a link to the online application, can be found at [www.firstnations.org](http://www.firstnations.org).

All applications must be completed and submitted by 5 p.m. (Mountain

Daylight Time) on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019.

Applicants may self-apply or nominate another individual. First Nations recognizes that some individuals may not apply for this fellowship on their own and understands that some individuals might be uncomfortable identifying themselves as knowledge keepers, cultural producers, intellectual leaders, etc., within their own communities. We ask for assistance identifying those individuals and encourage their family, friends, colleagues, co-workers and others to work with potential candidates to submit an application on their behalf.

Applicants will be asked to complete an online application and provide other required information, including three

short essays, two reference letters, and a current resume/curriculum vitae. Please see the online application for more details.

The Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship is designed to honor and support these individual leaders as they work to further Indigenous knowledge creation, dissemination and change in Indigenous communities. This fellowship will give Native knowledge holders and knowledge makers the funding and connections necessary to maximize their potential and realize their vision for their communities. It will provide these cultural producers with the resources to match their existing knowledge, passion and drive to achieve their personal and community goals.



## Forest County Potawatomi Foundation: SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON 2019

On June 21, 2019, the Forest County Potawatomi Scholarship Program held its 3rd annual Award Luncheon for this year's scholarship recipients. Out of the hundreds of applications that were reviewed, 40 students were selected from all over the state of Wisconsin. Through the generous support of the Forest County Potawatomi Community, these students will be that much closer to obtaining a degree. The scholarship program helps provide opportunities to Wisconsin residents to pursue their academic goals and make a meaningful impact in their communities.



## Near Westside Partners: HARLEY-DAVIDSON ROADHOUSE AT SUMMERFEST

Near West Side Partners threw a party at the Harley Davidson Roadhouse on June 28 during Summerfest. Different stakeholders within the neighborhood came together for some good food, drinks and entertainment. The crowd was treated to a number of talented acts. Headlining the stage was T-Pain, which attracted a huge crowd.



Dan Pinto (Marquette) & Joe Tesch (PBDC)



Lisa McKay (Lisa Kaye Catering) & Abiola Keller (Marquette)



## PBDC & Data Holdings: ATTEND BREWERS GAME AGAINST ATLANTA BRAVES

On July 17, PBDC and Data Holdings got together for a little "team" bonding. Employees met up at Miller Park's Legend's Club for an afternoon of food, fun and baseball! They were treated to an array of different cuisines at multiple stations, indoor and outdoor seating and the company of other Milwaukee Brewers fans. The Brew Crew came away with a win against the Braves 5-4.



**Clockwise from Top Left:** Jake Menore - Facilities, Heide Copus - Administrative Assistant, Joe Tesch - Facilities; Tarah Thompson - Facilities, Administrative Assistant, Heide Copus, Will Fang - IT; Jim Jankowski - DH, Tyler Montney - IT; Ann LaMarche - Accounting, Judy Haack - HR, Will Fang; Heide Copus, Scott Stephen - IT; Stacy England - DH; Paul Hoesly - CFO, Kurt O'Bryan - CEO.





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