



# POTAWATOMI TRAVELING TIMES

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## 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow

by Val Niehaus, photos by Leonore Phillips

The second annual New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow was held Dec. 31, 2019, at the Forest Count Potawatomi (FCP) recreation center. And wow... the attendance was up from last year with an estimated 200 people, both young and old, were present to ring in the New Year!

A feast started at 5 p.m. with Evelyn Wolcott and Heather Nixon cooking. A prayer was offered by FCP elder JR Holmes. Grand Entry then started at 7 p.m. with Fire Nation and Young Firekeepers keeping the beat until the magic midnight hour.

Head dancers were Una Ross and Johnathan Johnson; emcee was Jordan Keeble; speaker was FCP Council Member Brooks Boyd.

As this was a sobriety powwow, it was customary to recognize those who walk the Red Road – whether it be for a few days or many years. With that being said, there was a coin recognition held for the many people who were there who have chosen the life of sobriety. These coins are always a highly-valued token to receive as they acknowledge one's accomplishments, and it was understood that many coins were presented throughout this special part of the evening.

Jorge Cisneros Sr. stood in recognition of his sister, Alex McCorkle, for hitting her one-year mark of sobriety, something of which the entire family is very proud.

Skye Alloway also wanted to share with *Potawatomi Traveling Times*, "Many

others shared their stories, experience, and it gave an uplifting positive environment for a night of sober fun!"

Special dances this year included the Potato Dance with Shelby Cleereman and Missy Weber taking first and Skye Alloway and Brooks Boyd taking second. There were also many spot dances throughout the night and a round dance.

New this year were many raffles and door prizes for attendees to win...something that everyone always enjoys. As always, the winners were very happy and grateful to have their number chosen, and the prizes were greatly appreciated.

The powwow committee wants to thank the cooks, the helpers, and FCP Education and Recreation teams who helped in any way they could during the event. It really was a great night and an awesome way to ring in the New Year: with a clear and sober mind among family and friends. Everyone is looking forward to ringing in 2021 with an even bigger event!



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### Elder Menus - FEBRUARY 2020

Monday, 2/3

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Tuesday, 2/4

Cold Turkey & Swiss on Whole Wheat w/Lettuce & Tomato, Broccoli & Cauliflower w/Dip, Fruit in Jello®

Wednesday, 2/5

Wet Burrito, Tortilla Chips w/Salsa, Strawberry Rhubarb Dump Cake, Fruit Juice

Thursday, 2/6

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Cottage Cheese, Cucumber Tomato Salad, NutriGrain® Bar

Friday, 2/7

Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Beets, Corn, Orange

Monday, 2/10

Creamy Chicken over Biscuits, Spinach Salad, Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, 2/11

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Squash, Bread & Butter, Banana

Wednesday, 2/12

Turkey, Stuffing, Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Roll, Apple

Thursday, 2/13

Beer Battered Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Rye Bread, Pineapple & Lime Fluff

Friday, 2/14

Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato Wrap, Cheese Stick, Cucumber Salad, Grapes

Monday, 2/17

Holiday – No Lunch

Tuesday, 2/18

Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Green Apple

Wednesday, 2/19

Italian Pasta Bake, Side Salad, Breadstick, Cottage Cheese, Tropical Fruit

Thursday, 2/20

Chicken Wings, Cheesy Rice, Country Blend Vegetables, Hummus & Crackers, Banana Cream Torte, Peaches

Friday, 2/21

Cabbage Roll Casserole, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, NutriGrain® Bar

Monday, 2/24

BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas & Carrots, Mandarin Oranges in Jello®

Tuesday, 2/25

Cheesy Potato Bacon Soup, Ham Sandwich, Mixed Berry Pie

Wednesday, 2/26

Hot Beef Sandwich, Zucchini Casserole, Red & Green Pepper Strips w/Spinach Dip, Peaches

Thursday, 2/27

Baked Cod, Sweet Potatoes, Calico Beans, Broccoli Slaw, Rye Bread, Apple

Friday, 2/28

Beef Stew, Bread & Butter, Apricots

\*Menus are subject to change\*

### Happy February Birthday to These Elders!

2-4 Asthasia Delgado

2-5 Sonia Acret

2-8 Mark Allis

2-8 Frances Shepard

2-11 Lance Reeves

2-11 Kirk Ritchie

2-12 Carla White

2-14 Mary Jane Thunder

2-15 Peggy Victor

2-16 Ruth Pemma

2-17 Holly Ritchie

2-18 Darrell Genett

2-19 Walter Johnson Sr.

2-19 Wayne Tuckwab

2-22 Westley Brownell

2-23 Franklin Ritchie

2-23 Brenda Shopodock

2-26 Russell C. Butzer Sr.

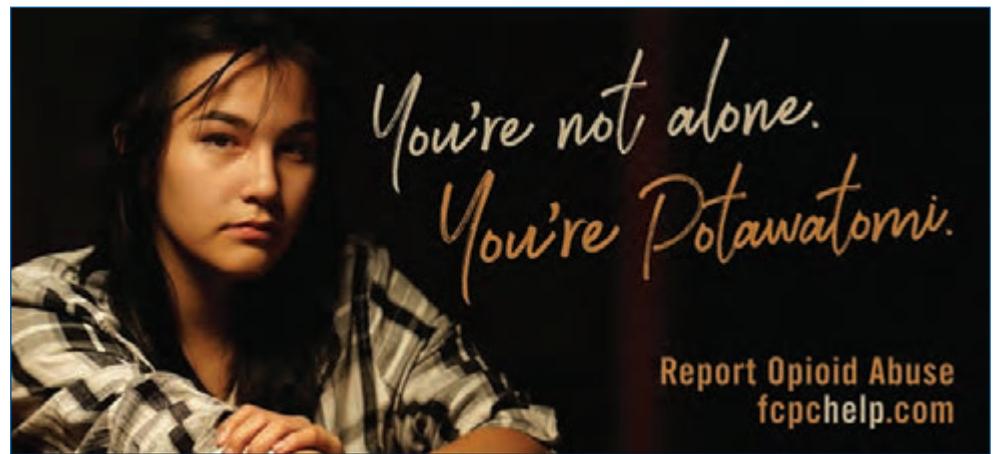
2-26 Howard Crawford Jr.

2-28 Beverly Crawford

2-28 Mark Kuhn

### Message From FCP Veterans Post 1

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



**Deadline for the February 15, 2020 issue of the Traveling Times is Wednesday, February 5, 2020.**

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### REMINDER TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

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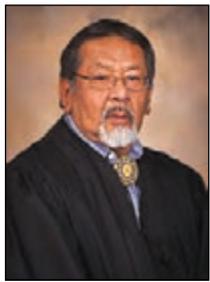
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**Honorable Chief Judge Eugene L. White-Fish**

Honorable Chief Judge Eugene L. White-Fish “aka Fugie”, age 68, was born in Hayward, Wis., July 22, 1951. He died on Dec. 20, 2019, at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, Wis. Nine years of dialysis proved to be too much on his heart.

He is survived by his wife: Justine White-Fish; his sons: Josh White-Fish and Shane Lammert; his daughters: Linda Lopez and Anna Lopez; his grandchildren: Dustin, Olivia, Karmen, Roxane, Waylon, Danny, Josh and Khloe; his sisters: Ora Monegar, Marilyn Alloway and Deanna Olson. He is also survived by his adopted family: brothers: Robert Daniels, Ned Daniels Jr. and Joseph Daniels; sisters: Lola Haskens, Michelle Daniels and Roberta Van-Zile; and special friend: Mary Shepard as well as numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Nellie Alloway and John Carl White-Fish and Ned and Josie Daniels; his son: John Carl White-Fish; his brothers: Herb Daniels, Steven Daniels, Matthew Daniels and George Alloway.

He was an enrolled tribal member of the Forest County Potawatomi Community. He was very proud of his recovery from alcohol and drugs with 34 years of sobriety. He was currently the Chief Judge for the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court. He was elected to the position by the tribal members in June of 1994. He was the first judge elected to serve the newly- established court system. He was serving his fourth consecutive term as Chief Judge. He continued to work even after starting treatment/dialysis for kidney failure.

He was a member of the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association (WTJA). In 1996, he was elected by WTJA to sit on the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) as a steering committee member for the region. In 1998, WTJA elected him to serve on the Board of Directors for Region 10. Region 10 is comprised of the tribal courts in the states of Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. He served as vice-president of WTJA for four years and in 2015, he was elected as its president. In 2001, he was elected to serve as president of NAICJA. He continued to serve through 2009 and in 2015, was elected as a member of the board. Judge White-Fish joined the faculty of the National Tribal Judicial Center at the National Judicial College in 2008. These are only some of the contributions he has made throughout the judicial system.

He was a member of the Midewiwin Society and practiced his Native American culture up to the day he passed.

A traditional funeral service was held on Dec. 23, 2019, in Crandon, Wis. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).



**Gregory A. Bradley “Keno wes - Little Eagle”**

Gregory A. Bradley, “Keno wes”, Little Eagle” 26, of Crandon, WI passed away Monday, January 6, 2020 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Eau Claire. Gregory was born in Rhinelander on October 26, 1993 the son of Timothy Bradley and Agnes (Shockto) Brown.

Surviving are his father, Timothy Bradley; mother, Agnes (Huggie) Brown; sisters, Janiece Brown, Crandon; Deandra LaBarge, Carter; Julianna Bradley, Florida; brothers, Jacob Shockto, Rhinelander and Joseph Brown III, Crandon.

Visitation will start at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel, Crandon. Services will start at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2020 at Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Burial to follow at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).



**Viola V. LaMere “Weshok”**

Viola V. LaMere, “Weshok”, 91 of Ringle, Wis., died on Dec. 22, 2019, at Ascension St. Clare’s Hospital, Weston, Wis.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1928, in Crandon, Wis., the daughter of the late John and Ida (Barney) Sunco. On June 28, 1953, Viola was united in marriage to Angelo LaMere in Wittenberg, Wis. He preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1981.

Viola enjoyed her trips to the casino and visiting with others. She had a knack for beadwork and created and sewed teepees. She enjoyed puzzle books and crocheting. Viola also had a soft spot for all animals, but especially dogs and cats.

Viola is survived by her children: Bruce (Faye) LaMere of Tomahawk, Wis., Kerwin LaMere of Kronenwetter, Wis., Penny (Alton) Smart of Ringle, Wis., Leah (Edi) Calderon of Ringle, Wis., Kelly (Jamie) LaMere of Wittenberg, Wis., April (Mike) LaMere of Elderon, Wis., and Kathy (Delbert) LaMere of Wittenberg, Wis, 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and several other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters and one brother.

Visitation was held on Dec. 25, 2019, followed by a commitment service officiated by Corwin Roth on Dec. 26, 2019, at the Siga Funmaker Community Center, Wittenberg, Wis. Burial was in the Native American Cemetery, Wittenberg.

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, assisted the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at [schmidt-schulta.com](http://schmidt-schulta.com).



**Debra (Debbie) Sue Tuckwab “Neb Wey Kwe - Stand Up Lady”**

Debra (Debbie) Sue Tuckwab, “Neb Wey Kwe” “Stand Up Lady”, age 60, of Crandon, Wis., passed away after a long battle with cancer on Jan. 17, 2020, at St. Mary’s Hospital, Rhinelander. Debbie was born on May 30, 1959, in Laona, Wis., the daughter of George and Alice (Ottawa) Tuckwab.

She is survived by her brother: Wayne Tuckwab of Wabeno; sister: Arlene Alloway of Crandon; friend: Tim Laabs of Crandon; son: Jamie Tuckwab of Crandon; daughter: Heather (Thomas) Robinson of Laona, Larissa (Daniel) Dehart of Crandon, Nicole Laabs (Heath) of Crandon; son: Ian Laabs (Katie) of Pelican Lake; nieces: Jacqueline Crawford of Wabeno, Monica Michaels of Argonne; grandchildren: Mariya, Monique, Hunter, Allisia, Jayden, Jaycee, Hazel, River, Savannah, India, Makenna, Danica, Keira, Cheyton; two great-grandchildren: Stetson and Fletcher; and close friend, Guadalupe Cisneros. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Alice and George; brothers: Calvin, Don, Stewart; sisters: Juanita, Ellen, Marlene, Marcella.

Debbie enjoyed spending time with her family and cooking for family and community functions. Her hobbies included cooking, beading, sewing and going to the casino with family and friends. She had a heart of gold and was always willing to help whenever needed.

Visitation was held Jan. 19; a meal was served followed by services on Jan. 20, both at Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel in Crandon. Pastor Don Dewing officiated and interment was at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Stone Lake (Crandon), Wis. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

# The Story of One of the First Forest County Potawatomi Residences

Contributed by the Forest County Potawatomi Museum & Cultural Center Archive Team

Before the Removal Period, the Potawatomi people controlled five million acres in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. After the Chicago Treaty of 1833 eventually forced them westward from their homelands, they lost their territory. A handful of Potawatomi families resisted the Removal and refused to move west.

According to a report compiled by the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Historic Preservation Officer in February of 2015, John and Nancy Michigan were one of the first Potawatomi families to build a permanent home here in Forest County.

John Michigan, whose Potawatomi name was Kitchigan, was born in a Potawatomi village where Milwaukee County sits today around the time The Removal Period had begun. His wife, Kishiabankok, later known as Nancy Michigan, was born in Potawatomi Territory a few years later around Sheboygan. Both John and Nancy belonged to those families who resisted the Removal and eventually became known as the “Wandering Potawatomi,” living on ceded territories throughout Wisconsin.

For a few years, Kitchigan and Kishia-

bankok lived in a Potawatomi village west of what is now Gillett, called Kee she showa or Shining Star. While they made their home at Kee she showa, they had a son, Kassigassig or Frank Michigan. They had also lived in the village at White Rapids in Marinette County on the Menomonee River for some time. Eventually, they had a daughter, Kenindje.

As the Wisconsin Potawatomi began to acquire land for home sites, John purchased, for thirteen dollars, 120 acres in the Blackwell area in 1902. After the land was purchased, the Michigan family took residence and became one of the first Potawatomi families to establish a homestead in Forest County.

John and his wife Nancy lived on the homestead until they passed away. Their son Frank also lived on the property for the rest of his lifetime. In 1907, John transferred ownership of 80 of his 120 acres to Frank. Over the years, three dwellings were built on the property. John and Nancy lived in one house on the property. Frank lived in another house, with his first and second wives and his children and eventual step children. Frank had several children while he lived there, only one of which survived

to adulthood. Her name was Wassiban or Thelma Michigan Biddell. John and Nancy’s daughter, Kenindje, also lived on the homestead with her spouse, Billy Joe and their son, Silver Joe. Kenindje passed as a young adult as did Silver Joe. Sometime after Frank’s passing in 1940, the homestead was vacated. John Michigan and his entire immediate family were all laid to rest on the homestead. The homestead has been documented as a place of significant historic and cultural value.

In 1957, Frank Michigan’s heir sold the third building from the property to a non-native Blackwell resident by the name of Phillip Gentz. Mr. Gentz purchased the log cabin for \$10 and moved the structure, in one piece, to his property on County H with the use of a lowboy trailer.

In the late 1990s, Mr. Gentz corresponded with Clarice (Ritchie) Werle, the former Tribal Historian about the building. The Forest County Potawatomi Tribe was interested in purchasing the building for \$5,000 with hopes to restore it and move it to what was then the proposed Museum site. The Tribe applied for a grant through the Department of the Interior, National Parks Service in

1999. Unfortunately, the grant program was overwhelmed with requests and there simply was not enough funds to approve the Tribe’s grant request.

The building was determined ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in 1999 because it had been moved from its original location. In spite of that decision, Forest County Potawatomi was still quite passionate about restoring the building.

In a letter to a representative at the National Park Service, Steve Woods, who served as the Tribal Planner for a number of years, wrote: “The Tribe would certainly like to acquire and preserve this building. It is the oldest known structure dating back to when the Tribe received its reservation land in Wisconsin.”

After the Tribe was denied grant funding to move and restore the dwelling, it seems that the project fell through the cracks. In 2018, Phillip Gentz passed away and his son assumed ownership of the property. Evidence suggests the oldest Potawatomi home still sits on the banks of the Rat River in Blackwell, on a piece of land on County H.

## New Carter C-Store

submitted by Michelle Berdan, FCP Planner

If you haven’t been to Carter recently, you may be amazed to see the progress of the new Carter C-Store!

On Sept. 12, 2019, a Ground Blessing Ceremony was held for the new 10,000 square foot facility. Since then, construction crews have been working diligently to prepare the site, install infrastructure, erect the building, and install the new fuel tanks. The construction of the Carter C-Store project is being managed by Greenfire Management Services.

The new store will be located on the same side of the highway as the Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel and offer gas, Stone Creek Coffee, deli, and limited groceries. The store will also house locally-grown fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats from Bodwewadmi Ktegan (the Potawatomi Farm). Construction is expected to be completed by May 2020.



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**School District of Crandon School Board passes resolution to put referendum on April ballot**

(Monday, January 6, 2020) The Crandon School Board passed a resolution to seek a referendum that will increase revenue limits for the School District of Crandon, commencing with the 2020-2021 school year. The School Board met at a special meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020. The referendum question will be on the spring ballot, held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

The District is asking for voters to consider the operational non-recurring referendum question, which will allow the District to exceed the State of Wisconsin's revenue limit by \$1,000,000 for each of the next five years, totaling \$5 million by the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

District Administrator, Larry Palubicki will be holding numerous informational meetings throughout the District to present information on the referendum and to answer any questions. The first meeting will be held on Monday, January 27 at 6 pm in the auditorium at the Crandon school. The school's website, [www.sdoofcrandon.com](http://www.sdoofcrandon.com), will have information on the location of the remaining meetings, which will be held each month through March 30.

If you have any questions that you would like to send to the District regarding the referendum, you can send them to [crandonreferendum@sdoofcrandon.com](mailto:crandonreferendum@sdoofcrandon.com).

The School District of Crandon does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, color, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

**Community Advocacy Offers Assistance**

The Forest County Potawatomi Community Advocacy Department helps with Advanced Directives. It's a free and confidential service. We can meet with you in our office, at your home, or at another location that you prefer. Our staff will provide you with copies that can be sent to family members, your physician, or any other trusted person upon your request.

Advanced Directives are advanced care planning documents that allow an individual to legally document their views and preferences for healthcare and/or financial decisions, should they be unable to do so themselves either temporarily or permanently. These documents also allow you to choose your own spokesperson/agent should you become unable to speak for yourself in regards to your healthcare and/or financial decisions.

Community Advocacy will be reaching out to the elder community by phone and mail to see if you are interested in this service. Our staff will also be available to fill out Advanced Directives at the next tribal council meeting on Feb. 8, 2020. If you are not able to attend the meeting, we are happy to schedule a date to meet with you that works best for you.

The Community Advocacy staff is also happy to assist with Medicare enrollment and any questions you may have in regards to enrolling tribal elders that are Medicare eligible. Tribal insurance is a secondary payer source if another insurance is available, so we encourage all eligible elders to enroll in Medicare.

If you have any questions or would like assistance with Advance Directives or Medicare enrollment, please contact us at (715) 478-4537.

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March 18<sup>TH</sup>  
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For additional information on the topics of grief and grieving, AODA, and sobriety, contact FCP Behavioral Health at 715-478-4332.

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## FCP Education can Help Enhance Your Educational Journey

submitted by Deb Tetting, Ph.D. | Occupational Leadership Development Director

When not attending her college classes, Judy works at the Caring Place in Stone Lake as a patient advocate. She has already earned her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification and is now working toward a business degree. Judy has a unique position where she spends quality one-on-one time with the residents/elders, meeting their social and emotional needs. Judy is not looked at as an employee by the residents, but rather a friend in whom they trust and with whom they enjoy spending time. She can be seen helping them put puzzles together, playing cribbage, listening to their stories, watching television with them, or just being a companion to help them feel at ease. These activities engage their minds and warms their hearts, as well as Judy's. Judy is a tribal member who has

a personal and spiritual connection with those in her community, which includes those at the Caring Place. She has pride in keeping her culture alive and well for all tribal members. In this photograph, Judy is seen with Marion Waube, a resident at the Caring Place. After getting to know Marion, Judy encouraged her to look past her limitations and go after her dream of getting a college degree. We are happy to report that starting this month, Marion is now attending college.

If you are a tribal member, spouse, or descendant attending college, but still want to work for the Forest County Potawatomi Community, now or during your summer break, contact the FCP Education Department at (715) 889-7355. We will help find you a position that will enhance your educational journey.

**The picture at right incorporates two of our program participants. The photographer is Leonore Phillips, a Potawatomi Traveling Times College Intern. In the photo are Judy Murphy, a College Intern working at the Caring Place and Marion Waube, a resident at the Caring Place.**



## December Fun at Gte Ga Nēs

submitted by Rebecca Jennings

December was a busy yet festive time at Gte Ga Nēs Preschool. This year, we joined other FCP departments at the 4th Annual Grandparents and Grandchildren Holiday Event. Over 140 children with their families attended on Dec. 4. Our staff read with children and worked on elf applications and letters to Santa. It was a treat to see so many current and past students in this community setting. We look forward to joining in this collaborative event next year.

The early snow was a source of exhilaration for our students to play in each day and on our December field trip. We traveled to Bodewewadmi Ktegan Farm to cut our own trees for each classroom. The children bounded in the snow and enjoyed helping in hauling the trees. This is always an adventure for us all. We are grateful for the farm staff and their willingness to work with our students.

More farm fun will be happening in the near future!

At school, we worked to prepare the children for their own program through learning songs and poems and practicing regularly. Our Preschool Holiday Program was very well attended on Dec. 20. We had about 90 people in attendance with seating accommodations and refreshments for all. The students and staff presented the program at the Old Tribal Hall. Many commented on this in a very positive way. Bringing our youngsters into this space was an opportunity to return to the roots of the tribal government. Hearing folks reminisce about past events that occurred in this building was a privilege. Seeing the parents and families together enjoying their children was uplifting for all involved. Watch for news of more preschool fun in the coming months!



# Celebrate American Heart Month

submitted by Molly Bieber, CHES, Public Health Educator

February is American Heart Month. Did you know that heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States? About 90 percent of middle-aged people and 74 percent of young adults have one or more risk factors for heart disease. Risk factors for heart disease include diabetes, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, cigarette smoking and being overweight. If you have more than one of these risk factors, your risk of heart disease increases.

### What is heart disease?

The phrase “heart disease” is used to describe a bundle of conditions that affect heart health. The most common type of heart disease is coronary heart disease. Coronary heart disease occurs when fat, cholesterol, and calcium build up in your arteries, causing clogged arteries. The buildup of fat, cholesterol, and calcium is called plaque. Plaque prevents oxygen in your blood from getting to your heart. This can cause chest pain or lead to blood clots. Blood clots can block the flow of blood to your heart and is a common cause of heart attack.

### How can you protect yourself from heart disease?

Take care of your heart by doing these activities:

- Eat healthy foods. Pay attention to

your sodium intake by reading nutrition labels. Try to have more veggies, fruits, and whole grains in your diet. Limit foods that are high in saturated fat and sugar.

- Be physically active! Try to get at least 2 ½ hours of physical activity each week. That may sound intimidating but if you break it up, that’s just 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. You can reach this goal by going for regular walks, attending exercise programs, or by playing games with children or grandchildren. Invite a friend or family member to join you and help keep you motivated!

- Quit smoking. The chemicals in tobacco smoke can harm your heart and blood vessels. Quitting smoking is hard, but is possible. Set a quit date and ask for support from family and friends.

- Reduce stress. Stress may lead to high blood pressure. Practice meditation or yoga and identify healthy activities that help you relax.

### What resources are available?

Keep your heart healthy by participating in these activities and programs:

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Open to FCP enrolled tribal members age 18 years and older. This program meets you where you are at and rewards you for making healthy lifestyle chang-



es. FCP Community Health offers this program. Learn more by calling (715) 478-4355.

Elders Exercise Program – Open to FCP tribal elders. Light workouts lasting 30-60 minutes with a health snack and bucket raffles are provided at each session. Sessions are offered at 1:30 p.m. every other Wednesday. For more information, call FCP Recreation at (715) 478-7420.

Smoking Cessation Incentive Program – Open to FCP tribal members and individuals eligible for the Alternative Care Program. Schedule an appointment

with Sara Cleereman, R.N., at (715) 478-4889.

Women’s Exercise Program – Open to FCP women of all fitness levels, classes will be offered twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the FCP Recreation Building. Please call FCP Community Health at (715) 478-4355 for more information.

To learn more about American Heart Month, visit the NIH: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute website at <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/education-and-awareness/heart-month>.

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# 2020 Bug Lake Fisheree

submitted by Derek Moravec, Natural Resources Technician

The 2020 bug lake fisheree was on Saturday, Jan. 11. The biggest fish caught was a 23 ¾ inch Northern Pike caught by Bondesē Frank on a tip up. The weather wasn't the best, but there was still a pretty good turnout of people. It was a very windy, cool brisk day. The fish were

only biting every so often. As registration kicked off we had all sorts of donuts for everyone to enjoy, and the lunch the meal was catered by hotel Crandon. They served sausage and potato soup.

Thanks to everyone who came out!



(above) Winners of the day (l-r): Rowdy Spencer, Adam Spencer, Wylder Shepard, Everleigh Shepard, Bondesē Frank, Benny Peters, Jason Brown  
(below left) Wylder Shepard (below right) Rowdy Spencer



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The FCP Fleet Department thanks Mike Collins for his 20 years of service, and we wish him the best of luck in his retirement!



# TC Energy Files Pre-Construction Plan for KXL Despite Ongoing Lawsuits

submitted by Indigenous Environmental Network

Montana (Jan. 17, 2020) - Despite ongoing lawsuits, TC Energy (formerly TransCanada) has filed a status report with a United States District Court outlining their plan to begin pre-construction activities and construction on their Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline 2020. This construction would include preparations for man camps along the route.

For the better part of a decade tribal nations, from Dene territory in the north to Ponca territory in the south, have made it clear -- they do not want this toxic tar sands pipeline near Indigenous lands and communities, they do not want to see further development within the tar sands region of northern Alberta, and they will not stand for the active disregard of their inherent Indigenous Rights.

“President Trump continues to

circumvent the law by trying to illegally push the KXL pipeline through despite his first permit being revoked and his second permit being challenged in court. Climate chaos is already here and the KXL pipeline will be devastating to tribal communities and to the world’s ecosystems,” said Kandi White, Native Energy and Climate Campaign Coordinator, Indigenous Environmental Network.

In 2018, United States District Judge Brian Morris, issued a landmark ruling that President Trump violated federal environmental laws when his Administration claimed that the KXL Pipeline was consistent with the public interest. Last December, a judge dismissed Trump’s push to have the legal challenge, in which IEN is a plaintiff, against his second permit dismissed. The KXL pipeline still

sits in legal limbo and the fact TC Energy feels bold enough to start pre-construction without the proper permits speaks volumes to the control big oil money has on our political and legal system.

“For a decade, we have fought this dirty tar sands pipeline. We will not allow our treaties to be ignored and our communities put at risk. Consultation is not consent and consultation has not happened with the Oceti Sakowin tribes. Not one of them. Man camps surrounding our tribal nations bring drugs like meth and heroin to our nations and violence to our women and children” said Joye Braun, Frontline Community Organizer, Indigenous Environmental Network. “The KXL will only inflame the epidemic of Missing and Murdered women, girls and two-spirit relatives in our communi-

ties. A date for the federal litigation has not been finalized nor do they have all the permits required to begin construction. This timeline is pure fantasy. The KXL Pipeline will not be built through Oceti Sakowin lands.”

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.

# Final Riders Announced for Team USA Eagles and Wolves Ahead of 2020 PBR Global Cup USA

submitted by Kacie Albert

PUEBLO, Colo. (Jan. 8, 2020)– Ahead of the 2020 WinStar World Casino and Resort PBR Global Cup USA, presented by Monster Energy, the final riders set to defend home soil as members of Team USA Eagles and Wolves at the event akin to the “Olympics of bull riding” have been announced.

The fourth edition of the PBR Global Cup, the only nation vs. nation bull riding competition, will make its second stop at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, on Feb. 15-16, 2020. The new team tournament debuted in Edmonton, Alberta, in November 2017, visited Sydney, Australia, in June 2018, and most recently stopped in Arlington this past February.

Led by head coach Justin McBride (Whitesboro, Texas) and assistant J.W. Hart (Overbrook, Okla.), Team USA Eagles will be completed by Matt Triplett (Columbia Falls, Mont.), Dalton Kasel (Muleshoe, Texas) and six-time PRCA World Champion Sage Kimzey (Strong City, Okla.).

Team USA Eagles also revealed an injury replacement, with Cody Teel (Kountze, Texas) to compete in place of Chase Outlaw (Hamburg, Ark.), currently sidelined for six months after undergoing the fourth reconstructive shoulder surgery of his career in December 2019.

McBride and Hart elected to not name an alternate.

Triplett, Kasel, Kimzey and Teel will join two-time PBR World Champion Jess Lockwood (Volborg, Mont.) and 2016

PBR World Champion Cooper Davis (Jasper, Texas) already selected to Team USA Eagles.

Under the leadership of first-time head coach Ted Nuce (Stephenville, Texas) and returning assistant Mike “Bo” Vocu (Oglala Lakota – Kyle, S.D.), Cody Jesus (Navajo – Window Rock, Ariz.), Colten Jesse (Potawatomi - Kona-wa, Okla.), Cannon Cravens (Cherokee – Porum, Okla.) and alternate Wyatt Rogers (Cherokee – Coweta, Okla.) will complete Team USA Wolves.

The already announced Wolves include: Ryan Dirteater (Cherokee – Hulbert, Okla.), Stetson Lawrence (Chippewa and Sioux – Williston, N.D.) and Keyshawn Whitehorse (Navajo – McCracken Springs, Utah).

For Team USA Eagles, while the quartet of new additions have only made a collective four appearances at past PBR Global Cups, they are arguably four of the hottest riders competing when examining the final months of 2019 and initial events of the 2020 season.

With the most Global Cup experience on his resume, Teel, a two-time Team USA rider, not only was a member of the event-winning contingent at the inaugural Global Cup in Canada in 2017, but also competed for the second-place Eagles at the most recent edition in Texas in February 2019.

Battling through a knee injury at the 2019 PBR World Finals to finish No. 6 in the world, Teel began the 2020 season with a 2-for-4 performance at the sea-

son-launch Unleash The Beast Major in New York City.

Triplett, who rode for Team USA at the 2018 edition of the PBR Global Cup in Sydney, Australia, finished a career-best second at the 2019 PBR World Finals, propelling him to finish the year No. 7 in the world. Not missing a beat, Triplett won the first Touring Pro Division event of the new season in Kearney, Neb., before riding to a tenth-place result on the elite tour in New York City.

Much like Triplett, Kimzey earned his second selection to Team USA after making his debut for the Eagles in February 2019 inside AT&T Stadium. The Oklahoma phenom’s selection comes after he recently captured his sixth consecutive PRCA world championship.

A first-time selection to Team USA, Kasel, who is currently recovering from groin surgery, was crowned the 2019 PBR Rookie of the Year after completing an incredible five-month surge up the world rankings, when he climbed from unranked on June 1 to No. 8 on November 10.

Kasel’s rocket up the rankings was capped by his career-first event win on the Unleash The Beast at the final regular-season event of the year in Nampa, Idaho, followed by a twelfth-place result at his debut PBR World Finals.

For the Wolves, Jesus, Jesse and Cravens will make their second-consecutive appearance for the all Native American contingent, while alternate Rogers is preparing to make his debut on the global

bull riding stage.

In 2019, Jesus, who was a top contender for the year’s Rookie of the Year honor, finished a career-best No. 20 in the world, capped by a ninth-place result at his debut PBR World Finals. He was a key contributor for the Wolves at the 2019 PBR Global Cup USA, going 2-for-3 in their third-place campaign.

Following their Global Cup debuts, Jesse and Cravens, both had their 2019 seasons halted by injury, with Jesse undergoing shoulder surgery and Cravens sustaining a broken leg.

Both, however, returned as alternates at the 2019 PBR World Finals, before their World Championship contending form was back on display at the season-launch Unleash The Beast Major in New York City. Jesse delivered a strong 3-for-4 showing to finish sixth, while Cravens’ 1-for-3 effort earned him twelfth.

Tickets for the 2020 WinStar World Casino and Resort PBR Global Cup USA, presented by Monster Energy are on sale now and start at just \$10. They can be purchased at the AT&T Stadium Box Office, online at AT&TStadium.com or SeatGeek.com, or via the phone at (800) 732-1727.

For more information on the event, including premium experience and elite seats offerings, visit PBR.com/Global-Cup.

# Assistant Secretary Sweeney Announces BIA's Year of Firsts: Marking the Wildland Fire Management Program's Progress

submitted by Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Jan. 8, 2020) – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Tara Katuk Sweeney announced a number of firsts for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and its Wildland Fire and Aviation Management program resulting from their efforts to aid Indian Country and which demonstrate exceptional inter-agency collaboration abilities and commitment to improving the development of their wildland fire workforce through new training opportunities for women.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Sends Seven Wildland Firefighters to Australia

In December, the Bureau of Indian Affairs sent wildland fire personnel abroad for the first time to combat the wildfires in Australia. Since December, so far 95 firefighters from DOI and the USFS have been deployed at the request of the Australian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council. Of these, seven employees with the Bureau of Indian Affairs have deployed.

“The loss of life, property and environment are devastating in Australia,” said U.S. Secretary David Bernhardt. “The United States stands with our partners, and we will continue to support Australia in sending our world class personnel to contain these blazes and help protect Australian communities and wildlife.”

The U.S., Australia and New Zealand have been exchanging fire assistance for more than 15 years as the Australian and New Zealand personnel filled critical needs during peak wildfire season in the United States. The last time the U.S sent firefighters to Australia was in 2010.

Receiving the NIFC Governing Board's Prestigious Pulaski Award

In June of 2019, the governing board of the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Boise, Idaho, selected the Bureau's Fort Apache Agency in White-river, Ariz., and the U.S. Forest Service's Coronado National Forest Sierra Vista Ranger District office in Hereford, Ariz., to receive its prestigious Pulaski Award recognizing their interagency collaboration and outstanding performance on a Reserved Treaty Rights Land (RTRL) project.

The Pulaski Award recognizes federal, state and local government agencies who demonstrate outstanding performance in the area of interagency collaboration, cooperation and coordination. This is the first time the governing board has recognized the BIA with this award.

“When projects that have mutual

benefit to both federal and tribal partners are done collaboratively, that is when we see the highest rewards of true partnership,” said Assistant Secretary Sweeney. “By working across jurisdictional boundaries we can do more than just protect landscapes, we can help preserve tribal cultures and traditions, which are closely tied to their lands.”

Federally-recognized tribes reserve the right to use their ancestral and reserved treaty lands for their religious and cultural purposes, such as hunting, fishing and gathering activities. Part of the BIA's trust responsibilities are to protect, restore and reduce the impacts of wildfire on these lands. In conjunction with the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Yavapai-Apache Nation, the Fort Apache Agency and Coronado National Forest, the BIA's Western Regional Office in Phoenix facilitated the development of a collaborative RTRL project to address shared interests that enhance the health and resiliency of the Oak Savana ecosystem, an area of grass and Emory Oak trees on the White Mountain Apache reservation which is of deep cultural and spiritual significance to the Apache people.

Supporting women for fire leadership training

In another first, the Bureau sponsored three female employees – two federal and one tribal – to attend the Fire Leadership for Women (FLFW) Program at the National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center (PFTC) in Tallahassee, Fla.: Yvette Leech with the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes' forestry department in Warm Springs, Ore.; Ashton Lynch, a firefighter with the Bureau's Pima Agency in Sacaton, Ariz.; and Cheryl Bright, a field coordinator with the BIA Branch of Wildland Fire Management at the NIFC office in Boise.

“With this training I can share what I learned with my coworkers and use my skills to help manage prescribed burns in the community I serve,” said Lynch. “I am grateful to have been part of the Fire Leadership Module.”

What make this a first is that across federal wildland agencies women hold less than 10 percent of fire positions and only seven percent hold leadership positions. To address this imbalance, the PFTC developed the FLFW program with the specific intent of using prescribed fire as a catalyst for bringing women together to create a support network that will help women advance with-

in wildland fire management. During the 20-day course, trainees safely conducted 11 prescribed burns treating 2,507 acres in northern Florida. They also worked to obtain their certifications in numerous prescribed fire qualifications necessary for their career advancement.

Collaborating to address and reduce on-reservation wildland fires

Florida isn't the only state treating landscapes to reduce the hazard potential for wildfires. For two of the BIA's Arizona agencies – Fort Yuma and San Carlos – collaboration has been key to preventing and combatting wildland fires on the reservations they serve:

- Located along the Colorado River, the Cocopah Reservation sits 13 miles south of the city of Yuma and 15 miles north of San Lis, Mexico. Its unique boundaries border two countries – the United States and Mexico – and two states, Arizona and California. Thriving along the river's banks is an invasive and dangerous plant called salt cedar, with roots that drink deeply thereby helping to lower the water table and adding large deposits of salt to the soil. The plant's prolific and highly flammable branches threaten the river's wetland ecosystem and create significant fire hazards to neighboring communities when wildfires occur.

- While removing the plant is a common management practice along the river, the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Wildland Fire's Southern Border Fuels Management Initiative provided \$563,00 in funding for a first-of-its-kind project: a four-year treatment plan that, due to its unique partnerships, is making wildfire management history.

As part of the Bureau's trust responsibility, the Fort Yuma Agency provides vegetation management and wildfire protection services across the 6,500-acre reservation. Coordinating with the Cocopah Tribe and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Patrol, the BIA applied for and received funding to treat nine miles – approximately 36 percent of the reservation's land mass – along the Colorado River. In total, 1,359 acres of invasive and foreign salt cedar will be treated, which will preserve the tribe's valuable economic investments and the cultural and traditional native species they rely on. In its first year of the initiative, firefighters treated 150 acres. They will continue making progress each fall and winter for the next three years.

- For the San Carlos Agency this was a fire year that wouldn't end, and the associated costs of supporting those fighting wildland fires on the San Carlos Reservation meant the BIA had to develop a better way of tracking expenses in order to support its firefighting employees and tribal and interagency partners. The high-fire occurrence resulted in the agency establishing an ad hoc BIA finance team capable of tracking and accounting for costs attributed to all fire personnel. The team consisted of five BIA employees from Billings, Mont., Portland, Ore., Sacramento, Calif., and Boise. They documented and tracked 156 incidents within four complex databases which, when combined, totaled an estimated cost of \$4.7 million.

The team's work, and success, made a significant contribution to the San Carlos Agency this fire season, and led to discussions about the BIA developing its own Type 3 finance section capable of supporting any BIA regional office or agency, or tribal or interagency partner. Going forward, the section anticipates being able to provide training opportunities to improve fire finance capabilities throughout Indian Country.

“The important strides the BIA is taking to improve and protect Indian Country have long-term consequences that will change the landscape of tribal communities for decades. I commend these achievements, and encourage the wildland fire community to continue their improvement efforts in the years ahead,” said BIA Director Darryl LaCounte.

The Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs oversees the BIA, the oldest bureau in the Department of the Interior. The BIA director is responsible for managing the bureau's day-to-day operations through four offices – Indian Services, Justice Services, Trust Services, and Field Operations. These offices directly administer or fund tribally operated BIA infrastructure, economic development, law enforcement and justice, social services (including child welfare), tribal governance, and trust land and natural and energy resources management programs for the nation's 573 federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes through 12 regional offices and 81 agencies. The Wildland Fire and Aviation Management program is located in the Office of Trust Services.\



## Defendants Plead Guilty to Conspiring to Fraudulently Sell Imported Jewelry from the Philippines as Native American-Made

submitted by The United States Department of Justice

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Jan. 6, 2020) – Three members of an international conspiracy to import knock-off jewelry from the Philippines and misrepresent it as Native-American have pleaded guilty for their roles in the fraudulent scheme, announced Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Michael Bailey of the District of Arizona.

On Jan. 6, all three defendants pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge John Z. Boyle of the District of Arizona. Laura Marye Wesley, a.k.a. Laura Lott, 32, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit misrepresentation of Indian-produced goods, wire fraud, mail fraud, and entry of goods by means of false statements and smuggling goods, for her role in the manufacture, importation, and sale of knock-off jewelry as Native American-made. Wesley is scheduled to be sentenced on March 30, 2020.

Christian Coxon, 46, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to misrepresent Indian-produced goods and to commit wire fraud, for his role in ordering and misrepresenting imported, knock-off jewelry as Native American-made at his retail store Turquoise River Trading Company, located in San Antonio, Texas. Coxon is scheduled to be sentenced on March 23, 2020.

Waleed Sarrar, a.k.a. Willie Sarrar, 44, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to misrepresent Indian-produced goods and to commit wire fraud, for his role in ordering and misrepresenting imported, knock-off jewelry as Native American-made at his retail store Scottsdale Jewels, located in Scottsdale, Arizona. Sarrar is scheduled to be sentenced on March 30, 2020.

According to information that the defendants admitted to as part of their pleas, from January 2016 through February 2019, they conspired with each other, and others, to design jewelry in the Native-American Indian-style and manufacture the jewelry in the Philippines with Filipino labor. The defendants also conspired to import the jewelry from the Philippines to Arizona without indelible markings as required by law, and display, advertise, and sell the jewelry to customers based on false representations that the jewelry items were made by Indians in the United States. To perpetrate the fraud scheme, the defendants and their conspirators communicated by phone, text, and email, including across state and country borders; used private commercial shipping services such as FedEx to import jewelry from the Philippines to the United States; paid for the jewelry inventory through credit cards, including via web-based credit card processors, and

by check; and charged the credit cards of customers who purchased the imported Indian-style jewelry.

As part of her plea, Wesley agreed that she owned and operated LMN Jewelers, a jewelry business that specialized in the sale of Native-American-style jewelry, and co-owned and co-operated Last Chance Jewelers, a similar jewelry business. She also admitted to removing "Made in the Philippines" stickers from bags of imported jewelry, smuggling jewelry into the U.S. from the Philippines through the U.S. Postal Service to avoid inspection by federal authorities at the port of entry, wiring money to the Philippines to cover the costs of the jewelry-making business there, working with Filipino factory workers who were manufacturing the knock-offs, and delivering the knock-off Native-American-style jewelry to retail jewelry stores in Arizona, Colorado, California, Texas, Minnesota, Utah, and elsewhere.

The defendants face a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison and fines up to \$250,000. Their sentencing dates have not yet been set.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Act (IACA) prohibits the offer or display for sale, or the sale of any good in a manner that falsely suggests that it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian and Indian tribe.

The law is designed to prevent products from being marketed as "Indian made," when the products are not, in fact, made by Indians. It covers all Indian and Indian-style traditional and contemporary arts and crafts produced after 1935, and broadly applies to the marketing of arts and crafts by any person in the United States. The IACA provides critical economic benefits for Native American cultural development by recognizing that forgery and fraudulent arts and crafts diminish the livelihood of Native American artists and craftspeople by lowering both market prices and standards.

This case was investigated by the Office of Law Enforcement for the Southwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Phoenix Field Office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, with assistance from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Law Enforcement and Security, the U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations, and the Texas Game Wardens. Trial Attorney Mona Sahaf of the Criminal Division, Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Peter Sexton and Mark Wenker are prosecuting the case.



## Spurs Guard Patty Mills Brings First-Ever Indigenous Night to the AT&T Center

submitted by Spurs Sports and Entertainment

SAN ANTONIO (Jan. 19, 2020) – The San Antonio Spurs paid homage to Indigenous cultures across the globe when the team hosted the Miami Heat during Indigenous Night on Sunday, Jan. 19. Indigenous Night, initiated by Spurs guard and advocate for Indigenous people and cultures Patty Mills, featured the debut of Mills' apparel collection collaboration with the T p P lam Coahuiltecan Nation, as well as performances by the local tribe.

Fans were encouraged to arrive early as members of the T p P lam Coahuiltecan Nation told of San Antonio's beginnings through several cultural performances – including an elder opening, River Singers, Powwow Dancers, and Aztec Dancers – inside the Bud Light Courtyard. The

courtyard opened at noon and the first 10,000 in attendance received a Patty Mills bobblehead courtesy of H-E-B, in which Mills is depicted holding his ancestral flags – those of the Torres Strait Islanders and Australian Aboriginals. The T p P lam Coahuiltecan Nation also performed on the Spurs court during the game.

In an effort to bring light to Indigenous cultures throughout the world, Mills connected with descendants of San Antonio's earliest settlers – the T p P lam Coahuiltecan Nation – to create an apparel collection featuring imagery depicting the tribe's early history. The limited run of apparel includes men's and women's t-shirts, a hoodie, a crewneck sweatshirt, and caps proudly each display-

ing designs that tell the creation story of T p P lam and the San Antonio River.

"Patty was so sincere to establish a relationship with us, because he related with our stories and our ceremonies and our conversation with his family back home," said Ramon Vasquez, Executive Officer for the T p P lam Coahuiltecan Nation. "When we see people walking around with imagery like this, what we are hoping for is education – that more and more people would be educated on the contributions that American Indians have made to San Antonio and the state of Texas, both historically and contemporarily."

The limited run of apparel was available for the first time in-game on Jan. 19. Remaining items will be available

for purchase beginning Jan. 20 online at [SpursFanShop.com](http://SpursFanShop.com) and in-store at the Spurs Fan Shop at La Cantera.

Spurs Sports & Entertainment and Aramark, the retail operator inside the AT&T Center, will commemorate the cultural partnership by donating \$10,000 to the American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions (AITSCM) to support the organization's initiatives and programs in San Antonio. Mills and Spurs nonprofit partner Silver & Black Give Back (SBGB) will host an auction of autographed memorabilia and original art by Los Otros Murals, inspired by the partnership with the T p P lam Coahuiltecan Nation. Proceeds from the auction will also benefit AITSCM.

# NOTICES / CALENDAR

## HEALTH

• **Wellbriety** - 12-step meeting, Mondays at 6:30 p.m., FCP Museum lower level. Walking in a good way...a sober way. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you have any questions, call FCP Behavioral Health at (715) 478-4332 or Isaiah Phillips at (715) 889-4945.

• **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.



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**Crisis Counselor** - If you are having any current or ongoing thoughts about taking your life, support and help are available. Call this local crisis line to speak to a trained professional over the phone at 1-888-299-1188. Or text CONNECT to 741741 to text a trained crisis counselor.



**Smoking Cessation Incentive Program**  
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To learn more about the program or to schedule an appointment, contact Sara Cleereman, R.N., at (715) 478-4889 or David Kaufman, RPH, TTS, Pharmacist, at (715) 478-4347.



**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.



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## SERVICES OFFERED

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Tribal Employment Skill Program- available to adult tribal members living in Forest County or in surrounding counties. Tribal Members can be on a work experience in various departments for up to 6 months. This allows the tribal members to test drive different areas of the tribe to find a good fit. Economic Support Staff work closely with the FCP Tribal Education Department.

**Work-Related Services**  
**Driver's License Services** (Department of Motor Vehicles-DMV)  
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**Employment Counseling**  
• Assists with cover letters and resume to prepare for interviews  
• Provides tips for interview skills and resume development  
• Mock interviews  
• Job seeking and application completion tips  
• Tips for professional attire and workplace professionalism

**Personal Development Services**  
• Financial classes and/or financial planning  
• GED/HSED and/or college preparation classes and referrals  
• Soft skills development training  
• Communication and time management  
**Work Experiences**  
• Vocational training classes  
• Community service work  
• Job placements within the tribe including casino

• Placement options outside the tribe  
**Supportive Services** (based on available funding)  
• Basic Education class fees  
• Driver's License reinstatement fees, driving tests and/or other costs  
• Transportation costs to attend work-related sessions or workshops  
**Employment Retention Services**  
• Supportive services provided to individuals that obtain employment within 6 months of employment.

The Work Experience Programs has a 54% success rate where individuals were hired on into tribal positions. This was accomplished by the hard work of the tribal member, department's availability of a position, and approval/support of department supervisors and division administrators.

**Badgercare** - a state/federally-funded program that provides health coverage for individuals living on the reservation, 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.

**FSET** - Foodshare Employment & Training Program - individuals that are eligible for Foodshare could be voluntary or mandatory for this work program.

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** - this work program is funded through the Administration for Children and Families with an income limit of 150% of federal poverty level for individuals living on the reservation and/or individuals living in Forest County that have FCP tribal children. The program has Child Only funds for grandparents and other legal placement through the FCP ICW Department.

**General Assistance (GA)** - this work program is funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The program offers a cash monthly payment and is available for the federally-recognized tribal members living on the reservation.

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

**Community Service** - can play a prominent role in the FCP community. While working with the Tribal Court, Wellness Court, Education and Family Services, the program can provide a way for tribal and community members to give back. The coordinator also works with tribal youth to help them develop a personal stake in their own community and raise awareness of community issues. It will teach individuals responsibility, respect, trust and to have a pride in their community.

**Computer Resource** - located at the Family Service Building is a computer that individuals can utilize to complete their resume, type correspondence, work on the self-paced Microsoft Computer Training Program or apply online for health care coverage programs. The Economic Support staff is available to provide services for resume building, computer training programs, and for any other economic support program information.

**Family Resource Center** - is located at the Historical Tribal Hall on 8000 Potawatomi Trail. The following classes are available: Parenting, Healthy Relationship, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Play Shoppe and other valuable resources. For more information call (715) 478-4837.

The Economic Support Department's mission is:  
• To provide more successful work opportunities/training for tribal members  
• To continue in providing support and advocacy for individuals on economic support programs

• To support and assist in the transition from work experience to full-time employment for tribal members within tribal entities

• To provide community services and parenting resources to the tribal community  
If you would like more information on any program or service, please stop in at the Family Services Building or call the main line at (715) 478-4433. The Economic Support staff looks forward to seeing you!

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

### Community Health

- 2/1 - Devil's Lake Fisheree, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 2/4 - Infant Nutrition (HWC), 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 2/4 - Women's Exercise Class (Rec Center), 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/6 - Infant Nutrition (Carter), 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 2/6 - Tribal Wellvation Check-In (Carter), 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 2/6 - Women's Exercise Class (Rec Center), 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/1 - Women's Exercise Class (Rec Center), 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/12 - Diabetes Luncheon (Assisted Living Turtlehouse), 12 - 1:30 p.m.
- 2/13 - Taste Test (HWC), 1 - 3 p.m.
- 2/13 - Women's Exercise Class (Rec Center), 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/17 - Community Health Department closed, HWC will be operating as a walk-in clinic only
- 2/18 - Women's Exercise Class (Rec Center), 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/18 - Healing Journey (Museum lower level), 6 p.m.
- 2/20 - Women's Exercise Class (Rec Center), 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/25 - Women's Exercise Class (Rec Center), 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/27 - Women's Exercise Class (Rec Center), 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### CHOICES Program

- Youth 9 - 11: Mondays (3, 10, 24)
  - Youth 12 - 17: Tuesdays (4, 11, 18, 25)
  - Youth 6 - 8: Wednesdays (5, 12, 19, 26)
- Youth will be picked up from school starting at 3:30 p.m. and dropped off at home afterwards. Call (715) 478-4839 for more information.

### Family Resource Center

- Healthy Relationships Class: Mondays (3, 10, 24) 1 - 3 p.m.
  - Moral Reconciliation Therapy Class: Tuesdays (4, 11, 18, 25), 10 a.m. - noon
  - Positive Indian Parenting Class (PIP): Thursdays (6, 13, 20, 27), 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!
  - Circle of Sisters: Date and time TBD
- Child care available; please RSVP if needed. Call (715) 478-4837 with questions about any programs.

## Deep Dish\*: LISA MCKAY GRADUATED FROM FROZEN, BOXED FOODS TO CATERER

By Sari Lesk – Reporter, Milwaukee Business Journal

To Lisa McKay, cooking used to mean heating up a frozen pizza and tater tots.

Until she met her husband, McKay said, she wasn't interested in the craft. Her husband came from a large family that focused on home-cooked meals. After she endured some criticism for the foods she tried to make, McKay said she wanted to improve.

She asked family members for tips on how to prepare different dishes and learned to cook chicken, fish and cornbread made from scratch.

The size of her husband's family meant gatherings at their home were large. McKay said she grew used to preparing food for 50 guests.

"Having a card game and cooking and inviting them over is a catering job," she said.

McKay said she started venturing into catering as a career when her niece asked her to cater her wedding. At first, McKay said she resisted, saying she had no catering experience. Her niece pointed out the work McKay was doing whenever family visited.

With chafers already a part of her kitchen, McKay said she accepted the job and prepared a meal that included shrimp alfredo, chipotle-marinated chicken breast, orange roughy, salad and vegetables.

The wedding yielded more requests for her services, and McKay decided to go to school and learn more. She studied culinary arts and culinary management at Milwaukee Area Technical College, then took a position at Ozaukee Country Club, working under chef Darwing Cruz.

Her boss was accommodating and allowed McKay flexibility so she could continue accepting catering jobs for her own business, dubbed Lisa Kaye Catering LLC. McKay said she recently stopped working at the country club after her own business reached the milestone of establishing its own kitchen.

In 2017, McKay's business won the second annual Rev-Up MKE small business competition, an event hosted by Near West Side Partners to attract businesses to the area. Her prize package included money, business services and exposure.

The competition helped her attract more business from corporate clients, she said. Rev-Up also pushed her to take more of a business-minded approach to the work, she said.

"I knew what I wanted to do, I knew where I wanted to go," she said. "Doing Rev-Up Milwaukee pushed me and helped me along the way."

McKay had planned to give Lisa Kaye Catering a permanent home at 3904-3906 W. Vliet St. in Milwaukee. Instead, McKay established her company at the Forest County Potawatomi Community's Wgema Campus in the city, where she has access to a kitchen, a walk-in cooler and a freezer.

In addition to her catering business, McKay also hosts cooking classes for children, saying she wants them to learn the skills she didn't gain until later in life. Not only should they be able to cook for themselves as adults, McKay said, she wants them to help their parents.

"When mom and dad get home, they can have certain things prepped or already fully cooked," she said. "It'll be a great help for them."

Looking back on where she started, McKay laughs at the foods she used to enjoy.

"I hate that stuff now," she said. "It's really weird to know that I thought that stuff was so great."

\*Deep Dish is a series by the Milwaukee Business Journal featuring profiles of chefs around southeast Wisconsin.



## DATA CENTER POST: INTERVIEW WITH PAUL HOESLY, CFO, PBDC, MANAGING COMPANY OF DATA HOLDINGS

By Community Manager Jamie White

Paul Hoesly is the CFO of Potawatomi Business Development Corporation and serves as the CFO for its subsidiary investment company, Data Holdings, a data center provider offering Tier III+ best-in-class technologies and systems in Milwaukee, Wis. Hoesly directs financial operations for PBDC and all of its operating companies, which in addition to Data Holdings, includes Greenfire Management Services, Redhawk Network Security, Wgema Leasing and more. Hoesly works closely with the executive management team on the execution of all aspects of the Company's strategic plans. He also plays a very active role in the day-to-day management of Data Holdings' business and operations. Hoesly has a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and holds an Executive MBA with an International Business Specialization from Marquette University.



We recently caught up with Hoesly to discuss hot trends currently happening in the data center space, specifically how it relates to Potawatomi's Data Holdings facility in Milwaukee.

Data Center POST, Jamie White (DCP-JW) Question: What are the important trends you are seeing in the data center space?

Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC-PH) Answer: It seems to me that important trends are edge computing, maintaining the great services we can provide for Power, Space, Cooling and Connectivity, enabling our customers to get to connections faster.

DCP-JW Q: In your opinion, what are buyers most interested in when looking at data centers? Some examples would be cloud connectivity, network connectivity, space/power, density, or energy efficiency.

PBDC-PH A: Cost, reliability, dependability, and connection speed for critical applications.

DCP-JW Q: What is a use case scenario that your facility and services are best used for?

PBDC-PH A: Primary and Secondary Data Storage and Connectivity solutions for businesses.

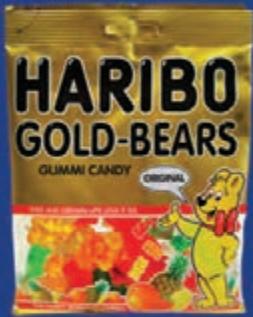
To learn more about Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, please visit <http://www.potawatombdc.com>. To learn about their Tier-III+ data center facility in Milwaukee, WI please visit: <https://www.dataholdings.com>. You can also learn more about Data Holdings through the Independent Data Center Alliance which the company joined in the Fall of 2019: [www.ind-dca.org](http://www.ind-dca.org).



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# FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>National Margarita Day</b> Saturday, February 22 <small>FROM 11 AM - CLOSE</small> <b>\$4<sup>00</sup> Rail Margarita</b> 		<b>BINGO'S GROUNDHOG DRAWINGS</b> SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2		<b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b> SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 —&— SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 <small>Earn or redeem 200 points for ten entries.</small> <small>Hourly drawings from 5 pm – 9 pm</small> <b>WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$2,250 PER DAY!</b>		<b>1 GROUNDHOG DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — 2x Entries Breakfast Buffet Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
<b>2 GROUNDHOG DAY</b> Groundhog Drawings \$10/5 Packs — 3x Entries Breakfast Buffet Wing Day	<b>3 POP &amp; PLAY</b> Lovin' Country 10:30 am – 2:30 pm Chicken Sandwich	<b>4 Mask-Querade MADNESS</b> Taco Day	<b>5</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Soup in a Bread Bowl	<b>6 SENIOR DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — Senior Night Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	<b>7 Sweet REWARDS ENTRY MULTIPLIER</b> Finally \$500 Friday Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	<b>8 Sweet REWARDS</b> Moonlighters 7 pm – 11 pm Bingo Bash Breakfast Buffet / Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
<b>9 NATIONAL PIZZA DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — 3x Entries Breakfast Buffet Wing Day // Pizza Day Specials	<b>10</b> Chicken Sandwich	<b>11 Mask-Querade MADNESS</b> Taco Day	<b>12</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Soup in a Bread Bowl	<b>13 SENIOR DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — Senior Night Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	<b>14 HOW SUITE IT IS</b> Texas 8 pm – Midnight \$10/5 Packs — Hot Seat Night Seafood Buffet Valentine's Day Steak Special	<b>15</b> Texas 8 pm – Midnight \$10/5 Packs — 2x Entries Breakfast Buffet / Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
<b>16</b> \$10/5 Packs — 3x Entries Breakfast Buffet Wing Day	<b>17 ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS</b> Chicken Sandwich	<b>18 Mask-Querade MADNESS</b> Taco Day	<b>19 AMETHYST ANNIVERSARY Entry Multiplier</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Soup in a Bread Bowl	<b>20 SENIOR DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — Senior Night Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	<b>21 POP &amp; PLAY</b> Moonlighters 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm Finally \$500 Friday Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	<b>22 National Margarita Day</b> \$10/5 Packs — 2x Entries Breakfast Buffet Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice // \$4 Margarita
<b>23</b> \$10/5 Packs — 3x Entries Breakfast Buffet Wing Day	<b>24</b> Chicken Sandwich	<b>25 Mask-Querade MADNESS</b> Taco Day	<b>26 AMETHYST ANNIVERSARY Entry Multiplier</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Soup in a Bread Bowl	<b>27 SENIOR DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — Senior Night Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	<b>28</b> Big Dog DJ 10 pm – Midnight (Bingo Hall) Black Light Bingo (Zombie Theme) \$10/5 Packs — Hot Seat Night Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	<b>29</b> \$10/5 Packs — 2x Entries \$500 Cash Drawing Breakfast Buffet Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice

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