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Forest County Potawatomi Community Facebook Live Session Recap - July 15, 2020

Chairman Ned Daniels Sr.

Good morning. Thank you all for tuning in today. I hope that everyone watching this is happy, healthy and doing everything you can to enjoy the summer.

It's hard to believe that it is already the middle of July. Summer in the Northwoods is a special time, but I know this year is a little different. With everything going on, you may have had to cancel a vacation or adjust your normal summer activities and change your daily routines. And I know that for many of us the last four months have seemed like four years. It's been a difficult time for everyone.

But you should all be proud of the ways you have reacted to this pandemic. We have asked each of you to do your part to protect the health of the community, and you gladly answered the call. Thank you for continuing to practice social distancing, wearing your face coverings and washing your hands regularly. The steps you have taken have kept the COVID infection rate in Forest County relatively low. However, COVID-19 is still present in Forest County and it is continuing to spread. So, please continue to do your part by practicing social distancing, wearing your face coverings and washing your hands regularly.

COVID does not have to stop your summer fun. There are plenty of things you can still do to take advantage of the great weather. Remember, four months

from now the temperatures will be very different and you will be wishing summer was still here - so take advantage of it now! Take a weekend and go camping. Go for a hike and identify different types of plants and wildlife. And berry season is almost here. Get outside and pick some raspberries and black berries.

Tribal leadership continues to be in close contact with officials at the state and federal level. We have regular calls with Governor Evers to keep him updated on how things are going with Potawatomi. And last week, James Crawford and I sat down with the new Congressman for this area - Tom Tiffany - to give him an update on things. We appreciate him reaching out and stopping in Forest County to catch up and get updated.

Before I close, I do want to mention a few Department updates:

Due to staff shortages, we regret to inform you that Public Works will not be able to offer lawn care services for tribal elders for the next few weeks. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding. However, here is contact information for a crew available to hire in the meantime: Frank Shepard Jr. and Sons Lawn Care at (715) 889-9909 and Nick Shepard at (715) 850-2385.

In an effort to make Game Transport Tags (or deer tags) more readily available, you may now obtain them by visiting the Potawatomi Farm store front located at 3389 County Hwy. H in Laona. Available anytime between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (715) 478-4545 with questions or concerns.

When calling the Insurance Department, please leave a complete message with a WORKING phone number and a team member will return your call. The phone number is (715) 478-7448. Members may also reach out to the Insurance Department via e-mail with inquiries and may also send pictures of statements for Insurance to review. The email address is FCPIinsurance@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov.

During this time, we are advising everyone to be careful of possible scam calls and emails regarding medical expenses. If you get a phone call or email regarding medical services you did not receive,

please do the following:

- Do not provide any personal information.
- Contact the Insurance Department or refer the caller to the Insurance Department.
- Just a reminder that members with other insurance, along with Potawatomi Cares, should provide both insurance cards to providers.

The Water Utility will be flushing fire hydrants in Blackwell, Carter and Stone Lake. Flushing of fire hydrants will begin the week of August 3 and continue through August 27, 2020. You may experience discoloration in your water, so be sure and check the water clarity before using.

And lastly, here's the latest on the Community Center. The Community Center construction is progressing on schedule. Contractors continue erecting structural steel and roofing over the field house. Framing of the walking track that goes around the upper level of the field house is nearing completion. Crews continue to work on mechanicals, electrical work, plumbing, erecting steel, framing and drywall finishes. Footings have been poured in the front Commons Area and walls and framing will be starting soon.

Placement of the laminate wooden beams are complete over the pool area. The laminated wood panels that make up the roofing system in the pool area are being set. The pool area will be excavated later this fall and is scheduled for completion by early winter.

All trades are actively working to have the building "weather tight" before the snow flies this winter.

Community members who signed-up to participate on the Art Advisory Board are continuing to meet. The board is helping to identify what artwork should be included throughout the building and shape ideas for a hands-on community art project.

It is exciting to see the Community Center emerging from architectural drawings to reality.

Family Services Division Director Abbey Lukowski

Good morning, Forest County Potawatomi Community.



Family Services and Education Divisions continue to offer meals for school aged members. Pick up daily at the Recreation Building. This week, Community Advocacy has us flying kites! These are available for our families' youth and may be picked up during your lunch pick up as well.

Let's talk a bit about Child Care. At this time, we do not have an expected schedule for reopening Rising Sun Daycare. We're working diligently on a plan that will allow for reopening safely. But the short answer is that the timeline remains undefined. Are you headed back to work? Contact Economic Support to discuss your child care needs.

In the meantime, please practice mask wearing with your littles. If you need a mask that fits your little a bit better, please let us know and we'll be sure to get you some.

We are specifically looking for individuals interested in earning some extra money by providing child care in your home. Please contact Economic Support to become a certified provider.

We are prepared to offer families who will need child care for purposes of attending the General Council meeting scheduled for Aug. 8, 2020. While we will not offer child care onsite due to Covid-19 in the area, we do have options available. Please contact Economic Support to get your child care form filled out ahead of time.

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Facebook Recap

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We are in extreme need of three foster homes and/or family placements for three large groups of school aged children. Please consider bringing these sibling groups into your home. Contact ICW to become a licensed placement.

We recognize that in isolated moments, domestic violence, sexual assault, exploitation, child abuse and neglect, etc., may arise. We ARE available and will respond to emergencies and safety concerns accordingly. We also recognize these times may bring moments of uneasiness, uncertainty, etc. Please remember you are NOT alone. You are NEVER alone. Please call 211 for immediate resources throughout the state of Wisconsin. If you're feeling suicidal, please know you're a phone call away from help: 1-800-SUICIDE or 1-800-273-TALK. Or call a friend or family member and ask for help.

We look forward to serving you this week. Keep being the healthy you and stay safe!

Contact numbers:

Family Services

(715) 478-4433

Indian Child Welfare

(715) 889-1446

Community Advocacy

(715) 478-7201

Child Support

(715) 478-7260

Emergency Management Program Manager Bobbie Irocky

Hello, FCP Community.

The Incident Command System is at a Level 1 of a virtual Full-Scale Activation.

Emergency Management has received an allotment of adult cloth face masks for the FCP community. Distribution of these masks will start next week for 18-year-olds and up. Face masks for the FCP Veterans have been mailed out, so please be on the lookout for them. To date, distribution of cloth face masks for FCP Elders have been distributed.

At this time, I would like to go over how to wear and care for a cloth face mask.

Wearing your mask:

- Wash your hands before putting on your face mask.

- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.

- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face.

- Make sure you can breathe easily.

Caring for your mask:

- You can include your face mask with your regular laundry.

- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the face mask.

- Use the highest heat setting and leave in until fully dry.

Please make use you always follow these tips in wearing and caring for your cloth face mask.

With the summer months upon us, now is the time to learn about the dangers of heatstroke and being trapped in a hot car. Heatstroke is dangerous and can be deadly.

- Never leave children, pets or older adults unattended in a parked car.

Use the following life saving tips to remind yourself and others to check the back seat before walking away from a vehicle. Children mistakenly being left in hot vehicles make up many of the tragedies reported each year.

- Look Before You Lock. Get into the routine of always checking the back seat of your vehicle before you lock it and walk away.

- A Gentle Reminder. Keep a stuffed animal or another memento in your child's car seat when it is empty and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Alternatively, place your phone, briefcase, or purse in the back seat when traveling with your child.

- A Routine Check. If someone else is driving your child, or you alter your daily routine, always check to make sure your child has arrived safely.

- A Key to Safety. You know to keep your vehicle locked, but also keep your keys out of reach; nearly 3 in 10 heatstroke deaths happen when an unattended child gains access to a vehicle. For more information, you may download the FEMA App for heat advisories and

safety tips.

Please feel free to reach out to Emergency Management at (715) 478-4428 for your emergency needs and we will either assist or put you into contact with the proper department that fits your needs.

Thank you all and please stay safe!

**Health Division Administrator
Dorothy Sadowski**

There are now 48 confirmed cases of COVID in Forest County, including three deaths. The Health & Wellness Center has done 209 tests with 14 positives. Eight are tribal, with six active cases in isolation and two recovered tribal cases.

The tribe continues to take all the necessary steps and precautions to protect the community from this virus. If you are experiencing any minor COVID symptoms, please contact a triage nurse at the Health & Wellness Center to determine if you should get tested. The number to call is (715) 478-4339. The tests are done curbside from your vehicle. You don't need to come inside, but you do need to call ahead so we know you are coming and we are prepared to test you.

Today, I want to talk a bit more on why wearing face masks is so important. As I shared last week, wearing a face mask and social distancing, especially indoors, does really help reduce your risk of catching COVID.

This past week, many international health experts and WHO are saying airborne transmission can be caused by tiny droplets are expelled when people simply breathe or talk - not just large drops in the air when people cough or sneeze. So, wearing a mask at all times when with others is so important. Some tips to minimize your risk:

- Face away from people when you talk.

- Wear your mask properly. It must cover your nose and mouth.

- Make indoors more like outdoors. Open windows, get a fan going - moving air makes it less likely to breathe in a concentrated cloud of COVID virus.

- Limit the time you're in close contact with people. Rule of thumb: 15 minutes in close contact with an infected person is considered an exposure.

- Shopping off hours when a store isn't busy, especially if everyone is required to wear a mask, reduces your risk.

- Keep a buffer of personal space. It allows for more airflow. Plan a neighborhood gathering where everyone brings their own chairs, food, beverages, and spreads out on the lawn at least six feet apart.

Enjoy summer, get outdoors! Plan your time with others where there is lots of space between each other. Most important - have fun!

Stay safe. Stay healthy.

REMINDER TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday
August 8, 2020

Beginning
at **1 p.m.**

Sack Lunches
will be provided

Meeting will be held at
Carter Powwow Grounds
 U.S. Highway 32 • Carter, Wisconsin

\$200 CASH
Stipend Provided

TRIBAL ID REQUIRED

FOREST COUNTY
POTAWATOMI
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**Honoring Health,
Healing, and Tradition**

Do you need to schedule an appointment with our medical providers? We now offer virtual visits, which allow you to maintain primary care by connecting with your provider via phone, computer or tablet. Please call (715) 478-4339 to see if these visits are an option for you.

We continue to offer curbside COVID-19 testing for our patients. Please call (715) 478-4339 to speak with a nurse.

Please note that all appointments, including essential lab or imaging will require a scheduled appointment.

As the Health & Wellness Center begins to see patients for some types of care that have been postponed, know that we are taking every precaution to keep you safe if your visit requires you to come to the clinic.



**FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION**

PO Box 340
Crandon, WI 54520

Updated Public Works Contacts during COVID-19!

<p>All Tribal Member Rentals, On Reservation Homes, and Government Facilities: Jeff Thorpe: 715-889-2136 Plumbing/HVAC: Dan Gruber: 715-889-3276</p> <p>General Housing or Rental Related Questions: Nate Guldan: 715-889-1796 Allison Daniels: 715-889-3149</p> <p>Roads: Todd Mulvey: 715-902-0201</p>	<p>Drinking Water and Wastewater Issues: Operator on Call: 715-889-9345</p> <p>Solid Waste: Tony Daniels: 715-889-6028</p> <p>Transit (Medical Transports Only): Wade Deverney: 715-478-4940 or 715-889-0087</p>
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FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION CONTACT NUMBERS

Indian Child Welfare
Main Line: (715)-478-4812
24 Hour Emergency Hotline: (715) 889-1446

Economic Support
(715) 478-7206

Community Advocacy
24 Hour Emergency Hotline: (715) 478-7201

Child Support
(715) 478-7260

Family Services
Main Line: (715) 478-4433

If you don't get an answer on one of the these phone numbers, please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned shortly.

For additional information including applications and forms for each of our departments, please go to FCP's website at FCPotawatomi.com.



Public Notice

Forest County Potawatomi Community

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You may experience discoloration in your water, so be sure and check the water clarity before using. If you have any questions please give us a call. Thank you.

Bruce Johnson, Utility Manager - (715) 478-7398



ANNOUNCEMENT

From FCPC Natural Resources Department Issuance Of Game Transport Tags (deer tags)

In an effort to make Game Transport Tags more readily available, you may obtain tags by visiting the Bodwéwadmí Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm) store front located at 3389 County Hwy. H in Laona. Available anytime between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Appointments are not needed. Call (715) 478-4545 with questions or concerns.

C-STORE HOURS EXPANDED!

Beginning Sunday, June 14, 2020, hours for both the Carter & Stone Lake C-Stores will be 5 a.m. - midnight.

Curbside pick-up service is still available upon request for all products EXCEPT cigarettes and tobacco Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers may place and pay for orders over the phone during those hours by calling:

- Stone Lake C-Store orders: 715-478-4199
- Carter C-Store orders: 715-473-5100

We thank you for your patience and continued support. Stay safe and practice social distancing!



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
**STONE LAKE/
CARTER C-STORE
SMOKE SHOP/DELI**



- 5326 Firekeeper Rd., Crandon
- 614 State Highway 32, Carter

Be Kind to Your Mind

Tips to cope with stress during COVID-19

- 1 **PAUSE.** Breathe. Notice how you feel
- 2 **TAKE BREAKS** from COVID-19 content
- 3 **MAKE TIME** to sleep and exercise
- 4 **REACH OUT** and stay connected
- 5 **SEEK HELP** if overwhelmed or unsafe

Olympic Icon Comments on Washington D.C. Team Name Change

submitted by Running Strong for American Indian Youth

ALEXANDRIA, VA (July 13, 2020) – Billy Mills, Olympic Gold medalist, Oglala Lakota, and National Spokesperson for Running Strong for American Indian Youth spoke out on the Washington D.C. football team's decision to move away from their current name and imagery after years of protracted discussion.

"It's never too late to do the right thing," said Billy Mills, Olympic Gold medalist and National Spokesperson for

Running Strong for American Indian Youth. "Now, I urge the Washington football team to truly turn the page, and pick a new name and logo with no exploitation of Native people. They are on the verge of righting a historic wrong. What they do next will define this team's legacy."

The decades-long debate over the Washington D.C. football team's name and logo culminated July 13 with an

official statement from the Washington D.C. football's press office declaring they are retiring the "Redskins" name and logo upon review. The team owner, Dan Snyder, and the National Football League commissioner, Roger Goodell, have long been under fire for their refusal to eliminate the racial slur from the League's roster.

Upon time of release the Washington D.C. football team has yet to

announce their new name and mascot imagery.

Running Strong for American Indian Youth works to help Native American communities meet their immediate critical needs. To learn more about our programs visit the Running Strong site at www.indianyouth.org or contact hanna@indianyouth.org.

Statement on Washington Football Team Changing Racist Name

submitted by the Office of Senator Tom Udall

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 13, 2020) – U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, issued the following statement after the Washington, D.C. National Football League (NFL) team announced it will change its name, which has been broadly

condemned by organizations representing Native American Tribes and Native communities across the country:

"The football team that represents the nation's capital should not play under the banner of a racist name that denigrates Native Americans and runs contrary to the ideals that our nation strives to uphold. I am glad that the Washington football team has finally reckoned with the hurtful truth about its name, and I

urge the team to listen to and include Native voices as it considers a new name.

"When my father, Stewart Udall, was Interior Secretary during the 1960s, he used the tools at his disposal to pressure the Washington football team to integrate, even as its ownership resisted. Today, like in the 1960s, we are at another critical juncture for racial justice in the United States. As we confront this nation's deep history of racism in our so-

ciety and our institutions, we should root out the racist caricatures that are still far too prevalent in American culture.

"The name change is a welcome but long overdue step forward. Now, the franchise has an opportunity to hear from and involve Native Americans in the process of renaming the team, to ensure that they don't make the same mistake twice."

Movement to "Take Back What Was Stolen" from Native American Athlete Jim Thorpe Kicks Off

submitted by Business Wire

LOS ANGELES (July 15, 2020) – Pictureworks Entertainment, in conjunction with tribal partners*, the National Congress of American Indians, and several of Jim Thorpe's descendants, announced the launch of "Take Back What Was Stolen," an initiative to restore legendary Native American athlete and icon Jim Thorpe's status as the sole gold medal champion of the 1912 Olympic decathlon and pentathlon.

One hundred and eight years ago to the day Jim shattered Olympic records, the petition to "Take Back What Was Stolen" calls on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to reinstate his rightful status as the one and true gold medal winner in the track and field events he dominated during the 1912 Summer Olympics. Jim Thorpe didn't just break Olympic records in Stockholm in 1912 — he broke barriers — winning two gold medals at a time when Native Americans weren't even recognized as U.S. citizens.

From being forced to travel to the Olympics in inferior accommodations compared to his white teammates, to having his track shoes stolen in an attempt to thwart his chances of winning, Jim overcame tremendous hardship and mistreatment on his path to gold. But while generations of sports fans likely know his story of triumph, few people know that Jim Thorpe's iconic legacy was stolen less than a year after he won.

In 1913, the IOC stripped Jim of his wins after a smear campaign revealed that

he'd played minor league baseball prior to the 1912 Summer Games. Although he'd earned meager pay — essentially playing for room and board — the IOC's rules at the time barred potential Olympians from participating in any kind of sports activity for pay, in order to be classified as an amateur and compete.

It didn't matter that Jim was denied an opportunity to defend himself before his accusers, nor did the IOC consider the fact that he'd essentially played baseball for room and board at a time when many Native American youth were separated from their families, forced to live in boarding schools and struggled to survive.

In addition, the timing of the disqualification itself flagrantly violated the Olympic Committee rules, since the complaint was lodged over six months after the Games closed in Stockholm — far later than the 30-day time limit they had set for reviews.

After decades of efforts, a group of supporters led by Jim's children, pre-eminent Thorpe biographer, Robert Wheeler, and his wife, Florence Ridlon, finally convinced the IOC to reinstate his gold medal status. And while his children were presented with duplicate gold medals in 1983, the victory was bittersweet.

Though the IOC reinstated Thorpe's records, they designated him a "co-champion" alongside athletes who were previously the silver medal winners — not the sole gold medal winner that he was.

The "Take Back What Was Stolen" petition is a call for the IOC to take the

necessary steps to "right" history and restore Jim Thorpe's proper status as the sole gold medalist in both the decathlon and pentathlon. The signatures and petition will serve to support the resolution introduced by U.S. Congresswoman Deb Haaland, to compel the IOC to correct Jim's record.

"This petition is an effort to gather over one million names and voices united in support of Jim and American athletic excellence, and Native American resilience," said Nedra Darling, Executive Producer, Pictureworks Entertainment. "In a time where Americans, and arguably people all around the world are confronting their long-held, discriminatory beliefs and behaviors, this is a tremendous opportunity for the IOC to get on the right side of history."

The "Take Back What Was Stolen" petition is just the first in a series of initiatives tied to BRIGHT PATH — the upcoming feature film about Jim Thorpe's life and legacy from Pictureworks Entertainment. Join the movement and sign the petition at brightpathstrong.com

*Pictureworks Entertainment Tribal partners in BRIGHT PATH include The Tuolumne Band of Mewuk Indians, The Mohegan Tribe, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, The Tonto Apache Tribe, The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Mewuk Indians of California, Sealaska Corporation, and Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians.

CARING FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING COVID-19



Take breaks to relax and do activities you enjoy.



Take care of your body with exercise and a healthy diet.



Know the facts. Understanding the risks can make an outbreak less stressful.



Stay connected with family, friends, and a trusted support system.



Ask for help if feelings become too overwhelming.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Statement Honoring Downwinders on 75th Anniversary of Trinity Test

submitted by the Office of Senator Tom Udall

SANTA FE, N.M.— (July 16, 2020) U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.) released the following statement honoring the Tularosa Basin downwinders on the 75th anniversary of the Trinity nuclear test. Udall has for years fought to expand the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) and provide compensation to all New Mexicans, tribal members, and families throughout the country – including the Tularosa downwinders – affected by exposure to radiation during the Cold War.

“Let us mark this solemn anniversary by lifting up the voices and stories of the often-forgotten victims of our nation’s nuclear weapons program. Seventy-five years after the first nuclear bomb was detonated at Trinity, downwind communities in New Mexico are still bearing the steep cost of our government’s unwillingness to address the wrongs it committed against its own citizens in the name of national security. Far too many Tularosa

Basin residents and southern New Mexico communities have suffered, lost their lives, or lost loved ones because of the radiation that contaminated the air, land and water.

“Our government should have warned residents that they were in the path of harmful radiation. Our government should have prevented communities from being touched by the radioactive debris that looked like snow, only to develop cancer. And, after Trinity, our government should have launched a serious, scientific effort to assess the harm done to downwind communities and their descendants. But in 1945 – and in the decades since – our government fell and continues to fall short. In 2020, we must do better.

“I’ve been proud to be in this fight for a long time, since the late 1970’s when my father, Stewart Udall, took up the cause of uranium miners, workers and downwinders. In the Courts and in

Congress, we’ve fought to make whole all of those who fell victim to radiation exposure at the hands of their own government. And I won’t stop fighting until we get this done.

“It has been an immense privilege to meet downwinders who demonstrate incredible resilience and strength. Their stories inspire us all to fight for justice—to close the loopholes in RECA to include Downwinders and the post-1971 uranium miners—and address their pain caused by the radiation unleashed in 1945 and after. Today, we must honor those who lost their lives and sacrificed their health to the Trinity test by remembering their stories, but most importantly, by giving these downwinders and post-1971 miners and their descendants the health care and compensation they deserve.”

Udall has fought for many years to expand RECA to cover all victims of radiation exposure, including the Tu-

larosa downwinders and the post-1971 miners and millers who were left out of the initial RECA legislation. Udall has introduced bipartisan legislation to amend RECA to expand compensation for victims of radiation exposure in New Mexico as well as several Western states and Guam. Udall’s bill builds on the efforts of Udall’s late father, former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, who represented downwinders in the courts for many years and laid the groundwork for the original RECA legislation, which was passed with bipartisan leadership from Senators Ted Kennedy and Orrin Hatch, among other key supporters. Udall first introduced legislation to update the RECA law as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and has sponsored Senate legislation since 2010.

Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Announces Virtual Consultations

submitted by USDOJ Office of Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 17, 2020) – The Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives announced 12 Tribal consultations to occur virtually across the United States in the coming months. American Indians and Alaska Natives experience disproportionately high rates of violence. President Trump has called the crisis of missing and murdered Native Americans “sobering and heartbreaking.”

The Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives, also known as Operation Lady Justice, announces the upcoming series of Tribal consultations under Executive Order 13898. The Executive Order requires the Task Force to “conduct appropriate consultations with Tribal governments on the scope and nature of the issues regarding missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.” While the Task Force had plans in place for a robust schedule of consultations and listening sessions in various locations in Indian country and elsewhere beginning in March, postponement of those sessions was required by the current public health crisis. Therefore, the Task Force has established a series of tribal consultations to be held virtually. The sessions are regional, based on Bureau of Indian Affairs regions. The schedule, link to register, Dear Tribal Leader letter and framing paper are available on the Operation Lady Justice website, which can be found at OperationLadyJustice.usdoj.gov.

Confirmed Dates and Times

Aug. 17, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA

Eastern Region

Aug. 19, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA Midwest Region

Aug. 21, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA Southern Plains/Eastern Oklahoma Regions

Aug. 25, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Regions

Aug. 27, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA Southwest Region

Aug. 31, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA Northwest Region

Sep. 2, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA Western and Navajo Regions

Sep. 4, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA Pacific Region First session

Sep. 8, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA Pacific Region Second Session

Sep. 10, 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Eastern, BIA Alaska Region First Session

Sep. 14, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, BIA Alaska Region Second Session

Sep. 17, 1:30 – 5 p.m. Eastern, Final session for any leader who could not make their scheduled Regional Session via WebEx.

The members of the Task Force are:

- Katharine (Katie) Sullivan, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, designee for the Attorney General

- Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, designee for the Secretary of the Interior

- Terry Wade, Executive Assistant Director, Criminal, Cyber, Response, and Services Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation

- Laura Rogers, Acting Director, Of-

ice on Violence Against Women

Charles (Charlie) Addington, Deputy Bureau Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services

- Trent Shores, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma and Chair of the Native American Issues Subcommittee of the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee

- Jean (Jeannie) Hovland, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs and Commissioner, Administra-

tion for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services

Marcia Good of the Department of Justice serves as the Executive Director of the Task Force. The Task Force will present a progress report to the President by Nov. 26, 2020, and a final report detailing its activities and accomplishments by Nov. 26, 2021.

ATTENTION FCP TRIBAL MEMBERS

If anyone needs to contact Executive Council, please do so using the following contact information:

- **Chairman’s Assistant Destinee Alloway:**
destinee.alloway@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov or (715) 478-7475
Destinee has tax exempt forms if anyone is in need.
- **Secretary’s Assistant Sierrah Crawford:**
sierrah.crawford@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov or (715) 478-7283
Sierrah schedules meetings.

Whether you reach out via email or phone, please leave a message that contains your name, number where you can be reached, and the reason you are reaching out.

Approval of The Osage Nation's Land-into-Trust Applications Announced

submitted by U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Public Affairs - Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 17, 2020) – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney announced that she has approved two long-standing land-into-trust applications from The Osage Nation in Oklahoma for its casino projects in the cities of Bartlesville and Pawhuska. The applications were first submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in 2014 and 2016, respectively.

The Nation lost more than 90 percent of its land base in 1907 when Oklahoma became a state and incorporated the Osage reservation as Osage County. The Nation relies on its own economic activities to fund its governmental programs and services. Approval of the two applications will provide the Nation with significant economic development opportunities.

“With this action, The Osage Nation can now move forward on its economic

development plans and enjoy the benefits of its lands,” said Assistant Secretary Sweeney. “I congratulate Principal Chief Standing Bear and the Osage people on this achievement. Your success is a testament to your determination to bring greater prosperity to The Osage Nation now and for generations to come.”

“Land is central to the Osage way of life. We are celebrating today because the approval of our Pawhuska and Bartlesville trust applications returns some of our land to us with full tribal authority,” said Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey M. Standing Bear. “Interior Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney, her deputy, Mark Cruz, [Office of Indian Gaming] Director Paula Hart and Deputy Director Maria Wiseman each deserve high praise for their diligent and prompt action to approve our applications after they languished for nearly a decade in the dust

bins of the federal bureaucracy. Now the Osage Nation will begin at once to turn dirt and construct new amenities on these parcels that will help boost our region's economic recovery from this COVID-19 pandemic.”

In January 2014, the Nation submitted to the BIA an application to transfer into trust for gaming and other purposes approximately 125 acres of land, known as the Bartlesville Property and located within the Nation's former reservation, on U.S. Highway 60 approximately two miles west of the city of Bartlesville. The Nation proposes to construct a casino of approximately 57,400 square feet and a hotel with 150 rooms and approximately 11,800 square feet of meeting space. The Department is taking the property into trust pursuant to Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) and under a determination that the trust

parcel is eligible for gaming pursuant to Section 20 of Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The Department also determined that the parcel is eligible for gaming pursuant to the “Oklahoma Exception” of Section 20 of IGRA, which authorizes gaming on lands acquired by the Secretary in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe after Oct. 17, 1988.

In 2016, the Nation submitted an application to transfer into trust approximately 63.1 acres of land known as the Pawhuska Property, also located in Osage County, for gaming and other purposes. The Nation will move its existing Pawhuska Osage Casino to 17 acres on the site and eventually replace it with a proposed casino and hotel project that will be located approximately 300 feet directly across Highway 99/60.

Reservation Proclamations for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in Minnesota Signed

submitted by U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Public Affairs - Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 15, 2020) – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney announced today that she has signed reservation proclamations for two land parcels totaling approximately 222.63 acres for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, a federally-recognized tribe in Minnesota located southwest of the city of Minneapolis. The parcels will be added to the tribe's existing reservation under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984; 25 U.S.C. 5110).

“I am pleased to exercise the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of the Interior and issue these reservation proclamations for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community,” said Assistant Secretary Sweeney. “The rebuilding of tribal homelands is one of our most important goals and is consistent with

our mission of supporting tribal self-determination and strengthening tribal sovereignty.”

“Making our trust land part of our tribe's reservation territory helps us ensure that the land will be available for our tribe's future generations,” said Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Chairman Keith Anderson. “We are glad that the U.S. Department of the Interior is taking this step and recognizing our tribal government authority over this land.”

“I'm proud of the fact that the Shakopee Mdewakanton Tribe has leveraged its tribal government status to become the largest employer in Scott County and an economic powerhouse in the 2nd District,” said U.S. Representative Angie Craig (D-MN). “The Shakopee Tribe could do this only by recovering its trust land base, and so I welcome the Interior Department taking further action to put

the Shakopee Reservation back together at this time when the tribe's economic recovery from the pandemic is so critical to my District.”

“This is the right step for the Bureau to take, and it's the right step to help the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community,” said U.S. Senator Tina Smith (D-MN). “I appreciate the Bureau moving forward with this long-standing request to restore parts of the Shakopee Mdewakanton reservation, and we must continue to uphold our commitments to tribes in Minnesota and across the country.”

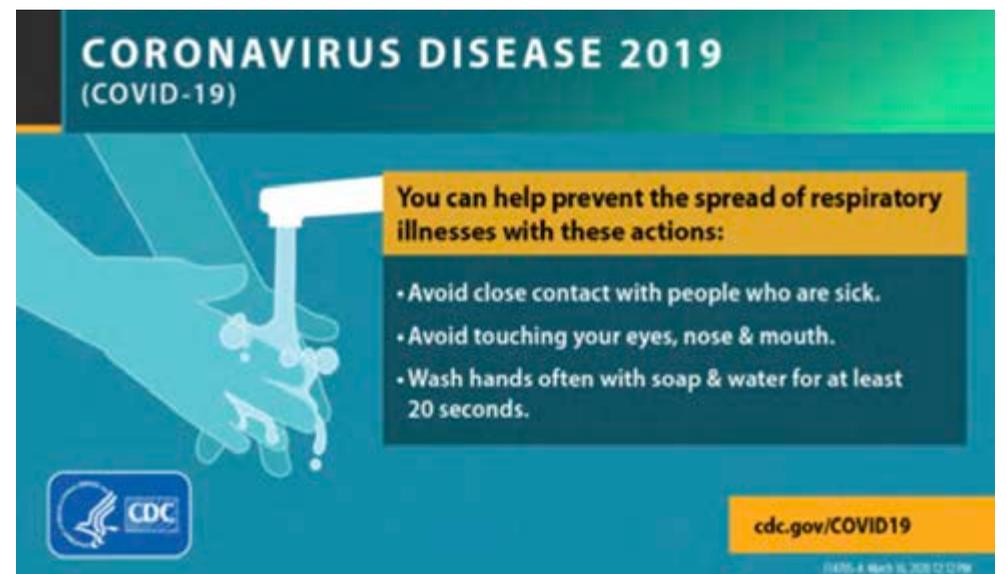
The total acreage is comprised of two separate parcels adjacent to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux reservation in Scott County:

- The Whipp's 2 parcel containing 3.98 acres, more or less, which was brought into trust status in 2016, and

- The Inyan Ceyaka Otonwe (ICO) parcel containing 218.65 acres, more or less, which was brought into trust status in 2017.

A reservation proclamation is a formal declaration issued by the Secretary of the Interior, delegated to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, proclaiming that certain lands acquired for an Indian tribe are a new, or are being added to an existing, reservation. The request for a proclamation must originate from the tribe.

Restoring tribal homelands helps support tribal sovereignty because a tribe's capacity to govern itself stems, in part, from exercising its sovereign powers over its reservation and increasing its economic land base to meet the needs of its citizens.



Potawatomi Training: AWARDED HUBZONE CERTIFICATION FROM THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Written by: Steven Hall, PBDC Federal Group

Potawatomi Training, LLC, a leading provider of training and instruction; flight and aircrew training; and intelligence operations support for both military and government agencies, announced today that it has been certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to participate in the Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program.

"We're excited about the addition of the HUBZone certification to provide our customers with dual credit, 8(a) and HUBZone, on awards made to Potawatomi Training for their socioeconomic goals. This certification, on top of Potawatomi Training's already stellar qualifications, provides our customers with a uniquely qualified and diverse company to fulfill multiple goals and missions." – Peyton Brauer, General Manager.



Peyton Brauer, General Manager

The HUBZone program helps small businesses in urban and rural communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities. As a HUBZone certified company with a Small Disadvantaged Business designation, Potawatomi Training now has access to federal set-aside and sole source contracts, which in turn advances the federal government's effort to spur economic growth in certain areas. These preferences go to small businesses that obtain HUBZone certification in part by employing staff who live in a HUBZone.

Potawatomi Training is headquartered in Milwaukee, WI. For more information, please visit <http://www.potawatomitrc.com/>.

About Potawatomi Training & PBDC

At Potawatomi Training, we take pride in taking on government contracts that serve a national purpose. With more than 20 years of experience to lean on, navigating the complex environment of government contracting is our forte, taking the pressure off our federal clients so they can focus on the mission that lies ahead.

As a subsidiary of the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC), you'll have access to a small, highly responsive team with the leverage and resources of a large-scale corporation. And because we're an AIT, we can negotiate directly with the government, ensuring your agency always receives fair rates.

Potawatomi Training prides itself on its ethical business processes and expert-led teams. When the call of duty requires external support, you can trust the team at Potawatomi Training to provide exemplary contract performance.

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Left - Greg Kolean, President of Potawatomi Business Development Corporation Federal Group

Solar Energy: WGEMA CAMPUS INSTALLS PANELS

Forest County Potawatomi Community continues to extend company-wide efforts in reducing their carbon footprint. In pursuit of its long-term energy goal to reduce its carbon footprint to zero, the Forest County Potawatomi Community has assumed a leadership role in creating a sustainable and healthy world. Since adopting its environmental mission statement in November 2008, the Community has made significant strides toward implementing several types of renewable energy to power its tribal facilities.

Continuing the goal and vision to be fully sustainable, FCPC has been awarded more funding and is a grant recipient for the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Energy Innovation grant. This will allow them to install a 103 Kilowatt solar photovoltaic system and a 300 Kilowatt hour battery storage at the FCPC Data Center on the Wgema Campus. The existing ornamental fence will be extended to secure the solar arrays installed. The fence is 8 feet in height and will be set back 8 feet 10 inches from the property line and 9 foot 10 inches from sidewalk. The solar array consists of 4 rows total. Three rows of 12' wide x 75' long and fourth row 12' wide x 50' long. The battery storage, inverters, site controller, panelboard, will be installed inside the electrical yard behind 9 foot decorative brick and 8 foot ornamental fence.

Solar panels will also eventually be installed north of the recently acquired and razed property at 3210 W. Wells Street.



Solar panels currently being installed in the green space next to Data Holdings - Corner of N. 33rd St. and W. State St., Milwaukee

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— PAPER ENTRIES —

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

— DRAWINGS —

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FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 18, 2020.

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1 PM - 9 PM DRAWINGS:

17 WINNERS OF \$575

10 PM DRAWING:

**TWO WINNERS OF \$2,500 PLUS
A PIECE OF AMETHYST JEWELRY**

·NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

— ELECTRONIC ENTRIES —

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

EARN ONE ENTRY FOR EVERY 28 SAME
DAY BASE POINTS EARNED OR REDEEMED.

— DRAWINGS —

4 PM & 6 PM DRAWINGS:

**ONE WINNER OF \$5,000
PLUS A PIECE OF AMETHYST JEWELRY**

9 PM DRAWING:

**ONE WINNER OF \$10,000
PLUS A PIECE OF AMETHYST JEWELRY**

·MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

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