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## Census 2020: Your Count Matters



(l-r) FCP Census Liaison Skye Alloway, Chicago Regional Director Marilyn A. Sanders, FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., FCP Council Member Brooks Boyd, NCAI CEO Kevin Allis

by Val Niehaus

On Jan. 23, 2020, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) tribe hosted the Census 2020 Tribal Forum at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino (PHC) in Milwaukee. The U.S. Census is held every 10 years and it is extremely important for the Native American population to be counted properly this year and with every census.

The day started with breakfast with the event commencing once everyone got settled. FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. was present to say a prayer.

After the blessing, a special lady was introduced to those in attendance with this being the U.S. Census Bureau's Chicago Regional Director Marilyn A. Sanders, who said, "In this space and time that we occupy is important, and why is it important? Because every 10 years, we have an opportunity to make certain that our voices are heard. To make certain we are counted. I am grateful that you are all here in this room to hear about the upcoming updates on the census." She went on to say something important that is going to make this census different from others that have occurred in the past: "For the first time you will be able to respond to the census online with self-response. In addition, you will have the opportunity to reply to the census by phone, and finally, you can respond by questionnaire and returning it in the mail." She stressed over and over that it is of extreme importance that every "one" is counted to be the voice for what is needed where we live every day. Any program or benefit that is based on population numbers will be affected by the census numbers. She closed by saying, "We need that trusted voice from the Native American Indian community to get that correct count. It is important. It is safe. And you do count!"

Introduced next was CEO of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and FCP tribal member Kevin Allis. He opened by introducing himself as a proud member of the FCP tribe with lineage carrying back to his grandfather,

Harry Ritchie, and of his great-grandfather, Henry Ritchie – both having once been FCP tribal leaders.

Allis continued by saying, "NCAI... we are in our 77th year...and we have been working with census and other administrative agencies longer than any other Native organization in the country." He went on to say, "Census is listing... there's been challenges, they've identified barriers in the past of reaching Indian Country, and they have identified those barriers and there are steps in the right direction. But we have a long way to go. I recently testified on Capitol Hill before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform two weeks ago on this very topic – on hard-to-reach communities. We spoke about the "need" to make sure we get these numbers right, and why is that important? Because reaping our representation in Washington, D.C., is based on those numbers."

He went on to say, "Also, it's tied to federal funding. Although we didn't agree to grants, competitive grants and formulas and all that kind of stuff when we signed treaties hundreds of years ago and gave up millions of acres of land...but that's what we are stuck with right now... and this funding is tied to the numbers and formulas. And if the numbers aren't right and the numbers are small, we suffer."

He went on to talk about some of the challenges there are in reaching Indian Country to assure getting the correct numbers – with one of the concerns

being the movement to online reporting. Allis said, "One of the things we [NCAI] are really concerned about is the movement to online. Approximately 36 percent of Indian Country has NO access to broadband – no chance of doing anything online. And 46 percent of rural Indian Country, which includes all the reservation lands around Indian Country and within the exterior borders of reservations, only 46 percent of those folks have access to broadband – that means 54 percent don't. So, trying to reach us online is challenging and we are trying to figure it out together because it has to be resolved – because access to broadband and internet is a big deal."

Allis then went on to speak about the importance of getting Native Americans and Alaskan Natives to work for the census in getting these numbers recorded and reported correctly to benefit Indian Country as a whole. After all, who would you open the door for? A community member you know? Or a federal agent asking who is all living within your house? For those interested in helping, one can get more information or apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) or call (855) JOB-2020.

Next in the presentation, Chairman Daniels offered a few more remarks about this subject. He said, "We need to send our own people out for these counts and protect our people as well. We are gonna pick people that everyone will know... familiar faces...and that door will be opened easier!"

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# Tribal Member Serves as NCAI CEO

by Val Niehaus



Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) tribal member and newly-hired CEO of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Kevin Allis is no stranger to hard work, determination, and reaching goals. He has been in this position about 8 months and is proud of who he is and his family roots as members of the FCP tribe.

Allis is the son of Sharon Ritchie Allis, grandson of Harry Ritchie and great-grandson of Henry Ritchie – with both of these men having served as past FCP tribal chairmen. In addition to his family heritage, Allis has a 21-year-old son who is a junior in college in upstate New York. He is a lacrosse player for this D3 school and does very well in this sport.

Allis moved from Milwaukee to Baltimore around the age of nine because of his father's career. He spent his youth there attending the usual school programs that most do in this country. After graduating from high school, he went on to obtain his undergrad schooling at Louisiana State University (LSU). He actually went to college on a golf scholarship. As you will see throughout this article, in addition to his family and career, golf is clearly his other passion.

Following the completion of his college education, he spent time playing golf at a professional level. He subsequently returned home and elected to pursue further education by attending law school and enrolled at the University of Baltimore School of Law. While in law school, Allis was also a police officer for the city of Baltimore. He said, "It was about 8 years – almost 9 – of being a police officer, and from there I took a job with a law firm. I was on the management side of practicing labor and employment law."

After working with this firm, Allis moved on to work as an attorney for PiliroMazza PLLC. Here, he was still working as attorney in labor and employment law, but then got his foot a bit more in the door working with Indian Country issues. He helped Native American businesses understand more about their rights and basically provided legal advice to clients on a larger scale regarding a

number of concerns. He worked closely with tribes on Fair Labor Standards Act, National Labor Relations Act, and Family and Medical Leave Act. During this time period, he also authored several articles published in *Indian Gaming* magazine.

During the interview Allis mentioned that because he was still working for this law firm, "I began having clients that wanted to start going up on the 'Hill'. So I started doing more government relations work as well – actually went from a litigator and did a lot of litigation around contracts and labor and employment situations at federal courts around the country. While I was working for this law firm, it morphed into this Capitol Hill advocacy kind of route – becoming more of a lobbyist. I liked it and there is something intoxicating about the 'Hill' once you get up there. Being engaged in what was going on from a policy standpoint at the national level was fun!"

After practicing law for a good 7-8 years of his life, Allis ended up leaving his law firm and moved on to run a national advocacy organization called the Native American Contractors Association (NACA). He explained, "What they did was advocate on behalf of Native American federal contractors. That then coincided with my time being board chairman for the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC), and now we have a very successful government contracting arm in which I had a big part in bringing to the tribe. Now Greg Kolean is running that and doing a great job. He's a superstar and I'm glad we have him on our team."

PBDC subsidiary companies and investments provide financial variation for the FCP community, independent of the tribe's gaming complex in Milwaukee. Some of the businesses that Allis has built up along with members of the team are a data center (this being an idea of his that flourished), the hotel, an IT company, a construction management entity, and an aerospace defense contractor, just to name a few. PBDC is still growing to this day.

Running NACA for a couple years put him on the national stage of working with other Native-focused organizations and tribes such as Alaska Native corporations, Native Hawaiian organizations, Native American tribes, and any other tribally-owned enterprises in the federal government marketplace.

After being Executive Director of NACA for a couple of years, Allis said, "I left that to open up my own government relations firm called Thunderbird Strategic LLC. I had built some followers while running NACA, and being out in Indian country practicing law. I built this small business where I did lobbying for 16 different tribal clients and organizations. I did that for four plus years and then

when the NCAI job became available, I had a half dozen people call me up and say, 'Kevin you need to put your name in'."

This was quite the decision to be processed when the opportunity presented itself to Allis. He said, "You know, I had my own business, I didn't have to report to anybody, I had a few employees, I could come and go as I wanted. I really thought about it...I actually went away on my own for a weekend to play golf at this club I belong to and I thought, you know it's gonna be really competitive...I'm gonna have to really focus on the preparation for the interview process. I came back saying, you know what? This is NCAI. It's the preeminent American Indian advocacy organization in the history of this country...not just now. In the history of this country. From 1944 to 1971, NCAI on its 'own' changed the general direction of the United States from one of termination to one of self-determination." The passion with which Allis speaks about NCAI and what it has done for the American Indian can give anyone who is hopeless a strong sense of hope again and belief in something great!

After his golf outing, he decided, "what do I have to lose?" Continuing to discuss this issue with Allis, he talked about the process of preparing for the interview... and honestly, one can get worn out just listening to him describe the amount of information he processed. He said, "I read every book about the organization. Not once, not twice, but three times. I highlighted it like it was a law book...I learned EVERYTHING about the history of the organization and how the policy trends flowed through the 76 years. Then, I studied all the current things they are doing and then laid upon it my management style. First interview was by phone, and I knew going into this there were probably a dozen applying. The interview was supposed to last an hour and went on for two hours and 15 minutes."

Once that step was done, it was then time for the in-person interview, which was weeks after the phone interview. This consisted of sitting in front of a panel of 16 people – the entire board. It's made up of one person from each of the 12 Native regions represented from around the country, and four administrative board members: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

He said, "I got there and I was thinking, am I the first person here to be interviewed? So, I went into the interview and they said, 'Kevin, this will last two hours.' It ended up going three hours and they asked me 76 questions. It was pretty intense."

Allis remembers it was a beautiful June day. He decided to walk back to his office instead of taking an Uber. He felt accomplished and relieved to have the whole process done, but was still feeling great and confident that he knocked that interview out of the park.

He proceeded to say, "I got back to my office at my own business and decided, I have all my client work done – why don't I just go play a game of golf, relax a bit and just have some fun golfing? I was driving down the freeway...and the phone rang. It was a person that used to work for me and she said, 'Kevin, rumor on the street is that they are offering the job to this other person.'" So, I thought well, you know...disappointing, but you know what? I'm on my way to go play golf, I've got my own business...I can't worry about it. I actually had to stop to take care of something, and as I got back in my car the phone rang again. I picked it up and was offered the job – about an hour and 15 minutes after the interview. Come to find out, I was the very last person to interview with the board."

PTT asked Allis, "What was the first thing you did after hearing you got the job?" He said, "First thing I did was call my mother."

Allis started his journey with NCAI the third week in June and is more than humbled, blessed and ecstatic to be working with such a highly-recognized federal organization as NCAI. Allis is experienced, proficient and determined and is a great addition to this organization.

When asked about future plans, Allis said, "I'm no spring chicken and I don't plan to work till I'm 90. However, I don't know what I would do if I weren't working... maybe playing golf every day and it'd be driving me nuts." He said this with a chuckle.

On a more serious note, Allis said, "I am fully committed and focused on this almost 24/7. All of Indian County looks to NCAI to be its voice at some point, and it's been that way going on 77 years. You can't let anyone down."

In closing, Allis spoke about a book his son is reading about Crazy Horse... about the history of the Lakota. Allis decided to read the book as well, so when his son calls for a chat, they can discuss the book together. He says, "We eventually talked about the chapter in the book where Crazy Horse gets his name from his father...his father was a well-respected medicine man, and it's not automatic that you give your Native name to your son. But when it does happen, you bring everything that was on the shoulders of your father/grandfather. They expect you to move forward because they see something in you. In our family, my grandfather gave us all our tribal names and the ceremony was run by Billy Daniels Jr. So grandpa along with Billy named us. And even though I wasn't the oldest cousin, my grandfather gave me also what was his Native name: 'Kiman-Kik-Dooz' meaning 'Speaker for the Chief' or 'He Speaks for the Chief'...and I know with all my heart, my grandfather saw THIS day and time in my life."

# Congressional Candidate Visits Forest County

submitted by George Ermert, Schreiber Group

Democratic Congressional candidate Tricia Zunker met with FCP Executive Council on Jan. 21, 2020. Zunker is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and has served as an Associate Justice of the Ho-Chunk Supreme Court since 2013. She is running for the 7th Congressional District which covers northwest Wisconsin – including Forest County. Miigwetch, Tricia, for taking time to meet with Potawatomi leadership.



(l-r) Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., Council Member Brooks Boyd, Democratic Congressional candidate Tricia Zunker, Secretary James A. Crawford, Treasurer Joseph Daniels Sr., Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock, Council Member Nickolas G. Shepard Sr.



## Agnes Menomin “Skasnokwe”

Agnes Menomin, “Skasnokwe”, age 95, of Crandon, Wis., passed away on Feb. 1, 2020, at the Caring Place under the care of Ministry Hospice. Agnes was born Oct. 21, 1924, in Blackwell, Wis. She was the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Beaver) Jim.

She married Louis Thunder. He preceded her in death on April 14, 2011.

She is survived by her daughters: Ruth (Alvin) Weso Sr., Crandon; Virginia Jacobson, Crandon; and is further survived by 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Louis, she is also preceded in death by her parents and brothers: Walter Jim and George Jim.

Visitation was held Feb. 4, with services officiated by Jim Thunder on Feb. 5, at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon. Interment was at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).



## Alex Logan McGeshick “Sqa geshick - Behind The Sky”

Alex Logan McGeshick, “Sqa geshick” “Behind The Sky”, age 21, Forest County Potawatomi, member joined his relatives in the presence of the Creator on January 28, 2020.

His entire Ojibwe & Bodewadomi family extends a warm and public thank you to the Forest County Potawatomi Community and members of The Native American Church of the Potawatomi who provided direction, comfort and support throughout his traditional death ceremony. Indeed, a special thank you to Mr. Joe Daniels who provided guidance and teachings; the grave diggers, pall bearers, cooks, fire keepers, helpers, prayer givers, ceremonial directors and everyone involved for their self-sacrificial work.

Your assistance is recognized, honored and respected. Thank you for helping us prepare and conduct for a most memorable and beautiful ceremony in his life’s honor.

Chii-Migwetch,  
Hazel George, Grandmother



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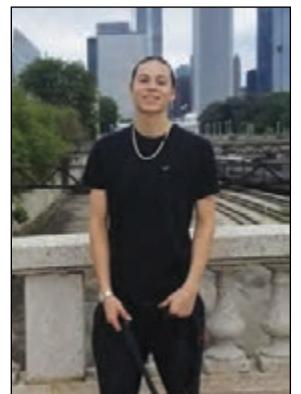
Alex L. McGeshick, “Sqa gechick” “Behind the Sky”, age 21, of Crandon, Wis., passed away Jan. 28, 2020, at his home. Alex was born Feb. 21, 1998, in Rhinelander, Wis., the son of Craig McGeshick and Collette Pete.

Surviving are his parents: Craig McGeshick and Collette Pete; sisters: Ericka (Justin) Tokarczyk, Greenfield, Wis., Kaitlyn McGeshick, Greenfield, Wis., Maureen McGeshick, Watersmeet, Mich., Genevieve Jackson, Watersmeet, Mich.; brothers: Craig McGeshick Jr. (Veronica), West Allis, Wis. Trent McGeshick, Greenfield, Wis., and special friend, Illiana Daniels.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother: Marlene Fox and grandfather: Archie McGeshick.

Visitation took place on Jan. 30; services on Jan. 31, both at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon, with Joe Daniels officiating. Burial followed at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery.

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



# Native American, Vietnam Gunner Lives by Warrior Culture

by Thomas Brading, Army News Service (Nov. 29, 2019), reprinted with permission from Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. – Ernie Wensaut, a former Army machine gunner for the 1st Infantry Division, was born in a traditional Potawatomi tribal family home, on their reservation in Wisconsin.

Growing up, he remembers native ceremonies held for each passing season. The ceremonies often integrated beating drums with a lot of dancing, he said. The tribal men used the rites as a declaration of their heritage and beliefs.

Wensaut was given the native name “Wimigo” by his father, a traditional medicine man, he said. “Ceremonies help us stay in touch with our tribe, and our family roots,” he said. “Each family has a drum dedicated to their ancestors.”

Wensaut’s family lineage dates back hundreds of years, with relatives who fought alongside historic Native American figures such as Black Hawk, a war chief of the Sauk American Indian, he said. “With my people, it is expected that if we’re called to fight for our country – we fight – no matter how our country treated us in the past,” Wensaut said. “I’m proud to have fought for my country.”

It was also his Native American culture, Wensaut said, that helped him survive the Vietnam War. Drafted into the Army in 1966, Wensaut knew war was imminent. Before he left, the tribe had a ceremony and he was given a buckskin tobacco pouch and his father said, “Carry this, it’ll see you through.” Wensaut held his pouch close during his year-long combat tour in Vietnam, and experienced many close calls in battle.

Before he left, he asked his girlfriend, Darlene, to wait for him. She said yes, and the couple planned to marry after he returned.

In October 1966, Wensaut deployed to War Zone C in South Vietnam, a mountain region near the Cambodian border known for its high concentration of enemy forces hidden throughout its pathless jungles and boggy swamps.

## NIGHTMARE IN THE JUNGLE

The soldiers of the 1st Division – sometimes called The Big Red One – usually patrolled around noon, he said, when the sun – like the temperature – was at its highest point. In the jungle, the temperature and humidity were both usually around 100 percent. The men carried upwards of 60 pounds of gear, with additional weight carried by radio operators and machine gunners, like Wensaut. After a while, their crisp, olive-drab fatigues started to fade and were usually sopping wet from sweat.

Although the soldiers were only a few weeks into their combat tour, he said, they would soon face danger – and not just from things like sun stroke, mosquitoes, dehydration, leeches, and fatigue. Enemy forces could be just a few yards away, completely veiled in jungle foliage

and you’d never know, Wensaut said. It was hard for his patrol to see the guerrilla fighters. The Viet Cong also used intricate underground tunnels to travel, and booby traps – called punji spikes – against their American foes.

“It felt like the Viet Cong were everywhere we turned,” he said.

While on patrol, the soldiers followed a basic principle: never take the jungle trails, he said. This meant if they had to use machetes and tediously hack through the thick, nearly impenetrable jungle floor, they did. Until one day, when their lieutenant – fresh from college – tried to save time, he said. The young officer – who, like Wensaut, had been in Vietnam only a handful of weeks – hoped to take a short cut along the trail.

“Being caught on a jungle trail was the easiest way to be ambushed,” Wensaut said.

Although Wensaut was suspicious, he followed the officer’s orders.

At first, everything was calm. The only exception to the silence came from ambient noises of the jungle – like tree frogs croaking or tropical birds chirping in the distance, he said. However, when the soldiers came to a fork in their trail... the nightmare started, Wensaut said. Without warning, cracks of machine-gun fire tore through the air from all directions.

It was what Wensaut feared – they walked into a death trap. A few soldiers – toward the front of the patrol – were killed instantly. Others fell over clutching onto their wounds, he said.

“We didn’t know how many VC were even out there,” Wensaut said. “It was all happening within seconds.”

The Americans fired aimlessly back into the jungle, almost reactionary, he said. They were unable to see the enemy, let alone target any of them. Wensaut lobbed multiple grenades, hoping to keep them at bay – wherever they were.

The VC – who spoke little English – taunted the surviving soldiers, Wensaut recalled. From all directions they chanted in chorus, “Tonight GI, you die!” with laughter, and circling their prey.

Through the gunfire, their fresh-faced lieutenant was heard pleading for help over the radio, Wensaut said. His arm was riddled in wounds and nearly amputated, but he was able to call in medical support.

Meanwhile, Wensaut and another

assistant gunner – a Texan named Pvt. Regan – were in triage mode. The gunners pulled a wounded sergeant, shot through the chest, from the line of fire and concealed him in the bush. There, they started to patch the non-commissioned officer up, but he needed to be stabilized. Although bandaged, the sergeant required a medical evacuation. Shortly after, a medevac chopper was whirring overtop the trees. Medics tried lowering a rescue basket down to collect the killed and wounded. Although clearly marked with four bright red crosses overtop a white background – a symbol of non-combat activity – the medics also took ground fire, he said.

In the midst of the chaos, Wensaut recalled, he looked toward the sky just beyond the jungle canopy, and prayed to himself, “Don’t let me die here.” After all, he had Darlene waiting to marry him in Wisconsin.

After the medical evacuation failed, the lieutenant called in an air strike. From the sky, fighter jets screamed toward the battlefield. They carpeted the area with small butterfly-style cluster bombs.

“It was like firecrackers going off everywhere,” Wensaut said.

After the cluster bombs, their hidden enemy persisted and shortly after, more air power came roaring in. Stuck between firefight and air power, all the soldiers could do was hunker down into an embankment, he said.

The jets roared through the clouds and swooped down into the battlefield. From those jets came a trail of 10 massive napalm canister explosions. Each one ignited on impact, and caused an inferno burn into the sky, taller than the trees. As the napalm seared the jungle, another wave of F-16s plunged into the fight to finish the job. They sprayed rounds from their rotary cannons at lightning speed. After that, things went quiet again.

“We waited and waited... but, that seemed to be it,” Wensaut said. “It was over, for that day at least.”

As the dust settled, the dead and wounded were evacuated. Only three gunners, including Wensaut, walked away unscathed. The battle was only a taste of what his year-long combat tour would be.

“Everybody had fear in them, but after a battle or two, we started to get hardened,” he said.

“War affects you, but what really affected me were the men we were losing. The guys you got to know and become friends with, then the next week they’re gone.”

As expected, new soldiers – identifiable by their crisp, new fatigue uniforms – rotated in to replace the fallen soldiers after that day on the trail.

In the 11 months that followed, Wensaut was part of multiple search and destroy missions throughout War Zone C.

He fought in Operation Cedar Falls and Operation Shenandoah, but admits, “I was in more battles than I can remember, because wherever the first division was, I went.”

## NO HERO’S WELCOME

Back in the United States, Darlene waited patiently for Ernie to come home. But, as the nightly news started airing images of the war into living rooms across the country, waiting became difficult.

“Watching the news was really scary,” she said. “I never knew if he was okay or not.”

She sent Ernie multiple letters and care packages. He was usually in the field, and rarely had time to respond. One of her care packages was even returned, she said, covered in mold.

An antiwar movement swept the country, he said, but those feelings never extended to Wensaut’s native tribe. They viewed him – and every veteran – as a warrior, who was called to fight for his country, and bravely answered the call.

Wensaut didn’t receive a “hero’s welcome” by his country, when he returned in 1967. He flew into California at night to avoid protesters who notoriously spit on, yelled at, and called soldiers names, he said. The only title Wensaut cared about was “survivor.”

On the other hand, his tribe in Wisconsin honored him as a warrior. His dad hosted a ceremony to welcome him home. During it, he was brought to the front of the tribe – a location reserved for warriors of the highest honor.

“They honored veterans in my community,” he said, “All tribes still hold their respect of veterans very high.”

Wensaut and Darlene were married on Nov. 11, 1967, at his Potawatomi reservation in Wisconsin. They recently celebrated 52 years together and have two children.

Wensaut separated from active duty after he completed his enlistment. He spent the following decades working in construction, logging, and mills.

Today, he’s retired and enjoys deer hunting and says he is proud to be a soldier for life.



# Kenedy VanZile (Chippewa): Has been an All-Conference Athlete in Basketball, Soccer and Tennis

by Dan Ninham (Oneida), NDNSPORTS, Jan. 11, 2020 (reprinted with permission)

“Our core values emphasize sovereignty and culture,” said Kenedy. “Our traditions have taught me to work hard, cooperate and be a team leader. I have brought these to the sport fields and courts, since they are critical to a successful athlete and team.”

“My older sister is a positive role model,” said Kenedy. “Payton VanZile is a freshman in college who I have been playing with since I was in fifth grade. She works so hard and never gives up. Her perseverance and commitment to whatever it is she chooses to do gives me a reason to work just as hard as her knowing what she gets in return.”

“My coach, Ryan Clark, is a positive role model,” said Kenedy. “He has told me ever since sixth grade he knew I would be someone who just played with joy. He has always been there for me whether it is with new basketball moves or help with my shot. Not only has he been my coach since I was 12 years old, he has also been someone I can talk to about anything. He and his wife, Natalie, care about me so much and are great, lively people with great insight on life. They both have impacted my career, but more importantly, my life.”

Kenedy has been an all-conference athlete in basketball, soccer, and tennis since sophomore year. As a junior basketball player, she was voted Player of the Year, scored her 1000th point, and led her team to its first conference championship.

“As for other players, learn to play with joy and passion,” said Kenedy. “It is so much more fun if you’re playing with joy because things just come a lot smoother. Just focus on playing your game instead of trying to live up to the expectations of others. To add on, play for your crowd, they came and paid money to watch you play, so take that moment and just live in it. Put on a show.”

In 2018-19, Kenedy led Rhinelander to its first-ever conference championship in girls’ basketball, as the team finished with a perfect 12-0 conference record. Rhinelander also finished with its program’s most wins in a season with a record of 18-6. Currently, Rhinelander is 8-4 (5-0 in the GNC) and riding a conference game winning streak of 22 consecutive wins.

“Kenedy is a four-year starter for us at the point guard position,” said Coach Ryan. “As a freshman, she was just 5’0” tall and approximately 95 pounds. She is currently 5’6”. She is a skilled and smooth player with the ball in her hands. She makes her teammates better and can score at all three levels - at the rim, pull up jumper and three-point shot. She is a

very good ball-handler, and what makes her difficult to defend is that she can shoot the ball equally well off the dribble and the catch. Kenedy has great basketball instincts and anticipates what’s next before it develops.”

“Off the court, Kenedy’s interaction and relationships with our youth players might be more impressive than her on-court statistics and accomplishments. It is not uncommon to see Kenedy sitting next to a youth player before our game, or for her to grab some youth players and bring them into our locker room as we get ready to take the court. What she has done for our program is immeasurable,” added Coach Ryan.

“Kenedy will graduate Rhinelander as arguably its best-ever girls’ basketball player,” said Coach Ryan. “I’ve been blessed to have coached her all four years, and watch her grow as a player, teammate, and leader in our program.”

Mom Leah shared her experiences about her daughter: “Kenedy has been athletic and competitive since she was little - always bouncing a ball or kicking a ball and her feet always moving. And she always gives 100 percent because she wants to win. Her determination to succeed is one of her strengths. When she’s on the court she leads her team and encourages her teammates. She leads on the court by example with her aggressiveness and ‘can do’ attitude. Her ball handling skills are unmatched in the Great Northern Conference and she has an acute basketball IQ. Off the court she is involved with helping coach younger players at camps and she loves to swim, snowboard and enjoy the beautiful Wisconsin outdoors.”

“Three of my favorite things when watching her play are:

1) When she’s on a fast break and a defender on her, she will slow up a bit, eye up the defender, getting them on their heels, and then taking it to the rim on them.

2) Although 5’6”, she can frequently

be seen posting up or defending a larger opponent on the block; she loves playing bigger than she is!

3) She’s modest and never argues with officials. She’s calm and focused, which carries over to her team mates,” added Leah.

“My favorite memories were when she scored her 1000th point last year as a junior,” said Leah. “She didn’t even know when it occurred because she was just

doing what she does, playing the game. When they stopped the game to honor her accomplishment she was overwhelmed by the support of her teammates and fans.”

“Last season she led her team to Rhinelander High School’s first ever

girls conference championship in 2019. Along with her older sister Payton who has been playing with Kenedy since 4th grade, watching them cut down the nets and sharing that moment with her sister is a memory for them that will last their lifetimes,” added Leah.

“Kenedy is a remarkable kid,” said dad Jayme after her first game this season. “As her father, I haven’t missed one layup, turnover, 3-pointer, drop shot in tennis or ace, or penalty kick or hard foul on the pitch.”

“I am most proud of how she carries herself with this small-town recognition. People recognize her, congratulate her on a nice game last night, including people she doesn’t know, and she always graciously says thank you! She takes time after a game to offer her shirt to a grade schooler for a picture. And that doesn’t matter, boy or girl,” added Jayme.

“Last year’s basketball season to me, and my teammates, meant so much. We came into the year not expecting much. We knew that we would be one of the top teams in the conference, but we didn’t think we could be the best,” reflected Kenedy.

“Last season, we focused a lot on how we would use our speed and ability to run nonstop up and down the court

in order to wear other teams down. We tried speeding up the game to play to our strengths. Our team was full of new faces, since we were a young team and not everyone played with each other before. For me, I had been playing basketball with two of the seniors last year, Brooke Mork and my sister, Payton. It took some time before our team really clicked, and that wasn’t until Cynthia Beavers joined our team. Not only did she add skills to our team, she had a great personality that made us all mesh together,” added Kenedy.

“Our goals last year were to play our hardest every game like we had nothing to lose,” said Kenedy. “We always played for each other, but I chose to play more for my sister and Brooke. Some of the best moments we had as a team would be when we beat SPASH by one point. It was sort of bittersweet because two years ago, we lost to SPASH by one, and that was my freshman year. To be able to beat the leading team in the Valley meant so much to my team, and from that point on it was a full send mentality. We continued to grow closer as a team on and off the court. After that, we received more respect from more well-known teams and started to gain a following of supporters. We single-handedly turned Rhinelander into a girls’ basketball town versus the boys.

“When the season started to wind down and we were growing more confident in winning the conference, we started to decline a little,” said Kenedy. “We started to not take things seriously and sort of mess around. But as soon as our co-captain, my sister Payton, told us that her season will be over soon, we quickly switched back on to play for her and our seniors.”

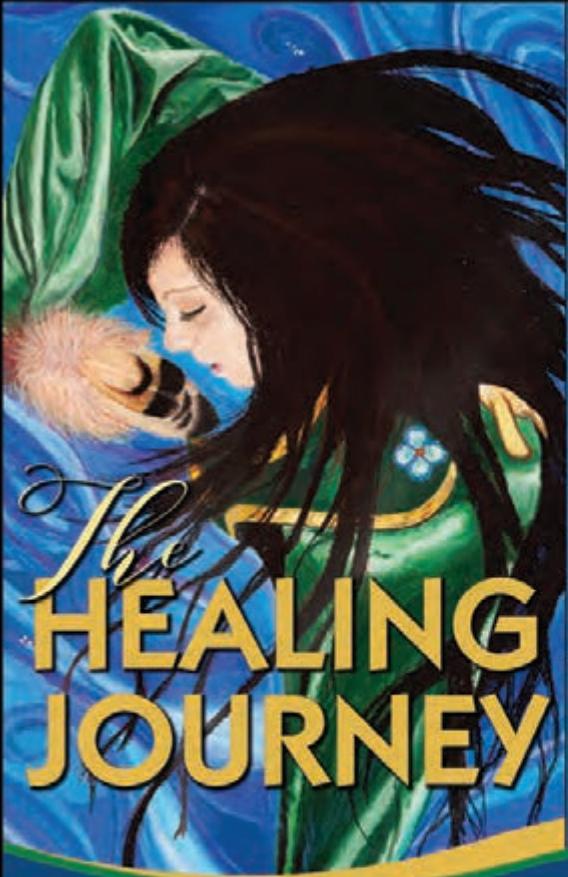
“After beating our rival, Lakeland, I was only 14 points away from getting 1,000 career points during my high school career,” said Kenedy. “I was excited to achieve this goal but was upset it would not be at home, as we were supposed to play in Eagle River on that upcoming Friday. However, the weather was in my favor and our game was canceled, and the next game was at home on a Monday. Since the game got rescheduled, we were supposed to play at the middle school. I was upset that it wouldn’t be at the high school, but that game was also called. The best game wasn’t until Friday in Medford where I passed the milestone. While that story is crazy, looking back I realized that it doesn’t matter where I was, it mattered who I was with.

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**Kenedy VanZile attempts a shot during a high school girls’ basketball game between Rhinelander and Menomonie in Stevens Point on Nov. 29, 2019. (Jeremy Mayo/The Northwoods River News)**





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February 5, 2020

Wisconsin is currently hitting the peak of the influenza season. The Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center is well-stocked on supplies and staff is prepared for an influx of patients as we are every year at this time.

Here is what you can do to stop the spread of influenza and other respiratory viruses:

- **Get vaccinated.**
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.**
- **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth – germs spread this way.**
- **Avoid close contact with sick people.**
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.**
- **Stay home if you are sick until 24 hours without symptoms.**

The Forest County Potawatomi Community Health Department is working to monitor the influenza and coronavirus in the community. Currently, there is **ONE** confirmed case of coronavirus in Wisconsin. This person was in China recently and they are now under quarantine at his/her home in Dane County. **State public health officials are stating that the general public is at very low risk.**

Wisconsin is currently in the influenza season, with influenza B and RSV being the predominant viruses.

Flu activity is high in the U.S. and is expected to continue for weeks.

**Please call Community Health at (715) 478-4355 if you have any questions.**



# Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

submitted by FCP Advocate Program

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. According to the CDC, 1 in 11 female and 1 in 15 male high school students reported experiencing physical dating violence in the last year. Unhealthy, abusive, or violent relationships among teens can have short- and long-term negative effects. Youth victims of teen dating violence are more likely to experience symptoms of depression and anxiety, engage in unhealthy behaviors (using tobacco, alcohol and other drugs), and engage in antisocial behaviors (theft, bullying, lying).



## What is teen dating violence?

Teen dating violence happens between two young people in a close relationship. Dating violence can happen in person or electronically. There are four types of behavior that may happen in a dating situation that is violent:

1. Physical violence – hurting a person by hitting, kicking, or using force
2. Sexual violence – forcing or trying to force a partner to take part in a sex act when the partner does not consent
3. Psychological aggression – using verbal or nonverbal communication with the intent to hurt a person mentally or emotionally
4. Stalking – a pattern of repeated unwanted attention or contact that causes fear of the victim's safety or those around the victim

During Teen Dating Violence Awareness month, take these steps to make a difference:

- Be a role model – treat those around you with respect.
- Talk about the elements of healthy relationships with others.

- Be an engaged bystander, learn strategies to speak up and challenge the social norms that may lead to violence.

## What resources are available?

Visit [www.wernative.org/articles/tips-to-be-an-engaged-bystander](http://www.wernative.org/articles/tips-to-be-an-engaged-bystander) for tips on how to be an engaged bystander. See [www.wernative.org/my-relationships/relationships-dating/abuse-violence](http://www.wernative.org/my-relationships/relationships-dating/abuse-violence) to learn more about abuse and violence in relationships.

The Forest County Potawatomi Community Advocate Program provides a free and confidential crisis phone line at (715) 478-7201 and is able to provide services to FCP-enrolled members who have experienced past or present domestic abuse or sexual assault.

*Source: Preventing Teen Dating Violence [Violence Prevention/Injury Center/CDC. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimate-partnerviolence/teendatingviolence/fastfact.html. Published March 12, 2019. Accessed January 21, 2020.*

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# Devil's Lake Winter Fisheree

submitted by Celeste Schuppler

The second and final winter fisheree for 2020 was hosted by Land & Natural Resources and took place Saturday, Feb. 1. This year we attempted to beat the heavy melting snow that tends to affect the February fisheree that's usually hosted later in the month. However, we still ended up with very similar weather: warm with heavy melting snow. It made for a wet and slushy day for those brave enough to slog out onto the lake. Toward the end of the day as we were finishing up, the sun made a brief appearance.

The grand prize winner of the day was youth Sophie Thunder with an 11 inch black crappie. Seems only two species were feeling very hungry, since only two species were on the board. Participants who were hungry were fed a hearty bowl of chili with corn bread for lunch.

Community Health collaborated with us as they have in the past, and they hosted a beautiful snowshoe hike down the Devil's Lake walking trail with information on heart health along the path. There were many animal tracks to be seen along the way. As part of a heart-healthy diet, it's important to eat whole fruits and vegetables. Community Health offered plenty of those to roast over an open fire. I must say warm-roasted pineapple is well worth it.

Thank you to all the participants. We look forward to seeing you all at the next fisheree, which will be held June 13 at Bug and Devil's Lake combined. Please be safe out on the lakes for the remainder of the season. Practice good heart health and try to get out and enjoy a snowshoe or cross-country ski adventure.



above (l-r): Sophie Thunder, Landon Thunder, Celeste Schuppler, Kaleb Kircher, Wylder Shepard  
below (l-r): Kaleb Kircher, Josh Kircher, Millie Kircher, Sophie Thunder and Dad, Wylder Shepard, Renn Marvin, Jordy Shepard, Jason Spaude, Danny Alloway, Robert Kitchell



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Stay tuned as details about future program information becomes available.



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# BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN

**PATHWAY TO WELLNESS**

**Help plan walking and bicycling in the FCP Community!**

The FCPC Land & Natural Resources Division is creating a community-wide bicycle and pedestrian plan. Please fill out the following survey before **March 8, 2020**, to give your input!

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Survey Link

<https://members.fcspotawatomi.com/bike-survey/>

Additional plan information is available at: <https://www.ncwrpc.org/forest/fcpc-bike-ped/index.html>

Contact FCP Planner Michelle Beidan with questions at (715) 478-4944.

## Kenedy VanZile

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That night, I was at 12 points, I tried for a three but missed. The next trip down, I received a pass from Cynthia for an easy back cut basket. That feeling of making that shot made me speechless, and I am never quiet. My coach called a time out and all I could do was smile and cry. That feeling will never leave me.”

“While that accomplishment I am very grateful for, being able to tackle that goal with my sister and Brooke, who I have played with since 5th grade, was so special. They are some of my best friends and I wouldn’t have wanted to be with anyone else in that moment,” added Kenedy.

“The feeling when I got subbed out of our last conference game, double header, huge lead, and the fact that we were about to cut down the nets for the first time ever in RHS girls’ basketball history hit me,” reflected Kenedy.

“The feeling of knowing what I helped my team achieve meant so much to me. To be able to help the team in any way was important to me because I was playing for my sister, Brooke, and Erika. Our program has been waiting for this for a while, and to be a part of the first team to do it with my sister was something unimaginable. The tears of joy from everyone’s eyes when we each got

to cut down the net showed me that we accomplished this, and no one can ever take that away from us. We were THAT team. In addition to that, the little girls who look up to us have a very special place in my heart. I remember when I was that age, just eager to be a part of a winning team. Since my little sister is friends with most of the basketball kids, I have been blessed to be able to get to know and even help some girls out at camps. I know I play for them and that they look up to me as a leader and a figure to follow.”

“I am so grateful and blessed that for the team I was on this year was able to accomplish something never done before. I am extremely proud of my sister and Brooke, but especially my sister. Knowing they achieved a lifelong goal before they are gone means so much to them and to me. I am happy to know that other coaches have recognized my commitment, and I am extremely happy that I received first team again this year and POY my junior year,” added Kenedy.

“I am excited to see where the future will take me and my team this season,” said Kenedy.

*\*VanZile is also a Potawatomi descendant.*

## Census 2020

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People ask me if I think the census is important or not. What I say is...it’s important to be used the right way. That information you’re getting about my rez needs to be used to give my rez some benefits...not just to use it for “counts”. I will make sure that my members have the knowledge and the assistance in getting the correct count in the 2020 census.”

Next to the podium was Chicago Deputy Regional Director Ellisa Johnson. She emphasized, “There are 3 phases as we go through. Right now, we are in the “awareness” phase...we are out there meeting with partners and raising the importance of it. In March we move into our “motivational” phase and so every resource that you have, we relay onto our partners to motivate residents about the safety and how easy and impactful the census is. Followed by the “reminder” phase, May-July reminding residents about self-responding.”

Next was David Cournoyer, G&G representative in marketing and from Rosebud, S.D. Using a great slide show presentation, he reviewed information as follows regarding the start of the census in Alaska:

This year the Census started on January 21, 2020, in Toksook Bay, Alaska, one of the hardest populations to count because of its remoteness. In order to get to Toksook you have to take a regular size plane, to a small engine plane, hop on a snowmobile for almost two hours and you will finally reach your destination. There is very limited access to anything let alone Wi-Fi. Toksook is home of Alaska Native Nunkauyarmiut tribe who value its heritage and families just as tribes

do here. There is a lady there named Lizzie Chimiugak Nenguryan who is 90 years old and was the first person to be counted in this year’s census – a bit of history to make one smile hearing that.

Why is it important to accurately count people who live with you in your home? Because the census data is used to distribute more than \$800 billion in federal funds annually to states, boroughs and communities to support resources such as schools, hospitals and fire departments. (cited from *alaskacounts.org*) It shows where schools may need to be built, where a local library may be needed, a daycare facility and more infrastructure if needed. The importance of having everyone counted is very high!

The event continued throughout the day and touched on topics of homelessness, tribal recruiting, partner exchange (challenges and best practices) and then closing remarks for the day. It was a very informative meeting with a great deal of excellent information being presented by people who knew exactly what they were talking about and who clearly have a passion for their goal of making sure that “Everyone is Counted”!

Another website you can visit for more information is *indiancountrycounts.org*.

Skye Alloway is the FCP Census Liaison who had a huge part in coordinating the forum at PHC this year. She can be reached at (715) 478-4548 and she encourages ALL FCP and surrounding community members to get involved with ensuring that their voices are heard, and with an accurate count it still shows that FCP members ARE still here! As she says, “We count! We matter!”



## Million Dollar Winner at PHC

**Local Woman Wins \$1.1 Million on Single Slot Machine Spin submitted by Jay Saunders, PHC Public Relations Specialist**

MILWAUKEE (Feb. 3, 2020) – For the tenth time in Potawatomi Hotel & Casino history, one lucky guest became an instant millionaire.

The guest, who wishes to remain anonymous, won a \$1.1 Million jackpot while playing a \$5 IGT “Wheel of Fortune Double Diamond Machine”.

This is the 10th million-dollar slot machine spin at Potawatomi, and the first since June 2018. The largest jackpot in casino history happened in December 2010 when a Milwaukee man won a \$2.7 million prize.

This latest jackpot comes during the brand new “Passport to Paradise” promotion on the casino floor in which guests can win one of 24 Caribbean cruises. Guests can play \*any\* slot machine with

their Fire Keeper’s Club card during February to earn entries. Each Thursday night this month six lucky guests will win a cruise. Get all the information at [paysbig.com](http://paysbig.com).

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## 2020 Advance Exhibition Schedule

submitted by Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (New York and Washington, D.C.)

Exhibitions are shown in galleries at the National Museum of the American Indian, located at Fourth Street and Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C., and at the George Gustav Heye Center, located at the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House at One Bowling Green, New York, N.Y. Dates and exhibitions are all subject to change and must be confirmed prior to publication.

### Upcoming Exhibition Openings

March 24, 2020 – TBD

“Developing Stories: Native Photographers in the Field” (DC)

March 24, 2020 – TBD

“Developing Stories: Native Photographers in the Field” (NY)

Aug. 29, 2020–Dec. 2029

“Native New York” (NY)

Oct. 9, 2020 – Oct. 3, 2021

“Preston Singletary: Raven and the Box of Daylight” (DC)

Nov. 11, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2021

“Why We Serve” (DC)

### Ongoing Exhibitions in NY

Open through Aug. 29, 2021

“Stretching the Canvas: Eight Decades of Native Painting”

“Infinity of Nations: Art and History in the Collections of the National Museum of the American Indian”

“Ancestral Connections”

### Ongoing Exhibitions DC

Open through Oct. 2027

“Americans”

Open through June 1, 2020

“The Great Inka Road: Engineering an Empire”

“Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations”

Open through Dec. 2021

“Our Universes: Traditional Knowledge Shapes Our World”

“Return to a Native Place: Algonquian Peoples of the Chesapeake”

### Offsite and Traveling Exhibitions

Open through April 5, 2020

“For a Love of His People: The Photography of Horace Poolaw” (Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis, IN)

Open through 2023

“Creating Tradition: Innovation and Change in American Indian Art” (American Heritage Gallery at Epcot, Walt Disney World Resort)

“Patriot Nations: Native Americans in our Nation's Armed Forces” (Various locations; please refer to the exhibition page for an up-to-date list)

### Upcoming Exhibitions

Developing Stories: Native Photographers in the Field

March 24, 2020 – TBD

On view simultaneously in DC/NY

Highlights three powerful photo essays created by three Native American photographers, each of whom explores an issue defining contemporary Native life. By providing honest, thought-provoking, and moving insights into 21st-century Native life through compelling and never-before-seen photography, each photo essay also illuminates aspects of the American experience that are

largely invisible to mainstream society.

Native New York

Aug. 29, 2020 – Dec. 2029 NY

Takes visitors on a journey through the city and state to explore the question “What makes New York a Native place?” This new exhibition looks at how Haudenosaunee, Lenape and Long Island Native Nations have shaped the region, and how an understanding of New York history – and American history – is incomplete without understanding the role of Native Nations.

Preston Singletary: Raven and the Box of Daylight

Oct. 9, 2020 – Oct. 3, 2021 DC

Features works from internationally acclaimed artist Preston Singletary (Tlingit American, 1963), and tells the story of Raven, the creator of the world and giver of the stars, moon and sun.

Through an immersive, multisensory experience, Raven takes visitors on a journey of the transformation of darkness into light.

In addition to Singletary's striking glass pieces, the exhibition features storytelling paired with original music, coastal Pacific Northwest soundscapes and projected images.

Why We Serve

Nov. 11, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2021 DC

This poignant exhibition tells personal stories of Native American veterans. It details the history of more than 250 years of Native American participation in the military, from colonial times to the present day. A banner version of this exhibition will also be shown at venues across the country.

### Ongoing Exhibitions NY

Stretching the Canvas: Eight Decades of Native Painting

Nov. 16, 2019–Aug. 29, 2021

Since 1940, many Native artists have pushed, pressed and expanded beyond narrow, market-driven definitions of American Indian art. Drawing from the National Museum of the American Indian's rich permanent collection, “Stretching the Canvas: Eight Decades of Native Painting” presents more than 40 diverse, exciting paintings that transcend, represent or subvert conventional ideas of authenticity.

Ancestral Connections

Explores how ten contemporary artists draw on aspects of their heritage to create new and compelling works. For all of these artists, Native heritage – sometimes combined with personal experience or tribal history – is a wellspring that provides context and inspiration for their work. Some have been shaped by their homelands and landscapes, while others draw on tribal worldviews, lifeways and artistic traditions or remembered ancestors. As a whole, the works illustrate how connections to Native culture, tradition and history provide a springboard for contemporary Native artistic expression.

Infinity of Nations: Art and History in the Collections of the National Museum of the American Indian

This spectacular, permanent exhibition of some 700 works of Native art from North, Central and South America

demonstrates the breadth of the museum's renowned collection and highlights the historic importance of many of these iconic objects. This exhibition is also accompanied by the book, “Infinity of Nations: Art and History in the Collections of the National Museum of the American Indian”

Americans

Pervasive, powerful, at times demeaning, the images, names and stories in “Americans” highlight the ways in which American Indians have been part of the nation's identity since before the United States was founded. The exhibition surrounds visitors with images, delves into three historic stories important to America's national identity, and invites people to begin a conversation about why this phenomenon exists. Join the conversation on social media using #NDNsEverywhere. This exhibition is also accompanied by the book, “Officially Indian: Symbols That Define the United States”

The Great Inka Road: Engineering an Empire

Ongoing through June 1, 2020

Explores the foundations of the Inka Road in earlier Andean cultures, technologies that made building the road possible, the cosmology and political organization of the Inka world, and the legacy of the Inka Empire during the colonial period and in the present day.

The Inka Road project is organized by the National Museum of the American Indian and is made possible by federal support from the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center, and internal Smithsonian Institution funds from the Consortium for World Cultures. Generous support for the exhibition is provided by the National Council of the National Museum of the American Indian and the ESA Foundation. This exhibition is also accompanied by the book, “The Great Inka Road: Engineering an Empire”

Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations

Ongoing through Dec. 2024

“Nation to Nation” presents the history of the treaties that lie at the heart of the relationship between Indian Nations and the United States. The exhibition explores the development and legacy of U.S. and American Indian diplomacy from the colonial period through the present. This exhibition is also accompanied by the book, “Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations”

Our Universes: Traditional Knowledge Shapes Our World

Ongoing through Dec. 2021

Focuses on indigenous cosmologies – worldviews and philosophies related to the creation and order of the universe – and the spiritual relationship between humankind and the natural world in the Western Hemisphere.

Community-curated galleries feature eight cultural philosophies. The design of these galleries reflects each community's interpretation of the order of the world. The exhibition also highlights the Denver (Colorado) March Powwow, the North American Indigenous Games, and the Day of the Dead as seasonal celebrations that bring Native peoples together.

Return to a Native Place: Algonquian Peoples of the Chesapeake

This compact exhibition educates visitors on the continued Native presence in the Chesapeake Bay region and provides an overview of the history and events, from the 1600s to the present, that have impacted the lives of the Nanticoke, Powhatan and Piscataway tribes.

### Offsite and Traveling Exhibitions

For a Love of His People: The Photography of Horace Poolaw

Through April 5, 2020

Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis, IN

“For a Love of His People: The Photography of Horace Poolaw” features more than 75 never seen before black-and-white photos taken by Kiowa photographer Horace Poolaw (1906–1984). Poolaw's work celebrates his subjects' place in American life and preserves an insider's perspective on a world few outsiders are familiar with—the Native America of the Southern Plains during the mid-20th century. This exhibition is also accompanied by the book, “For a Love of His People: The Photography of Horace Poolaw”

Creating Tradition: Innovation and Change in American Indian Art

Ongoing through 2023

American Heritage Gallery at Epcot, Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Florida

“Creating Tradition: Innovation and Change in American Indian Art” showcases Native artifacts alongside contemporary works of art, demonstrating examples of cultural traditions that have been handed down through generations.

Native communities from seven geographic regions across the United States are included in the gallery. Their art represents the richness, depth and diversity of Native cultures past and present. Among the featured artists with works on display are fashion designer Loren Aragon (Acoma Pueblo), noted doll-maker Glenda McKay (Ingalik–Athabaskan) and Juanita Growing Thunder (Assiniboine Sioux) from the Growing Thunder family of Montana.

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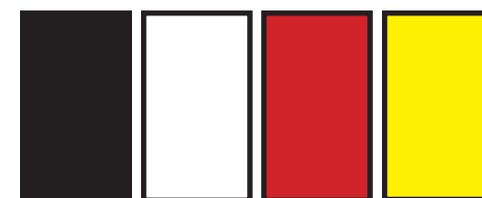
Tells the remarkable history of the American Indian and Alaska Native men and women who have served in the United States military. Native peoples have participated in every major US military encounter from the Revolutionary War to today's conflicts in the Middle East, serving at a higher rate in proportion to their population than any other ethnic group.

Jan. 3 – Feb. 7, 2020, Crawford County Library District

210 S. 4th Street, Steelville, MO

Feb. 11 – March 17, 2020, Kansas City Public Library, Plaza Branch, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO

March 26, 2020, National World War I Museum & Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO



# 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.



**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 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.



## 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.

**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

- 2/17 - 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 (24)
  - Youth 12 - 17: Tuesdays (18, 25)
  - Youth 6 - 8: Wednesdays (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 (24) 1 - 3 p.m.
  - Moral Reconciliation Therapy Class: Tuesdays (18, 25), 10 a.m. - noon
  - Positive Indian Parenting Class (PIP): Thursdays (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.



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## 10th Anniversary: GMS HAS ACHIEVED MUCH SUCCESS WITH MORE TO COME



In 2020, Greenfire celebrates 10 years as a leading construction company in Wisconsin. They are Builders of the Future, but they did not achieve their success alone. They thank their customers for the opportunity to work with them, their team of employees for their dedication and hard work, and their amazing network of subcontractors for helping to bring our projects to life. Finally, they thank our ownership – the Forest County Potawatomi and Potawatomi Business Development Corporation - for having the vision to establish their company in 2010 and trusting their team to carry out their mission. To celebrate this milestone, we will share monthly stories highlighting our accomplishments.



Photo: (1) Data Holdings Data Center on Wgema Campus completed in 2014 (2) River House Apartments on the East Side of Milwaukee completed in 2016 (3) Potawatomi Hotel completed in 2012. Potawatomi Hotel Tower Expansion completed 2019 (4) Forest County Potawatomi Community Center slated to be complete in Spring 2021



# Happy 10th Anniversary GMS!

## Health Outreach: PBDC HOLDS ANNUAL HYGIENE/FOOD DRIVE FOR NEIGHBORING CITY ON A HILL ORGANIZATION

Potawatomi Business Development Corporation held its annual hygiene and food drive this past January to benefit City on a Hill's Health Outreach Program. They collected 111 items, including canned goods, boxed foods, shampoo and conditioner amongst many other items.

The City on a Hill Monthly Neighborhood Health Outreach provides holistic services to meet the medical, nutritional, social, emotional and spiritual needs of uninsured, medically underserved, and homeless residents of the central city.

Health screenings, physician visits, educational modules and other services are provided at no cost to an average of 300 people each month through the support of many generous individuals and organizations, and the efforts of a large and diverse team of volunteer physicians, nurses, social workers, other health care professionals, and many non-clinical volunteers. In addition to medical services, the Health Outreach provides a complement of social services to meet basic needs, such as groceries and hygiene kits. Guests also enjoy a hot meal, have opportunities to socialize, and find a place to belong.



L-R: Jacob Menore, Tarah Thompson, Heide Copus all of PBDC and Brian Schmid of COAH



### Medical Services

- Doctor and nurse practitioner visits for the uninsured
- Dental screening and referrals
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol screenings
- Health education
- Pregnancy testing
- Clinical breast exams
- Smoking cessation assistance
- Vision screenings & glasses
- Diabetic education program
- 12-step support group
- Patient assistance

### City on a Hill's mission

- To alleviate the symptoms of chronic poverty in their neighborhood.
- To equip young people to break the cycle of generational poverty in their families.
- To train and engage others in solutions to poverty and injustice in the city.



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**DRAWINGS: 12 PM – 7 PM**

Limit two wins per person.

# National Margarita Day



**Rail Margarita \$4.00**

**Saturday, February 22**  
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**TUESDAYS IN FEBRUARY**

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**HOURLY DRAWINGS: 12 PM – 7 PM**

## Win Your Share of \$1,500

Celebrate PCCH's 28th Anniversary!



# AMETHYST ANNIVERSARY

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

**EARN OR REDEEM 280 POINTS FOR TEN ENTRIES**

<b>Drawings</b>	<b>Entry Multipliers</b>
17 winners from 5 pm – 10 pm!	February 19 & 26 – & –
<b>FINAL DRAWING AT 11 pm:</b>	March 8, 15, 22 & 27
Two \$2,500 winners!	6X Golden Eagle, 5X Eagle, 3X Thunderbird,
Two \$5,000 winners!	2X Crane, 2X Loon and 2X Carter Club Members
One \$10,000 winner!	<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 28, RECEIVE ONE FREE ENTRY BETWEEN 7 AM &amp; 4 PM</b>

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