



New Forest County Potawatomi Chief Judge Sworn In

by Winda Collins

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, was an historic day for the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP). This date marked the election of only the second ever Chief Judge to serve in FCP's Tribal Court. After a primary election on Sept. 12, two candidates emerged for the final election: Ira Frank Sr., and Christian Daniels. Daniels had just served his last day of his six-year term as Associate Judge before being declared the victor for the Chief Judge position. An overview of Daniels' qualifications can be found at the end of this article.

The swearing in ceremony was held the following day, Sept. 27, in the Tribal Courtroom.

Associate Judge Angela Moe warmly welcomed the family, friends and employees in attendance, and then asked FCP elder Louis Spaude to offer the prayer. In his prayer, Spaude asked the Creator for truth, temperance, fortitude, and good health as the Chief Judge assumes his office. He went on to say, "Though on his own and by himself in some things, he's never really alone."

Next to speak was Eugene Shawano Jr., tribal member and former Tribal Administrator. The program had listed this part of the ceremony as 'words of wisdom' – he quickly said it should be words of encouragement. Shawano took a short walk back in time to those who laid the foundation for the court system the tribe has today. He stated, "It wasn't necessarily

that they were looking at the court system, but they were looking at 'how do we make things better for our people'." Like Spaude, Shawano also wanted Daniels to know that he wasn't alone, that he had the whole community, the whole nation behind him. He also stated, "You're going to have to make some tough decisions, and you know that already." Continuing, Shawano said, "I pray you find peace, joy, comfort, and lead with wisdom, compassion and love."

Tribal member Ora Monager was asked to speak at the ceremony. She first offered her sincere congratulations to Daniels on his new position as Chief Judge. As sister of the late Chief Judge Eugene "Fuji" White-Fish, she spoke with great emotion about her brother and his legacy. Monager stated, "I was thinking when I got here this morning that I could feel his presence." She was very proud of her brother who sat on the bench for 25 years – though she never witnessed any of his cases. She stated, "But I know what he went through. He was really proud of his 34-year sobriety. He knew what it was to have addictions. He knew what it was to be in foster homes. He was the perfect person for our first judge." Monager also added that White-Fish had been looking for someone in the community to mentor, "...and he chose you, Chris." She continued to express her pride in Daniels and the way in which he lives his life.

At this point, the actual swearing in of Daniels took place with Associate Judge Moe officiating. This was immediately followed by an honor song from Fire Nation. FCP Council Member Nickolas Shepard gave a brief intro to the honor song he'd chosen for this occasion, "We Really Love This Way". Shepard had good words to share about White-Fish's character and his contribution to sustaining cultural tradition in the community. He then offered his heartfelt congratulations to Daniels.



After the honor song, Chairman Ned Daniels Sr. spoke briefly. Talking of court matters, Chairman said, "I know when people come in here it's for a dispute or something where they're not getting along. Very few times in this room do you find two people working together. You usually have to sort it out. My nephew has a job where he can't make everybody happy. He has to choose." Speaking directly to the new Chief Judge, he said, "I want you to know that I pray for you every day... ask for that strength, and give you the ability to think things through." Chairman added one last piece of wisdom. "My dad always told me this: In a position of leadership, there's a lot of smart people and you should listen to them. But some people come to you, and in your brain, you think they're ignorant. He said, 'listen to them because they have something to say.' That way you never turn anybody away."

Spaude took a turn to tell a short story from when he was in law enforcement, and spoke of those who set good examples and turned their lives around in big ways. He said, "We need more of this."

Last, but certainly not least, the newly sworn in Chief Judge Christian Daniels took time to address the small crowd. He first thanked his wife, children, family and relatives for their support. He went

on to thank the other candidates and those who cast their votes, as well as those who had thoughts and prayers for him. He said, "Us judges, we need those prayers." At this stage, there was a long emotional pause from Daniels. "Twenty-five years... Chief Judge White-Fish sat in this seat. He did everything the best way he could for everything that was presented to him at the time. He made a lot of progress forward, for not only our court system but for all tribal courts. He made a connection with the Wisconsin Supreme Court. He kept in touch with all 10 of the other court systems. He set the bar really high for other FCP judges."

Daniels further explained that seven years ago, White-Fish had approached him about an Associate Judge's position and that he wanted Daniels to run for it. According to Daniels, he laughed and said no. They continued to talk about it and Daniels told him he'd think about it. Then one day, White-Fish went to his home, gave him some tobacco and told him he wanted him to run for that position. And the rest, as they say, is history.

A small reception was held in Chief Daniels' honor on Monday, Sept. 28.

Congratulations and best wishes to Chief Judge Daniels in this new stage of his life and career!

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Front row l-r: Nickolas Shepard Sr., Redman Lemieux, Benny Peters, Bondesé Frank
Back row l-r: Cathy Bulmer, Penelope Peters, Alexiana Stevens

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Cheryl A. Edwards

Cheryl A. Edwards, age 53, of Iron River, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 4, 2020.

She was born March 3, 1967, in Milwaukee, the daughter of Jeanette (George) Edwards and the late Ira Biddell. She graduated from South Division High school in Milwaukee.

Cheryl was a member of the U.P. River Church in Iron River. She enjoyed making jewelry, cooking, shopping, and working on the computer. She also liked needlepoint and embroidery projects. Family was most important to her and she loved working with her children.

Cheryl is survived by her sons: Eli Edwards of Milwaukee; , Christopher Cooper and Dylan Cooper, both of Green Bay, and Martin Cooper III and Warren Cooper, both of Iron River; daughters: Alicia Cooper of Crandon, and Dianna Cooper of Iron River; three grandchildren; the father of her children: Martin Cooper II; brothers: Ernest Edwards Jr., Brian Edwards, and Chad Smith, all of Iron River; sister: Johanna Edwards of Milwaukee; aunts: Carole (Harvey) White of Iron River, and Hazel George of Crandon; and many cousins and extended family.

She was also preceded in death by her brother: Timothy Edwards; and sister: Lisa Pacala.

Private family services will be held.

Interment will be in the Forest County Potawatomi Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Cheryl A. Edwards online at www.jacobsfuneralhomeir.com. Funeral arrangements are by the Jacobs Funeral Home, Inc., of Iron River.



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Family members l-r: grandson Stewie, Chief Judge Daniels, wife Floreze, daughter Negosqwe, son Maskwankot.



l-r: Deputy Clerk Tara Kress, Deputy Clerk Connie Pemrich, Associate Judge Angela Moe, Chief Judge Christian Daniels, Clerk of Court Dana Zehner

NIH National Institute of Mental Health

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

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.

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

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Forest County Potawatomi Community

Facebook Live Session Recap - October 7, 2020

Chairman Ned Daniels Sr.

Good morning. Thank you all for tuning in to this week's Facebook update. I am Ned Daniels Jr., Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi.

Forest County continues to see rapid growth of positive cases of COVID-19. When I spoke to you two weeks ago, there were around 220 cases of COVID-19 in Forest County. Today, we have around 350 cases. And sadly, we have even had a few more deaths.

By now, many of you may know someone who has contracted COVID-19. While each person's symptoms differ, it's very clear that for some, this virus is extremely debilitating and can leave you laid-up for weeks or even worse, in the hospital. I hope you all now see how quickly this virus can spread and how serious the situation is in Forest County.

Please, help us get this under control in Forest County. 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. We can only get this under control if we all do our part. So please, for the good of your friends, family and community, do your part.

On Monday, October 5, we will be celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day. Last year, Governor Evers declared that the holiday formerly known as Columbus Day, will now be celebrated as Indigenous Peoples Day. On this day of celebration, government offices will be closed.

And finally, I know that everyone is looking for things to do with their families right now. Don't forget that 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 through October 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.

Family Services Division Administrator Abbey Dall (Lukowski)

Bosho, Forest County Potawatomi Community.

A quick Child Care update: Please

be sure to check your mail. There's a lot of important information headed your way that includes payment information, updated application requirements and information about how we plan to keep your kids 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 child care 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 are in desperate need of a few foster homes for some larger sibling groups. Contact ICW to become a licensed placement.

A colder season is nearing. We know you may feel a bit more stuck at home. If these isolated moments bring domestic violence, sexual assault, exploitation, child abuse or neglect, etc., please call. 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 invite you to apply at <https://access.wisconsin.gov>.

We know that filling out applications can be overwhelming. We also know that the sooner you fill the applications out, the sooner you find out if you're eligible for resources. Call us at (715) 478-4433 to schedule an appointment to receive some assistance. The kiosks are ready and available to serve you.

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) 478-7206 for additional information.

Wishing you a safe weekend. See you soon! Ba Ma Me Na!

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

HWC Imaging Department - Julie Burt, Lead Mammographer

My name is Julie Burt and I am the lead mammographer at the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Health & Wellness Center (HWC). As many of you know, October is known as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but as a Mammographer, breast cancer awareness is every day of every month.

Second only to skin cancer, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women, and each year, about 250,000 women and 2,300 men are diagnosed with breast cancer. Studies have shown that the risk for developing breast cancer is usually due to a combination of factors, and one of the most common combination of factors is that we are women and we are aging. Other combinations can be related to family history, hormonal, and even environmental.

There are three important tools used in diagnosing breast cancer and the most important, first and foremost, is yourself. By being diligent and performing breast self-exams once a month starting at the age of 20 and being very familiar with how your breasts feel, what is normal for you, and your family history on both sides of your family, you are the perfect advocate for your own breast health.

Secondly, having a clinical breast exam performed by your doctor beginning at the age of 20, being done every three years, and then annually after the age of 40, is the next most effective tool in detecting breast cancer early and at its most treatable.

Finally, beginning at age 40, an annual mammogram is the final tool in early detection of breast cancer. Knowing your family history for ovarian and breast cancer, you and your doctor may decide it would be best to start earlier than 40.

In November of 2019, HWC Imaging Department upgraded to a new 3D mammography unit, and were accredited nationally in February 2020 to perform 2D and 3D mammography. We have two

licensed and certified mammographers on staff and can perform different types of mammograms – whether it be your first ever mammogram called a baseline, your annual mammogram called a screening, or diagnostic mammograms for women and men who are having issues with their breasts. We can also perform breast ultrasound on-site as well as an adjunct exam to the diagnostic mammogram. Our two technologists are well-versed in breast issues and work closely with a group of radiologists from Aspirus Wausau Hospital that are trained and specialize in breast imaging and breast issues.

During these very trying times of COVID-19, many are concerned about their safety and protection from this virus. The HWC Imaging Department wants to assure you that they take your safety seriously and have added additional safety measures during your mammogram. We currently do use skin protection with your mammogram by using a product called a Bella Blanket. This protects you from the cold of the unit, but also, this product is a sanitary product and is only used during your mammogram and is not used with other patients. Masks are worn throughout the entire facility as well as face shields during your exam, and finally, a high-level disinfectant is used to clean all aspects of the mammogram unit after your exam has been completed.

To make an appointment, please call the FCP Health & Wellness Center's registration department at (715) 478-4339. You will be put in contact with one of our two mammographers or your doctor's care team (should you be having breast issues at the time of your call) that will go over a few procedural questions and then schedule you for the correct type of mammogram and/or breast ultrasound.

Stay safe, wear your mask, and we look forward to meeting you and providing your mammography services. Thank you!



Deadline for the November 1, 2020 issue of the Traveling Times is Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

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.



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



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



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

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.

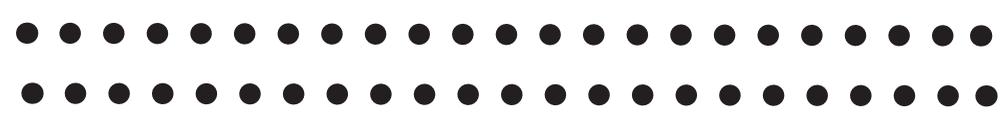
- FCP Team – (715) 478-4332
- Jeff Keeble Sr. – Recovery Coach (715) 889-1951
- Ed Cover – Recovery Coach (715) 889-2884
- Jacob Struble – House Manager (715) 889-9532
- Jorge Cisneros – Community Advocate (715) 846-7957 or (715) 889-9368

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.



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

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.

Preventing Intimate Partner Violence

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is abuse or aggression that occurs in a close relationship. "Intimate partner" refers to both current and former spouses and dating partners. IPV can vary in how often it happens and how severe it is. It can range from one episode of violence that could have lasting impact to chronic and severe episodes over multiple years. IPV includes four types of behavior:

- Physical violence is when a person hurts or tries to hurt a partner by hitting, kicking, or using another type of physical force.
- Sexual violence is forcing or attempting to force a partner to take part in a sex act, sexual touching, or a non-physical sexual event (e.g., sexting) when the partner does not or cannot consent.

- Stalking is a pattern of repeated, unwanted attention and contact by a partner that causes fear or concern for one's own safety or the safety of someone close to the victim.

- Psychological aggression is the use of verbal and non-verbal communication with the intent to harm another person mentally or emotionally and/or to exert control over another person.

Several types of IPV behaviors can occur together. IPV is connected to other forms of violence and causes serious health issues and economic consequences. By using a public health approach that addresses risk and protective factors for multiple types of violence, IPV and other forms of violence can be prevented.

IPV is common. It affects millions

of people in the United States each year. Data from CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) indicate:

About 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime and reported some form of IPV-related impact.

Over 43 million women and 38 million men experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

IPV starts early and continues throughout the lifespan. When IPV starts in adolescence, it is called teen dating violence (TDV). TDV affects millions of US teens each year. About 11 million

women and 5 million men who reported experiencing contact sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime, said that they first experienced these forms of violence before the age of 18.

If you feel that you or someone you know of may be experiencing abuse please call:

- Forest County Potawatomi Community Advocacy (715) 478-7201
 - Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 1 (800) 236-1222
 - National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233
- These services are free, available 24/7, and are confidential.
Reference: www.CDC.gov

9th Circuit Court of Appeals Orders Expedited Appeal and Oral Arguments in Native Voting Rights Case

submitted by Four Directions, Inc.

Phoenix (Oct. 5, 2020) - A 9th Circuit Court of Appeals three Judge panel will hear oral arguments in an expedited appeal in the matter of *Yazzie v. Hobbs* (2020), on October 13. Four Directions, Inc., working with Navajo voters, requested the expedited appeal in the matter of extending Arizona's ballot receipt deadline.

"Secretary Hobbs knows that Native American ballots are rejected at eight times the rate of other ballots in Arizona elections. Still, she continues to defend Arizona's ballot receipt deadline," said OJ Semans, executive director of Four Directions, a National native-led voting rights group.

"Navajo Nation voters do not receive

their full measure of opportunity in voting," said Semans. "Plaintiffs, bravely calling Secretary Hobbs to account, are entitled to the same opportunity to vote as other Americans. It is disheartening the Secretary's actions delay equal opportunity for Native American voters, choosing instead to defend an outdated and tilted electoral playing field. I hope Secretary Hobbs re-evaluates the law, the facts, and what is in her heart prior to having her attorneys continue to fight to keep voting unequal for the Navajo Appellants".

The plaintiffs presented evidence rural tribal voters have far fewer options than other Arizona voters when voting by mail and to return their ballots.

The 2020 AZVoteSafe Guide for Na-

tive Americans from the Secretary signals the disparity exists and states "your best option is to return your voted ballot to any early voting location in your county, or any other designated drop-off location in your county," rather than relying on mail service. The Guide also contradicts earlier guidance from the Secretary with "recommended last day to mail back a ballot is October 27, but if you live in a rural area with slower mail service, you should build in more time."

Secretary Hobbs also argues that an "emergency" in the Navajo Nation members appeal to the 9th Circuit is the fault of the native voters, arguing the ballot receipt deadline has been in place since 1998. "It is the same argument we

have heard before - if we want equality, we should move off our reservations," said Semans. He added "Is this a renewed call by Secretary Hobbs for the relocation of Native Americans from reservations to cities that occurred in the 50's and 60's. Although removed, we returned and we are here to stay, so I pray Secretary Hobbs's understands this and agrees to provide the brave Members of the Navajo Nation the relief they seek."

Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs' response to the Court is due on Wednesday, Oct. 7. For updates on the appeal, all court documents can be found on the Four Directions website: www.fourdirectionsvote.com.

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ANCHORAGE (Oct. 5, 2020) — An Alaska court has ruled that the witness requirement for absentee ballots is unconstitutional during the COVID-19 pandemic. Parties in this case are working now to determine how the Election Division can alert voters about any subsequent changes.

The lawsuit was filed by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Alaska, and Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

When the preliminary injunction is finalized and implemented, the Anchorage Superior Court's ruling in *Arctic Village Council v. Meyer* will waive state law for the November general election that requires voters who submit a mail-in absentee ballot to have a witness sign

their ballot return envelope, even in the midst of a highly contagious and deadly pandemic.

The Native American Rights Fund and Lawyers' Committee represented plaintiff tribe Arctic Village. The ACLU and Lawyers' Committee represented the League of Women Voters of Alaska and individual plaintiffs Elizabeth L. Jones and Barbara Clark.

Alaska's witness signature requirement would force interaction on those who live alone, are immuno-compromised, or have been self-isolating since the beginning of the pandemic. These voters reasonably fear contracting COVID-19 and have chosen not to be in the presence of others.

The following is reaction to the ruling:

Natalie Landreth, staff attorney, Native American Rights Fund: "Today's decision reflects the fact that there are many Alaskan voters burdened by the witness requirement. Thankfully, they won't have to put themselves at risk this year."

Joshua Decker, executive director,

ACLU of Alaska: "The plaintiffs in this case represent the hundreds of Alaskans whose ballots were tossed aside in the primary because of the useless witness signature requirement. They represent every person whose vote and voice has been suppressed at the hand of their own government. This is a victory for us all because it ensures election outcomes are reflective of every Alaskan, not only those privileged enough to cast a ballot without government interference."

Julie Ebenstein, senior staff attorney, ACLU's Voting Rights Project: "This ruling is a huge victory for Alaskans, who will no longer have to risk their health in order to vote."

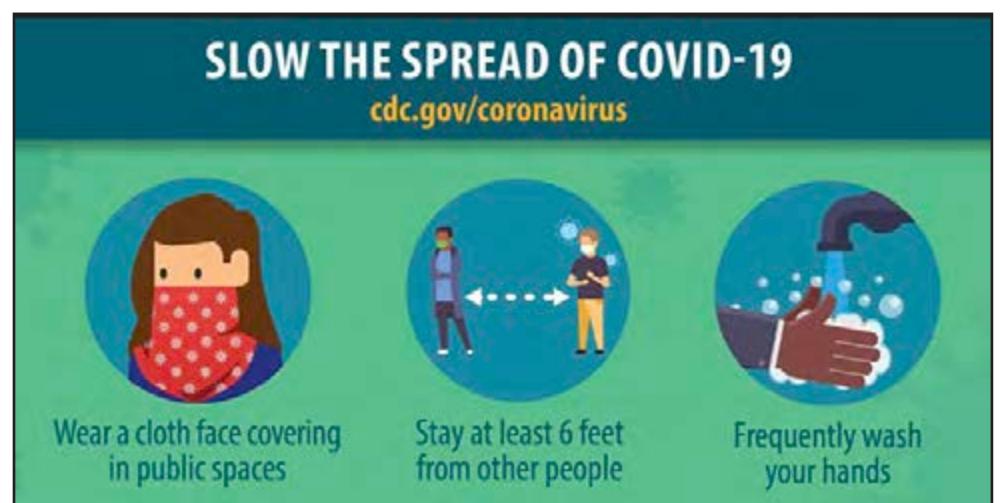
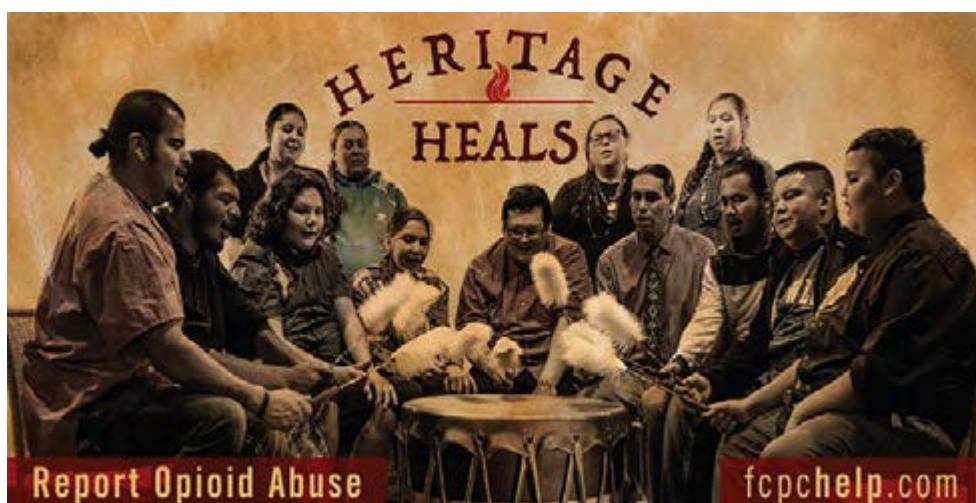
Pooja Chaudhuri, attorney, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law: "Alaska voters will no longer have to worry about risking their health and well-being to exercise their fundamental right to vote this upcoming November. We are glad the court has made it possible for every Alaskan to cast their ballot and have their voice heard in the safest way possible. Amidst a global pandemic,

this is a huge success."

Ruling: <https://narf.org/nill/documents/20201005alaska-ballot-ruling.pdf>

More case details here: <https://www.narf.org/cases/alaska-ballot-witness-law/>
About Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

Since 1970, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has provided specialized legal assistance to Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals nationwide. NARF has successfully asserted and defended the most important rights of Indians and tribes, in hundreds of major cases, and achieved significant results in critical areas such as tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, natural resource protection, voting rights, and Indian education. NARF is a non-profit 501c(3) organization focused on applying existing laws and treaties to guarantee that national and state governments live up to their legal obligations to Native Americans. Like us on Facebook and follow us Twitter @NDNrights to learn about the latest fights to promote justice and protect Native American rights.



Project Spotlight: CRESCENT APARTMENTS IN WAUWATOSA

Crescent Apartments is a 136,000 sq. ft. mixed-use multi-family development located along Innovation Drive and Watertown Plank Road in Wauwatosa.

The development occupies the last parcel of land in the Milwaukee County Research Park and is in response to the growing population and substantial workforce at the neighboring medical and research complex.

Crescent Apartments includes 102 multi-family units with a resident courtyard and below-grade parking (122 spaces). The development also features the renovation of a 105-year-old powerhouse into an amenity building that includes a workout facility, leasing office, and Ally's Powerhouse Café. The building will be restored to its historic significance with exposed brick, open trusses, and large arch top windows. It is envisioned to be a common space for residents, nearby hotel guests, and the 22,000 employees within the Research Park.

The four-story building is completely framed out with decking and trusses complete. Roofing is ongoing with all mechanical rough installation complete on first three floors and electrical to follow. Inspections, drywall installation and tower crane disassembly will commence in the coming week. Windows are substantially complete with patio door installation at the halfway point.

Exterior brick veneer is ongoing followed by lap siding. The resident courtyard features private patios for first-floor tenants, a pergola covering the outdoor grilling and seating areas, and an abundance of greenspace.

At the amenity building, excavation and waterproofing for the existing foundation walls are complete along with interior demolition and abatement. The team removed all existing windows and is currently measuring frames for new windows. The building also requires work with the National Park Service for approval on cleaning and tuckpointing of all interior and exterior brick walls. The parking lot will also receive a new surface coat.

The project is situated in a compact, high-profile area requiring strong coordination of heavy machinery and material procurement. Due to the high-traffic environment, the team enforces strict safety policies and disruption avoidance planning. The project also includes redevelopment of a county road requiring collaboration and coordination with Milwaukee County.

The project is on schedule to deliver the first phase of work Spring 2021 followed by final completion Summer 2021. The Greenfire team includes Paul Hackbarth, Sr. Project Manager, Mike Holl, Superintendent, and Rob Norris, Project Engineer. The Owner is Mandel Group and the Architect is Kahler Slater Architects.

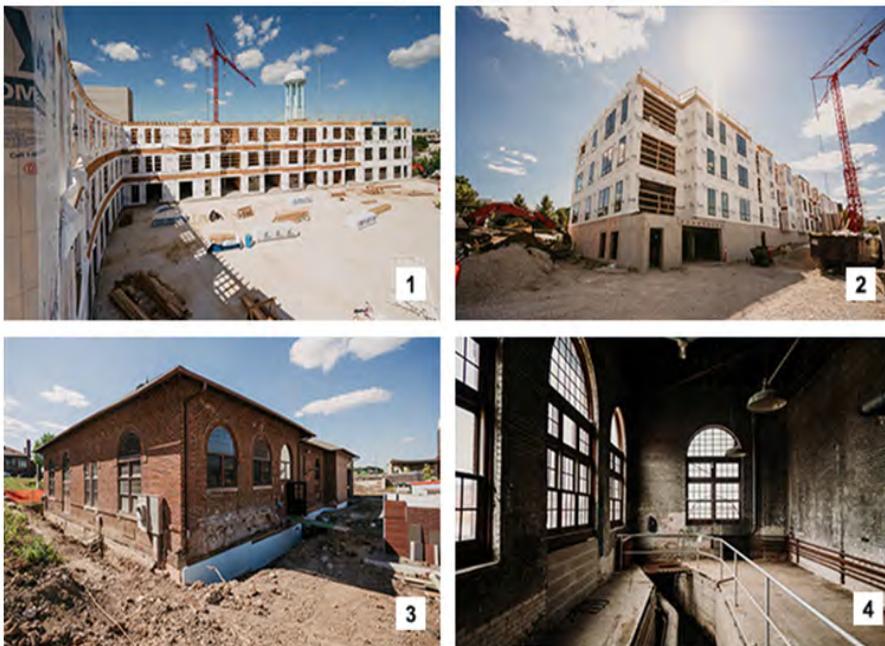


Photo: (1) Exterior view looking Northeast where the private resident courtyard is located (2) Exterior view looking Southwest at the below-grade parking entrance (3) Exterior view of the historic powerhouse building and associated foundation wall repair (4) Interior view of the historic powerhouse building and existing conditions

Milwaukee Business Journal: PEOPLE ON THE MOVE - MICHAEL MOE

Michael Moe was recently hired on as the business development coordinator at Greenfire Management Services. He will assist in the development and implementation of strategies to identify, pursue and secure new construction opportunities across diverse market sectors.

He was previously a marketing intern, helping the team develop promotional materials, update and manage website content and build and refine the company's proposal process. His experience with marketing will transition well into his new role. "Michael is an ambitious, motivated young man that is looking to make a difference. He is quick to lean in and take on all sorts of projects. He definitely has a bright future ahead of him, he represents the next generation of



FC Potawatomi business leaders and we are excited to have him on board," said Kip Ritchie, President of GMS. Both Ritchie and Moe are members of the Forest County Potawatomi Community.

Summerfest Tech: DATA HOLDINGS PRESENTING SPONSOR

Data Holdings was a presenting sponsor of the third annual Summerfest Tech event held virtually on September 2, 2020. The impact of COVID-19 forced Summerfest Tech to move to virtual this year, the day was full of programming designed at new and emerging technologies. Paul Hoesly, the Chief Financial Officer of PBDC lead a keynote presentation highlighting the implications of data privacy and security in a time of crisis. Along with Marquette University Associate Professor Mike Zimmer, Paul discussed the trends in technology to protect a company's critical data.

The event also included presentations and breakout sessions by other local and national business leaders focusing on innovation, digital transformation and on people and diversity. The day also included a new business pitch completion for entrepreneurs and concluded with a keynote presentation by venture capitalist Rashaun Williams.

Data Holdings is proud to support this Summerfest Tech event and further its market position as a technology leader in Milwaukee and beyond.



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