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Bodwéwadmí Ktëgan Welcomes New Residents



by Winda Collins, in collaboration with Farm Manager Dave Cronauer, photos by Jasper Whalen

On Friday, August 14, 2020, Bodwéwadmí Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm), officially welcomed two new residents of the four-legged kind all the way from Yellowstone National Park. This exciting acquisition was made possible by the Intertribal Buffalo Council (ITBC).

According to its website, "ITBC is a federally-chartered tribal organization with a membership of 69 federally-recognized tribes from 19 states whose mission is to restore buffalo to Indian Country to preserve our historical, cultural, traditional, and spiritual relationship for future generations. To reestablish healthy buffalo populations on tribal lands is to reestab-

lish hope for Indian people. Returning buffalo to tribal lands will help to heal the land, the animal, and the spirit of Indian people."

The Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC) is a member of ITBC. When ITBC put out a request for proposals a couple of months ago stating that they would have 40 Yellowstone bulls available, FCPC applied and was awarded two animals. The other 38 were transferred by ITBC to 16 Native American tribes in nine states. These transfers will help develop and sustain tribally-managed buffalo herds while preserving the unique genetics and lineage of the largest and continuously free-roaming buffalo herd.

Yellowstone bison were normally rounded up every year and sent straight to slaughter. ITBC has worked for almost 30 years to make animals from Yellowstone available to tribes, and this year marks the first distribution of them. In order to keep the animals healthy and to make sure they did not carry any disease – the main focus being brucellosis, ITBC built a quarantine facility in Fort Peck, Mont. According to an ITBC press release, "Those that test negative for the disease brucellosis may enter a quarantine protocol which varies by age and sex, and which ends with their transfer to the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes in Montana to complete post-assurance testing. After a final negative test result, they are declared brucellosis-free by the state of Montana and the US Department of Agriculture and are cleared for travel."

According to Farm Manager Dave



Cronauer, "The Yellowstone bison are one of the only pure bison genetics with no cattle integration, which makes them highly desirable. There is currently only one herd in the United States with Yellowstone genetics, and that is Ted

Turner's herd. These animals will be used for the cornerstone of our herd as we work to develop one of the best herds in the country."

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Forest County Potawatomi Community Facebook Live Session Recap - August 26, 2020

Chairman Ned Daniels Sr.

Good morning.

Thank you all for tuning in to watch our Facebook update.

As you may know, Milwaukee was supposed to host the Democratic National Convention last week. But because of the ongoing issues with COVID, the convention became an all virtual event and was held online with no in-person activities. It was disappointing, but understandable given current health situation. We were very excited to have the DNC in Milwaukee as it was a great opportunity for the Potawatomi to showcase our historic homeland and the ongoing presence we continue to maintain in the city. However, even though there were no in-person events, Potawatomi was still able to have a presence at the virtual events and highlight our historic and continued connection to Milwaukee.

During a gathering of the Native American Caucus, I provided a welcome and blessing to begin their virtual meeting. It was a great opportunity to remind those present not only of the Potawatomi's historic connection to Milwaukee, but also the deep connections that all of Wisconsin's tribes have in communities across the state. And one of our own tribal youth, Micasslyn Crawford, provided a welcome to a meeting of the Youth Caucus. She spoke in our language and provided some great words about our tribe's history, and thanked them for thinking of our next generations.

Our businesses are continuing to move to their next phases of reopening. On Monday, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino announced that it will no longer limit admission to Fire Keeper's Club members only. Sessions are now open to everyone, age 21 and over.

And good things are continuing to happen at the Potawatomi Farm. Last week, the tribe received several Yellowstone Bison from the Intertribal Buffalo Council. This is very exciting as this addition will allow us to continue to grow our buffalo herd and make it even stronger.

Those good things happening at the Potawatomi Farm are getting noticed. Recently, the Gannett newspaper chain did a feature story all about the Potawatomi Farm. It focused on the sustainable practices that are used at the farm and the healthy, organic products we now provide our community. The story ran in six different daily newspapers across Wisconsin. If you missed it, make sure you look at the latest edition of the Traveling Times and give it a read – it's really a great story.

One last thing before I turn it over to others: Input is still needed for the Pathway to Wellness Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. A new, shorter survey can be found at the link on the screen (<https://members.fcpotawatomi.com/bike-survey/>).

Responses are due by Sept. 3.

Family Services Division Native Resilience Socila Worker

Bosho!

Good morning, Forest County Potawatomi Community.

Family Services has a lot of great updates this week and we need your help!

So, where are we at with child care? We're working diligently on a plan that will allow for reopening Rising Sun Day-care safely. But the short answer is, that timeline remains undefined.

We know you're headed back to work and school, and we are doing our best to ensure appropriate accommodations. We remain in great need of in-home child care providers. If you're interested in becoming a certified child care provider, please contact Kathy Tupper at (715) 478-4433.

We continue to be in need of a few foster homes and/or family placements for some larger sibling groups of school-aged children. Please consider bringing these youth into your home. Contact ICW to become a licensed placement. For those who have turned in their current licensed foster homes and family placements paperwork, Migweth! We're still awaiting some paperwork – please get your completed licensure packets in as soon as possible, and remember that surprise gift card awaits you!

A reminder for those receiving Economic Support services. Your paperwork is due by Aug. 31, 2020. Please get it in this week – or you will experience a lapse in service.

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.

If you're feeling suicidal please call for help: 1-800-SUICIDE or 1-800-273-TALK. For non-emergency service requests, our business hours remain to be Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you should call outside of these hours, please leave a message with your full name and a WORKING phone number so that we may return your call. Call Family Services at (715) 478-4433.

Assistance is available for qualifying applicants for food, medical and child care expenses. We'd like to invite you to apply at <https://access.wisconsin.gov>. This website will also be available on Facebook after this presentation. However, we also know that filling out large applications can be daunting and overwhelming. You may call (715) 478-4433 or (715) 478-7206 to schedule your private appointment to come and see us at the Family Services Building. IT and Administrative Services Divisions have assisted us in setting up kiosks and we've got staff

prepared to help walk you through the application process.

I'd like you to expect the following process upon arrival to your scheduled slot:

- Your appointment will take about 30-45 minutes and could result in some assistance to get you through these hard times. Please consider taking the time to apply.

- Appointments will be scheduled on the hour from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday. These appointments fill quickly so please call and schedule yours just as soon as you are able.

Wishing you a safe weekend! See you soon!

Ba Ma Me Na!

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.

As students prepare to go back to school, they may find schools operating differently due to COVID-19. Some students may be continuing with online learning while others may be preparing for in-person learning in schools, which may require them to wear face cloth coverings, continue social distancing, and have their temperatures checked daily. Parents can help by teaching and reinforcing everyday preventive actions in keeping your children healthy during this time.

Based on available evidence, most children do not appear to be at higher risk for COVID-19 than adults. While some children and infants have been sick with COVID-19, adults make up most of the known cases to date. Watch your child for any signs of COVID-19 illness such as: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, new loss of taste/smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

For many people, being sick with COVID-19 would be a little bit like having the flu. Most people who have gotten COVID-19 have not gotten very sick. Only a small group of people who get it have had more serious problems.

Parents and caretakers play an important role in teaching children to wash their hands. Explain that hand washing can keep them healthy and stop the virus from spreading to others. Be a good role model – if you wash your hands often, they're more likely to do the same.

Help your child stay active and en-

courage your child to play outdoors—it's great for physical and mental health.

Take a walk with your child or go on a bike ride. Use indoor activity breaks (like stretch breaks or dance breaks) throughout the day to help your child stay healthy and focused, and at all times when out in public, please make sure you social distance from others and always wear a face covering.

If at any time you have an emergency need, please reach out to Emergency Management at (715) 478-4428, 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!

HWC Optical - Dr. Bill Pierre OD

Good morning.

The Optical Department is now open and scheduling appointments. Please call (715) 478-4339 to schedule.

One additional safety measure we have made in the optical department is the purchase and installation of an ultraviolet disinfection unit. This unit allows us to place all frames that have been handled into the unit to assure proper cleaning and disinfecting is complete before placing back on the displays for the next patient. We also continue to wipe down all chairs and equipment between each visit. Your safety and health is our main priority, and we will continue to monitor new guidelines or recommendations as things change.

Even during quarantine, we manage to bend, scratch or break our glasses. Many of you have been patiently waiting for exams as well. We ask your continued patience with us. With the return of optical team members, we are able to keep the dispensary and exam area operating. For that reason, we request that you please call to schedule an appointment to visit even if it is for something in the dispensary. This includes dropping off a repair, picking up contacts, or even selecting a new pair of glasses. When possible, we are leaving items for pick up at the main entrance to the building – this will be communicated to you if that is the case.

As the reopening continues, our intention is to add more staff to be able to continue to meet your needs.

If you are unable to make a scheduled visit, please let us know as soon as you can so we can possibly allow someone else in at that time slot.

Working together, we can continue to address the individual needs for healthy eyes and clear, comfortable vision for the Potawatomi, employees, and the surrounding community, as this department has done for over 19 years.

Thank you.

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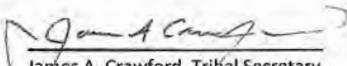


Forest County Potawatomi Community
P.O. Box 340 • Crandon, Wisconsin 54520

NOTICE OF NOMINATION RESULTS
August 25, 2020

Nominations for Tribal Chief Judge

HERB DANIELS JR. nominates CHRISTIAN DANIELS (Accepts)
 PHILIP SHOPODOCK nominates NATHANIEL GILPIN JR. (Accepts)
 VELMA WAUKECHON nominates ANDREW PHILLIPS (Accepts)
 SCOTT DANIELS nominates IRA FRANK SR. (Accepts)
 JAMES HOLMES nominates JERYL PERENICH (Accepts)



James A. Crawford, Tribal Secretary
Forest County Potawatomi Community

FCPC Community: Your input is needed!
Please follow the link to take a short survey.
<https://members.fcpotawatomi.com/bike-survey/>



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 **NEW, shorter survey before September 3,** to give your input!



— PRIMARY JUDICIAL ELECTION —

FOR
TRIBAL CHIEF JUDGE

Saturday **8:00** A.M. TO
Sept. 12, 2020 **7:00** P.M.

FCP Recreation Center
5442 Everybody's Road | Crandon, WI 54520



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
Keeper of the Fire



— GENERAL JUDICIAL ELECTION —

FOR
TRIBAL CHIEF JUDGE

Saturday **8:00** A.M. TO
Sept. 26, 2020 **7:00** P.M.

FCP Recreation Center
5442 Everybody's Road | Crandon, WI 54520



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
Keeper of the Fire



FROM GTE GA NĒS PRESCHOOL



Applications for Gte Ga NĒs Preschool are being accepted for the 2020-2021 school year. FCP tribal-enrolled, FCP descendant, and other tribal community children who will be 3 years old before Sept. 1, 2020, are eligible.

Please call Early Childhood Director Rebecca Jennings for more information at (715) 478-7350 or text/call (715) 889-9861 as soon as possible.

Facebook Recap

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Community Outreach Coordinator Ira Frank Sr.

Good Morning!

I am here this morning to provide you some information regarding the Crandon Off-Road races. While we know the majority of us are race fans including myself, the Health & Wellness Center is in agreement with Mole Lake and their concerns of the number of people descending to our back yard. We anticipate large crowds because of its popularity. During the next week, people will start to arrive by the hundreds from all over the nation. Some will be arriving early in the week, going to your popular lunch site. The closer to the weekend, the larger the crowds. We are strongly encouraging our membership and community to avoid places with large crowds. While recently the virus numbers have been manageable and some of us might feel more confident, there is a lot at stake here.

Both tribes have done a great job to keep the numbers of COVID cases down to low numbers. We don't want this one event to change or undo what we have accomplished so far.

Please. Please. Please. If you don't need to go out next week, stay in. Protect yourself and family. If you must go out, use caution. Wash hands frequently, continue to wear a mask, and stay at a safe distance.

The Health & Wellness Center and Incident Command monitor the number of cases or suspected cases daily. If you should feel sick, please call the Health & Wellness Center. We will direct you where to go and what to do for the protection of all. We have a well-trained staff equipped to process and test as needed. Our concern is a rapid increase in outbreak. We don't want people to be standing in lines.

This will be a true test for all of us! God bless and continue to stay safe.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER:

As of Aug. 3, 2020, the Health & Wellness Center expanded its hours from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The clinic is also accepting new patients.

As the clinic begins to see more patients for some types of care that have been postponed, know that it continues to take every precaution to keep you safe if your visit requires visiting the clinic. The following changes have been made in an effort to support a safe increase in volumes:

- Curbside COVID-19 testing for those who display symptoms or who have been exposed to someone who tested positive.
- Virtual visits, which will allow patients to maintain primary care by connecting with providers via phone, computer or tablet.
- COVID-19 screening for everyone before entering the building.
- Wearing a mask for anyone entering the building. If you don't have a mask, one will gladly be provided.
- Rearranged waiting and registration areas to practice social distancing.
- Enhanced cleaning in all areas, including additional disinfectant for high-touch spaces.

Stay tuned to FCP's Facebook page and PTT for further information for each department.

FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Expanded hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will provide regularly-scheduled services in person or virtual visit. Please call (715) 478-4332 with questions or concerns.

FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH

Expanded hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Services include contact tracing for COVID-19, medication deliveries, case management and urgent home visits.

FROM DENTAL

Expanded hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday
Dental services including orthodontic care and dental cleanings now available. Please call (715) 478-4313 to schedule.

FROM MEDICAL/LAB/IMAGING

Expanded hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Primary care services will provide regularly-scheduled services in person or virtual visit. Please call (715) 478-4339 to schedule.

FROM OPTICAL

Expanded hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday
Optical will provide regularly-scheduled services in person. All visits will require an appointment to be made, which includes glasses repairs or adjustments, retail shop, contact lens fitting, pick-up glasses/contacts. Please call (715) 478-4339 to schedule any of these services.

FROM REHAB

Hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday
Physical Therapy and Chiropractic services now available. Please call (715) 478-4339 to schedule.

FROM PHARMACY

Expanded hours: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Please call the pharmacy to ensure your medication is ready prior to arriving for pick up and options for pick up. Please call (715) 478-4347.



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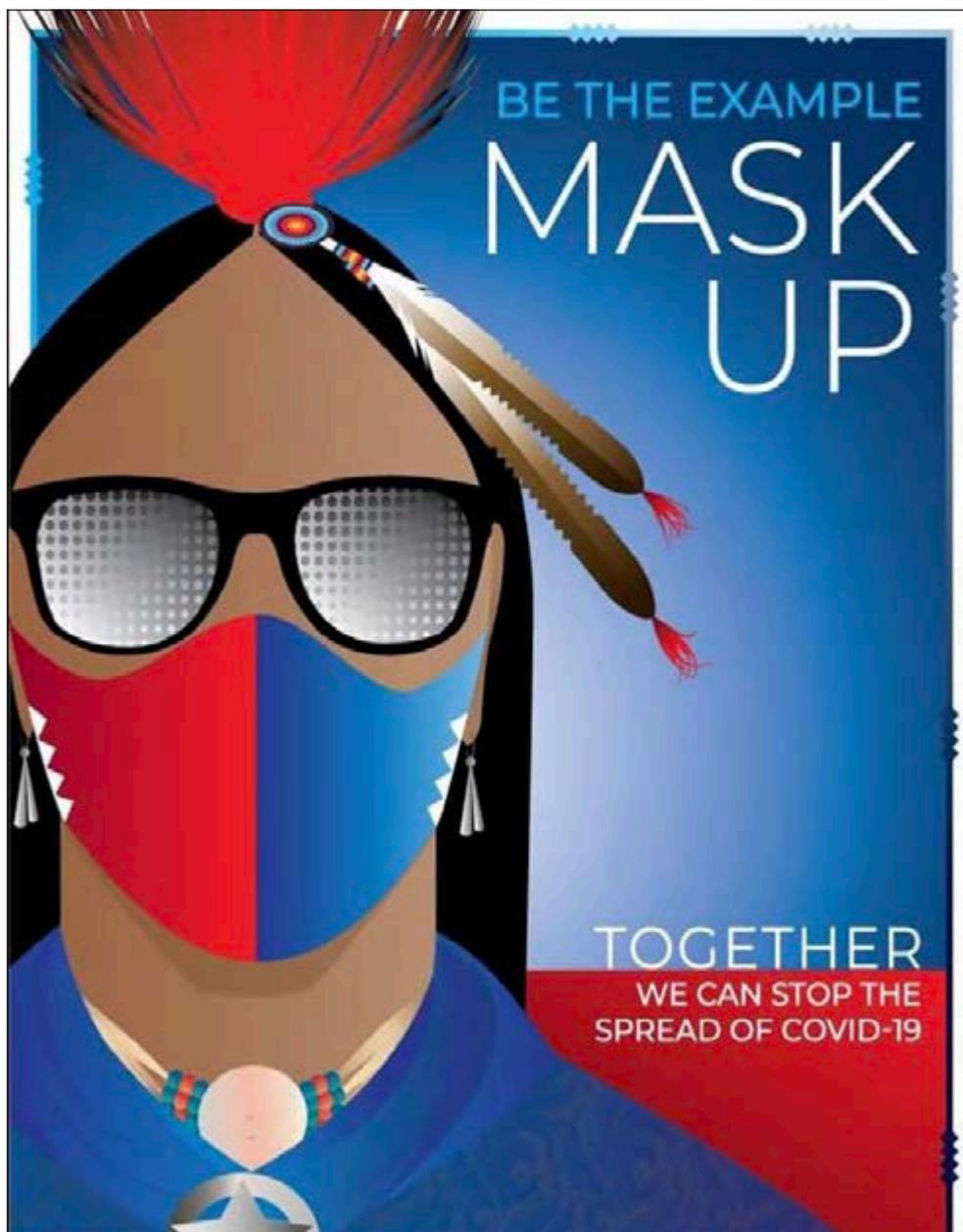
Honoring Health, Healing, and Tradition 

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.



BE THE EXAMPLE
MASK UP

TOGETHER
WE CAN STOP THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19



Coping with COVID-19

Take breaks from the news 	Take care of your body 
Make time to unwind 	Connect with others 
Set goals and priorities 	Focus on the facts 

Administrative Services Contact List

Division Administrator: Jayme VanZile – 715 478-7435 or 715 889-0014
 Executive Assistant: Renee Ison – 715 478-7235 or 715 889-1947

C-Stores: General Manager Rebecca Danielczak
 Stone Lake C-Store 715 478-4199
 Stone Lake C-Store Kitchen 715 478-4186
 Carter C-Store 715 473-5100

Emergency Management: Manager Bobbie Irocky – 715-478-4428

Employee Health: Chandas Bissonette – 715-478-4183

Enrollment: Manager Calli Victor – 715 478-7253 or e-mail at ENROLLMENT@FCPotawatomi-nsn.gov

Insurance: Director Natalyn Gardner – 715 478-7448

Traveling Times: Managing Editor Winda Collins – 715 478-7436 (please leave a message) or email at times@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov

Tribal Security: Director Sam Alloway – 715 478-7229 office, or 715 889-0077 and/or 715 889-0078 for patrol

FCP Tribal Court Contacts:

- Main Phone (715) 478-7255
 - Email CourtEmail@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov
- Please leave a detailed message including your name and phone number. Phone calls and emails will be returned asap.

Behavioral Health Resources:

- Online at fcphelp.com
- 24-hour crisis hotline at 888-299-1188
- Text Crisis line - text "HELP" to 741741
- If needed, 9-1-1 can always be called for immediate emergency services

FCP Behavioral Health encourages all community members who may be struggling or who have family members in crisis to reach out to a member of our team or others for help.

- FCP Team – (715) 478-4332
- Jeff Keeble Sr. – Recovery Coach (715) 889-1951
- Ed Cover – Recovery Coach (715) 889-2884
- Jacob Struble – House Manager (715) 889-9532
- Jorge Cisneros – Community Advocate (715) 846-7957 or (715) 889-9368

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.



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
 PUBLIC WORKS
 DIVISION

PO Box 340
 Crandon, WI 54520

Updated Public Works Contacts during COVID-19!

All Tribal Member Rentals, On Reservation Homes, and Government Facilities:

Jeff Thorpe: 715-889-2136
 Plumbing/HVAC: Dan Gruber: 715-889-3276

General Housing or Rental Related Questions:

Nate Guldan: 715-889-1796
 Allison Daniels: 715-889-3149

Roads:

Todd Mulvey: 715-902-0201

Drinking Water and Wastewater Issues:

Operator on Call: 715-889-9345

Solid Waste:

Tony Daniels: 715-889-6028

Transit (Medical Transports Only):

Wade Deverney: 715-478-4940 or 715-889-0087

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.

C-STORE HOURS EXPANDED!

Hours of operation for Carter & Stone Lake C-Store is 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 at (715) 478-4199 or Carter at (715) 473-5100.

Face masks are required for entry into the store.

Practice social distancing, and please, only one family member at a time in the store.

We thank you for your patience and continued support.



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



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

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino Opens Reservation System to All

submitted by Ryan Amundson PHC Public Relations Manager

MILWAUKEE (Aug. 24, 2020) – Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is inviting everyone to join in on the fun. The casino will no longer limit admission to Fire Keeper's Club members only. Sessions open to everyone, age 21 and over, began Aug. 24. Guests can sign up for those sessions at paysbig.com.

Reservations are required to enter a gaming session. Non-FKC members will be able to sign up for a free guest account to make those reservations. These spots are limited, so people are encouraged to make their reservations early or sign up for free during open sessions at the casino to become a Fire Keeper's Club member.

Potawatomi will remain open from 9 a.m. to midnight daily, with guests able to make reservations during four differ-

ent, three-hour gaming sessions:

- 9 a.m. - noon
- 1 - 4 p.m.
- 5 - 8 p.m.
- 9 p.m. - midnight

All guests will still be required to wear a mask and have their temperature checked upon arrival. Other health and safety protocols include:

- Plexiglas divider panels were added to slot machines to create a barrier between players.
- Plexiglas divider panels were installed at cashier windows, player's club booths, restaurant host stands, hotel front desk and security desks.
- No smoking is permitted inside the building until further notice.
- Increased frequency of cleaning and

sanitizing has been enacted in all public spaces with an emphasis on high-contact surfaces.

- Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the property.
- Signage encouraging guests and employees to practice social distancing and proper hygiene is located throughout the property.
- The hotel is open, but limited to 25 percent occupancy.
- Table games, off-track betting, poker and bingo remain closed.
- All restaurants remain closed for dine-in service. Take-out dining is available at RuYi, Fire Pit Sports Bar & Grill and the Canal Street Café.
- The spa, fitness center, retail, valet and banquet services remain closed.

These measures, among others, will remain in place until the science and accompanying data show it's safe to move closer to pre-pandemic operations.

About Potawatomi Hotel & Casino Set in the heart of Milwaukee, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is Wisconsin's premier entertainment destination, offering guests the best in gaming, dining and entertainment. The property features six award-winning restaurants, the intimate 500-seat Northern Lights Theater and more than 60,000 sq. feet of event space. A 500-room, 19-story hotel, the second largest hotel in Milwaukee, opened in 2014 with a second tower unveiled in 2019. To discover more visit www.paysbig.com.

Wisconsin Homeless Veteran Program Receives Federal Support

submitted by WDVA

MADISON, Wis. (Aug. 20, 2020) – The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) has been awarded a grant from the US Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to continue to operate and expand Wisconsin's successful Veterans Housing and Recovery Program (VHRP), which provides temporary housing, training, and supportive services to military Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in order to help them obtain permanent housing.

For more than 25 years, VHRP – through its community partnerships and extensive referral network – has helped homeless veterans in Wisconsin receive

the job training, education, counseling and rehabilitative services they need to obtain steady employment, affordable housing and the skills to sustain a productive lifestyle. As part of the VHRP program, three transitional Veterans Housing Centers located in Chippewa Falls, Union Grove, and Green Bay provide housing and services to 78 Veterans in need.

"It is so important that we support the well-being of our state's vulnerable Veterans," WDVA Secretary Mary Kolar said. "I'm pleased the VHRP will continue to assist at-risk Veterans – men and women – navigate the pathway to stable housing

by providing the tools and support to help put homelessness behind them."

Under the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, the USDVA agrees to make a per diem payment to the State for each day a Veteran participates in the VHRP. With announcement of this grant, WDVA will expand services at both the Chippewa Falls and Union Grove locations, adding an additional 18 beds at Chippewa Falls and an additional 10 at Union Grove, allowing housing and other assistance to be provided to at least an additional 28 veterans during this grant cycle. The Union Grove location will also include housing and services for

female Veterans.

The grants, awarded by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, are part of the Grant Per Diem program which provides funding to community organizations that provide transitional housing and supportive services for homeless Veterans, with the goal of "helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and income and obtain greater self-determination."

For additional information, contact: WDVA Office of Public Affairs
Patty Harrison
Patty.Harrison@dva.wisconsin.gov

Honoring Navajo Code Talkers Day

submitted by the Office of Tom Udall

SANTA FE, N.M. (Aug. 14, 2020) — U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, issued the following statement to honor the over 400 Navajo Code Talkers whose critical service saved lives and played a pivotal role during World War II:

"Almost 80 years ago, over 400 Navajo men volunteered for Code Talker duty to fight for a country that had not even recognized them as citizens until two decades earlier, even though the Navajo people had lived on these lands since time immemorial. Nonetheless, these brave young men enlisted so they could serve.

"Today, we honor the bravery and service of the Code Talkers, who saved lives and played a critical role in U.S. military efforts in the Pacific theater during World War II. On the battlefields, as they risked their lives, they relayed countless messages in Navajo code with critical information in quick succession.

Their code was never broken. In the Navajo Code, the word for America was 'our mother.' As one Code Talker has explained — 'Our Mother' stood for freedom — our religion — our ways of life. And that's why we went in.' The Navajo Marines identified their culture with their country. When they fought, they fought for both.

"Our country owes these heroes a debt that we can never repay. Even upon their return, the Code Talkers have continued to serve our country and their communities as leaders, health care workers and so much more. Four of the Code Talkers are still with us today—Thomas H. Begay, John Kinsel, Sr., Samuel Sandoval and Peter MacDonald, Sr. Today, we honor the service of these four men and the service of more than 400 brothers who sacrificed at a critical time for the security of our nation and the world.

"We can never thank you enough. But from the bottom of my heart, I join a grateful nation to say – ahéhee."



Attention: PBDC PUTS NEW INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN PLACE



Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC) is pleased to present an Internship Program for current high school students, college students and graduates. This Program offers a preference for members of the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC), their spouses and descendants followed by a preference for other Native Americans. PBDC is looking to provide the candidate with learning opportunities that will foster development of business, communication, leadership, and soft skills through real life experiences in preparation for their professional future.

Each Internship is for a length of eight to twelve weeks during the summer starting 2021 on a full or part-time basis. The Interns will be temporary employees of PBDC and will be assigned to PBDC Corporate Departments or Subsidiary operating companies as appropriate. Fields of study include, but are not limited to: Accounting & Finance, Information Technology, Marketing, Human Resources and Engineering.

To be eligible for the Internship Program, the candidate must be an enrolled FCPC member (spouse or descendant), complete the employment application, have the ability to work at PBDC in Milwaukee or at any of its subsidiary locations and participate in an interview for employment.

The application deadline for the 2021 Internships is September 30th, 2020, with interviews and selections occurring no later than November 30th, 2020. PBDC looks forward to engaging members of the FCPC in support of tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and business continuity opportunities. Please contact Judy Hoppe Haack, Director of Human Resources for PBDC to learn more about this exciting Internship Program and how PBDC can add to your professional experience or check our website at www.potawatombdc.com.



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Unity Fire MKE: EARTH, WIND, FIRE, WATER

Prayer - Reflection - Hope. A fire with intended purpose burned brightly day and night for four consecutive days in peaceful prayer for Mother Earth and for her people who seek peaceful change. Each day focussed on the four elements of life: Day 1 - Earth, Day 2 - Wind, Day 3 - Fire, Day 4 - Water.

On Monday, August 17, 2020, Healing Intergenerational Roots Wellness Institute (HIRWI) opened the Unity Fire MKE with a message that inspired the community to move to action. The day's events honored the feminine and the attendees participated in a "Healing with Red Sands Ceremony" that was led by CEO & Founder Lea Denny to honor those who are still missing and those who were taken too soon from our communities. HIRWI staff members, Jamie Kellicut and Malia Chow, offered words of hope and expression of the seriousness of this issue. Two indigenous women community members moved the audience with their passion and work around missing and murdered Indigenous women. Dr. Jeneile Luebke spoke of her research on Intimate Partner Violence against native women and Jenna Knueppel described her "red dress" display that can be viewed over the course of the Unity Fire. HIRWI is a social justice-informed and culturally rooted Intergenerational Healing Approach™ that improves mental health and wellness outcomes for Indigenous and underserved communities.

The fire took place at the Wgema Campus, hosted by Forest County Potawatomi, during the Democratic National Convention, August 17-20, 2020. Mark Dennings, the organizer of the event said, "We're affected by so many issues that marginalize communities are affected by, that we wanted to make our presence known but we also wanted to bring up the leadership that is so needed in our communities virtually and in person. We're thinking about them. We want them to do well. This fire is about prayers and reflections, that they do well – that they think about us – all of us in this country."

Native Americans tended the fire and conducted tobacco, water and pipe ceremonies daily. The Unity Fire MKE was done for the community's healing, unity and safety for all, but especially for our elders and children. Social distancing, wearing of masks, and other health protocols applied at all times.



Sponsors that made the Unity Fire MKE possible: FCP, Indian Council of the Elderly, Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Repairing Together, Indian Community School, Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services, HIRWI, & First Nations Studies

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