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3rd Annual FILM Festival



submitted by Holly Daniels

Enter through the double doors of the Executive Building. The first thing your brain registers is the smell of popcorn. Next, you see the Grammy-style backdrop and red carpet for all attendees to pose for pictures like celebrities. Past that, nearing the auditorium entrance, is the display of movie posters of the day's upcoming featured films created by the filmmakers. Finally, it's time to enter the auditorium for an afternoon full of entertainment.

The FILM Festival began with a welcome song by Fire Nation, followed by a prayer from Council Member Nick Shepard. FILM Program Coordinator David Herkert then welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and officially commenced the festival. He presented the

projects produced by FILM workshop participants to showcase the talent that even the youngest community members have with minimal experience. Then Herkert introduced the FILM mentors, Marcus and Holly Daniels, who would go on to announce each of the featured films.

The films shown included three projects created by the Summer Youth Employment (SYE) workers, four videos created by FILM mentors, and the third consecutive episode of Mad Dog & Merrill's Midwest Grill'n.

The summer youth took on a couple of important, heavy topics. Mercedes Houle's project titled, "Addiction in the Home", was about how addiction has impacted her family. Colleen Shepard and Lavara Gilpin brought awareness to the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls through their "Red Hand Project". And on the lighter side, SYE workers created a creepy

pasta video titled, "The Curse of Lavara", utilizing each of their talents: Gilpin wrote the scary story; Frank Shepard created the terrifying characters using Photoshop, and Houle took photos of eerie backdrops.

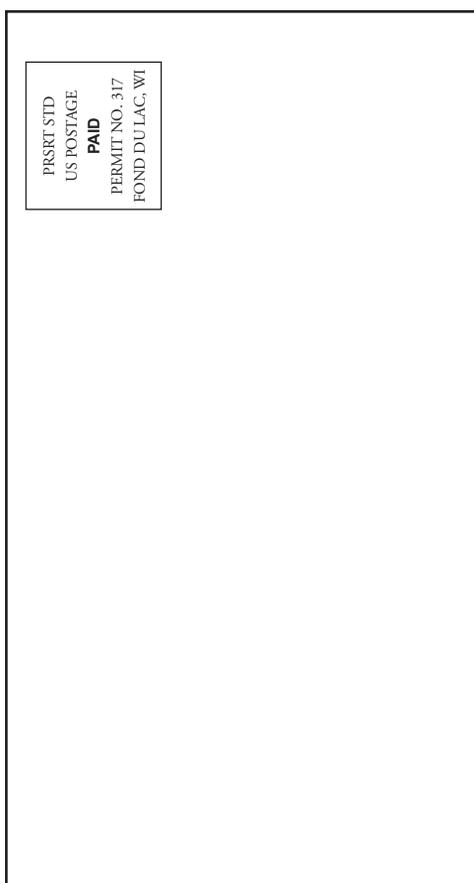
The films created by the mentors were written and directed by Marcus Daniels, so it goes without saying that the audience was laughing constantly. These films included both action and comedy, accompanied by an array of special effects that wowed the audience.

Flame Awards were given out to every youth who participated in a FILM production, the FILM mentors, each department who played an integral role in sustaining the program, and to Executive Council for its continued support. A special award was given again this year as well: the "Outstanding Work in FILM" was awarded to Colleen Shepard, which was decided on by all the SYE workers at the end of the summer.

The final film of the day was Mad Dog & Merrill's Midwest Grill'n: Breakfast on the Farm, which was directed by Frank Shepard and produced by Mac Williams. The festival was blessed with a surprise visit from Midwest Grill'n Producer Rod Kolash and Keyboardist Fast Freddie from the show. Both commented on how much fun it has been working with all the youth in this program for the past three years. This was followed by bloopers, a traveling song by Fire Nation, and a huge round of applause.

Herkert, FILM staff and mentors would like to thank all who attended the 3rd Annual FILM Festival and everyone who had a hand in making it successful. The mentors would also like to congratulate all the youth who participated and express how proud they are of every single individual. FCP has a talented group of up-and-coming filmmakers!

more photos on pg. 5...



(top left): Flame Awards waiting to be distributed
(top right): A snapshot of film goes
(bottom left): Mercedes Houle holding her Flame Award
(bottom right): Reddmen LeMieux pointing at the program while on the red carpet

photos by Jenna Brudos



Marie A. Polar
 “Wen-Daa-Ba-Nok”
 “Coming From the Dawn”



Marie A. Polar, “Wen-Daa-Ba-Nok” “Coming From the Dawn”, 79, of Crandon, Wis., passed away Sept. 24, 2019, at her home. Born March 28, 1940, in Wabeno, Wis., Marie was the daughter of William and Mary (Benn) Thunder. She was united in marriage on Jan. 31, 1959, to Charles Evans Polar Sr., and he preceded her in death on March 22, 2016.

Marie grew up in Blackwell near the Rat River and later moved to Stone Lake (Crandon). For a brief time, she lived in Chicago with relatives to find work. It was when she returned home that she met Charles Polar, and they married soon after. They raised their five children in Mole Lake.

Marie’s priority in life was her family with her primary job being a homemaker, and that she did well. She took care of many foster children who still call her Grandma. She was the ROCK of the entire family and she made sure the family stayed as close as possible. She enjoyed taking long rides with her husband and usually had a couple grandchildren along for the ride. She loved to color, spend time with her family, pick and process wild rice, pick berries, apples, milkweed, etc. She would also pick up her cousin, Mary Jane, and they’d go gather medicines and sometimes found themselves far into the woods. Marie was well known for her food trailer where she set up at softball games. Her fry bread sold quicker than she could cook it, among other foods.

Marie was married to Charles for 57 years before he passed away, and all-in-all, what made Marie the happiest was caring for her family. She raised all her children to ALWAYS LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

Surviving are Marie’s daughter: Tina (Rick) VanZile, Crandon; sons: James Polar Sr., Mole Lake; Roy (Brenda) Polar, Mole Lake; Norbert Polar, Mole Lake; sister: Cassie Cornell, Crandon; and 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter: Mary Polar-McGeshick; son: Charles Evans Polar Jr.; sisters: Grace, Margaret, Alice, Jenny, Mary; brothers: Louie, Nelson, William Jr.

Visitation took place Sept. 26 and services were held Sept. 27, at the Mole Lake Culture Center, Crandon, Wis., with Billy Daniels Jr. officiating. Burial at the Mole Lake Tribal Cemetery followed.

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

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 If interested, contact Education at (715) 478-7355.

The Enrollment Department
has relocated to the third floor of the
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(5416 Everybody's Road, Crandon).
Please make a note of it.

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!

CORRECTION:
PTT apologizes for the error that appeared in the Oct. 1, 2019 issue. The top photo on the front page erroneously identified the person on the far right as Zach Weso when in reality it is Riley Bulmer. By the time PTT realized the mistake, the paper had only minutes before gone to print. Many apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused!

Deadline for the November 1, 2019 issue of the
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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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NNAVM Groundbreaking Washington, D.C.

by Val Niehaus

The Smithsonian: National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) had a big day on Sept. 21, 2019, in Washington, D.C. This day was the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the National Native American Veterans Memorial (NNAVM).

There were around 225 guests present, including Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Post I Veterans – FCP Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock, Louie Spaude, Clarence Daniels and Nathaniel Gilpin. Shopodock said, “It was a great honor in being able to go out to our Nation’s capital and be a part of this important day for Native American Veterans and their families. We [FCP] were contributors as well to this memorial project, and that is something we are very proud of.”

The ceremony started with remarks from individuals, a symbolic groundbreaking and a blessing of the grounds itself. Drum group The Cheyenne and Arapaho Singers presented a song along with a special hand-drum performance. There were tours of the NMAI that followed throughout the day for all who were interested.

The memorial itself is explained being an elevated stainless-steel circle balanced on an intricately-carved stone drum with the design being simple and powerful, timeless and inclusive. The design

incorporates water for sacred ceremonies, benches for gathering and reflection, and four lances where veterans, family members, tribal leaders, and others can tie cloths for prayers and healing. (cited from <https://americanindian.si.edu/nnavm>)

Harvey Pratt, Cheyenne-Arapaho peace chief, artist and member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho American Legion Post 401 of Clinton, Okla., is the memorial designer. He was announced to be the winning concept designer of this notable honor on June 26, 2019. In an article by Andy Proffett on the American Legion website it says, “In unanimously selecting Pratt’s design concept, “Warriors’ Circle of Honor,” the jury found it “culturally resolute and spiritually engaging.” “The circle is so profoundly important in all Native cultures that the supreme strength of this design is its ability for all people to connect with it and find meaning in it,” the jury report notes.

A stainless-steel Sacred Circle at the center of the design represents heaven, earth and the pathway followed by honor-bound Native people. The central design elements within the circle are water, which represents purity, prayer, cleansing and reflection; fire, which symbolizes strength, courage, endurance and comfort; and a drum, the heartbeat of the memorial, connecting all the elements.

A red stone outer walkway, the Warriors’ Traditional Red Road, represents the way of life leading to harmony and includes Legacy Footprints representing warriors of the past, present and future.”

This memorial is slotted to be dedicated on Veteran’s Day November 11, 2020, and the FCP Post I Veterans will be attending that ceremony.

(right) FCP tribal member Jennifer Shopodock with Congresswoman Deb Haaland. It was an honor for Shopodock to meet and talk with her. submitted photos



(l-r) Jennifer Shopodock, Louie Spaude, Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock, Memorial designer Harvey Pratt, Clarence Daniels, Nathaniel Gilpin, Theresa Gilpin and NCAI CEO Kevin Allis.

State, Federal, Tribal Officials Update Partnership Agreement

submitted by WisDOT Office of Public Affairs

Wisconsin’s 11 federally-recognized tribal governments met with state and federal officials to update a commitment to partnership on transportation-related issues. The partnership agreement, initially launched in 2005, sets the framework for government-to-government cooperation on project development and labor issues that transcend state, federal and tribal jurisdictions.

“This agreement is about providing guidance and structure for us to enjoy a deeper and more meaningful understanding of our unique operational needs,” said WisDOT Secretary-Designee Craig Thompson. “Our signatures today mark a new chapter in important relationships we want to continue cultivating for the

benefit of our communities and future generations.”

The partnership agreement has prompted initiatives among WisDOT and Wisconsin’s tribal governments, such as the Inter-Tribal Task Force, annual consultation meetings, and skills training programs in Native American communities.

“Good, strong partnerships take time, understanding and communication. For nearly 15 years, Wisconsin’s 11 tribes have worked with state and federal government to advocate for transportation



Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. signs agreement with Lt. Gov. Barnes.

projects that leverage community impact,” said Shannon Holsey, President of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc. and President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. “Expansion of the partnership agreement is another positive step forward for us all.”

The partnership agreement followed Gov. Jim Doyle’s Executive Order 39 in 2004. The agreement was last updated in fall 2010. Earlier this year, Gov. Tony Evers issued Executive Order 18 reaffirming the importance of the inter-governmental relationships. Lt.

Gov. Mandela Barnes attended the signing event at Legendary Waters Resort and Casino in Bayfield.

“Partnership is an important component of progress, and it’s exciting to see Native Nations and state and federal governments coming together to re-energize a core connection and chart a path forward,” said Lt. Gov. Barnes. “This partnership agreement embodies the spirit of Governor Evers’ Executive Order 18. As a state, we have the responsibility to uphold and respect tribal sovereignty – just as we have a responsibility to help Native communities overcome the barriers they face because of historical injustices.”



(l-r) Vice Chair Woman Brenda Shopodock, FCP tribal member August Tribbett, Council Member Brooks Boyd, Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., Lt. Gov. Barnes, Secretary James A. Crawford, Council Member Nick Shepard Sr.



State, federal and tribal officials pose for a photo outside the Legendary Waters Resort and Casino in Bayfield after the signing of partnership agreement. submitted photos

Please Welcome New Community Center Director



Hi, I am Jay Martinez, the new FCP Community Center director. I am an enrolled Oneida Nation of Wisconsin tribal member who lived on the Oneida reservation for most of my life. I graduated from Seymour High School, then went on to pursue college degrees from Haskell Indian Nation University, Kansas University and Concordia Chicago University.

I have my associates degree in physical education, bachelors degree in sports and recreation management and an MBA in sports management. I feel I am an active part of the creation and vision of the new Community Center that is underway, and I am very excited to play a vital part in the community's success through my leadership and experience. My wife, three daughters and I are happy to be here and to call the Forest County Potawatomi reservation our new home.

Ever since I was a little kid running around on the Oneida Nation Reservation, sports, fitness and recreational activities have been my passion. I went out-of-state to extend my education in sports recreation and fitness management with the purpose of coming back to help my tribe become a better organization for the community and a more successful business. I worked as the Oneida Recreation Supervisor for the past six years and I have been in the sports and recreation career field for over 14 years. Here, I am currently helping your Forest County Potawatomi Community tribe become more successful.

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1:00 pm
Light refreshments will be served

6:00 pm
Buffet-style dinner to follow the performance

For more information contact Skye Alloway at 715-889-0173



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(top-bottom): 1) FILM mentor Marcus Daniels presents the awards. 2) Holly Daniels interviews Marcus Daniels. 3) FILM crew (l-r): William Alloway, Holly Daniels, Marcus Daniels, Frank Shepard, Aurora Thundercloud, Lavara Gilpin, Fast Freddie, Juanita Alloway, Rod Kolash, Dave Herkert 4) Posing on the red carpet are (l-r) Frank Shepard, Colleen Shepard and Lavara Gilpin.
photos by Jenna Brudos




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Early bird 8 ball pool tournament as well. Starts at 5 p.m., races to 4, double elimination, modified BCA rules.

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To register or ask questions, contact Tyson Thundercloud at (715) 478-4421 or tyson.thundercloud@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov.

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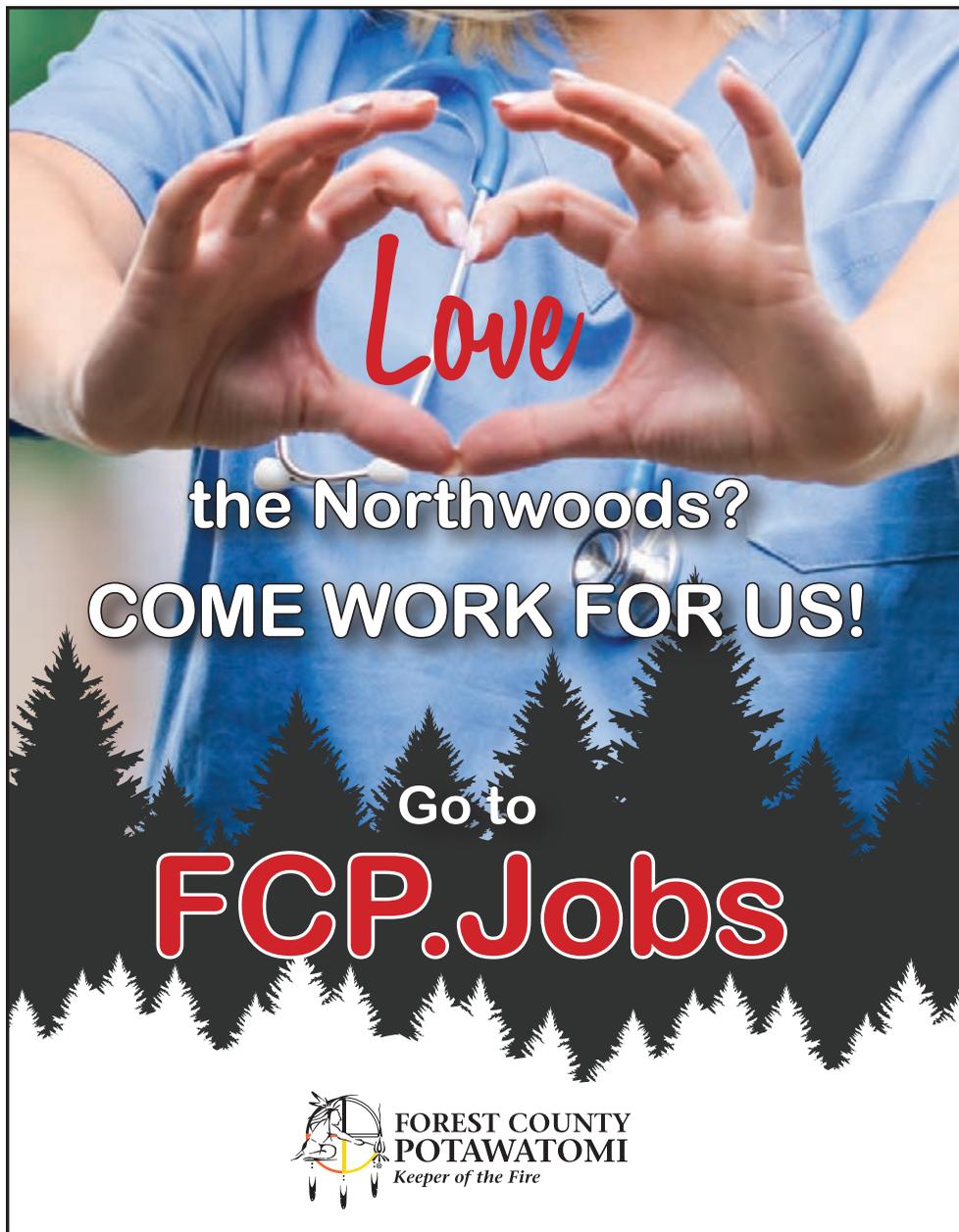
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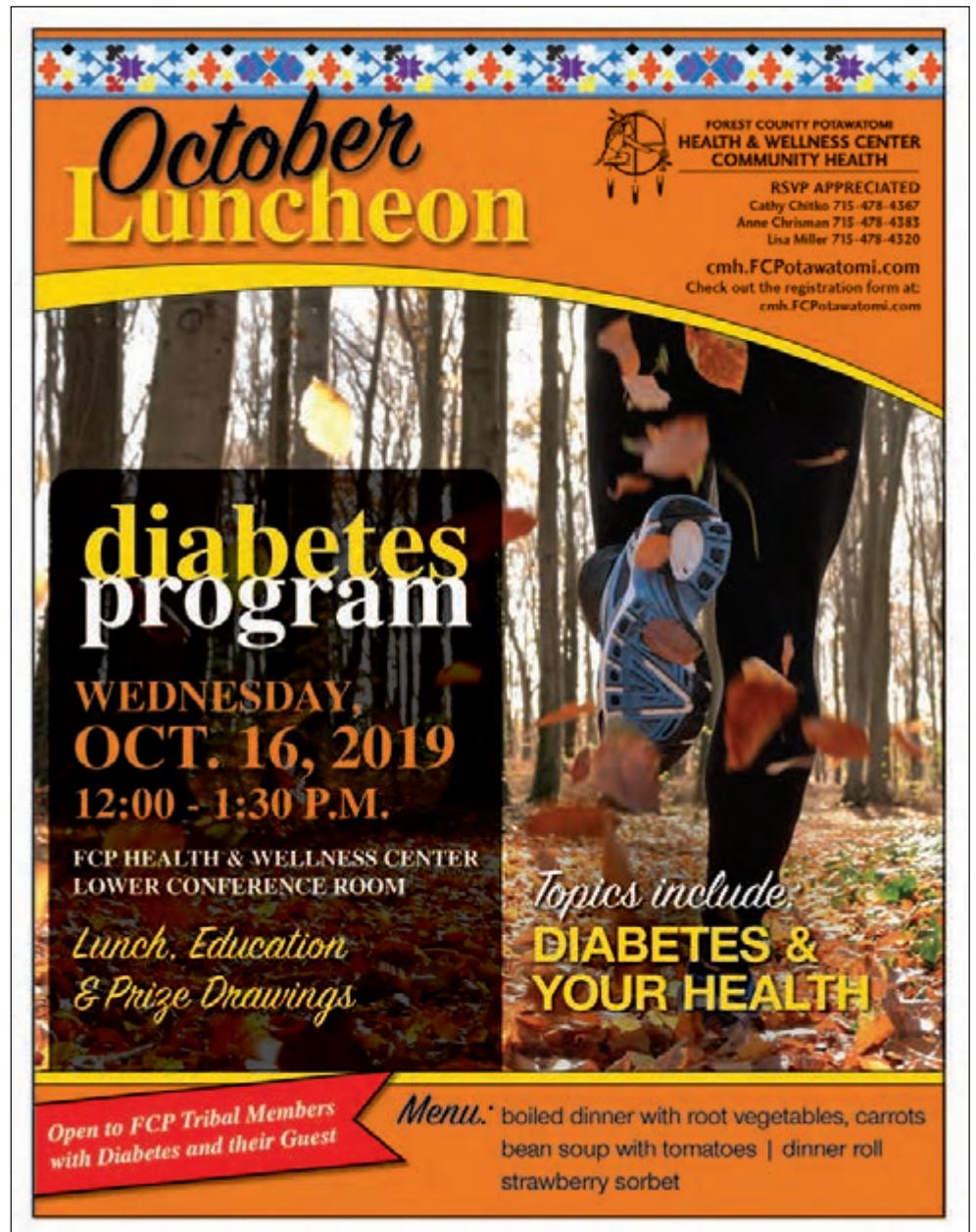



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diabetes program

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12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

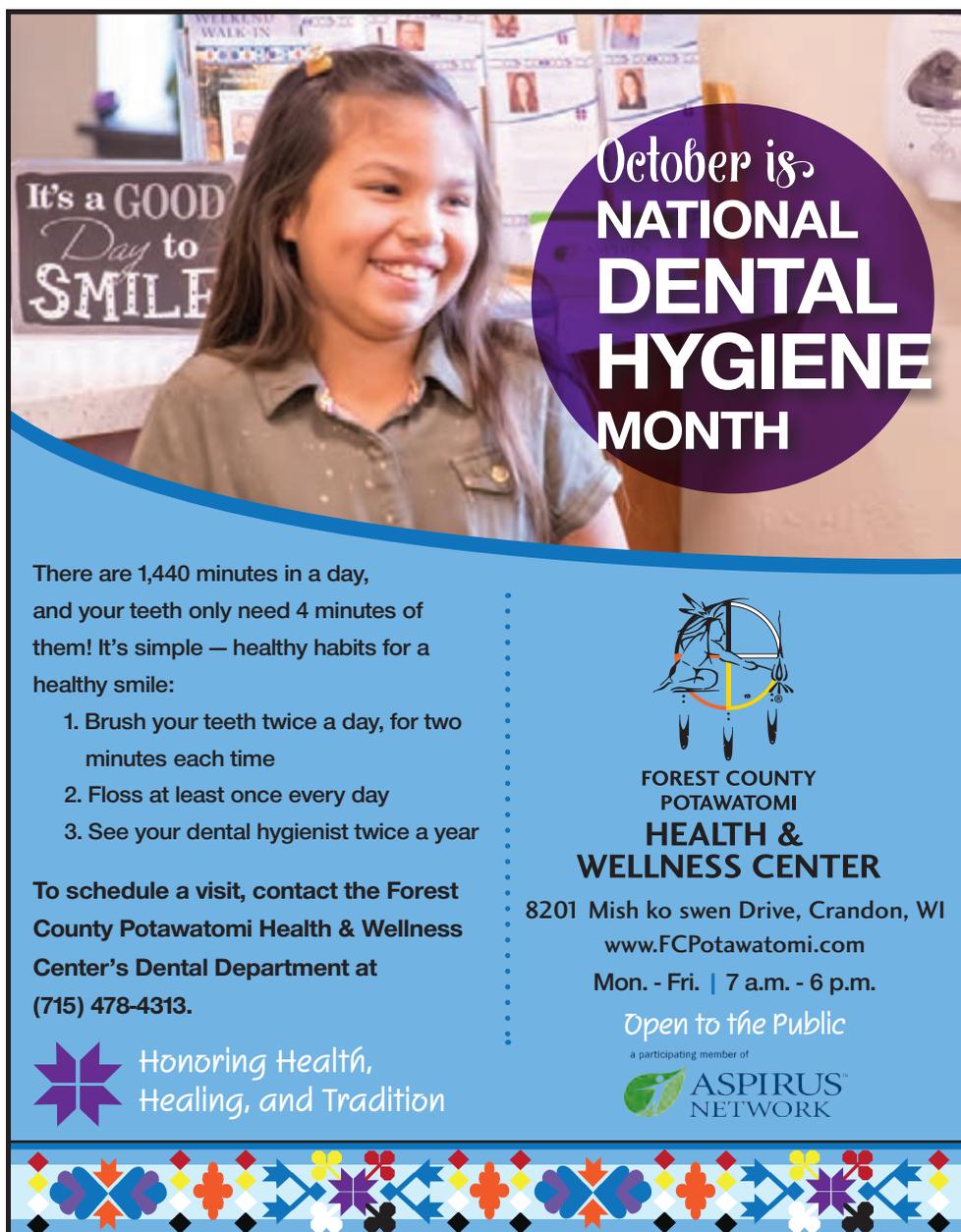
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• **Kwe Kenomagewen** - Women's support, Wednesdays, 2 p.m. @ Old Tribal Hall. Call (715) 478-4332 with questions.

• **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.

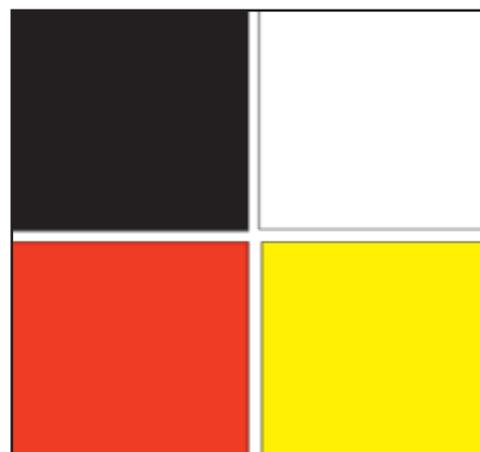
To learn more about the program or to schedule an appointment, contact Sara Cleeman, R.N., at (715) 478-4889.

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 resumé, 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.

OCTOBER EVENT CALENDAR

CHOICES Program

- Youth 9 - 11: Mondays (14, 21, 28)
 - Youth 12 - 17: Tuesdays (15, 22, 29)
 - Youth 6 - 8: Wednesdays (16, 23, 30)
- 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 (14, 21, 28) 1 - 3 p.m.
 - Moral Reconciliation Therapy Class: Tuesdays (15, 22, 29), 10 a.m. - noon
 - Positive Indian Parenting Class (PIP): Thursdays (17, 24, 31), 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.
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Dream Dance Steakhouse Re-Opened October 1

New Chef Helping Provide Modern Take on a Traditional Steakhouse

submitted by Jay Saunders, Public Relations Specialist

MILWAUKEE (Sept. 26, 2019) – The best is even better. Get ready for a modern take on a traditional steakhouse as Dream Dance Steakhouse re-opened Oct. 1.

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino's (PHC) flagship restaurant underwent a major renovation this summer. Some of the changes guests will experience include a complete redesign of the dining area, an expanded bar at the front of the restaurant, and a wine archway connecting the bar and dining areas.

There is no change, however, in

the quality of steak, seafood, and wine for which Dream Dance Steakhouse is known. Keeping that tradition going is a new chef Matthew Molli, who is taking over the kitchen and helping redesign the menu.

Molli, who has been with PHC for six years, says he got his start in the kitchen cooking with his grandfather and had his first job at a local burger and custard restaurant. Now, he's looking forward to putting his touch on a steakhouse menu.

"There's something amazing about taking a handful of ingredients and being

able to make a big variety of dishes," Molli said. "There's a science and creativity involved. I get to be specific and artistic at the same time."

The Dream Dance Steakhouse dining room will be open from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The bar will be open at 4 p.m. those days with burger, wine, and tap beer specials available. Dream Dance Steakhouse will be closed Sundays and Mondays.

Reservations are being accepted – make yours at paysbig.com/dining/

dream-dance-steak.com.

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.

Topgolf Swing Suite Now Open

submitted by Jay Saunders, Public Relations Specialist

MILWAUKEE (Sept. 23, 2019) – Potawatomi Hotel & Casino (PHC) is excited to announce the opening of a Topgolf Swing Suite this past September – the first of its kind in Milwaukee.

The Swing Suite features two bays offering the ability to simulate a round on courses from around the world, the Topgolf target game, and other interactive games, providing an opportunity for passionate golfers and non-golfers alike to have fun.

Located next to the Fire Pit Sports Bar & Grill, Swing Suite guests will not only

get to take part in a new type of entertainment, the bays also include HDTVs, lounge-style seating and food and beverage service. It's the perfect place to host a party or get some swings in during the Wisconsin winter!

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MBDA Awards \$3.6 Million for Business Development in Indian Country

submitted PR Newswire

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 26, 2019) – The U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) announced grant awards totaling \$3.6 million to support business development in Indian Country. The investment represents an historic level of 17 percent of all the MBDA grants awarded this year.

"Under the guidance of President Donald J. Trump, economies are booming across the country," said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. "These projects have the potential to further allow Native-owned businesses to build on this unprecedented economic climate and, in turn, create jobs and new opportunities in their communities."

The diversity among the projects shows strong promise for Native-owned businesses to achieve entrepreneurial growth and global competitiveness. They encompass a range of strategies to address identified needs in Indian Country, including but not limited to access to

capital, incubator/accelerators, federal program coaching, public-private partnerships, and broadband. Collectively, the objective is to ensure tribal entrepreneurs and tribal businesses are better connected to business opportunities and trained in entrepreneurship, leading to a stronger foundation for economic growth.

"These grants affirm MBDA's long-standing commitment to economic development in Indian Country," said Henry Childs II, MBDA National Director. "There are many examples of economic success in Indian Country. This includes areas such as energy, tourism, and gaming. Indigenous communities are a vital part of regional economies but are often disconnected from efforts to promote regional and rural development. This disconnect contributes to disparities in socio-economic outcomes experienced in Indian Country. MBDA's investments will help link Indigenous communities with regional and rural development

efforts," stated Childs.

The FY 2019 grant recipients are:

- Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Asian, Inc.
- National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development
- Native American Development Corporation
- Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneurial Network
- Regents of New Mexico State University
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc.
- Salish Kootenai College
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Southwest Business Development Consultants, LLC
- Spruce Root, Inc.
- The TAALA Fund

Funds will be available for a two-year period, September 2019 - August 2021.

All recipients will have access to management and technical assistance from MBDA and its Office of Native American Business Development.

About the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

MBDA is the only Federal agency dedicated to the growth and global competitiveness of U.S. minority business enterprises through the mobilization and advancement of public and private sector programs, policy and research. Our services better equip minority-owned firms to create jobs, build scale and capacity, increase revenues and expand regionally, nationally and internationally. In 2019, MBDA commemorates 50 years of economic empowerment through entrepreneurship and recommits to Winning the Future for all U.S. minority-owned businesses. For more information visit www.mbda.gov.

Grants for Organizations Helping Veteran Entrepreneurs Announced

submitted by WDVA

MADISON, Wis. – Governor Tony Evers and Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary-designee Mary Kolar announced more than \$400,000 in grants to five nonprofit organizations that provide entrepreneurship training, or technical, business or other assistance to veteran entrepreneurs to improve employment outcomes.

“When veterans who start their own businesses succeed, everyone benefits,” Governor Evers said. “To help veteran entrepreneurs achieve their goals in Wisconsin, we must provide them with the vital tools and resources they need to prosper.”

Since 2016, the WDVA’s Entrepreneurship Grant Program has provided more than \$1 million in funds to organizations assisting veteran entrepreneurs.

“Veteran entrepreneurs add value to our communities, and ensuring we support them and their success is vital to a

healthy economy,” Secretary-designee Kolar said. “Military veterans bring knowledge, skills and abilities to our workforce that are unmatched. By starting their own business, veterans utilize skill sets they learned through their military service and contribute to our state.”

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that there are about 350,000 veterans living in Wisconsin, and about half of them are of working age. About 11 percent of all businesses in the state, or 65,000, are owned by veterans, and those businesses employ more than 100,000 Wisconsinites. A recent study estimated that Wisconsin’s veteran-owned businesses account for about \$20 billion in annual sales.

This year’s entrepreneurship grant recipients are:

Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd., Milwaukee, is awarded \$100,000 for a

storefront retail café. The goal of the café is to create a new approach to vocational training and employment for veterans. The organization will train veterans in all areas of employment with an emphasis in food service. The Center for Veterans Issues will credential veterans for employment and help out in placing them in established jobs within the community.

Fox Valley Technical College Foundation, Appleton, is awarded \$97,800 to help it conduct two innovation accelerators for veteran cohorts this fall and next spring. It will continue providing entrepreneurial training and technical support, networking opportunities, one-on-one mentoring and seed funds for startup expenses to veterans.

The Financial Promise, Milwaukee, is awarded \$20,000 to continue the expansion of its mission of advocating for Wisconsin veterans through job training,

financial literacy, business ownership and program outreach.

Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce, Milwaukee, is awarded \$100,000 to continue its support of veteran entrepreneurs through educational sessions and events, networking opportunities and promotional programming.

Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation, Milwaukee, is awarded \$100,000 to provide a comfortable and effective learning environment for veteran entrepreneurs through veteran cohorts. The classes will allow the group to provide unique opportunities for veterans to network and empower one another.

For additional information, contact WDVA Office of Public Affairs, Carla Vigue, Director, at (608) 266-0517.

Interior Holds Landmark National Tribal Broadband Summit

submitted by Interior Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 24, 2019) – As part of the Trump Administration’s effort to facilitate broadband development in rural America and Indian Country, the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior), in collaboration with the Department of Education and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, held a two-day National Tribal Broadband Summit on Sept. 23 and 24. Over the two-day summit, tribal leaders, representatives of tribal organizations, representatives of schools and school districts serving under-connected Native students, tribal libraries, museums, and cultural centers, private sector, and federal program managers and policymakers participated in 30 panel discussions and heard from over 80 speakers. These discussions focused on laying a foundation for building capacity among tribal communities to support broadband deployment and adoption, and identify new opportunities for private sector investment in broadband.

“Managing more than 20 percent of the nation’s lands, the Department of the Interior plays a major role in the permitting and deployment of broadband to the rural and tribal communities,” said U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary David Bernhardt. “Under President Trump’s leadership, the Department is taking major strides toward increasing economic opportunities in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages.”

“The Trump Administration is focused on painting a more inclusive picture of economic strength and job creation in the United States,” said U.S.

Department of the Interior Deputy Chief of Staff exercising the authority of Deputy Secretary Kate MacGregor. “As high speed connectivity reaches rural communities, including American Indians and Alaska Natives, it empowers individuals to access the global marketplace, use online educational tools, and prepare the next generation for an increasingly tech-focused job market.”

“For too long, the status quo has hamstrung our Native communities from accessing global markets, engaging in e-commerce or providing quality health care and education to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Over the past two days Native American leadership, federal officials, industry leaders and private sector partners have engaged in discussions that I’m confident will materialize into expanded broadband capacity and investment in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. I am thankful for everyone who traveled and participated in the solution-based dialogue at our Tribal Broadband Summit,” said U.S. Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior Tara Katuk MacLean Sweeney.

“It’s clear that we live in a constantly iterating digital world. That reality presents exciting opportunities for all of us, especially our students,” said U.S. Secretary of Department of Education, Betsy DeVos. “Broadband access opens new paths of learning and unlimited opportunity for each of them. Today, broadband access isn’t a luxury – it’s a necessity.

“Across America, tribal libraries, museums, cultural centers, and community

organizations serve as stewards of the unique knowledge, traditions, skills, and languages of the people they serve every day. They serve as critical nodes within learning and cultural networks that support digital inclusion and infrastructure,” said Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. “Through their essential activities they help ensure access for all members of their communities and, in doing so, contribute to well-being. We must continue working together to enhance connectivity for Tribal nations and build upon digital infrastructure to achieve our shared goal of strengthening Native American communities now and for the future.”

“The National Tribal Broadband Summit is a testament to the Trump Administration’s commitment to Indian Country and rural America. Connectivity enables tribal leaders to grow their economy, improve government services, advance skills training, and nurture cultural preservation and learning. The Administration is excited to continue this positive momentum in concert with our tribal and industry stakeholders,” said Deputy Assistant to the President and Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs, Doug Hoelscher.

This landmark summit is another demonstration of the Trump Administration’s commitment to advance shared priorities with tribal governments and tribal leaders.

Currently, broadband access in other rural parts of the country outpaces development on rural tribal lands. A large proportion of tribal areas are located on

rough terrain in rural locations. Like most rural locations, populations are sparser than in urban areas. These factors drive up the costs for businesses to serve tribal areas, creating a barrier to broadband deployment on tribal lands. Rural broadband deployment is achievable – 73.3 percent of rural non-tribal locations have at least one broadband provider. However, only 46.6 percent of rural tribal locations have coverage.

The Interior’s initiative comes in response to a Jan. 8, 2018, Presidential Memorandum entitled Supporting Broadband Tower Facilities in Rural America on Federal Properties Managed by the Department of the Interior. The memorandum directed the Interior to develop a plan to support rural broadband development and to identify those assets necessary for both deployment and adoption of these services.

BACKGROUND:

Last July, the Department of the Interior submitted a report on rural broadband to the White House, in response to the EO 13821, Streamlining and Expediting Requests to Locate Broadband Facilities in Rural America, and a Presidential Memorandum for the Secretary of the Interior issued on Jan. 8, 2018, Supporting Broadband Tower Facilities in Rural America on Federal Properties Managed by the Department of Interior. The Summit is a continuation of these overall broadband efforts with a specific focus on Indian Country.

Protecting Native Resources through Education and Outreach

submitted by First Nations Institute (written by Amy Kakober)

For the RedTailed Hawk Collective (Collective) in Pembroke, N.C., funding from First Nations couldn't have come at a better time, says RedTailed Senior Campaigner Donna Chavis. "We are facing an onslaught from just about every angle in terms of environmental degradation," she says. But now, they are able to ramp up outreach and community education, taking advantage of a lull in corporate activity to get people more informed and to stop further damage to their land, air and water.

An Environment Under Threat

The Collective operates in a coastal area of North Carolina that is characterized by high poverty and extreme under-service by the state and economic developers. It is an area where Native tribes are fragmented, with many members having moved away over time. The ones remaining often have minimal knowledge of their tribal rights, or ways to unite together to stand up for them.

When companies and developers start advancing projects, there is little organization of Native populations to come together in opposition. Many Native landowners have already been talked into selling or leasing their properties, and tribal members in the area face ongoing threats against their rights, homes, and health that they may not even realize – land degradation, deforestation, fossil fuel pollution, and an increase in chicken and hog farms that produce biofuel from animal waste.

One of the biggest areas of concern is the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, which is being proposed to transport liquified natural gas across 600 miles from West Virginia to southeastern North Carolina. The path of the pipeline will cross streams, forests, swamplands and even graves, causing direct damage to culturally-important areas and the Native resources of four tribes – the Lumbee, Haliwa-Saponi, Coharie, and Meherrin.

Organized for Action

To activate a voice for these tribes, the Southeast Indigenous Climate Change

Working Group was formed under the RedTailed Hawk Collective. This group provides a unified base for the four tribes to collectively oppose the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and raise awareness about the impact the pipeline – and all corporate undertakings – will have on the environment.

A member of the Lumbee Tribe and an anti-pipeline activist, Chavis is leading the group's efforts, with support from the Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center and Friends of the Earth. So far, progress has been made in developing a Memorandum of Agreement to formalize a tribal partnership and generate attention to tribal, cultural and natural resource concerns, which have been greatly ignored by politicians, the media, and even mainstream environmental organizations. Through the working group, the four tribes are reaching out to the additional tribes of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi, Saponi, and Waccamaw Siouan. They are bringing in Native leadership from North Carolina State University and drawing from the large Native population at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke, a school steeped in Native allegiance based on being the first state-supported four-year college in the country to accept American Indians.

Through this involvement, Chavis says, the group is doing the important on-the-ground work, organizing, and mobilizing volunteers all in an effort to amplify the Native voice – a voice that is crucial for not only protecting Native rights but ensuring tribal determination for Native health and welfare.

Perfect Timing

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline had been expedited through environmental review under the Trump Administration, and, based on this, did not follow federal law requiring tribal consultation. Construction began in West Virginia in May 2018; however – to the benefit of the working group – development was halted in December 2018 in response to concerns

over federal permits issued by the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, one of which would have allowed the pipelines to cross two forests and the Appalachian Trail. The court vacated this permit, but now the developer is appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court and lobbying Congress to override the court's decision.

To advance education and outreach efforts during this delay in political and environmental activity, the Collective applied for and received funding through First Nations Development Institute's Broad Reach Fund, a grant program designed to support Native American-led community efforts pursuing environmental justice.

"The timing is perfect," says Chavis. "It's like a train got out of control and is now off the tracks. We can use this time to ramp up our local organizing surrounding the pipeline and the LNG facility."

Indeed, funding from First Nations will allow the group to identify and develop materials that will help expand the knowledge base of tribal communities. The scope of work is large. Project objectives include:

- Reaching out to Southeastern Indigenous Peoples and letting them know that, despite the claims of developers, the pipeline is neither necessary to meet the energy needs of the community, nor economically or environmental responsible.
- Providing training opportunities for people to connect and strengthen their efforts to protect Native resources.
- Leading strategies to unite the Native population and mount an opposition to pipeline developers and legislators.
- Investigating legal remedies, including how the pipeline abuses eminent domain and uses misleading information to apply for and obtain permits.

Chavis asserts that outreach like this is costly and would not be possible without the help of First Nations.

"A lot of times funders won't support conferences and convenings, but First

Nations recognizes the importance of bringing people together," Chavis says. "With the infusion of these resources, we're able to focus more directly on our organizing."

The need to organize is growing by the day, as there are already ramifications of "dirty industry," Chavis explains. There have been increases in toxic elements from animal waste and a surge in respiratory illnesses. And without a proper opposition, the damage from both the pipeline and the LNGs will only continue. The area, known as the "Amazon of North Carolina" for its diversity in waterways, plants, animals, and other lifeforms, will become a cesspool, says Chavis.

"It really is that serious," she says. "This is everyone's issue, not just one community's."

Going forward, the group hopes to create a ripple effect of education and awareness about the pervasive power of energy companies, the true footprints of proposed pipelines, and the effects that all pollutants have on the environment, whether it's biofuels in North Carolina or fracked gas coming down from Pennsylvania.

"These threats come in all forms, and we do not differentiate," says Chavis. "They all impact our resources and rights, and we're here to address them all."

While there is an uphill climb ahead, Chavis says Native people are becoming much more informed and empowered about their rights and ready to stand their ground when it comes to land ownership and federal laws. She is also optimistic about the mobilization of Native peoples and what it can mean for Native communities, perhaps even laying the groundwork for tribal nations to get control of their own energy sources. "We're excited about the possibilities and the interest that the tribes have already shown," she says. "And without funding from First Nations, that sort of thing couldn't happen."



Bug Lake photo by Val Niehaus

Language, Culture and Food Come Together at Lakota Waldorf School

submitted by First Nations Institute (written by Amy Kakober)

If you're a Lakota child born in South Dakota, you can now find a place to belong, where your culture and language are fostered, creating a Lakota identity that will help you thrive. This is possible thanks to the Lakota Waldorf School, formed over 26 years ago at a time when Lakota children never had such an option. Now, with its latest project funded through First Nations Development Institute (First Nations), the school is bringing culture and language to the understanding, production and awareness of food, strengthening Lakota identity and improving health outcomes.

The Need for Lakota Waldorf School

The Lakota Waldorf School serves the children of the Pine Ridge Reservation living in or near the town of Kyle and outlying districts. Isabel Stadnick, development director and one of the founders of the school, explains that children here are among the most vulnerable, disadvantaged children in the country. Poverty is high, and as a social determinant of health, it has resulted in epidemic proportions of obesity, diabetes, and heart disease on the Reservation. According to Friends of Pine Ridge Reservation, life expectancy is only 47 years for men and 52 years for women, and the teenage suicide rate is 150 percent higher than the U.S. national average.

While the causes for these statistics are broad and deep-rooted, one reason stems from the insufficient culturally-appropriate education available to Lakota children, says Stadnick. Noting the high dropout rate of Lakota students, Stadnick, her husband Robert, and a group of parents saw that the local public schools were not designed for Native children and the way they best learn. In addition, Lakota identity was not fostered or encouraged. As a result of both, performance among Native children was lacking.

"We said, if something is not good, then you have to change it," Stadnick explained. From there, the parents mobilized, and the concept of Lakota Waldorf School took hold.

Learning with Head, Hand, and Heart

Stadnick explains that the parent group was made up of individuals from education and the community, and together, they agreed that children of a different culture need a different curriculum. Curriculum must be understandable and must reflect the essence of the people. Further, the approach must strengthen children's self-identity, which includes their culture, ceremonial practices and their language.

Knowing this, the parents set out to explore different approaches to education

and the one that resonated was Waldorf.

"In public school, learning is linear. You learn one thing, then the next, in a subsequent fashion," says Stadnick, "But in the Waldorf method, learning is circular and story based."

Stadnick explains that Waldorf bases curriculum on the development of the child, focusing on three capacities: thinking, feeling, and doing. For example, in Waldorf schools, teaching facts, numbers and places might be done through a story. Then the students might participate in an activity, conveying that story through clay, paper mâché, or drawing. It becomes an experience that creates a feeling, which translates into greater learning.

"It is learning with head, hand, and heart," adds Stadnick. "It connects and involves the students in a deeper way. Here, they learn how to apply their new-

funding from First Nations has played an important role.

Core to the school's design is Lakota language immersion. All children begin each day with a sacred Lakota verse. They learn vocabulary, numbers, and concepts by singing, reciting, and having interactive dialogue. Language is not a class here-and-there, but a full immersion process, in which children learn language the natural way — by ear and by speaking. By integrating the Waldorf approach with a focus on Lakota language, the school empowers Lakota children to create positive futures for themselves and their communities.

"We see one of the challenges that students have is low self-esteem and low self-confidence. So this is where we put a strong emphasis," Stadnick comments.

Kids at Lakota Waldorf School are

and its school gardening program, teaching students how to speak and understand the Lakota language through gardening, food preparation, and learning about traditional Lakota plants, sustainability, and ecology.

This makes a valuable tool for experiential learning. As the project develops, students throughout the school are taking part in the classes, making use of a school garden, and hearing directly from Lakota-fluent elders and Lakota-learning teachers. Parents are being engaged as volunteers, and students are presenting their knowledge of Lakota words to the community, which raises awareness of Native plants, culture, and sustainable foods.

"Children learn easy and fast, and eating healthy meals is something we do every day," she says.

Moreover, the students are learning through imagination and by doing. "We are surrounded by plants, but we cannot name them in Lakota," she explains. "But through the project they can learn 10 new plants every month, and that's something they can use every day."

Further, Stadnick notes, "If you have an experience planting potatoes, and you learn the word for potatoes, right there you have a connection to it. That's a piece of the language that lives on."

While the project is just beginning, it is laying the groundwork for the future. Children are finding more opportunities to use the language, and the community is gaining a food source, and ultimately even a source of revenue, as food can be grown organically and then sold locally. And, in the long-term, it is hoped that the access to Native-grown food can make a dent in the staggering diabetes and obesity rates that have plagued this community.

Creating the Future of Lakota

Stadnick acknowledges that the road ahead is a long one, but their work is a building block. Through the Language Expansion program, the school is focusing on involving parents, training more teachers, and increasing community involvement. The simple act of labeling a garden in the Lakota language is creating an opportunity to share, and every opportunity adds up as a strategy to retain the language and the culture.

"Waldorf is not a concept, it's a tool to infuse a rich and very old culture into the future," Stadnick says. With the support of First Nations, this community is strengthening this resource, training more teachers, and finding more ways to create the best outcomes for Lakota children. "It's the most important aspect. They need the identity and culture — just like they need food and love."



Students learn to speak and understand the Lakota language through gardening, food preparation, and learning about traditional Lakota plants, sustainability, and ecology.

found knowledge in real life, which gives them a higher success rate."

Stadnick says that this approach is very much in line with the Lakota culture, and the story-telling technique is how Lakota elders pass down the heritage. Committed to the Waldorf curriculum, the parents first formed a Lakota kindergarten. From there, the group formed a 501(c)3, and now offers K-8 classes. Currently at capacity, the school has 46 students and is in the process of seeking funding for a larger school bus to be able to transport 60-plus students.

Immersed in Language, Enriched by Culture

More than a Waldorf-based school, the school is an educational resource that integrates Lakota culture with a large emphasis on language. This is where

given every opportunity to learn a strong cultural identity and reverence for the heritage, acquire a solid foundation for Lakota language, and gain the academic, social, and practical skills to thrive as Native people.

"Culture and language are major components of self-esteem and self-advocacy," says Stadnick. "Research has proven that children who grow up with a strong identity are more successful — in school, life and higher education."

In 2019, the school received a First Nations grant through the Native Language Immersion Initiative, which aims to build the capacity of and directly support Native American language-immersion and culture-retention programs. With this funding the school will expand its current classroom language program

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Greenfire: NEW WAUKESHA CITY HALL

The city of Waukesha hosted a groundbreaking at the current City Hall location to commemorate the beginning of construction for the new City Hall. The evening began with opening remarks from City Administrator Kevin Lahner followed by remarks from the project team, including BWBR Principal, Tom Hanley, Greenfire President Kip Ritchie and City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly. The ceremony concluded with a traditional groundbreaking featuring City Council members Mayor Reilly and the project team. The Greenfire project team consists of Nick Matthews, Project Manager, and Gene Widenski, Superintendent. The city of Waukesha is the owner and BWBR is the architect.

The 60,000 sq. feet City Hall will be constructed from a steel structural frame. The four-story development will have a glass curtain wall allowing for an abundance of natural light and enclosed with masonry and stone. The building will offer office and conference space, council chambers, and a skywalk connecting to an existing parking garage across E. North St. A mechanical penthouse will house all mechanical and electrical work, creating an open and collaborative environment below. Second phase of the project includes demolition of the existing City Hall, along with site work and landscaping. It is anticipated to all be completed by winter of 2020.



Above: City Council members, Mayor Reilly, and the Greenfire Management Services project team



Above: A rendering of the new Waukesha City Hall, slated for a winter 2020 completion

WCPD: SGT. ALEX LINTNER RECEIVES AWARD

Recently, Sgt. Lintner was honored by the Wgema Campus Police Department for his actions earlier this summer. He responded to a crashed vehicle that was engulfed in flames and pulled the driver to safety. The vehicle had been driving erratically while on fire, striking multiple trees and almost hitting several pedestrians. The driver was still inside of the burning vehicle, and Sgt. Lintner was able to pull him to safety while calling for additional Milwaukee Police and Fire Department units. Thankfully, no severe injuries were reported in this incident. We are proud of the bravery and service of Sgt. Lintner and all of our officers who serve our community every day!



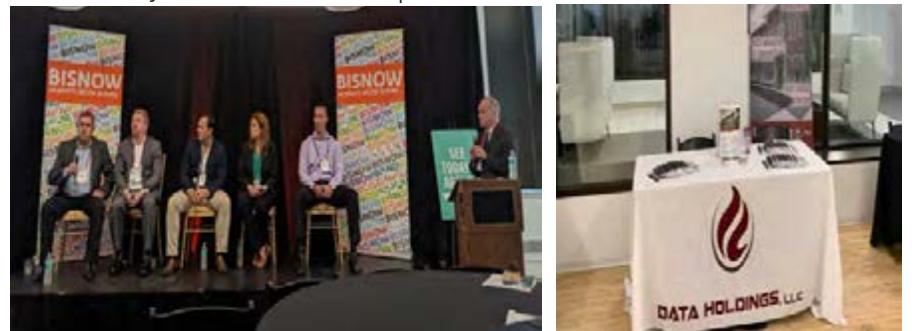
Lt. Eric Jende, Sgt. Alex Lintner & Chief Jeremy Moore

DH's Stacy England: DICE MIDWEST 2019 PANELIST

The annual Data Center Investment Conference & Expo Midwest took place this past September in Chicago. It was a full-day, premium event, networking with the leading owners, developers, investors, end users and major players in the data center space.

The midwest is the fourth largest data center market in North America, trailing behind Dallas, Phoenix and Northern Virginia. The benefit of this area comes with cost-efficiency, tax incentives, reliable data storage and location as it is nestled between both coasts and alternative to more-densely populated hubs.

There were a number of speakers, including Stacy England, VP, Operations, Data Holdings. He, along with four other professionals, talked about Modernizing Infrastructure & Operations: Cooling, Efficiency, Site Reliability, Sustainability & Workforce Development.



Above Left: Panelists included Stacy England - Data Holdings, Dave Meadows - Stulz USA, Joseba Calvo - EPI Latam, Angela Imming - City of Highland, Michael Bahr - DRW Trading Group, and Moderator, Jim Treadway - MITRE.

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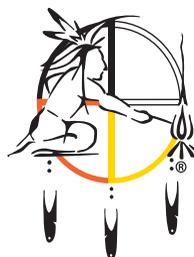
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