



# POTAWATOMI TRAVELING TIMES

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## Forest County Potawatomi Community Facebook Live Session Recap - September 23, 2020

### Chairman Ned Daniels Sr.

Good morning. Thank you all for tuning in today. I hope that all of you have been enjoying the beautiful fall weather and that you and your families are happy and healthy.

For those of you with school-aged children, I hope that they had a good start to the school year. And for those of you getting ready to start your hunting season, I hope you are seeing lots of good signs to help you fill your freezers.

This is a beautiful time of year, so make sure you are getting outside to enjoy it.

I want to begin today by saying *migwetch* to everyone who came out to the special General Council on Saturday. This has been a difficult year for all of us, but I appreciate everyone taking the time to come out and ensure that the tribe can continue to move forward and conduct its needed business.

This was an important meeting because we needed to present and pass a budget for the next fiscal year. I'm happy to say that once again we had quorum, and that the budget passed as presented. And because we were able to pass the budget on Saturday, the Tribe will now be able to bring back a few employees.

While we aren't where we had wanted or hoped to be as we start a new fiscal year, it's clear we are continuing to move forward in a positive direction. Again, *migwetch* to all of you for your support.

By now you have all seen the news about the significant rise in positive COVID cases in Forest County. At the beginning of this month we had 81 confirmed cases of COVID in the county. Today, there are well over 200. This should not be a big surprise to anyone. We have said all along that COVID is present in Forest County.

Please, continue to be smart in your actions. Wear a mask when you are out. Wash your hands regularly. Limit your interactions with others outside of your family. And when you are out, practice social distancing.

And finally, I know most of you are looking for new and fun things to do with your family. I think we have just the thing.

The Potawatomi Farm is hosting a corn maze through seven acres of winding paths. Come explore, learn Native American culture, and spend quality time with family and friends. While there, visit the new store where you will find fresh produce, pasture-raised beef, bison, pork and chicken products, as well as eggs – all grown on the Farm. Also check out Native American-made items, furs, spices, candles, snacks and drinks.

The event will be practicing COVID-19 safeguards by social distancing, requiring that masks be worn, and making hand sanitizer available. The maze is open to the public from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 26 through Oct. 31. The event and store are located at 3389 Co. Hwy. H in Laona. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for age 5 and under. Questions? Call (715) 478-4545.

Before I turn it over, one quick reminder of the judicial election for Chief Judge this Saturday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. at Rec Center. Candidates are Christian Daniels and Ira Frank Sr. Make sure you get out and vote.

*Migwetch*

### Family Services Division Administrator Abbey Lukowski

Bosho, Forest County Potawatomi Community.

So, where are we at with child care? While it is not yet confirmed, we're hopeful for a mid-October opening date of Rising Sun Daycare. Parents - please be sure to check your mail; there's a lot of important information headed your way which includes payment information, updated application requirements, and information about how we plan to keep your kidlets safe in response to COVID.



Una is back, so if you have any questions pertaining to the application materials, please call.

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 at (715) 889-1446 to become a licensed placement.

As we journey to a colder season, we know you may feel a bit more stuck at home. We recognize that in these 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 call Family Services at (715) 478-4433 and leave a message with your full name and a working phone number so that we may return your call.

Assistance is available for qualifying applicants for food, medical and child care expenses. We invite you to apply at <https://access.wisconsin.gov>. This website will also be available on Facebook this afternoon. However, we also know that filling out large applications can be daunting and overwhelming, so feel free to call us at (715) 478-4433 to schedule an appointment to receive some assis-

tance.

If you have not received your economic impact payment, please be sure to contact Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to ensure the IRS has your proper information on file. You must do this prior to Oct. 15, 2020. If you have questions or don't know if you have received it or not, please contact Economic Support at (715) 478-7201 for additional information.

It's that time of year when our power and utility bills come due. Please contact your utility companies to set up budget plans this week. It's critical that you do this to avoid disconnection. Late last week you received mail from the Family Services Division with resource tools and phone numbers. Please access those this week. Utility companies may begin disconnection processes beginning September 30; we need you to be prepared. If you have questions on how this works, please call us at (715) 478-4433.

Let's recap quickly before we wrap up!

- Parents accessing childcare services – please check your mail.
- In need of in-home childcare providers.
- We need foster homes/family placements.
- Get your applications in for financial assistance or make an appointment to file with us. <https://access.wisconsin.gov>.
- Not sure if you received your economic impact payment? Contact Economic Support.
- Please be sure your utility bills are paid. It's critical you set up a payment plan this week.

Family Services (715) 478-4433  
Indian Child Welfare (715) 889-1446  
Com. Advocacy (715) 478-7201  
Child Support (715) 478-7260  
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## Facebook Recap

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### Emergency Management Program Manager Bobbie Irocky

Hello, FCP Community.

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

The Forest County Potawatomi Public Health Officer would like me to update you all on the most current case surge information as of yesterday, Sept. 22.

- Forest County has 68 confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- 13 new cases among Forest County Potawatomi since Labor Day Weekend.
- Age ranges children to elders.
- 42 Forest County Potawatomi are in quarantine with more being quarantined today.

• Most cases are related to gatherings.  
• Several cases are not traceable to a positive case, leading to community spread. Community spread means the virus is spreading widely and rapidly.

• Before Labor Day, there were 9 total positive results tested at Health & Wellness Center. Today, that number is 50.

Consider this situation serious and act accordingly. Stay home.

This is a pandemic:

- Do not travel during a pandemic unless it is urgent.
- Keep trips and errands limited to only those you need to survive.
- This pandemic is caused by a respiratory virus. Masks help contain the spread. Do not shop where others are not wearing a mask. Wash your hands often.
- Do not plan gatherings such as parties, dinners or attend athletic events.
- If you are called by contact tracers to get tested, please abide by the recommendations. Do not ignore and go to work or gather with others.
- If you are placed in isolation or quarantine, please follow those directives - it is imperative for the safety of others.

Please consider your elders and loved ones. Do what it takes to contain this outbreak. Please consider the children. Do what it takes to get them back in school. Their futures depend on education. Forest County Potawatomi Community is strong and resilient. Let's remind each other to take precautions because we care!

I would like to go over the consider-

ations for who should get tested:

- People who have symptoms of COVID-19.
- People who have had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with someone with confirmed COVID-19.
- People who have been asked or referred to get testing by their healthcare provider, local or state health department.
- Not everyone needs to be tested. But if you do, you should self-quarantine/isolate at home pending test results, and follow the advice of your healthcare provider or a public health professional.

As always, if at any time you have an emergency, 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 Medical - Jennifer Waloway, Nurse Practitioner

Hello everyone. My name is Jennifer Waloway, and I am a Nurse Practitioner at FCP Health & Wellness Center. I am here today to talk with you about our continued medical services, as well as new services that we have implemented in the last few months concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amidst the current pandemic, the Medical Department remains committed to serving all your healthcare needs. We continue to provide care for all tribal members, FCP employees and community members in the safest way possible for patients and for healthcare personnel. We have done this by adjusting the way we deliver healthcare services to reduce the need to provide in-person care by following infection prevention and control recommendations, and by providing necessary in-person clinical services for conditions other than COVID-19 in the safest way possible, minimizing disease transmission to patients, FCP healthcare personnel, and others.

The Medical Department continues to provide all services during the pandemic including chronic disease management, medication follow up, physical examinations, well child examinations, sick visits, urgent care services, and immunizations. To ensure your continued safety and to prevent disease transmission, all individu-

als and healthcare personnel are screened prior to entrance into the facility; the clinic has been separated into a "healthy" side and a "sick" side; all rooms are cleaned and disinfected after each visit; and staff all wear the appropriate personal protection equipment. Additionally, we have negative pressure rooms for respiratory illness, and we continue to offer COVID curbside testing.

As we move forward, we know that the pandemic continues to evolve and that we, as your healthcare community, must continue to deliver high-quality care to all patients. We are aware that usual and customary ways of providing services may not be feasible and we must find a way to provide a wider range of services without patients having to travel to the Health & Wellness facility. We wanted to be as flexible as possible. To do this, we created new policies that allow medically-necessary services to be offered via telehealth to our patients. Telehealth services will be optimized when available and appropriate. Examples of appropriate telehealth visits include: screening patients who may have symptoms of COVID-19, providing urgent care for non-COVID-19 conditions, identifying higher acuity care needs, management of chronic health conditions and medications, follow up of hospital discharge, providing non-emergent care to residents in long-term care facilities, and providing education through medical consultation.

In response to the developing COVID-19 outbreak in Forest County, the Medical Department has convened a COVID-19 task force. This group provides the day-to-day functions for

COVID-19 screening, sampling, testing and follow up, thus allowing us to better serve tribal members, FCP employees, and our community. This group is responsible for all components of COVID-19, and the group works collaboratively with FCP Community Health and medical departments, public school districts, and the Forest County Health Department. The task force's central focus is on protecting the health and safety of tribal members, FCP employees, and our community. Their dedication to COVID-19 allows our medical staff to focus on and prioritize the overall health, wellness and future of our community.

On September 28, the medical department will be implementing a COVID-19 hotline. If you think you might have acquired COVID-19, FCP Health & Wellness Center wants to quickly direct you to the most appropriate care and prevent the spread of the virus. Call the Health & Wellness Center COVID Line at (715) 478-4318.

I want to reassure you that during these difficult and uncertain times, the medical department holds true to our mission: To provide quality healthcare in a professional and traditional way for Native Americans, their families, and the surrounding community in a trusting, respectful, and confidential manner.

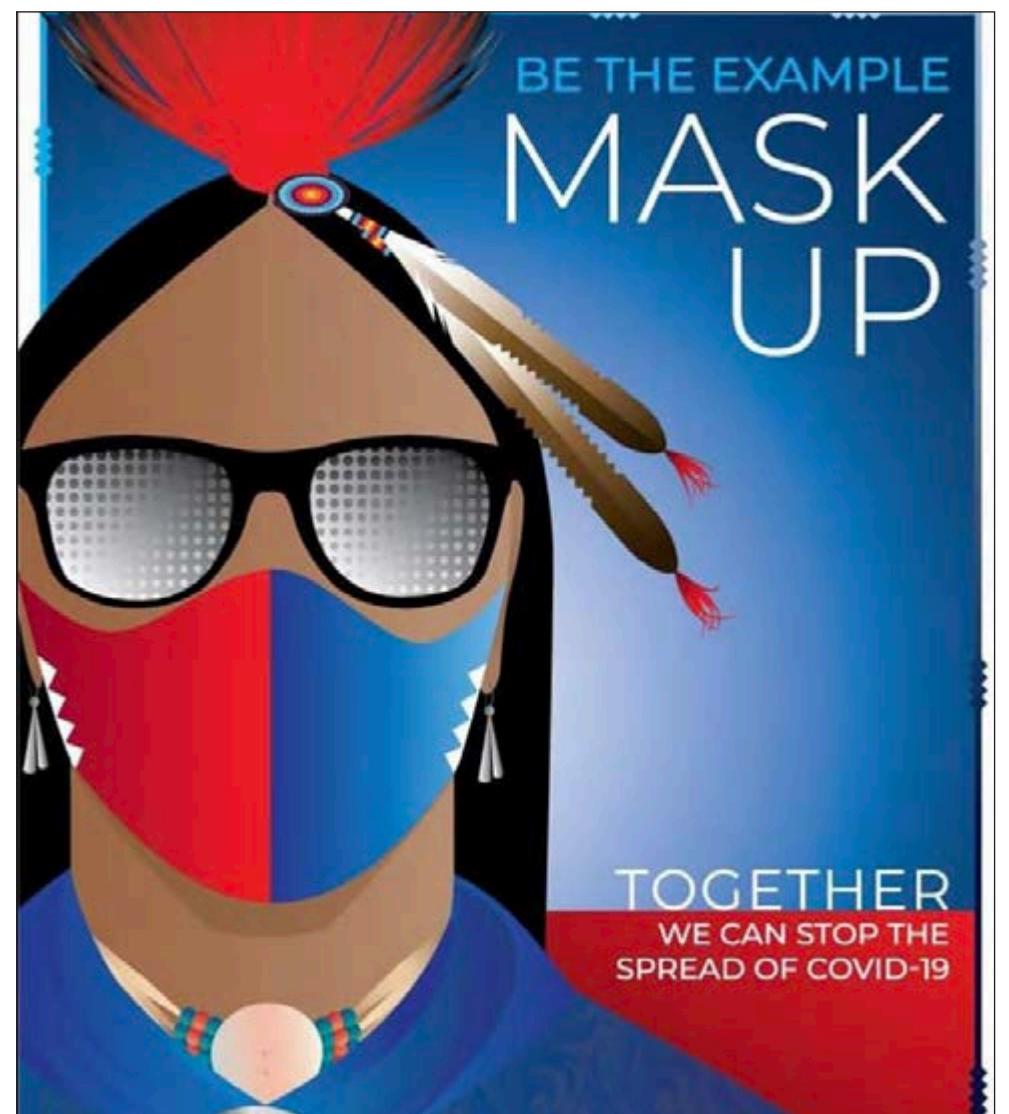
Please contact us at (715) 478-4300 with any physical or emotional concerns or problems. We remain dedicated to serving all of your needs during the pandemic.

Thank you and may you remain in good health!

**NIH** National Institute of Mental Health

## Coping with COVID-19

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



### Attention Tribal Members

There are several committee/board/commission/post vacancies. Please see below for the complete list and number of vacancies:

- Enrollment Committee (2)
- Health Advisory Board (3)
- Historic & Cultural Preservation Board (2)
- Housing Committee (1)
- Investment Committee (1)
- Tax Commission (1)
- Veterans Post 1 (2)

Those interested must submit the required letter of interest to the Executive Council office no later than October 7, 2020, along with your address, email address, and telephone so that our office may contact you. The required letter of interest may be submitted by hard copy/email to:

Forest County Potawatomi  
 Administrative Assistant to Tribal Chairman  
 P O Box 340  
 Crandon, WI 54520  
 (715) 478-7475  
 Destinee.Alloway@FCPotawatomi-nsn.gov.



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

### NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

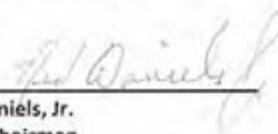
**NOMINATION MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2020**  
**7:00PM**

**Rec Center**

**\*\*\*AGENDA\*\*\***

1. Call to Order
2. Nominations for Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary
3. Appointment of Election Board
  - a. Judge
  - b. Ballot Clerks
4. Adjournment

Posted: September 23, 2020

  
 Ned Daniels, Jr.  
 Tribal Chairman  
 Forest County Potawatomi

**STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS**  
 Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

**Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.**

**6 ft**



 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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**Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**



 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## 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.  
Beginning Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, the FCP Pharmacy will continue to offer curbside pickup based on levels of COVID in the community. Payment may be made over the phone or in cash at pickup (exact amount please).



PO Box 340  
Crandon, WI 54520

9/15/2020

FCPC Homeowners:

Due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, the Housing Department has had to make some tough decisions on services offered to Tribal Membership. Unfortunately, many of the services you have been used to will no longer be offered beginning October 1. The Housing Department will do our best to assist you in obtaining these services elsewhere by providing a list of contacts and/or contractors you can contact for these services.

The Housing Department will no longer be able to assist Tribal Members with any of the following:

- **Home Repairs or Construction Services**

Including, but not limited to:

- Remodeling
- Home Additions
- Roof Repairs
- Furnace Repairs or Replacements
- Leaky pipes or other plumbing issues inside the home

- **Snowplowing**

- There is a Snow Plowing Assistance Program for Elders. Please contact the Elderly Department at 715-478-4892 for more information.
- Tribal Members that offer snowplowing services:
  - Frank Shepard Sr – (715) 889-2735
  - Ed Alloway Jr – (715) 889-4838

- **Lawn Mowing**

- There is a Lawn Mowing Assistance Program for Elders. Please contact the Elderly Department at 715-478-4892 for more information.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. Please remember we are able to provide you a list of contractors by contacting the FCPC Housing Front Desk at (715) 478-7270.

Thank you,  
FCPC Housing Department

## 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



**FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI  
PUBLIC WORKS  
DIVISION**

PO Box 340  
Crandon, WI 54520

### Public Works Contacts

- Division Administrator, Nate Guldán, 715-478-7205 or 715-889-1796
- Executive Assistant, Allison Daniels, 715-478-4946 or 715-889-3149

**Government Facilities:**

- Facilities, Jeff Thorpe, 715-478-4132 or 715-889-2136
- Plumbing/HVAC, Dan Gruber, 715-889-3276

**Housing:**

- Housing Manager, Gerry Mann, 715-478-7406 or 715-889-9596

**Roads:**

- Roads Manager, Todd Mulvey, 715-478-7392 or 715-902-0201

- Utilities - Drinking Water and Wastewater Issues:**
- Utilities Manager, Bruce Johnson, 715-478-7398 or 715-889-0496
- Operator on Call: 715-889-9345

- Solid Waste:**
- Solid Waste Lead, Tony Daniels, 715-478-7330 or 715-889-6028

- Fleet/Transit (Medical Transports Only):**
- Fleet and Transit Manager, 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.

### 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

### 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

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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

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

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Employee Health: Chandas Bissonette – 715-478-4183

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

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Insurance: Director Natalyn Gardner – 715 478-7448

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

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

### 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.

## GENERAL JUDICIAL ELECTION

FOR

# TRIBAL CHIEF JUDGE

Saturday **8:00** A.M. TO **7:00** P.M.

**Sept. 26, 2020**

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



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI  
Keeper of the Fire

**Deadline for the Oct. 15, 2020 issue of the Traveling Times is Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020.**

## Domestic Violence Awareness Sheds Light and Calls for an End to Violence

submitted by StrongHearts Native Helpline

Every October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), advocates and communities across Indian Country and the United States rally together to honor survivors of domestic violence and support abuse prevention.

In 2020, StrongHearts Native Helpline once again calls on advocates, tribal leaders, reservation and urban Indian community members, service providers and Native organizations to support the movement to prevent and end domestic violence, which disproportionately affects millions of Natives every year.

Violence against Indigenous peoples began with European contact and has continued to this day, adding up to more than 500 years of abuse. Domestic violence, which continues as a tool of colonization, represents a lack of respect for Native peoples.

Native women and men in the United

States experience domestic violence at alarming rates, with more than four in five Natives having experienced some form of violence in their lifetime and more than half experiencing physical violence by an intimate partner in the past year.

Domestic violence has many faces: physical, sexual, emotional, cultural, financial and digital. It doesn't discriminate and includes violence against children, elders, LGBTQ2S individuals. There is also a strong connection between domestic violence and thousands of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women.

Native nations in the Lower 48 and Alaska Native Villages continually go underfunded for life saving domestic violence services. Now in its fourth year of operation, StrongHearts has received more than 9,103 phone calls and online chats requesting critically-needed support

to deal with intimate partner violence. Of the phone calls, 5,010 were received in 2019 — a 396.04% increase from 2018.

This year during the Covid-19 pandemic, conversations focused on domestic violence have attracted international media and public attention. Alarming increases in domestic violence have been documented worldwide, due to victims and their abusers being trapped in close quarters while sheltering in place during quarantines. In August, in an effort to help Natives affected by all forms of violence during this uncertain and dangerous time, StrongHearts added sexual violence advocacy to its existing domestic and dating violence outreach services.

"We must continue to heighten public awareness of the issues of violence in Indian Country," says StrongHearts Native Helpline Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians).

"StrongHearts Native Helpline urges all individuals not only during October but throughout the year to believe survivors, speak out and take action against abuse, and to share supportive resources with their loved ones and communities in a concentrated effort to put an end to domestic violence forever."

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous and confidential domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline that offers culturally-appropriate support and advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives. If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic, dating or sexual violence or if you have questions about your behavior, help is available. For one-on-one advocacy, click on the Chat Now icon at <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org/> or call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483). Advocates are available daily from 5 a.m. to 18 p.m., PT.

## FCNL Congratulates House on Savanna's Act and Not Invisible Act Passage

submitted by Business Wire

Washington, D.C. (Sept. 22, 2020) - The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) applauded the passage of both Savanna's Act (H.R. 2733) and the Not Invisible Act of 2019 (H.R. 2438) by the full House of Representatives.

"At long last, Congress has passed bills to develop better law enforcement practices when it comes to crimes against American Indians and Alaska Natives. This begins the process of ensuring better public safety in tribal and urban Indian communities," said Diane Randall, FCNL's general secretary. "As a Quaker organization, we support legislation that

honors the promises our country has made to Native Americans."

Having previously passed the Senate, the bills will now go to the White House for the president's signature.

"These bills improve two of the most problematic issues plaguing Native communities – coordination among law enforcement agencies and reporting practices," said Kerri Colfer, FCNL's Native American program congressional advocate. "A new crisis begins each time a Native woman goes missing. These crises are not limited to remote, rural tribal reservations. They affect Native Americans and their families living in all major

American cities and states."

Savanna's Act (H.R. 2733) is named after Savanna LaFontaine Greywind, a pregnant Lakota woman who went missing only to be found brutally murdered in August 2017. Its goal is to improve the responses to missing and murdered Native women through coordination among tribal, federal, and local law enforcement agencies. It also requires data on missing and murdered Native people to be compiled and reported.

The Not Invisible Act (H.R. 2438) aims to address the crisis of missing and murdered Native people by creating an advisory committee on crime against

American Indians and Alaska Natives to make recommendations to the Department of Justice and Department of Interior.

FCNL and several Native American organizations have been working to ensure both houses of Congress pass legislation to address the ongoing crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women throughout the United States. Native women and girls face a murder rate 10 times the national average, and more than 4 in 5 Native women have experienced violence. To learn more, please visit [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org).

## Bill to Boost Small Business Development, Create Jobs in Indian Country

submitted by the office of Senator Tom Udall

Washington, D.C. (Sept. 21, 2020) - U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, celebrated the House passage of legislation he sponsored to launch businesses and create jobs in Indian Country. The Native American Business Incubators Program Act, which Udall first introduced in the Senate in 2016, will establish and fund business incubators in Indian Country to help start and cultivate Native American-owned small businesses. U.S. Representative Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) led the bill in the House of Representatives.

The bill creates a competitive grant program within the Department of the Interior to establish and fund business incubators that will assist in cultivating Native American-owned small businesses. The incubators will serve as a much-needed resource in Indian Country, where entrepreneurs often

face unique start-up challenges such as difficulty accessing business loans, federal restrictions on Tribal lands, and location in highly rural areas.

"Small businesses are the cornerstone of strong economies and communities, but hardworking Native American entrepreneurs often run into difficulties getting their businesses off the ground," Udall said. "I introduced this legislation to help Native American business owners navigate through red tape, gain access to start-up capital, and set their business up for success. And, as Indian Country faces new financial hurdles due to the Trump administration's mishandling of the coronavirus pandemic, economic investments and support for Native small businesses are needed now more than ever. This bill will provide important resources to help businesses in Indian Country build foundations for success and continue powering their communities forward."

"Native Americans' entrepreneurial spirit can break cycles of poverty, but for far too long, key economic resources have not been available to Native businesses. When I was running my salsa company, I could only imagine how much easier it would have been if I had access to business incubation support. In the midst of a global pandemic and economic recession, Tribal communities need our help now more than ever. The Native American Business Incubators Program Act will ensure that future business owners in Indian Country can grow their enterprises and build strong vibrant economies. It's an incredible honor to send this bill to the President's desk alongside Representatives Cole, Torres, and Young and Senator Tom Udall," said Haaland, Co-Chair of the Native American Caucus.

The bill authorizes \$5 million annually from fiscal 2020 through 2024 for the Interior Department to award compet-

itive, three-year grants to Tribes, Tribal Colleges or Universities, higher education institutions and nonprofit organizations to establish and operate business incubators that serve Native American communities.

These business incubators will create a one-stop-shop for Native American entrepreneurs so they can get assistance developing a business plan; navigating federal, Tribal and state regulations; and attracting outside investment. The incubators will also provide entrepreneurs professional networking opportunities.

To be considered for a Native American Business Incubators Program Act grant, the applicant must serve one or more Tribal communities, submit a three-year plan, offer business skills training and education, and meet other specific requirements.

## Greenfire: EXPANDING OUR REACH AND EXPERTISE

When Greenfire was founded in 2010, the company quickly established itself as an industry expert in multi-family developments, hospitality and historic renovations. Today, we are a team with a deep bench of experience in numerous categories, allowing us to grow into new verticals and new markets while always delivering on our promise of providing innovative construction services backed by a commitment to total quality management.

“With some of our very first projects, Greenfire came out of the gates strong, proving to be a capable and trusted partner,” said Greenfire’s president, Kip Ritchie. “Our early work on the Potawatomi Hotel Casino, and on award-winning projects like PaperBox Lofts, Beaumont Place, and River House Apartments allowed us to build a strong reputation and a strong team with potential for growth. It’s been amazing to be part of a team that refined its expertise in core areas, while at the same time, delivered on a corporate goal of expanding to new sectors in a smart and targeted approach.”



Left: St. James 1868, reuse of a church into a high-end events center

As Greenfire proved itself in the industry, the company attracted experts with impressive resumes and relationships. As our team expanded, so too did our ability to seek and win work in new areas. The addition of the company’s Northern Operations in 2018, also greatly expanded our capabilities and our geographical footprint.

Our team remains unmatched in multi-family and historic renovation expertise. But we now draw from team members with decades of experience in health care, senior living, education, municipal building, adaptive reuse, and a variety of large commercial developments.

Today Greenfire is renovating and building new schools for communities and Indian nations in northern Wisconsin. We are developing Waukesha’s new City Hall, recently completed the adaptive reuse of a historic church into a high-end events center and are hard at work on a \$60 million community center for the Forest County Potawatomi. We are managing the construction of a senior living facility in the heart of Milwaukee and will soon begin work on two healthcare facilities in the city. And of course, we continue to expand our portfolio of work in the multi-family sector with outstanding projects in Oshkosh, Oak Creek, Milwaukee, Wauwatosa and Racine.

## GMS: FNS BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

This past month Greenfire had the pleasure of presenting the donations collected for our First Nations Back to School Gift Card & Supply Drive. This is the fourth year that Greenfire has supported the First Nations Studies (FNS) program, which is an academic program funded through the Milwaukee Public Schools system that provides services at schools with concentrations of First Nations students. Thank you to the GMS Family, neighbors on the Wgema Campus, the local community, and FNS Coordinator, Richanda Kaquatosh, for making this drive a great success. Together, they are making a positive difference.



## Update: FCP COMMUNITY CENTER

The Greenfire team is making significant progress on this project, which is nearly roughly 50% complete. As part of this exciting progress, they would like to share an expanded update. Recent construction highlights include:

**Area C** - In the Fieldhouse, the elevated track is decked out and, ready for base pour. The turf level is ready for last grade which will be followed by electrical. The area is finished with turf field install and finishing equipment. All framing, and steel work is complete, with minor finishing touchup work ongoing. Lastly, the exterior air handling units are installed, and final duct work is complete connecting to northwest wall.

In the Lower Level steel stud framing is complete. Rough installation for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing are going on. Construction of mechanical room is complete and ready to install HVAC and electrical equipment

In the Upper Level steel stud framing and rough installation for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing is ongoing.

**Area B** - In the Commons/Atrium they are erecting structural steel for an elevated walkway. The Glue lam wood columns and beams are set and the fire protection system is to follow. Serving and classroom teaching commercial kitchens are at the whitebox stage which includes installed walk-in cooler and freezer, and over-head vent. It is ready for appliance installation. The woodshop is also at the whitebox stage ready for build-out. Elevated walkways will connect Areas A & C and staircases at each junction will descend to lower level of Commons. The completed Commons lower level will include climbing walls, teaching kitchen, serving kitchen, lounge area, and access to the pool. The floor will be polished concrete with a feather pattern reflecting exterior tile siding.

In the Pool, Glue lam wood beams are set, finishing touches are ongoing followed by stain. The fire protection system install will follow. The glass curtain wall is complete with installation of glass paneling to follow. The mechanical room is complete, just needing final insulation and paint. The locker rooms rough installation for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing are sheet rock are installed. Shower, wall and floor tile work is ongoing.

**Area A** - In the Gymnasium steel work is complete. The glass is mostly installed and electrical is complete, followed by paint then finishing equipment such as fans, IT, gymnasium equipment. The exterior air handling units are installed, and final duct work complete connecting to northwest wall.

In the Bathrooms, the electrical and plumbing are complete, the sheet rock is installed. The tile is ongoing. They then will set plumbing and toilet finishes.

In the Main Mechanical & Electrical Room, the build-out is complete, all equipment is installed and once water lines are established, the water heater will be installed.

The Game Room is in a whitebox state and ready for build-out.

Lastly, regarding the exterior of the building, an 80,000 lb generator is installed, tied into city power grid and ready to run on permanent power. The retaining ponds are complete. All air handling units and big chiller are installed. Lift Station 1 & 2 complete. The ATV Route boulders are in place along drive. The rest of the landscaping will follow.

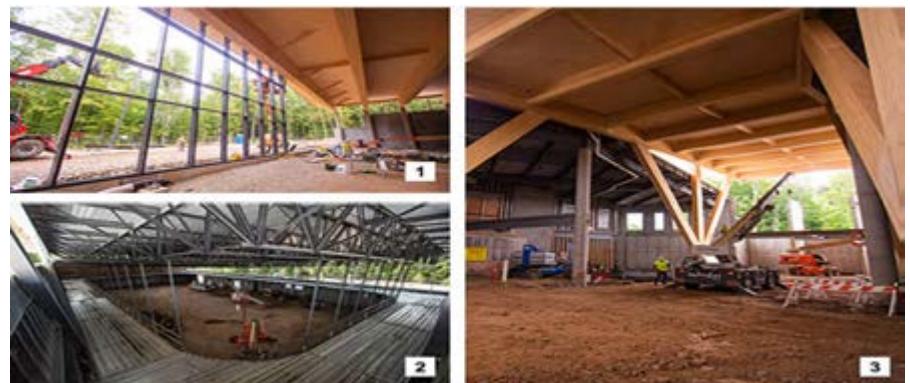


Photo: (1) Interior view of the glass curtain wall in the pool (2) Aerial view of Area C fieldhouse (3) Interior view of the entrance and elevated skywalk

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