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26th Annual Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen



Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen Royalty (l-r): Senior Princess Symone Pemma, Brave Ryker Schingeck and Junior Princess Precious VanZile

by Val Niehaus

The 26th Annual Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen Powwow was held the weekend of Aug. 16-18, 2019. An extra day was added this year to make this powwow even more energetic and inclusive! It kicked off on Friday night with grand entry at 7 p.m. and went into Sunday evening

with the entire weekend being very well attended.

In addition to adding an extra day, there were a few other new additions this year, one being the decision by the powwow committee to add a World Championship Woodland Special for adult men and women, as well as a junior category. THIS was phenomenal, and it was a privilege to have so many of the woodland dancers in the powwow circuit come to Carter, Wis., for this special event! It was great to see the old traditional dances and the beautiful regalia that Indigenous people wore right here thousands of years ago. Many ancestors would be proud to see this still happening today!

Another addition that the committee decided on this year was to have a Brave come in to represent the FCP tribe for this specific powwow. There has always been a Jr. and Sr. Princess, but this year, a Brave was also part of the royalty.

New royalty for Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen was awarded to: Senior Princess Symone Pemma, Junior Princess Precious VanZile and Brave Ryker Schingeck. Congratulations to you three and have a great year representing the FCP tribe!

Emcee for this year's event was Casey-mac Wallahee who, along with co-emcee Nicholas Hanson, did an amazing job. With their fast-action commentary as well as some pretty hilarious jokes and ideas that they threw into their dialog,

they were quite entertaining throughout the entire weekend.

As always, Lil Man Quintero did the job he was born to do as arena director: He kept things in order in the dance circle. The dancers were informed and in line along with scurrying off the little ones if they happened to get in the way during a competition song. He really does an amazing job all around and is always moving non-stop.

Host drums this year were local boys, Fire Nation, along with Bad River Singers. Invited drums were Young Bear and Iron Boy. Wow! These drums carried a great beat all weekend long and had everyone tapping their feet at some point. Needless to say, it was definitely a jammin' weekend in the books this year!

Not only were these drums present, but the powwow committee hosted a singing contest, so whatever drums wanted to join in on competing for this big prize money could do so. Other drums included Smokeytown, Second Island, Tomahawk Circle, Little Priest, Ho Chunk Station, Walking Bear, Southern Boyz and Menominee Travelers. Winners of the singing contest for the weekend ended up being: 1st place, Iron Boy; 2nd place, Southern Boyz; 3rd place, Smokeytown; 4th place, Tomahawk Circle; and 5th place, Ho Chunk Station.

The committee also hosted a Men's and Women's fancy dance special, and a

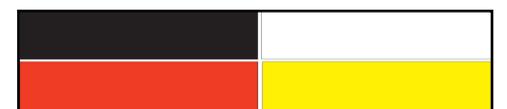
lot of great dancers walked away with a bit of those winnings. (*Names not available at time of print.*) And in honor of a special lady from the FCP tribe, the Pemma family hosted the Pemma Family Grass Dance Special in remembrance and honor of their mother, Bertha Pemma, who always loved to watch the grass dancers at any powwow.

Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen Jr. Princess 2018-19 Niya Frank hosted her own special for being the outgoing princess this year – thanking all of her supporters and the tribe for the past year. When *Potawatomi Traveling Times (PTT)* talked with her about giving up her crown, she was pretty sad about her reign being done. But she was very thankful for the past year and has plans to keep competing when she is able. Congratulations to Niya for doing a great job representing your tribe this past year. You did an amazing job!

Overall, this year's powwow was very successful. There were some amazing vendors on site for those who were in the shopping mood. It was a very busy, colorful, energetic and happy place to be all weekend long!

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Happy September Birthday to These Elders!

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| 9-1 Robert Daniels Sr. | 9-11 Edward Schick |
| 9-2 Marie Gilligan | 9-11 Michael Gibbons |
| 9-2 Jean Guinn | 9-13 August Tribbett |
| 9-2 Tyrone Victor | 9-14 Cindy Miller |
| 9-3 Tina Oelrich | 9-14 Gerald Schingeck |
| 9-4 Michelle Shepard | 9-16 David Shepard |
| 9-5 Philip Shopodock | 9-19 Wade DeVerney |
| 9-5 Charles Vigue | 9-24 Douglas MacKenzie |
| 9-8 John Alloway | 9-24 Donna Gale |
| 9-10 Sidney S. Daniels Sr. | 9-26 Robert Petonquot |

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!



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Elder Menus - SEPTEMBER 2019

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| <p><u>Monday, 9/2</u>
Holiday</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 9/3</u>
BBQ Chicken, Glazed Carrots,
Side Salad, Dinner Roll,
Chocolate Chip Cookie, Pears</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 9/4</u>
Crispitos w/Salsa & Sour Cream,
Corn, Spanish Rice,
Mixed Berry Parfait</p> <p><u>Thursday, 9/5</u>
Lemon Pepper Cod, Baked Potato,
Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,
Rye Bread, Orange</p> <p><u>Friday, 9/6</u>
Chicken & Wild rice Casserole,
Broccoli & Dip, V-8® Juice, Pears</p> <p><u>Monday, 9/9</u>
Tuna Casserole w/Peas & Cheese,
Tomato-Cucumber Salad, Cheese
Stick, Grapes</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 9/10</u>
Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Asparagus, Dinner Roll,
Applesauce, Yogurt</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 9/11</u>
Italian Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread,
Tossed Salad, Green Beans,
Cottage Cheese, Strawberry
Rhubarb Pie</p> <p><u>Thursday, 9/12</u>
Creamed Turkey w/Corn & Peas
over Biscuit, Cranberry Sauce,
Peaches</p> <p><u>Friday, 9/13</u>
Ham & Cheese Sandwich on Whole
Wheat w/Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese,
Pork & Beans, Kiwi</p> <p><u>Monday, 9/16</u>
Grilled Chicken Breast over
Alfredo Noodles, Broccoli, Carrots,
Breadstick, Cantaloupe</p> | <p><u>Tuesday, 9/17</u>
Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Country
Blend Vegetables, Bread & Butter,
Mixed Berries</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 9/18</u>
Pizza Burger, Peas, Bean Dip
w/Crackers, Banana,
Chocolate Poke Cake</p> <p><u>Thursday, 9/19</u>
Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes &
Gravy, Carrot & Celery Sticks w/Dip,
Brussels Sprouts, Dinner Roll,
Jello® w/Fruit</p> <p><u>Friday, 9/20</u>
Cheesy Broccoli Soup, Roast
Beef Sandwich, Cucumber Slices,
Mandarin Oranges, Nutri-Grain® Bar</p> <p><u>Monday, 9/23</u>
Meatball Sub Sandwich w/Cheese,
Broccoli, Green Beans,
Pineapple Lime Fluff</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 9/24</u>
Pork & Gravy over Rice, Spinach,
Wax Beans, Egg Roll, Tropical Fruit</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 9/25</u>
Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut
Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Bread
& Butter, Beets, Strawberries</p> <p><u>Thursday, 9/26</u>
Baked Cod, Calico Beans, Coleslaw,
Rye Bread, Banana Pudding,
Fruit Cocktail</p> <p><u>Friday, 9/27</u>
Turkey Sandwich w/Lettuce, Tomato
& Cheese, Potato Salad, Grapes</p> <p><u>Monday, 9/30</u>
Sloppy Joe, Cauliflower, Peas,
Nutri-Grain® Bar, Apple</p> <p>*Menus are
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Blessing Takes Place at Elderly Complex

by Val Niehaus

A blessing took place on Aug. 6, 2019, at the Caring Place facility to start the expansion of a new addition.

The day started off with an honor song by Fire Nation and the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Veterans Post I carrying in the flags and staff.

FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. then spoke his welcome and said, "This is part of a bigger plan. We are doing this to take care of today's needs, and the future will hold plans for a bigger and better complex for our elders. My Council and I are all for that. We have been to other elderly complexes and they are beautiful and we want to bring that here. This is just what we need to do today to expand the needs right now, but there are other plans in the future. I appreciate all the people who have been working on this, and I want to thank all of our elders for making the way for all of us to be here today. We are really thankful for that!"

Chairman then moved on to welcome a new employee, Elder Care and Special Needs Services Director Elena Cox, who was actually just hired the day before this blessing. Welcome Elena!

After the introduction of the newest member of the elderly complex, Daniels then moved onto introducing his uncle and well-respected elder of the community, Billy Daniels Jr., who was given semaphores to say the prayer for the blessing on this new development.

The day wrapped up with a turkey dinner made by the Caring Place kitchen. The elders and those in attendance sat down for some good conversation and food.

The expansion will include six additional resident beds and three skilled nursing beds. The official groundbreaking for this will start this fall. Expected completion should be Spring of 2020.



FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr.



Newly-hired Elena Cox (front)



Fire Nation with FCP Veterans Post I in background

Karita M. Shegonee "Ndanes" "Daughter"



Karita M. Shegonee "Ndanes" "Daughter", 69 of Milwaukee, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019, at her home. Karita was born March 1, 1950, in Hayward, Wis., the daughter of Archie J. Biddell and Marvis J. Shegonee.

Surviving Karita are her daughters: Tina Labarge, Milwaukee; Teresa Labarge, Illinois; and Trilisa Labarge, Milwaukee; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters: Sylvia Pemma, Carter; Astacia Delgado, Milwaukee; brothers: Hartford Shegonee, Stone Lake; Bruce Shepard, Wabeno; Leo Beilbeau Jr., Siren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son: Phillip LaBarge; sister: Agnes "Cookie" Shegonee; brothers: Dennis Shepard; Jerome "J.C." Biddell; Fredrick "Bambi" Biddell; Frankie Jack Jr.

Visitation was held Aug. 22; Native American services were held Aug. 23, both at the Potawatomi Cultural Center in Crandon with Thunder officiating. Burial followed at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Blackwell.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Lance Tahwa



Lance M. Tahwa, 35, of Crandon, Wis., passed away Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019, in Racine, Wis. Lance was born Sept. 3, 1983, in Rhinelander, Wis., the son of Christian Soman and April McGeshick.

Surviving are his father: Christian Soman; mother: April McGeshick; sister: Ashley (Johnny) McGeshick; brothers: Lucas Soman, Noel VanDiver and Robert McGeshick Jr., all of Crandon.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, brothers: Cole Steel Soman, George Alloway Jr.

Visitation was held Aug. 19, and service was held Aug. 20, both at the Mole Lake Cultural Center with Billy Daniels officiating. Burial took place at Mole Lake Tribal Cemetery.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.



Forest County Potawatomi Community

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August 15, 2019

Bosho,

The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request is available for your review. There are a number of ways for you to review the budget prior to the special General Council meeting.

First, the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request is available for review in the Accounting Department during normal business hours beginning Sept. 4, 2019, through Sept. 20, 2019. The office hours of the Accounting Department are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Second, there will be budget Informational meetings during the month of September where you can see a summary of the budget and ask questions. The meetings are:

Informational Meetings First Sessions

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019

Time: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Place: Executive Building Auditorium

Informational Meetings Second Sessions

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019

Time: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Place: Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel

This is an important opportunity for you as members to ask questions, express concerns or simply become better informed on where and how tribal monies will be spent, how the Budget was developed, and what lies ahead financially for our Community. It is also important to understand the driving factors of the budget, the methodology of arriving at a balanced budget, and the efforts taken to preserve the financial resources and strength of our community.

A Special General Council meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019, for the purpose of approving a budget for the Tribe. If there is no quorum, a second Special General Council meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019. Look for notice of these important meetings.

Joseph P Daniels, Sr.
Tribal Treasurer



FCP Elder Honored at 2019 Gathering

submitted by Harmony Rice-Redsky, Wasauksing First Nation

On Tuesday, July 30, 2019, FCP elder Jim Thunder was recognized for his contributions and dedication to preservation of the Bodwewaadmii language at the Potawatomi Gathering Language & History Conference when he was presented the newly-created Jim Thunder Language Preservation Award.

It is the hope of Wasauksing's Potawatomi Gathering working group, that an award in Thunder's honor will be presented to one of the language warriors for their work at the conference each year.

Please join us in celebrating Thunder's amazing contributions to strengthening the Bodwewaadmii nation!

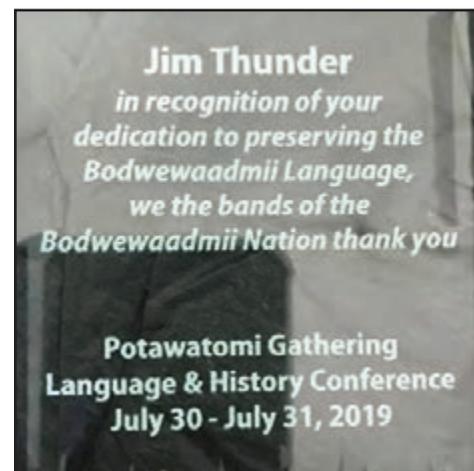
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Harmony Rice-Redsky
Wasauksing First Nation
Jim Thunder Bio: Bemwetek
James Thunder, elder, U.S. Army

veteran and former Tribal Chairman is well-known for his dedication to the Potawatomi Language.

Bodwewadmimwen is one of his greatest strengths and many will forever be indebted to him and others currently working with language efforts.

Thunder is part of a core group of remaining speakers from the Forest County area in Wisconsin who learned Potawatomi as a first language, and today has made a commitment to teaching and sharing this knowledge to and for the People.

Some of his notable works and contributions are: "The Old Potawatomi Language" (Books I-III); "Medicines of the Potawatomi"; "Gte ga nes" (an interactive language learning CD-ROM); "The Old Blind Couple" (DVD); "Real Stories: Potawatomi Oral History";



"Potawatomi Dictionary"; and numerous other unpublished materials including current projects.

Comparably impressive to Thunder's language commitment is his dedication to family and service to his community.



photo by Mike Alloway

Aboriginal Comedian Performs for Forest County Potawatomi Community

by Winda Collins

At 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019, a special performance took place in the auditorium of the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Executive Building. It was free, open to FCP tribal members, employees, and the general public, and was a delightfully funny way to end the work week. The performance, sponsored by Native American Tourism of Wisconsin, featured none other than comedian Don Burnstick. Before he took the stage, fellow Canadian comedian Nelson Mayer regaled the small but enthusiastic crowd with his own humorous schtick before introducing the main act.

Being a member of a First Nation in Canada, Burnstick's sense of humor directly correlates to his experiences as an aboriginal man. The audience was warned that the humor was adult in content, but even though it came close a time or two, it never crossed the line into vulgarity. There was much jabbing at other Wisconsin tribes, and a few jabs pointed at the Chairman and Council – all of it in good fun. And while much of the joking was Native-based, Burnstick's brand of humor was relatable to all in attendance.

Towards the end of his time on stage, Burnstick turned to serious matters: Being sober for 34 years. Giving performances in alcohol-free venues. Using humor to help heal - and without swearing. Disappearing women and children from the reservations. Needing to find balance through prayer, sharing, laughter and tears.

Yes, Burnstick is funny. He is also inspiring and genuine. He was given a gift

by the Creator and chooses to use that gift to help others heal. It just doesn't get any better than that!

Burnstick also gave a late-night performance on Saturday, Aug. 17, at Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel. PTT hopes that performance touched others as well.

About Don Burnstick - Don Burnstick is a Cree from the Alexander First Nation located outside of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The youngest of 15 children, coupled with the fact of growing up on the reserve, taught Don a variety of means of defending himself, not the least of which became his use of humor.

Don's young life was very violent. "I lived on the streets of Edmonton as an alcoholic and drug addict. In 1985, when I sobered up at 21, there were not too many 21-year-old males that were alcohol- and drug-free, so I just started asking to go and tell my story."

Burnstick obtained post-secondary training at the University of San Diego in holistic urban youth development. He also has obtained certification as an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor and graduated from the Native Trainers Development program at the Nechi Institute in Edmonton.

Don has now been involved within the healing/personal wellness movement for the past 20 years and has utilized humor and performance to provide a holistic approach to healing. His message speaks to a proud heritage, the importance of healing through humor, and his continuing desire to leave a better world for our future generations. Don wrote and individually performs the play, "I Am Alcohol - Healing the Wounded

Warrior". In this play, without preaching or moralizing, Don presents a gripping dramatization of the addictive power of alcohol and drugs, and the connections to other destructive forces that have plagued the Aboriginal community.

In addition to his healing work, Don has established himself as one of Canada's best comedian of all times. His highly-acclaimed comedy show, "You Might be a Redskin - Healing Through Native Humor", is a comedic performance that humorously portrays First Nations people, their habits, likes and dislikes.

Courtesy www.donburnstick.com



top photo: Don Burnstick

bottom photo (l-r): FCP Council Member Nickolas Shepard Jr., Don Burnstick, FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., FCP Council Member Brooks Boyd

Meno Keno

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Chi Migweth to the Fox sisters who prepared the meal each night for everyone. Thanks to the Bodwéwadmí Ktégan for supplying the meat to use as well. Gratitude is extended to the powwow committee staff, FCP staff and the helpers who kept things cleaned up and organized. Things would never go as smoothly without you all. Migweth to Ruth Pemma for making the royalty crowns and to Michelle Reed for making

the royalty sashes – all were beautifully done! Oh, and thanks to the FCP tribe for installing the new set of stairs connecting the upper parking/camping area to the grounds. *PTT* heard many nice remarks about this added feature and many felt much safer with them there! It was a great weekend for a great event and all look forward to what 2020 will bring... as heard through the grapevine, it will be even better!

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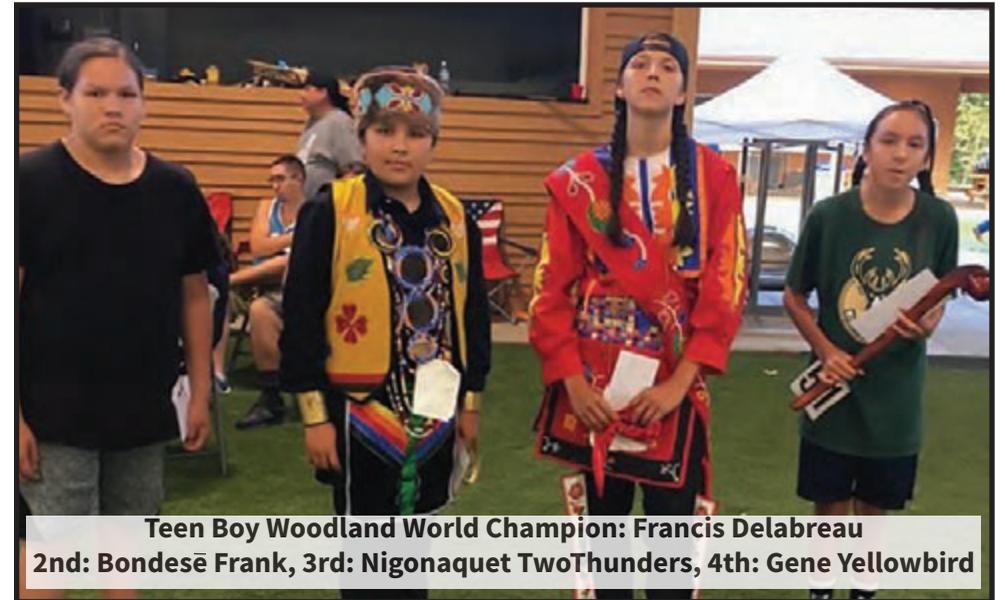
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**Men's Woodland World Champion: Noodin Niimebin Shawanda
2nd: Maheengun Shawanda, 3rd: Miisheen-Meegwun Shawanda,
4th: Ken Funmaker Jr.**



**Women's Woodland World Champion: Jamie Awonohopay
2nd: Kayree Funmaker, 3rd: Ashley Rave, 4th: Becky Miller**



**Teen Boy Woodland World Champion: Francis Delabreau
2nd: Bondesē Frank, 3rd: Nigonaquet TwoThunders, 4th: Gene Yellowbird**



**Teen Girl Woodland World Champion: Elicia Leonard
2nd: Elizah Leonard, 3rd: not available, 4th: Symone Pemma**



**Jr. Boy Woodland World Champion: Kenew Awonohopay
2nd: Elliot Penass (not available for photo), 3rd: Geegwas Warrington,
4th: Devin Conner**



Singing Contest Winner: Iron Boy

DID YOU KNOW

that the *Traveling Times* pays a freelance fee to FCP tribal members when they submit artwork, articles, stories, photos, etc. for inclusion in the newspaper? We're always looking for interesting items to share with our readership.

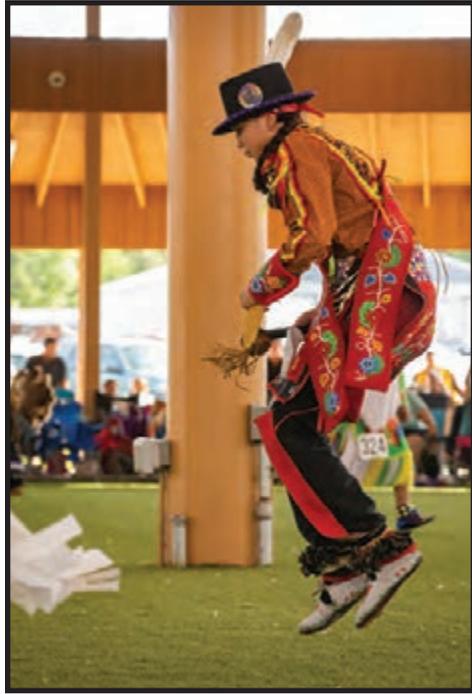


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Shyla Milham-Queen getting some dancing in.



Bondesē Frank... mid air!



Royal Pemma... jammin'



Penelope Peters... It's always fun to watch her dance!



Brock Gougé makes his first round in dancing with relatives and friends - a very proud moment for his parents and everyone.



A bit of color... and thanks for the smile, Niya!



Nem Ki Kwe Daniels got that lucky number this weekend!



Daughter and mom enjoy some time together.



Donna VanZile always looks so regal!



Jayden Tuckwab tries out the new set of stairs at the grounds.



PCCH Announces New Graduate from Tribal Internship Program

submitted by Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel

On April 3, 2019, FCP tribal member Alexandria McCorkle entered the Tribal Internship Program at Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel. Throughout her three-month journey as an intern, she spent time observing and working with each of the departments at PCCH, learning how the department operated and worked in conjunction with the others.



From the beginning of the program, McCorkle expressed interest in marketing and human resources. For her to get the most out of the program, the internship was extended so that she could spend more time in both of those areas. She completed the program July 19, 2019, but not without accepting a position as a Promotions Coordinator in PCCH's Marketing Department.

This is what McCorkle had to say about her experience:

"When I first started this internship, three months seemed like such a long time. In all honestly, I was nervous. I didn't know what to expect. The experience went by faster than I expected.

"My last week was bittersweet. I was sad it was ending, but proud of myself for completing the internship. It was very rewarding in many aspects, and learning about the casino and hotel was beyond interesting. I didn't realize the things that go on behind the scenes to keep PCCH in tip-top shape for daily operations. With what I learned, I have a new level of respect for the team members and think they do a phenomenal job.

"While speaking with team members, I was fascinated to find they love their jobs at PCCH. Many of them have been here since the beginning of PCCH.

It was fun listening to their stories as they shared memories and changes that have taken place over the years to make PCCH a successful operation.

"Overall, I am pleased with the internship here at PCCH and the knowledge that was shared with me. I am excited to announce I have accepted a position at PCCH within the Marketing Department as a Promotions Coordinator.

"I highly recommend taking part in the Internship program. You never know... it may spark an interest for your studies or if you are looking for a change. There are many possibilities here and you will not be disappointed."

PCCH welcomes McCorkle to our team and wish her the very best of luck in her new position!

PCCH is looking for interested tribal members to take part in our Internship Program. For more information, please contact Cindy Flannery at (715) 473-6863 or visit us at cartercasino.com.

SYE Supervisor Thank You

8/13/2019

Many may have noticed the increase of students around FCP departments each summer; this is part of the Summer Youth Employment Program through the Education Department. The program mission is to enhance the future of our youth by providing an opportunity for career enrichment. This would not be possible without the dedication of our FCP Executive Council, division administrators, and department supervisors. That being said, we would like to thank all the individuals who took the time with students again this summer to give them an educational work experience. We hope to continue to build this program for our youth to prepare them for future occupational success!

Big thanks to our SYE supervisors:

Choices Program:

Joe Chaney

Compliance:

Crystal Deschinny, Michelle Koester

Community Health:

Melanie Tatge, Jordyn Fink

C-Store (Carter):

Becky Danielczak, Tina McGeshick

C-Store (Stone Lake):

Kim KasaKaitas

Education Day Camp:

Brittany LaMere

Education Life Skills Course:

Myra VanZile

Education Gte Ga Nēs Preschool:

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Brian Tupper

Rising Sun Daycare:

Una Ross

Security:

Sam Alloway

Transitional Housing:

Justin Shawano, Jacob Struble

Youth Prevention:

Jordan Keeble, Officer Josh

Collette

Thank you to all the Forest County Potawatomi Community and staff who contributed to another successful Summer Youth Employment. We appreciate you all and look forward to working with you more in the future!

Sincerely,

Occupational Leadership Development Staff

FCP Education Department

War Club-Making Class Held

by Val Niehaus

A war club-making class was held under the teachings of Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) tribal member Sam Alloway at the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum, July 23-25, 2019. *Potawatomi Traveling Times (PTT)* was able to sit in on the class a couple hours each day to watch the process of making these war clubs.

The class was open to FCP community members, which in one day totaled about 20 people including youth to elders.

Materials needed in making these clubs were a wood handle, flat oval stones (collected from Door County), rawhide and deerskin. Tools needed were saws, wood files, sandpaper and a good sharp knife to shape the wooden handle just the way each person wanted it. As Alloway said, "You can make this really fancy and

smooth, or you can go right into the woods and pick out a handle that would be more natural or rustic. It's up to you and how you want it to look."

The young men in the class really took off on making their own clubs. A handful of them completed their own within the time frame and were pretty proud of what they finished.

It was a great cultural tool to make because it does take some time. Having people come together for a few days in a row really brought that sense of belonging, learning history, and enjoying one another's company.

Alloway is hoping to hold many cultural classes like this one, or maybe a hand-drum class. Keep your eyes open this winter for more information! You can find information in *PTT*, on FCP's Facebook page or website.



Benny Peters hard at work getting his war club started.



Carol Daniels and Hazel George enjoyed meeting up each day to work on their own clubs.

2nd Annual Cultural Exchange Held

submitted by FCP Culture

The 2nd annual Cultural Exchange Program took place Aug. 12-16, 2019. The program is run by the Korean group, First Nations Missions Fellowship. This organization promotes native culture and encourages native youth. For this event, 50 people shared music, dance, food, storytelling, games, sports, and Tae Kwon Do. And in return, the organization hopes to learn about Potawatomi culture.

Some of the activities the youth were able to experience were: tour of the FCP Museum, a buffet-style dinner of traditional Korean and Potawatomi food and featured Fire Nation. There was also a

beach day at Lake Metonga with a provided lunch.

The pictures seen here are of the tour of Bodwéwadmí Ktëgan. There was time spent with the chickens, learning about bees and honey, a look inside the hoop houses, and berry picking.

Other events took place at the Recreation Center and Stone Lake Community Baseball Field. There was no cost to attend, and it was open to FCP Community members and employees.

More photos and an expanded article should appear in the Sept. 15 issue.










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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 Cleerman, R.N., at (715) 478-4889.

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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.

SEPTEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

CHOICES Program

- Youth 9 - 11: Mondays (9, 16, 23, 30)
 - Youth 12 - 17: Tuesdays (3, 10, 17, 24)
 - Youth 6 - 8: Wednesdays (4, 11, 18, 25)
- Youth will be picked up from school starting at 3:30 p.m., and will be dropped off at home afterwards. Call (715) 478-4839 for more information.

Family Resource Center

- Healthy Relationships Class: Mondays (9, 16, 23, 30) 1 - 3 p.m.
 - Moral Reconciliation Therapy Class: Tuesdays (3, 10, 17, 24), 10 a.m. - noon
 - Positive Indian Parenting Class (PIP): Thursdays (5, 12, 19, 26), 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

- 9/2 - Labor Day: Closed
- 9/3 - Infant Nutrition (HWC): 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 9/5 - Infant Nutrition / WIC (Carter We Care): 1 - 4:30 p.m.
- 9/10 - WIC (HWC): 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 9/12 - CHIP AODA Workgroup Meeting (HWC): 1 - 3 p.m.
- 9/18 - Diabetes Luncheon (HWC): noon - 1:30 p.m.
- 9/22 - Swine, Dine & Dash (Bodwéwadmí Ktëgan, Co H, Blackwell): 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Register on the Community Health Page, in person, or via phone at (715) 478-4355.
- 9/28 - Fall Hike (Three Eagle Trail, Three Lakes/Eagle River): Register in person at Community Health or via phone at (715) 478-4355 by Sept. 13.

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Trump Administration Supports American Indian and Alaska Native Communities to End Violence and Illicit Drug Activity

submitted by Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Officials from the White House and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) held a Reclaiming our Native Communities Roundtable in Nome, Alaska, and a Public Safety Listening Session in Bethel, Alaska, this week to discuss ways to address public safety challenges in the region. The listening sessions are a part of a series of meetings taking place with American Indian and Alaska Native community and tribal leaders across the country with the goal of implementing strategies that will end the violence and illicit activity disproportionately affecting these populations.

In Nome, the Reclaiming our Native Communities Roundtable focused on the social ills that challenge Native communities including the use of illegal narcotics, prevalence of domestic violence, and cold cases involving missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. According to the DOJ Bureau of Justice Statistics, American Indians and Alaska Natives are two and a half times more likely to experience violent crimes and at least two times more likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes in comparison to all other ethnicities.

“President Trump has been a tireless proponent of ending crime, ensuring justice is served, and promoting safe and economically-strong rural communities, including Alaska Native communities,” said Kate MacGregor, DOI Deputy Chief of Staff exercising the authority of Deputy Secretary. “I appreciate Kawerak and the Association of Village Council Presidents for bringing so many strong voices together to listen, learn, and discuss solutions that will make a difference not only in rural Alaskan communities but throughout our country.”

“Alaska Native people face some of the highest levels of violence. These roundtables and listening sessions are critical to tailoring solutions to address this wave of violent crime and victimization in these communities,” said Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney. “I look forward to working hand-in-hand with local, state and national leaders on crafting solutions to create a healthier environment for our families and communities.”

“All men, women, and children in our region deserve to be safe in our communities. Unfortunately, in our region and in other rural Alaska communities, the statistics show that women and children in our rural communities are victimized at much higher rates than the rest of our state and nation,” said Kawerak President Melanie Bahnke. “Our communities deserve adequate public safety; today’s dialogue is a step in the right direction, and Kawerak, Inc., is especially grateful for Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney’s leadership in pursuing justice for Alaska Native

and American Indian communities.”

Of the 56 federally-recognized tribes that are a part of the Association of Village Council Presidents, more than 40 participated in the public safety listening session in Bethel, Alaska. The tribal representatives who spoke highlighted the unique geographical and jurisdictional challenges that face their Native communities.

In June, Kate MacGregor, the Deputy Chief of Staff at DOI who is currently exercising the authority of the Deputy Secretary, and Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney held the first meeting in a series of roundtable discussions on the Gila River Indian Reservation to hear from Alaska Natives, Indian Country, tribal leadership and other advocates on ways to effectively end the escalating cycle of violence in these communities.

“Crime doesn’t know boundaries, which is why we are working to engage and develop law enforcement strategies to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable populations,” said Charles Addington, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Office of Justice Services. “The Trump Administration is focused on hearing from local, state and national leaders to find a holistic approach to tackle the devastating challenges that have plagued our rural and Native communities.”

“The Trump Administration is committed to making American communities safer, including Native communities across the nation,” said Douglas Hoelscher, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of White House Intergovernmental Affairs. “These sessions allow us to listen and learn about the best use of resources, policies, and best practices to deliver measurable results that will improve communities across the nation while respecting local traditions and culture.”

“Since 2016 public safety has been the top priority for AVCP, but public safety has been lacking or missing in our villages for decades,” said Chief Executive Officer for the Association of Village Council Presidents. “This listening session brought to the forefront an opportunity to work together as tribes and tribal organizations with the federal government to find solutions to the public safety crisis our tribes are facing. Thank you Assistant Secretary Sweeney, Alaska Congressional Delegation, and the White House, for prioritizing public safety. I look forward to the changes I know will come by working together.”

“Tackling the issue of public safety, including the epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women, has long-been among my top priorities in the Senate. However, to truly address this issue, it will take coordination at the federal, state, and local level. It must be an all-hands-on-deck effort,” said U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK). “These roundtable discussions led

by the Department of Interior are an example of words being turned into action. I am committed to continuing my efforts, alongside the administration, to combat the unacceptably high rates of domestic violence and public safety challenges we’re seeing across our state. Together, we can and will ensure safer, more secure communities in Alaska.”

“I want to thank the Department of the Interior and the White House for focusing on these issues, especially on the heels of the Attorney General’s visit and announcements of law enforcement resources to our state and tribal entities,” said U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK). “As Alaskans, we know too well the affliction of violent crimes, substance abuse, and missing and murdered Alaska Natives. Just last week, Assistant Secretary Sweeney and I saw firsthand the challenges of public safety in rural Alaska; we traveled for four days in northwest and western Alaska to hear from people on the ground about their priorities – overcrowding and lack of housing, and public safety were the top two. I look forward to continuing to work with DOI, DOJ, and the White House to raise the standards of law enforcement and public safety in rural Alaska, so they too can have the basic protections that most Americans take for granted.”

“Alaskans know that our state’s vast geography presents unique challenges, especially for law enforcement in our rural Native villages,” said Congressman Don Young (R-AK). “Horrible stories of homicide, sexual assault, and other violent crimes have recently made headlines, and we must be doing all that we can to bring perpetrators to justice. I’m particularly concerned about the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and I’m glad that Assistant Secretary Sweeney has made this a priority for the Department. I will continue working with our Delegation and the Administration to ensure that our rural areas have the tools and resources they need to keep Alaskans safe.”

Representatives from the White House and DOI, who met with these community leaders, included: Douglas Hoelscher, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of White House Intergovernmental Affairs; Jennie Lichter, the Deputy Director, WH Domestic Policy Council; Gary Lawkowski, Senior Policy Advisor, Domestic Policy Council; Kate MacGregor, Deputy Chief of Staff exercising the authority of Deputy Secretary for DOI; Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs; Mirtha Beadle, Director of the Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy; and Charles Addington, Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services.

Background

In June, DOI held its first roundtable on the Gila River Indian Community Reservation to develop a comprehensive approach to concentrate on cold cases, violent crimes, and missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. Deputy Chief of Staff Kate MacGregor and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney heard from Alaska Natives, Indian Country, tribal leadership, and advocates.

On June 28, Attorney General William Barr announced \$10 million emergency funding to address the public safety crisis in rural Alaska, following a visit to the state. The \$6 million in emergency funding from the Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance will go toward hiring, equipping, and training Village Public Safety Officers, Village Police Officers, and Tribal Police Officers working in rural Alaska, as well as for mobile detention facilities.

President Trump designated May 5 as Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day to draw attention to the horrible acts of violence committed against American Indian and Alaska Native people, particularly women and children.

President Trump’s proclamation states: “Ending the violence that disproportionately affects American Indian and Alaska Native communities is imperative. Under my Administration, Federal agencies are working more comprehensively and more collaboratively to address violent crime in Indian country, to recover the American Indian and Alaska Native women and children who have gone missing, and to find justice for those who have been murdered.”

American Indian and Alaska Native people face alarming levels of violence. Data from the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that more than 1.5 million American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence, including sexual violence, in their lifetimes. American Indian and Alaska Native children attempt and commit suicide at rates far higher than those in any other demographic in our Nation, and often endure disproportionately high rates of endemic drug abuse, violence, and crime.

In 2018, DOI launched the first-ever Joint Law Enforcement Task Force on Opioids, focusing on Indian Country. Led by Bureau of Indian Affairs-Office of Justice Services, the task force partners with federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement to conduct multi-month undercover operations and stings to get drugs and dealers off the streets. In FY 2018, the Opioid Reduction Task Force seized more than 3,200 pounds of illegal narcotics with an estimated street value of \$9.8 million. BIA-OJS also successfully led 15 Opioid Reduction Task Force operations in seven states that resulted in 372 arrests.

The Native Vote is Elevating Our Voices in 2020

submitted by Jennifer K. Falcon, IEN Communications Coordinator

Háu Koná,

I just got home from spending the last few days in the homelands of the Omaha, Ponca, Dakota, and Winnebago people at the first-ever Frank LeMere Native American Presidential Forum. This historic event was named after Winnebago activist Frank LeMere who devoted his life to making sure Indigenous peoples not only had a voice in American politics but had the representation needed to address our issues.

The road for Native voting rights has been a long one, but the 2020 primaries have set a new precedent in presidential elections for our communities as we have seen two presidential hopefuls roll out Indigenous platforms ahead of the forum, bringing our issues into the national conversation.

Former HUD Secretary Julián Castro was the first candidate to work with Indigenous communities throughout Turtle Island to roll out his People First Indigenous Communities Platform. Soon after, Senator Elizabeth Warren partnered with Congresswoman Deb Haaland to

launch her Honoring and Empowering Tribal Nations and Indigenous Peoples Platform. Both were in attendance at the forum along with Senator Sanders, Cherokee tribal member Mark Charles, and even Kamala Harris skyped in despite her anti-tribal sovereignty history.

This forum was historic, but has been long in the making. If you look back at the past decade, you see that we are in the midst of an Indigenous rising in electoral politics.

In 2018, we saw Senator John Tester win a close re-election race by less than 20,000 votes - a victory that was carried by the tribal nations in Montana, including my own, the Fort Belknap and Fort Peck Nations. Montana has six Indigenous majority districts, and the most Indigenous elected officials in the United States with 12 Indigenous representatives. In 2012, North Dakota Senator Heidi Heitkamp credited her one percent win margin to Indigenous voters. The year 2018 was also historic for North Dakota as we saw Ruth Buffalo becoming the first Indige-

nous woman elected to the North Dakota legislature after beating Randy Boehning who tried to disenfranchise Native voters with an ID law.

Tribal relations are complicated with the American government, navigating voting rights from nation-to-nation tells different stories. While we have made progress, we know that progress is not linear and we must fight to make our voices heard.

These wins have also come with more pushes to disenfranchise Indigenous voters who sometimes travel long distances because polling sites are off tribal lands, dealing with poll workers who are unable to translate Indigenous languages, and intimidation at the ballot box. In 2012, Indigenous Alaskan Senator Albert Kookesh lost due to unjust redistricting that weakened the Indigenous vote in Alaska. Just months after Senator Heitkamp was elected, Republican lawmakers moved quickly to pass stricter voter ID laws. Last year the U.S. Supreme Court failed us in refusing to block the strict voter ID laws

passed in North Dakota, making it harder for tribal communities and rural voters to vote.

I left the Native forum confident that many 2020 candidates know that the Native vote matters. We were well represented by our tribal leaders who asked questions about how candidates would strengthen our government-to-government relationships, and by water protectors who weren't afraid to call out candidates who haven't taken strong enough stances against extractive industries that devastate tribal communities. Voting, the protest, and our relationship to the settler state are all important pieces of the puzzle as we navigate a post-settler world. Frank inspired us all to fight for our peoples' voice to be heard in the halls of government and in the streets. Many work hard to live up to his legacy because we know a better world is possible.

Aba Wasté Yuhá,

Jennifer K. Falcon (Hay Shaw Wiya),
Communications Coordinator

Secretary-Designee Kolar Elected District Vice President of National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs

submitted by Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary-designee Mary Kolar was recently elected district vice president for the Midwest District and will serve on the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs' (NASDVA) Executive Committee. She was selected by her peers during the 2019 NASDVA Annual Conference, held Aug. 11–14, 2019, in Omaha, Neb.

"I am honored to represent Wisconsin and our strong service to veterans and their families as part of this national organization," Secretary Kolar said. "Wisconsin is a known leader when it comes to veterans affairs. I look forward to sharing our ideas and best practices, and learning from the other states as well."

The National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs is comprised of secretaries, directors and commissioners of Veterans Affairs in each state of the United States, as well as the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The association works with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and states to develop initiatives, advocate for, and share best practices for veterans programs, benefits and services.

NASDVA members elect its Executive Committee, which is comprised of the president, senior vice president, junior

vice president and district vice presidents, representing five regions.

Wisconsin is a leader among states for providing programs, benefits and services to veterans and their families. Wisconsin offers veterans many unique benefits, such as occupational licensing fee waivers, grants for businesses that hire veterans and nonprofits that assist them, and the Wisconsin G.I. Bill, which remits tuition for veterans and their family members at Wisconsin universities and technical colleges, among others. In addition, Wisconsin oversees some of the best quality 24-hour skilled nursing facilities in the country, the fifth busiest state veterans' cemetery in the country, and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, which has been named a Smithsonian Affiliate.

For additional information, contact: WDVA Office of Public Affairs, Director Carla Vigue, at (608) 266-0517 or carla.vigue@dva.wisconsin.gov.

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Joint Statement on the Amazon Rainforest Fires and Brazilian President's War on Indigenous Peoples and the Environment

statements by IEN Executive Director Tom B.K. Goldtooth and Rainforest Action Network Executive Director Lindsey Allen, submitted by Jennifer K. Falcon, IEN Communications Coordinator

"It's a shame that the Brazilian cavalry hasn't been as efficient as the Americans, who exterminated the Indians."

"The Indians do not speak our language, they do not have money, they do not have culture. They are native peoples. How did they manage to get 13 percent of the national territory?"

"There is no indigenous territory where there aren't minerals. Gold, tin and magnesium are in these lands, especially in the Amazon, the richest area in the world. I'm not getting into this nonsense of defending land for Indians."

These are just a few of the shameful and hateful words of Brazil's current president, Jair Bolsonaro. As he was running for president, Bolsonaro also promised to open up the Amazon for mining and agriculture, as he also promised to "crack down" on environmental activists. The biggest newspaper in Brazil, O Globo, called this a "war on NGOs."

The catastrophic fires raging in Brazil right now are not only a global emergency, they are a testament to Bolsonaro's racism, ignorance and greed. His words and deeds

have paved the way for these man-made fires. We know that protecting tropical rainforests, stopping fossil fuel emissions and upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples are some of the most important ways to address the global impacts of the growing climate crisis. That's true in the Amazon. That's true in the Indonesia rainforests. That's true at Standing Rock.

Indigenous Environmental Network and Rainforest Action Network are in complete support of our sisters and brothers in Brazil fighting for their way of life, for their rights and their land, and for our planet and future.

Established in 1990, The Indigenous Environmental Network is an international environmental justice nonprofit that works with tribal grassroots organizations to build the capacity of Indigenous communities. IEN's activities include empowering Indigenous communities and tribal governments to develop mechanisms to protect our sacred sites, land, water, air, natural resources, the health of both our people and all living things, and to build economically-sustainable communities.



LEED Certified: WGECHDA RECEIVES 2019 AWARD OF MERIT FROM USGBC OF WI

Forest County Potawatomi recently received a 2019 Award of Merit for its development of the Wgechda Building on the Wgema Campus from the U.S. Green Building Council of Wisconsin. Quorum Architects worked with a team of engineers from Ring & Du Chateau and Pierce Engineers to push the envelope of sustainability in a unique and holistic approach. The project combined the challenges of restoration, with providing a new identity for FCP in Milwaukee while making sustainable design decisions that would support LEED certification, and, thereby, improve the built environment for seven generations to come. The team worked diligently to respectfully restore the Wgechda Building while also integrating all of the modern elements to preserve and revitalize the unique historic building. Under the management of the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, Greenfire Management Services and WasteCap Resource Solutions, the project exceeded standard design. As a historic existing masonry building, Wgechda had undergone extensive masonry repair, window and roof replacement, site and interior design to become the beacon on the Wgema Campus that is there today. This building stands as an example for all future renovations on the Wgema Campus of the standards that the Forest County Potawatomi set in place to incorporate sustainable practices.



Greenfire: HOSTS LOCAL IFMA EVENT ON WGEMA CAMPUS



Greenfire hosted an International Facilities Management Association Southeast Wisconsin Chapter event at the Wgema Campus in late June providing attendees with an overview of the campus history, the Forest County Potawatomi's vision to restore the original buildings as well as a tour of the Wgemas and Wgechda buildings. Potawatomi Business Development Corporation attended and provided additional insight into the multi-phased redevelopment. Greenfire was proud to serve as the construction manager on the project that is helping to revitalize the surrounding neighborhood and restore new life into these historical buildings.

3210 West Wells Street: BEFORE, MIDWAY & AFTER

Started in mid-July and now completely demolished, the filling and grading effort continues at the "nuisance" property that the FCP acquired earlier this spring. The property will remain a green space for the time being. There was a desire in the area to do something about the apartment building at 3210 W. Wells St., which had generated 750 service calls to the Milwaukee Police Department since the start of 2016, said Potawatomi spokesman George Ermert. "They saw the opportunity to do something good and better for the neighborhood, and they took it," Ermert said of the apartment purchase.

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1 \$10/5 Packs Breakfast Buffet 7 am - 11 am Double Burger	2 Soup in a Bread Bowl	3 Taco Tuesday	4 FALL Harvest ENTRY MULTIPLIER \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Specialty Quesadilla	5 GREEN & GOLD SPECIALS SENIOR DAY \$10/5 Packs Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	6 Finally \$500 Friday Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	7 \$10/5 Packs Breakfast Buffet 7 am - 11 am Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
8 \$10/5 Packs Breakfast Buffet 7 am - 11 am Double Burger	9 POP & PLAY Lovin' Country 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Soup in a Bread Bowl	10 Taco Tuesday	11 FALL Harvest ENTRY MULTIPLIER \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Specialty Quesadilla	12 SENIOR DAY \$10/5 Packs Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	13 Lucky 13 \$10/5 Packs — Hot Seat Night Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	14 \$10/5 Packs Breakfast Buffet 7 am - 11 am Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
15 GREEN & GOLD GAME DAY SPECIALS \$10/5 Packs Breakfast Buffet 7 am - 11 am Double Burger	16 POP & PLAY The Zackaryz 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Soup in a Bread Bowl	17 Taco Tuesday	18 FALL Harvest ENTRY MULTIPLIER \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Specialty Quesadilla	19 SENIOR DAY \$10/5 Packs Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	20 FALL Harvest ENTRY MULTIPLIER Texas 8 pm - Midnight Finally \$500 Friday Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	21 FALL CASH Harvest Texas 8 pm - Midnight Bingo Bash Breakfast Buffet / Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
22 GREEN & GOLD GAME DAY SPECIALS \$10/5 Packs Breakfast Buffet 7 am - 11 am Double Burger	23 POP & PLAY Mark Wayne 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Soup in a Bread Bowl	24 Taco Tuesday	25 \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Specialty Quesadilla	26 GREEN & GOLD SPECIALS SENIOR DAY \$10/5 Packs Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	27 POP & PLAY Ric Stream 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm DJ Doc Gary 10 pm - Midnight (Bingo Hall) \$10/5 Packs — Hot Seat Night Black Light Bingo (Pirate Theme) Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	28 \$10/5 Packs Breakfast Buffet 7 am - 11 am Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
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