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## Gov. Evers and Lt. Gov. Barnes Visit FCP



FCP Executive Council with Gov. Evers and Lt. Gov. Barnes



Students taking it all in

by Val Niehaus

Dec. 18, 2019, was a special day for a number of Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) students. On this day, those who hold a A/B average in the local school districts – Crandon, Laona and Wabeno – were privileged to attend a meeting with two special visitors: Gov. Tony Evers and Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes. The students had the opportunity to both listen to and ask questions of these state government leaders.

The FCP Executive Building auditorium filled up with 113 students around the noon hour as they awaited the arrival of those visiting. Once their vehicles arrived with their security detail, FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. stepped outside to shake hands and give hugs to these gentlemen as they were welcomed

to the FCP community. As they walked into the auditorium, Fire Nation greeted all visitors with a welcome song which had everyone on their feet.

Once inside, the students grabbed some pizza, took their seats, and listened to Chairman Daniels make introductions. He welcomed both gentlemen and went on to say, “Lt. Governor Barnes and Governor Evers have only been in office for about one year, but they have already done amazing things for Indian Country. During their time in office they have consistently asked for input by the tribes. And in October, Evers designated the second Monday of each October to honor Indigenous people. He is the first Wisconsin Governor to recognize Indigenous People’s Day!” There was a huge round of applause following this statement after which Daniels welcomed Barnes to the podium.

Barnes began by expressing his gratitude for the invitation extended to him and the governor to visit the Potawatomi community. He spoke of how partnership is necessary in having things run smoothly with matters that involve the state and the tribe. He said, “It’s important we as a state recognize the cultural contributions that the Potawatomi give. I’m excited to be here today as we talk about the future because...the future is in this room.” He went on to talk with the students of the importance of fighting for things you believe in and emphasized that you can’t always do things alone and may need the help of others at times to achieve your goals. He shared that obstacles may arise, but it is important to keep pushing through them to be successful in the pursuit of those goals. He made mention of the first two Native American ladies elected to Congress, which elicited a huge response from the crowd. He closed by saying, “I’m so proud to serve as your

Lt. Governor, and I’m so proud to be a friend and a partner to the Potawatomi. I hope the best for you all. Don’t hesitate to look at me if you need some help, guidance, inspiration in making your dreams become a reality. Thanks so much for having me!”

Barnes then proceeded to introduce his friend and our governor, Tony Evers. Evers first talked about how significant it was that the students in the room were A/B students and how important that was to hear. He discussed having personally been raised in a small town in Wisconsin. He then spoke about moving on through further schooling to first become a teacher, then a principal, then on to the position of superintendent and then finally to the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Wisconsin. In telling the students his personal professional history, he was clearly emphasizing the importance of education in achieving life goals. He then moved on in his presentation to say, “I absolutely value the relationships we have here with tribal nations – especially the Potawatomi. I had the opportunity to sign an Executive order as Chairman Daniels mentioned in making the second Monday of every October Indigenous Peoples Day.” He then went on to speak about the sovereignty of all the tribal nations here in Wisconsin and how important it is to remember that Indigenous people were here long before his ancestors came here. Evers said, “I truly believe that if we want a state that works and succeeds, we have to honor that sovereignty that the tribal nations should have in the state of Wisconsin.”

In closing he said, “One thing I have to tell you...that I think is really, really important is that your heritage is an advantage to you. I encourage you to be proud of your background and

heritage and to use that heritage to your advantage – go to college...study hard, continue to do good things and give back to your community. You bring honor to our education system, and I thank you for that. It was a real pleasure being here today. Thank you very much!”

Once finished, the governor and Lt. governor opened up the floor for questions from the students. The very first question the governor received was, “How old are you?” With a chuckle through the crowd, the governor gave his answer with a smile. Other questions ranged from “Why did you want to be the governor?” to “Do you have any pets?” One has to love the honesty of young people.

The visit was educational and meaningful for everyone present. Even if people’s political views are different from one another, it was still pretty cool to have the governor and Lt. governor of the State of Wisconsin take time out of their day to spend with Potawatomi students. This visit is something these students will remember their whole life and that in itself is very significant!



A moment Gemma Frank won't forget

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### Elder Menus - JANUARY 2020

Wednesday, 1/1  
New Year's Day

Thursday, 1/16  
Mexican Lasagna,  
Breadstick, Pears

Thursday, 1/2

Fish Sandwich w/Lettuce,  
Tomato & Cheese, Baked Beans,  
Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit

Friday, 1/17

General Tso's Boneless Wings,  
Pasta Veggie Salad, Fruit Juice

Friday, 1/3

Taco Casserole, Garlic Bread,  
Green Beans, Fruit Juice, Orange

Monday, 1/20  
Holiday

Tuesday, 1/21

Hamburger Gravy over Mashed  
Potatoes, California Blend Veggies,  
Honeydew Melon

Monday, 1/6

Egg Salad Sandwich, Broccoli & Dip,  
Cheese Stick, Red Plums

Wednesday, 1/22

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich,  
Brussels Sprouts, Squash,  
Jello® Cake

Tuesday, 1/7

Chicken ala King over Brown Rice,  
Beets, Bread & Butter,  
Jello® and Fruit

Wednesday, 1/8

Pepper Steak over Noodles,  
Cucumber & Tomato Salad,  
Craisins®, Cookie

Thursday, 1/23

Beef Pot Roast, Potatoes, Carrots,  
Dinner Roll, Mandarin Oranges

Thursday, 1/9

Turkey Tetrizzini, Corn,  
Dinner Roll, Peaches

Friday, 1/24

Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/Lettuce  
& Tomato, Cold Pork & Beans, Kiwi

Friday, 1/10

Beef Stew w/Potatoes, Carrots &  
Peas, Biscuit, Apple

Monday, 1/27

Cheddarwurst & Kraut, Wax Beans,  
Cucumber Salad, Pineapple

Monday, 1/13

BBQ Baked Chicken,  
Baked Beans, Celery & Carrot  
Sticks, Nutri-Grain® Bar

Tuesday, 1/28

Lasagna, Garlic Bread,  
Carrots, Banana

Tuesday, 1/14

Pork Roast, Parsley Potatoes,  
Spinach Side Salad, Strawberries

Wednesday, 1/29

Beef Stroganoff over Noodles, Side  
Salad, Asparagus, Cherry Torte

Wednesday, 1/15

Indian Taco w/Lettuce, Tomato &  
Sour Cream, Blueberry Pie

Thursday, 1/30

Battered Fish, Baked Potato, Calico  
Beans, Rye Bread, Cantaloupe

Friday, 1/31

Bacon Lettuce & Tomato Wrap,  
Cottage Cheese w/Chives, Grapes

\*Menus are subject to change\*



### Happy January Birthday to These Elders!

1-5 Virginia Jacobson  
1-10 Steven Crawford Sr.  
1-12 Jane Griffin  
1-15 Michael Alloway  
1-15 Kayci Orcutt  
1-16 Rose Barber

1-17 Gerald Jacobson Sr.  
1-20 Hazel George  
1-23 Veronica Frank  
1-29 Lorraine Alloway-Dickenson  
1-29 Gary Crawford Sr.

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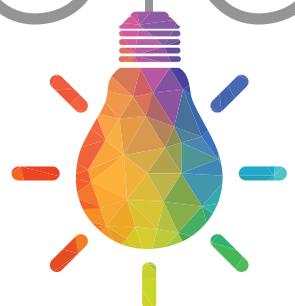
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Meetings take place on the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m. We consider it an honor and a privilege to be of service to the Potawatomi community. Membership in FCP Veterans

Post 1 is open to all veterans and spouses of Potawatomi tribal members. Please join us!

# Breakfast with Santa

by Val Niehaus

On Dec. 18, 2019, Play Shoppe held its annual “Breakfast with Santa” at the old tribal hall.

Rising Sun Daycare children came over for the festivities along with other community children aged 1-4 years. For breakfast there were pancakes, bacon, sausage and juice with which to fill their little bellies.

The children were able to decorate their own cookies and make a Santa-inspired frame to hold their photo with Santa and themselves.

Santa was so gracious that he went to

each and every child and personally talked with them for a minute or two, asking them what they wanted for Christmas and if they had been good or bad. Most of the little ones loved this and kept saying, “Santa, Santa!” But of course, there were a few in the crowd who kept their distance.

Many thanks to all who made this event possible and did the cooking of breakfast. And a BIG thanks to the Big Man himself for stopping through during his busiest time of year!



**Deadline for the January 15, 2020 issue of the *Traveling Times* is Thursday, January 2, 2020.**

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## Questions About Cervical Cancer

submitted by Community Health

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. Learn more about cervical cancer and what you can do to protect yourself.

### 1. What is cervical cancer?

Cancer is a disease that happens when cells in our bodies grow out of control. Cancer mostly starts in one place and can spread to other parts of the body. We name types of cancer after the body part in which it started. Cancer that starts in the cervix is called cervical cancer. The cervix is the part of the reproductive system that connects the vagina (birth canal) to the uterus (the womb).

### 2. How do you get cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer is almost always caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is a common virus that can be passed from person-to-person through sexual contact. There are many types of HPV. Some types can cause changes to a woman's cervix, which can lead to cancer. HPV is very common – most people get it at some point in their lives! HPV does not have symptoms and can go away on its own. But if HPV does not go away, it can cause cancer.

### 3. Who can get cervical cancer?

Any woman can get cervical cancer, but women over 30 are at the most risk. There are certain things that can add to your risk of cervical cancer: Smoking, having HIV, giving birth to three or more children, and having multiple sexual partners. Women who do not get cervical cancer screenings regularly could have cancer and not know it.

### 4. What are the symptoms of cervical cancer?

In the early stages of cervical cancer, you may not notice any changes or symptoms. When cervical cancer has been around longer, it can cause bleeding or discharge from the vagina that is not normal for you. If you have these signs, it is best to make an appointment with your doctor.

### 5. Can cervical cancer be prevented?

Cervical cancer can be prevented by getting the HPV vaccine from your doctor. HPV vaccines prevent infection from the types of HPV that cause cancer. Even males can get HPV and should be vaccinated. You can get the HPV vaccine as early as nine years old. Even if you have the HPV vaccine, you should be screened for cervical cancer.

There are two types of cervical cancer screenings: the Pap test (Pap smear) and an HPV test. A Pap test looks for changes in the cells of your cervix that could lead to cancer. The HPV test looks for the human papillomavirus, which can lead to cancer. These tests can be done at your doctor's office. If there are cell changes in the cervix, they can be treated before they turn into cancer.

### 6. When should women start getting Pap tests?

Women should start getting Pap tests when they are 21 years old. If a Pap test comes back normal, the doctor may tell you that you do not need another Pap test for three years.

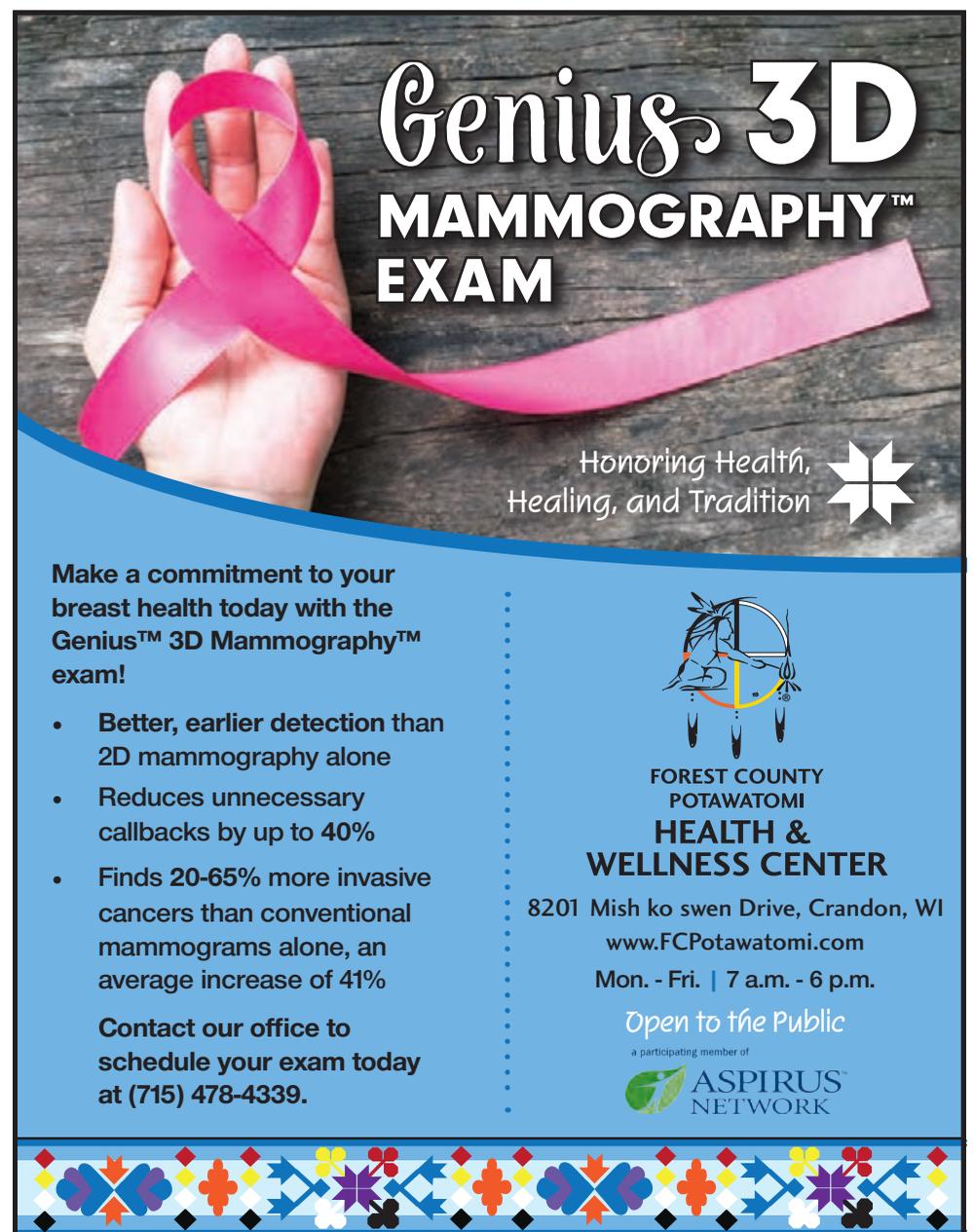
### 7. How is cervical cancer diagnosed and treated?

There are a few types of treatment, depending on how far the cancer has spread. Surgery may be used to remove the cancer tissue. Medicine used to shrink or kill the cancer can be given through chemotherapy. Radiation is a high-energy ray that is used to kill cancer. There are side effects and risks to each type of treatment.

### 8. Is cervical cancer curable?

Cervical cancer can be cured if found early and treated quickly. It is important to get screened regularly so that cancer can be treated early if found.

Sources: [www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/index.htm); [www.cdc.gov/cancer/hpv/basic\\_info/](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/hpv/basic_info/)



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## Forest County Made Holiday Miracles Come Early for Local Charities

### WJFW News Watch 12

CRANDON, Wis. (Dec. 9, 2019) - The holiday season came a little early this year to charities in Forest County.

A team from the Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel (PCCH) delivered toys and essentials to charities around Crandon.

Donated toys went towards the Associated Banks Giving Tree Program.

A spokesperson from the bank gave a statement on behalf of the donation: "As-

sociated has been a coordinator and sponsor of the Giving Tree since it began in 1994," the statement said. "We are proud of our friends, neighbors, and colleagues in Crandon who willingly donate toys to children in need - it is exciting to see the increase in donations year after year."

The group not only donated toys but bought supplies from Schaefer's Market to donate to other charities and non-prof-

its. One of those organizations is the Forest County Humane Society.

Humane Society Director Angie Schaefer said it makes her feel good to know the community supports their cause. "It just makes you feel good that you know the generosity of people and humanity that they're thinking about you," said Schaefer.

The group also donated food and

hygiene items to NEWCAP.

PCCH Marketing Director Petra Nielson said she appreciates the generosity of her team and their efforts.

"To see this kind of generosity, above and beyond what's been shown to me personally, makes me even that more proud and humbled to work for such a great organization and a great tribe," said Nielson.

## Heart of Canal Street Campaign Sets Fundraising Record

submitted by Jay Saunders, PHC Public Relations Specialist

There are a record-setting number of reasons to be thankful this holiday season. Recently, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino announced the 2019 Heart of Canal Street campaign raised \$1.195 million - the most in the fundraising program's 26-year history!

With this year's inspiring total, Heart of Canal Street has raised more than \$20 million for hundreds of children's charities in southeastern Wisconsin since its inception in 1994. The previous record was set in 2016 with \$1.174 million raised.

The 2019 funds will go to 31 organizations which benefit children in our area in a variety of ways. The charities have already been selected by Potawatomi, this year's Heart of Canal Street media partners, and through a random drawing.

Sojourner Family Peace Center was selected by Potawatomi this year as the "Charity of Choice," meaning Sojourner will receive the first \$100,000 of funds raised. Sojourner will use that money to benefit its Camp HOPE program, a week-long summer camp for kids impacted by domestic violence.

Ten additional charities were selected by this year's Heart of Canal Street media partners:

- ACTS Housing, presented by Biz-Times
- ALS Association of Wisconsin, presented by Lamar Outdoor
- Arts at Large, presented by 88nine Radio Milwaukee
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro MKE, presented by WITI Fox 6
- Girls on the Run, presented by Fox Sports Wisconsin
- Kids Matter, Inc., presented by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
- Sharp Literacy, presented by Clear Channel Outdoor
- Special Olympics, presented by WTMJ TV
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- Zachariah's Acres, presented by CBS 58

In addition to those organizations, 20 charities will receive funding through the annual Heart of Canal Street random drawing, which this year received more than 150 applicants:

- 16th Street Community Health Center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Wisconsin
- COA Youth and Family Centers
- Harry and Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center
- Healing Hearts of Waukesha County
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- Sunset Play House
- Team UP! With Families
- The Food Pantry Serving Waukesha County

- Wisconsin Community Services
- Vision Forward Association
- YMCA of Greater Waukesha Co.

Heart of Canal Street is Potawatomi Hotel & Casino's signature community program. It began as a way to carry on the Potawatomi tradition of nurturing younger generations so they grow to lead healthy, productive lives. The majority of funds are raised through our bingo department. During each bingo session between August and December, players can choose to participate in the Canal Street Bingo game. Half of each \$3 and \$7 game purchased goes into the fundraising pool. For more information, please visit [www.paysbig.com/heart](http://www.paysbig.com/heart).

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• **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.

**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**  
Open to FCP tribal members and individuals eligible for Alternative Care Program. Services include: appointments with nurses and CHR's to determine a quit plan, kit filled with items that aid in the quitting process, educational materials and products, plus a reward upon completion of third smoking cessation appointment.

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

**SPARKS Weight Mgmt. Program**

By appointment. S - Support; P - Program; A - Get Active, Stay Active; R - Reap the Rewards: feel better, be healthier; K - Know the basics of good nutrition; S - Stay focused on being healthy. Please call (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

**FCP Economic Support**

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)

- Provides the direct connection between DMV and individual for driver's license status
- Provides connection with Human Service Center for Assessment
- Assists with any other device or information needed to complete the driver's license reinstatement

**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.

**ESET** - 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!



# JANUARY EVENT CALENDAR

**Community Health**

- 1/7 - Infant Nutrition, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., HWC
  - 1/9 - Blood Drive, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Museum Lower Level
  - 1/11 - Bug Lake Fisheree, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
  - 1/14 - WIC, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., HWC
  - 1/15 - Diabetes Luncheon, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m., HWC
  - 1/15 - Healing Journey
  - 1/16 - Tribal Wellvation Kick-Off Event, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., HWC
  - 1/22 - Sobriety Feast
  - 1/23 - Tribal Wellvation Kick-Off Event, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., HWC
- Community Health Department will be closed on Jan. 1, 2, 20.

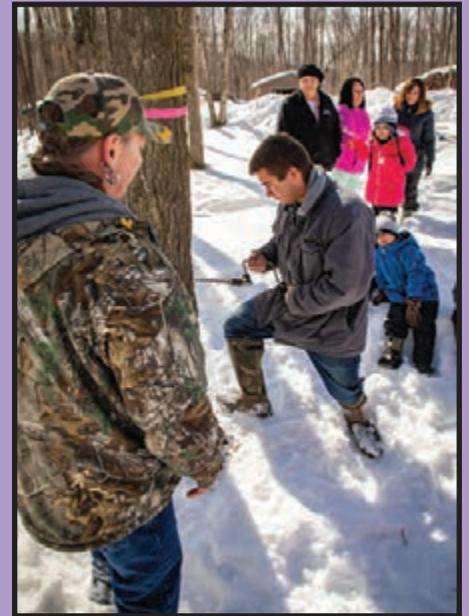
**Family Resource Center**

- Healthy Relationships Class: Mondays (6, 13, 27) 1 - 3 p.m.
  - Moral Reconciliation Therapy Class: Tuesdays (7, 14, 21, 28), 10 a.m. - noon
  - Positive Indian Parenting Class (PIP): Thursdays (2, 9, 16, 23, 30), 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.

**CHOICES Program**

- Youth 9 - 11: Mondays (6, 13, 27)
  - Youth 12 - 17: Tuesdays (7, 14, 21, 28)
  - Youth 6 - 8: Wednesdays (8, 15, 22, 29)
- 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.

# Year In Review 2019



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# Judge Rejects Motions to Dismiss IEN & NCRA Lawsuit Against President Trump's Keystone XL Pipeline Approval

submitted by the Indigenous Environmental Network

MONTANA (Dec. 20, 2019) Lead Plaintiffs in the litigation to stop the Keystone XL (KXL) Pipeline – the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) and North Coast Rivers Alliance (NCRA) – won a pivotal ruling from Montana Federal District Judge Brian Morris rejecting motions filed by pipeline promoter TC Energy (formerly TransCanada) and the Trump Administration to dismiss IEN's and NCRA's lawsuit to overturn President Trump's approval of the KXL Pipeline. In a 41-page ruling, Judge Morris held that all three of the Plaintiffs' constitutionally-based claims against the approval were plausible and therefore should proceed to a merits hearing. Because TC Energy had voluntarily agreed to refrain from construction until next April, the court denied Plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction – but without prejudice to its later renewal. The Judge also ordered the parties to submit additional briefs on eight key issues in January and February.

IEN Executive Director Tom B. K. Goldtooth hailed the ruling as a landmark decision recognizing that President Trump may not ignore limits on his power imposed by the United States Constitution. NCRA President Frank Egger agreed that Judge Morris' rejection of the motions to dismiss their lawsuit showed that the President must still answer to the courts when he oversteps the constitutional bounds of his powers.

The Keystone XL Pipeline would pose grave risks to the environment, including the climate, cultural resources, water quality, fish and wildlife, and human health and safety.

## The Ruling

Judge Morris issued six principal rulings:

**First**, Plaintiffs have standing to challenge the approval because it poses specific, impending harm to them.

**Second**, Plaintiffs' alleged harm is redressable because the Court has authority under the Constitution “to review President Trump's actions for lawfulness and enjoin his actions if it were to determine that President Trump acted unlawfully when he issued the 2019 Permit.” Ruling at 19-20.

**Third**, “Plaintiffs raise persuasive arguments regarding Congress's authority to regulate cross-border pipeline permits under the Foreign Commerce Clause,” and “[t]here are strong arguments that the President cannot exercise a foreign affairs power granted to Congress.”

**Fourth**, “[t]he Property Clause provides Congress the power over the public

lands to control their occupancy and use, to protect them from trespass and injury, and to prescribe the conditions upon which others may obtain rights in them.”

**Fifth**, “Plaintiffs' assertion that the President lacks the inherent constitutional authority to issue the 2019 Permit, combined with Congress's approval of the 2004 Executive Order's permitting process through the TPTCCA, sufficiently supports Plaintiffs' claim that the 2019 Permit violated the 2004 Executive Order.”

**Sixth**, Judge Morris declined to issue a preliminary injunction at this time because “TC Energy is not currently engaged in any activities that alter the status quo.” However, “Plaintiffs remain free to renew their request for a preliminary injunction should TC Energy's future activities interfere with the status quo.”

## Background

The 875-mile Keystone XL (KXL) Pipeline would be an environmental disaster. Like all metal pipelines, it would corrode, leak and spill. The many rivers it crosses – and threatens to pollute – include the Missouri, Yellowstone, Cheyenne and Platte, which provide essential water supplies to Indigenous communities and habitat for fish and wildlife including the highly endangered Whooping Crane. Combustion of the 830,000 barrels per day of toxic tar sands oil it would carry would push global warming beyond the point of no return, triggering uncontrollable melting of polar ice, heating of the oceans and sea level rise, propelling the Planet into an ecological tailspin. The Indigenous Nations and the conservation community are united in their condemnation of this reckless, unneeded and destructive project.

In 2015, former Secretary of State John Kerry rejected the KXL Pipeline because the global warming it would unleash would harm the national interest. But on March 23, 2017, President Trump nonetheless purported to approve the project. Four days later, IEN and NCRA filed suit. They won a series of rulings in Montana Federal Court, culminating in Judge Brian Morris' Final Judgment on Nov. 8, 2018, overturning the approval because it violated federal environmental laws. On March 15, 2019, these Plaintiffs won a second victory, when Judges Barry Silverman and Richard Tallman of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected TransCanada's appeal of Judge Morris' Judgment.

Having lost in both the trial and appellate courts, on March 29, 2019,

President Trump resorted to the extreme measure of openly defying those court orders by reapproving KXL himself, without conducting the additional environmental and agency reviews that the courts had ordered. Seven days later, IEN and NCRA again filed suit, alleging that President Trump's approval violated the Commerce Clause and the Property Clause of the United States Constitution, which give Congress – and not the President – exclusive power to regulate the importation of foreign oil and the use of federal lands to transport it. The statutes Congress has enacted give authority to regulate the KXL pipeline to federal agencies, which must comply with a host of environmental laws including NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act and the Federal Land Policy Management Act. President Trump may not constitutionally bypass these agencies and the environmental laws they enforce.

IEN and NCRA contend that President Trump's attempt to reapprove the KXL Pipeline without compliance with the previous court rulings, and in disregard of this nation's environmental laws, must be struck down as unconstitutional. They have confidence that the federal courts – long the protectors of our civil liberties – will once again rise to the challenge and enforce the Constitution and the laws of this land, and restore respect for the law as our Founding Fathers intended.

## Plaintiffs

Established in 1990, IEN was formed by grassroots Indigenous peoples and individuals to address environmental and economic justice issues both in North America and throughout the planet. IEN's Executive Director Tom B.K. Goldtooth has been at the forefront of Native and environmental leaders who have called upon President Trump to renounce the KXL Pipeline. “KXL would be a disaster for the Northern Plains and a catastrophe for Mother Earth,” Mr. Goldtooth stated. “Our scientists have confirmed that carbon dioxide levels have now exceeded 400 parts per million, which many believe is the ‘tipping point’ beyond which global warming will accelerate beyond our control. We have already lost most of the glaciers in our great Glacier National Park, and sea levels are rising throughout the globe. The dirty tar sands crude oil that KXL would transport requires far more energy to process than other sources of petroleum, and its extraction has already destroyed hundreds of square miles of boreal forests and

wetlands in Alberta. We need to keep our fossil fuels in the ground and shut down extraction of highly polluting tar sands at their source. President Trump's attempt to sidestep the court rulings that overturned his earlier approval of KXL undermines our system of checks and balances, and must be defeated,” Mr. Goldtooth added.

NCRA is an association of conservation leaders from the western and northern United States and Canada which has advocated for decades on behalf of rivers and watersheds in jeopardy throughout North America. Its President, Frank Egger, has been fighting to save salmon and other endangered fishes in the Pacific Northwest for five decades. “Oil, water and fish do not mix. KXL poses an unacceptable risk to the Missouri, Yellowstone and Cheyenne rivers and their fish and wildlife. No oil pipeline is safe. One major oil spill, and these rivers and their adjacent aquifers would be polluted for generations,” explained Mr. Egger. “President Trump must obey the law and comply with the court orders we have won,” he added.

## Plaintiffs' Counsel

Stephan Volker, attorney for IEN and NCRA, stated, “The courts correctly rejected the Trump Administration's false claim that the KXL Pipeline would not worsen global warming, impact Native American cultural resources, nor threaten hundreds of rivers and groundwater basins with oil spills. President Trump's attempt to evade the courts' orders attacks the very bedrock of our Constitutional Democracy. Our Founding Fathers understood the vital necessity of our system of checks and balances, where the courts protect our citizens from unlawful conduct by the President. President Trump has trampled on our Constitution by launching a frontal assault on the power of our courts to enforce the law.” Additional documents pertaining to the litigation can be obtained from the Volker Law Offices.

*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.*



# Narrative Change Needed to Support Indigenous-led Work

written by Hester Dillon; submitted by First Nations Development Institute

For philanthropy to support initiatives in Indian Country, it is not necessary to build a comprehensive knowledge of Indigenous cultures. It does require a willingness to unlearn myths, operate from a standpoint of respect and reciprocity, and be willing to support relationships that foster growth, creativity, and the natural progression of learning.

I am the product of my ancestors' dreams and my relatives who came before me. Without their dreams and love, I would not be writing this today. I am a Cherokee woman who has worked at NoVo Foundation as Program Officer for Indigenous Communities for over four years. I'd like to offer my experience and observations as to why more Indigenous-led work should be supported and how you can be a part of it.

To begin, think about where you're sitting as you read this and take a moment to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Indigenous peoples whose land you are on. If you don't know the name of the people(s), it's okay. Remember, we're planting seeds. (For the overachievers, you can go to Native Land and search the territory you're curious about. You may see overlaps; people moved around, some were unwelcome visitors, and boundaries weren't static. The Indigenous world was complex and cosmopolitan.)

1. Indigenous communities and Indigenous-led work are in your foundation's footprint. If you're not supporting it, you're missing some of the most innovative and transformative work out there.

To those not familiar with this work, it's holistic. What does that mean exactly? In one community, it's a Native language immersion school that created a board game in the language being taught for its students and shared it with the local elementary school so more students could learn their Native tongue. As a result, more young people are speaking their tribal language and teaching their relatives. This immersion school is also working with their tribe to replace red meat with buffalo, a traditional food, in school lunches. The school purchasing the buffalo gives business to the tribe's buffalo enterprise and recirculates dollars locally. Skinning and processing the buffalo gives the students an opportunity to use their language and better understand a part of their culture. The students do not use playground equipment; instead, they learn and play traditional games. The games reinforce life skills, academic learning, and community values. Holistic work, then, is interconnected; each part of the whole is essential for the whole to make sense.

At NoVo Foundation, our Indigenous

Communities Initiative is a fundamental part of our mission to build a more just and balanced world. We support about 175 organizations in the United States and beyond, predominantly Indigenous-led. We support grassroots, national, and international efforts that include language revitalization, strengthening of food systems, cultural practices, law and policy frameworks, environmental justice, ending violence against Indigenous girls and women, and leadership development for Indigenous girls and women. In most instances, this work proceeds regardless of a foundation like NoVo. However, we hope that our flexible, general operating support helps organizations advance their work even more rapidly.

If you're reading this and you work in philanthropy, I bet there is fantastic Indigenous-led work within your foundation's footprint and focus areas. Think of it as being a good neighbor in your footprint. Call it diversity, equity, and inclusion, but don't wait to support it, as I believe this work will inspire you.

2. Don't believe the spin and stereotypes about Indigenous people and tribal governments.

Contrary to what the 1953 film *Peter Pan* would lead you to believe, we do not make noise by fanning a hand over our open mouths while calling out "wha." Thanksgiving is an untrue story, part of a national myth that arose in the late 1800s – right around the time Indigenous people were largely confined to reservations and record numbers of European immigrants arrived. It was a way to close the "frontier" and to weave all the newcomers into a national fabric.

We're not all Sioux, Cherokee, or Navajo living in the Upper Great Plains, Oklahoma, or the Southwest. We're not all "taken care of" by the United States government, or alcoholics, or rich from gaming. We are human – complicated, contradictory, beautiful, and diverse in our thoughts, opinions, and actions.

History books, school systems, professional sports, Hollywood movies (John Wayne: two thumbs down), policymakers, and the U.S. Supreme Court have done a fantastic job of minimizing Indigenous people through stereotypes and mascots, portraying us largely as dead, historical figures (choose between blood-thirsty savages or children of nature); and making invisible those of us who remain.

By presenting us as static or historical artifacts, or not presenting us at all (think categories like "statistically insignificant" or "other"), it's easier to absolve and deflect guilt for taking our land, committing genocide against our ancestors and relatives, and failing to make

amends. The same is true of families and the stories people tell themselves about how their ancestors arrived in and settled what we currently call the United States. I know, I have some non-Indigenous relatives.

However, this doesn't mean that non-Indigenous people need to feel guilty and suffer from inaction. Examine and free yourself from this inaccurate history and these destructive stereotypes. For a snapshot of accurate Indigenous history, there are some great timelines you can visit one from Indian Land Tenure Foundation and one from Institute for Native Justice. For a broader overview, check out First Nations Development Institute's recommended reading lists. You can immerse yourself in a vast body of history, literature, and poetry written by and in support of Indigenous peoples.

A few words about what this work isn't. It's not an attempt to kick out the descendants of settler-colonists, rip up the concrete, and repopulate the Western Hemisphere. We already know the answer to the late Oneida comedian Charlie Hill's question posed on *The Richard Pryor Show* in 1977: "You guys gonna stay the night?"

When Indigenous people seek to manage our lands, prosecute wrongdoers in our communities, or oversee other aspects of life in our communities, we are exercising our inherent rights as independent, political governments and peoples. I recently had to explain to a large organization that food "sovereignty" had nothing to do with lobbying. Sovereignty is the authority to self-govern. Why is this so unsettling? I think because there is a perception that some must lose power if others attain it. I offer that when we each have power, the whole is strengthened.

3. Relationships make this work (and all other work) possible, and relationships require effort. One funding relationship is a starting place. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Philanthropy comes from the Greek *philo*, meaning "the love of" and *anthropos*, meaning "human beings." Indigenous peoples understand philanthropic concepts inherently because of fundamental elements in our worldviews: everything is related, and value is placed on the good of the whole. Since everything is related, relationships are at the core of being human, as are respect and reciprocity.

As a result, relationships in Indigenous communities are much less transactional. I offer that true, systemic change begins with and is sustained by people. Rigid timelines, efficiency, and scalability can inhibit the growth, creativity, and the

natural progression of learning. Why not extend this flexibility to those philanthropy supports? NoVo tries to do this in its work.

I've been told that Wilma Mankiller attributed the Cherokee Nation's success under her tenure as principal chief to relationships. (Wilma was good at building relationships. She received Independent Sector's John W. Gardner Leadership Award and spent 12 years on the Ford Foundation's board.)

It sounds obvious, but it bears mentioning that you can't work with people when you don't know them. Indigenous communities have had a lot of experience with extractive visitors (settlers, anthropologists, oil businesses, etc.) and benevolent do-gooders (missionaries, short-term volunteers, etc.).

Chances are Indigenous people aren't going to seek out non-Indigenous folks because those exchanges haven't gone so well. So, it's a good idea to go to Native communities.

Some people posit that 80 percent of life is showing up. This is especially true in Indigenous communities. Showing up helps give people confidence that plans are for real and outsiders, especially, might be worthy of trust – with time. It shows respect for relationships and what is happening in the community.

Since Indigenous communities are less transactional, they are more attuned to the life events that influence their relationships: ceremonies, deaths, and unforeseen events, both good and bad. If someone dies, it's very possible that your grant report will be late. You may or may not hear about it. You will likely get your report. If you don't, it's a communication wrinkle to iron out – probably not a reason to suspend funding indefinitely. Wouldn't you want to be cut some slack in the same situation? This goes back to the meaning of philanthropy.

4. Don't overthink it. The histories of Indigenous communities are complex. It's not complicated to support Indigenous-led work.

I've heard people say that it's too complicated to work with Indigenous communities. Or people say things like tribal governments are corrupt or ineffective, the community atmosphere is dysfunctional, community members are unreliable, or it's just too difficult to understand the history and current events that have created present-day circumstances. This could be said of any community. Complexity is a poor excuse.

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## Narrative Change Needed

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Indigenous people do not expect non-Indigenous people to know everything about their histories. Not everyone who is Indigenous knows their history. Making an effort to educate and inform yourself about a community's history is appreciated, as it is anywhere. Another great way to learn is by asking – then actually listening – to the response. You don't need to be an expert in Indigenous history, politics, or culture to fund Indigenous-led work.

Also, no one is expecting you to walk into a community and know all the cultural protocols. As a guest in any community, it behooves you to arrive and behave in a thoughtful, respectful manner. This means asking for guidance about what to do and not do and not assuming that people are on display for visitors' consumption (taking a photograph without asking permission first, etc.). Listening

and observing is nearly always a good idea.

There are a few ways to support Indigenous-led work. One is through intermediaries that can re-grant to nonprofits, fiscally-sponsored projects, and tribal governments. There are several national, Indigenous-led organizations that offer this as part of their work. One nice thing about intermediaries is that they have many relationships that have often taken years to develop. This is helpful since many philanthropies' grant strategies change regularly. Working with an intermediary can minimize the disruption that occurs when the philanthropy's "partnership" ends.

By working with an intermediary, though, the philanthropy may be asking that organization to add staff and infrastructure. Therefore, attention needs to be paid to whether the intermediary

wants to do this work, over what period of time the philanthropy wants to support the work, and what the organization needs to do it sustainably. There is tension (think externalities, paternalism) in working this way. In my experience, this must be minimized by the philanthropy and intermediary having frank conversations before and throughout the grantmaking.

Other ways are directly/through donor-advised funds. For philanthropies that haven't supported Indigenous communities, it's worth the time to learn about the region/area of work your institution intends to support (history, array of organizations that work in the area and what their goals are, etc.) before making grants. Talk with other foundations who make grants in the region or area of work you are considering. Go to regional gatherings of grant-makers and/or nonprofits, if they exist. This will help you develop relationships and, likely, make more successful grants over the long term.

Indigenous people and Indigenous-led organizations are resourceful and generous. We embrace humor (how else do you think we survived attempted genocide?), and we demonstrate systems thinking. If you aren't supporting the work in our communities, I encourage you to join us.

*Hester Dillon, Cherokee Nation, serves as Program Officer for Indigenous Communities at NoVo Foundation. She notes, "I acknowledge the traditional territories of the Eastern Shoshone, Goshute and Ute peoples on whose land I traveled as a guest as I began writing this article. I also acknowledge the traditional territory of the Shoshone-Bannock, on whose land I currently live in what is considered southwest Montana. Despite our society's emphasis on individual accomplishment, I do not believe we do anything alone. I am honored by and say wado (thank you) to those who read this article and offered input."*

## First Americans Museum Enhances Brand to Illustrate Mission

submitted by Darius Bender, Gooden Group

OKLAHOMA CITY (Dec. 12, 2019) – The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum announced a new name and brand for the center: First Americans Museum (FAM). The new name, selected in part for its historical accuracy, illustrates FAM's future-focused mission to serve as a dynamic center that promotes awareness and understanding of the cultural diversity, authentic history and contributions of the 39 First American Tribal Nations in Oklahoma today.

"As we approach the opening of this world-class museum, I was in full agreement with the leadership of the initiative that it was appropriate to move forward with a brand that truly reflects the story we're going to tell here," said Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt. "As a proud Osage and a proud mayor, I am thrilled to see this exciting project move forward as the First Americans Museum. FAM will be a unique, global destination where we celebrate our Native culture and the 39 tribal nations in Oklahoma today."

FAM is located in the heart of Oklahoma at the crossroads of four major interstates, positioning it as the gateway to First American Nations both east and

west. The institution will appeal broadly to local, national and international audiences, offering vibrant experiences for all ages, families, and individuals who want to engage in shared American history.

"This cultural center and museum will serve as a dynamic venue where tribal voices celebrate Native American culture and contributions to our state," said Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation Governor and chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority. "Tribes are an active and stabilizing force in Oklahoma with deep and permanent roots. Through this museum, we carry forward our stories and culture for the benefit of all Americans today and in the future."

While there is no one reference that adequately addresses all the complexities of many diverse nations in one concise term, the FAM brand was created to convey the institution's intention to share stories, history and cultural lifeways from the first-person perspective to create a unique visitor experience.

"Our mission at FAM is to promote awareness of First American cultures, past and present. Our geographic placement

and innovative vision will allow FAM to serve as a gateway to tribes both to the east and the west," said Gregg Wadley, chairman of the American Indian Cultural Center Foundation. "We look forward to celebrating the cultural diversity, authentic history and contributions of the 39 First American Tribal Nations right here in Oklahoma."

The FAM logo, comprised of bold typography, vibrant colors and triangle motifs, is an inclusive and modern expression of First Americans' arts and cultures. Its accompanying tagline, "One Place, Many Nations," represents the 39 tribal nations and their relationships to the First Americans Museum.

"We are taking a bold approach to explore and honor the rich cultures of Oklahoma's First Americans in one central location," James Pepper Henry, executive director of the First Americans Museum said. "The First Americans Museum will be unique in the way it will

share the histories and rich cultures of our tribes – through an immersive experience of live programming, exhibitions, art, food, music and dance."

FAM will provide an array of engaging and vibrant experiences including the Tribal Nations Gallery, Smithsonian Gallery, FAMily Discovery Center, two theaters, dining, shopping, and a wide array of programs and events. For more information about the First Americans Museum, visit FAMok.org and follow FAM on social media at First Americans Museum (Facebook, YouTube) and @FAMokMuseum (Instagram, Twitter).

### About First Americans Museum

*The First Americans Museum will serve as a dynamic center promoting awareness and educating the broader public about the unique cultures, diversity, history, contributions and resilience of the First American Nations in Oklahoma today.*



## College of Menominee Nation Dean's List - 2019 Fall Semester

### Highest Honors (GPA 4.0)

Brandon Dehne, Linda Delgado, Jeffery Denny, Melissa Goldsberry, Kelly Greengrass, Marissa Vele, Jordynne Waupekenay

### High Honors (GPA 3.75-3.99)

James Cox, Morgan Fregien, Jennifer Kuhn, Zachery Marconie, Kim Oshkeshequoam, Michelle Powers, Kareese Waupoose, Stacy White

### Honors (GPA 3.50-3.74)

Corryn Besaw, Kayla Cleveland, Carol Fish, Yancy Jeff, Linda Kaquatosh, Nicole Kraft, Christa Lyons, Markie Miller, Dulce Moeller, Jasmine Neosh, Shawn Pamonicutt, Adam Schulz, JayCee Tourtillott, Rose Track

# Thirty Tribes Selected for Expansion of Program

submitted by United States Department of Justice

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Dec. 16, 2019) – The Department of Justice has selected an additional 30 Indian tribes to participate in the expansion of the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP), a program that provides federally-recognized tribes the ability to access and exchange data with national crime information databases for both criminal and non-criminal justice purposes.

“The Tribal Access Program is strengthening tribal governance and public safety in tribal communities across the United States,” said Attorney General William P. Barr. “TAP provides law enforcement and tribal governments real-time access to data that can help locate a missing person, identify a dangerous fugitive or prevent a domestic abuser from obtaining a gun, among many other important functions. The Trump administration is committed to fixing these public-safety gaps and serving victims in Indian country. I believe the expansion of this law enforcement tool will prove to be critical in achieving those goals.”

TAP is currently deployed to more than 75 tribes across the country with over 300 participating tribal-justice agencies. The program provides software to enable tribes to access national crime information databases and/or a kiosk-workstation that provides the ability to submit and query fingerprint-based transactions via FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Next Generation Identification (NGI) System.

This fifth expansion of TAP is part of the Justice Department’s continuing focus on public safety in American Indian and Alaska Native communities, allowing tribes to more effectively serve and protect their communities by ensuring the exchange of critical data with federal and state databases.

On Nov. 22, Attorney General Barr launched a national strategy to address the issues surrounding missing and murdered Native Americans, and TAP pro-

vides the ability for participating tribes to exchange data with FBI CJIS, including data on missing persons from the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

In October, the Justice Department announced an unprecedented \$273 million in grants to improve public safety, serve victims of crime, combat violence against women, and support youth programs in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

The following tribes have been selected for the next phase of TAP:

- Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan
- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, California
- Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes
- Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy’s Reservation, Montana
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California & Nevada
- Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
- Jamestown S’Kallam Tribe
- Kenaitze Indian Tribe
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Nooksack Indian Tribe
- Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico
- Pueblo of Taos, New Mexico
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation, Nevada
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
- San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona
- San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California
- The Chickasaw Nation
- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- The Osage Nation

- Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
  - Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California (Carson Colony, Dresslerville Colony, Woodfords Community, Stewart Community & Washoe Ranches)
  - Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota
  - Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe
- TAP enhances tribal efforts to register sex offenders pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), have orders of protection enforced off-reservation, protect children, keep firearms away from persons who are disqualified from receiving them, improve safety within public housing, and allows tribes to record their arrests and convictions in national databases.

TAP supports tribes in analyzing their needs for national crime information with appropriate solutions, including a state-of-the-art biometric/biographic kiosk-workstation with capabilities to process finger and palm prints, take mugshots and submit records to national databases, as well as the ability to access CJIS systems for criminal and non-criminal justice purposes through the Department of Justice’s Criminal Justice Information Network. TAP, which is managed by the Chief Information Officer and the Office of Tribal Justice, provides specialized training and assistance for participating tribes, including computer-based training and on-site instruction, as well as a 24/7 help desk.

**Recent success stories from the TAP program include:**

- A tribal foster care program conducted fingerprint-based record checks of a couple who applied to be foster parents. The prints, which were searched via the TAP biometric kiosk-workstation, revealed that one of the applicants had an extensive criminal record, including a manslaughter charge. TAP allowed the tribal foster care program to quickly learn this information and, thus, cease the licensing process.

- A tribal police department utilized TAP to develop leads that eventually resulted in the arrest of a suspect and seizure of 400 counterfeit OxyContin pills laced with fentanyl.

- A tribal child protective services program conducted a name-based check of subjects under investigation for child abuse/neglect. One subject was determined to have an active warrant. A second subject was found to have an extensive violent criminal history and be the subject of an order of protection issued in another state. The tribal child protective services program promptly notified law enforcement of the outstanding warrant.

- A tribal court entered information into national databases to prevent a person with a prior domestic violence conviction who was threatening a former spouse from purchasing a firearm.

- A tribal sex offender registry program has entered all tribally-registered sex offenders into the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) file, information which is accessible to all law enforcement agencies nationwide.

TAP is primarily funded by the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART); the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). TAP prioritized tribal applicants that have a law enforcement agency currently unable to access the FBI CJIS databases; have a tribal sex offender registry pursuant to the Adam Walsh Act and are currently unable to easily submit data to national crime information databases; and/or have a tribal court which issues orders of protection in domestic violence cases.

*For more information on TAP, visit [www.justice.gov/tribal/tribal-access-program-tap](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/tribal-access-program-tap).*

*For more information about the Justice Department’s work on tribal justice, public safety issues and victim services, visit [www.justice.gov/tribal](http://www.justice.gov/tribal).*

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## Lisa Kaye Catering: COOKING WITH FAMILIES 2019

On Saturday, Dec. 7, Lisa Kaye Catering held a Chefs Cooking with Families event where kids and parents were able to cook together. Each family was paired with a chef and cooked a full meal. They had the option of choosing from two complete menus. This was a three-hour event that allowed both kids and parents to gain some unique cooking skills and great recipes for the holiday! All proceeds are to benefit the Culinary Education Program, a non-profit 501c3 organization.



### Menu Option 1

- Cornish Hen
- Corn Bread Dressing
- Fresh Green Beans,
- Apple Pie or Caramel Pecan Apple Pie

### Menu Option 2

- Blackened Fish with a Mango Chutney
- Jasmine Rice
- Green Beans
- Apple Pie or Caramel Pecan Apple Pie

## FCPC Community Center: GREENFIRE LAUNCHES WEBSITE TO TRACK PROGRESS

Greenfire recently launched a new website to track and follow the progress of the Forest County Potawatomi Community Center. Located in a wooded parcel at the intersection of Mish Ko Swen Drive and Fire Keeper's Lane near Highway 8 in Crandon, the 110,000 sq. ft. community center will be a hub for cultural education, recreation, athletic training, competition, wellness and social events for the Community. The design of the building was formed by the Forest County Potawatomi culture, from the two levels that follow the natural grade and lessen the impact on the land to the basic floorplan which takes its inspiration from the form of an eagle in flight.

Athletic venues include a 20,000 sq. ft. wood court gymnasium and a 20,000 sq. ft. fieldhouse with synthetic field turf. The gym will serve as a training and competition venue for court sports, with seating for up to 1,500 spectators. It will also be a central venue for Tribal events such as powwows and banquets. The fieldhouse will serve as an additional performance venue and provide year-round indoor practice and competition space with a 110-yard jogging track elevated above.

An 8,000 sq. ft. recreation and training pool will reside between the gym and fieldhouse and feature six 25-yard lap lanes as well as activity basins including a zero-depth entry play area, slide, water exercise area and a separate spa. Completing the athletics and wellness program areas will be a fitness center, climbing wall, and multiple studio rooms.

Educational and support spaces include a classroom, fab lab, woodshop, teaching kitchen, game room and pediatric therapy suite. A child care suite provides parents a venue for their children while they take advantage of the programs and activities. In the heart of the building will be a two-story common space that connects all areas and creates a social touchstone for the community. It will serve as a center for community gatherings and powwows complemented by an adjacent commercial-kitchen facility. An area for checking out outdoor equipment, such as kayaks and snowshoes, will be accessed from inside and outside the building. An office suite with consult rooms on the upper level will serve program staff and individuals seeking to get started on a fitness program. Construction is underway and will be complete in early Summer 2021.

The website includes a project overview, bi-weekly updates, lookaheads and recent footage. Greenfire is proud to serve as the construction manager on this significant project and is committed to keeping all of its readers up to date on its progress.



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Bingo Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Play to Stay</b> Earn a <i>Free</i> hotel stay Mondays — Wednesdays Just earn 750 same day base points to receive a voucher good for a one night hotel stay.			<b>1 Sweet REWARDS</b> START EARNING ENTRIES! \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Pasta	<b>2 SENIOR DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — Senior Night Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	<b>3</b> Finally \$500 Friday Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	<b>4</b> Jerry Schmitt 7 pm – 11 pm \$10/5 Packs — 2x Entries Breakfast Buffet Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
<b>5 Sweet REWARDS</b> ENTRY MULTIPLIER \$10/5 Packs — 3x Entries Breakfast Buffet Salisbury Steak	<b>6 POP &amp; PLAY</b> Lovin' Country 10:30 am – 2:30 pm Soup in a Bread Bowl	<b>7 hot seats COLD CASH</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Pasta Specialty Nacho	<b>8 hot seats COLD CASH</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Pasta	<b>9 SENIOR DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — Senior Night Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	<b>10</b> \$10/5 Packs — Hot Seat Night Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	<b>11</b> Moonlighters 8 pm – Midnight \$10/5 Packs — 2x Entries Breakfast Buffet / Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
<b>12 Sweet REWARDS</b> ENTRY MULTIPLIER \$10/5 Packs — 3x Entries Breakfast Buffet Salisbury Steak	<b>13 POP &amp; PLAY</b> Mark Wayne 10:30 am – 2:30 pm Soup in a Bread Bowl	<b>14 hot seats COLD CASH</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Pasta Specialty Nacho	<b>15 hot seats COLD CASH</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Pasta	<b>16 SENIOR DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — Senior Night Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	<b>17 POP &amp; PLAY</b> Jim Counter 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm Finally \$500 Friday Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	<b>18</b> \$10/5 Packs — 2x Entries Guest Appreciation Drawings Breakfast Buffet / Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
<b>19 Sweet REWARDS</b> ENTRY MULTIPLIER \$10/5 Packs — 3x Entries Breakfast Buffet Salisbury Steak	<b>20 Dreaming of Cash</b> Soup in a Bread Bowl	<b>21 hot seats COLD CASH</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Pasta Specialty Nacho	<b>22 hot seats COLD CASH</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Pasta	<b>23 SENIOR DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — Senior Night Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	<b>24</b> \$10/5 Packs — Hot Seat Night Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	<b>25</b> Jerry Schmitt 8 pm – Midnight \$10/5 Packs — 2x Entries Breakfast Buffet Prime Rib Buffet Chef's Choice
<b>26 Sweet REWARDS</b> ENTRY MULTIPLIER \$10/5 Packs — 3x Entries Breakfast Buffet Salisbury Steak	<b>27</b> Soup in a Bread Bowl	<b>28</b> Specialty Nacho	<b>29</b> \$10/5 Packs Wacky Wednesday Pasta	<b>30 SENIOR DAY</b> \$10/5 Packs — Senior Night Lunch Buffet Baked Chicken Dinner	Big Dog DJ 10 pm – Midnight (Bingo Hall) Black Light Bingo (Mystery Theme) \$500 Cash Drawing \$10/5 Packs — Hot Seat Night Seafood Buffet Fish Fry	<b>Refer a Friend</b> BRING IN A NEW GUEST OR A GUEST TO BE REACTIVATED & EARN POTAWATOMI PLAY!

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