



## FCP Executive Council Visits Bodwëwadmi Ktëgan

by Val Niehaus

On April 27, 2021, Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Executive Council was invited to take a tour of the Bodwëwadmi Ktëgan in Blackwell, Wis. to see what was new and booming down on the farm.

The tour started with Executive Council along with the farm employees sitting down together to enjoy a lunch totally supplied with products from the farm including bison burgers, brats and fresh spring mix salad. FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. made sure to say a prayer before eating and everyone dug in!

Once everyone's bellies were full, the tour began. Assistant Farm Manager Joe Shepard started the tour with the aquaponics facility/greenhouse. Before entering this structure, everyone has to sanitize their hands and shoes prior to walking in so as not to contaminate any of the environment where delicate seedlings and vegetation are already growing inside of the greenhouse. Shepard explained the process of the aquaponics system whereby waste from the fish serve to supply food and nutrients for the plants to grow and everything works in a circular cycle. The fish used to create the waste to feed the plants are tilapia. Council was very intrigued with how this operation worked. There were many questions from the members, which were quickly answered by the very knowledgeable staff.

From there, everyone moved on to listening to Farm Technician Owen Shepard discuss the planting of the different seeds that he studies and maintains. Shepard had bear island flint corn and a 12 strain blue corn (gifted to him from an FCP elder). He also had Potawatomi watermelon and Potawatomi pole beans. Along with these seeds, he had ni sema seeds that were also growing inside the greenhouse - just starting as seedlings. He spoke about germination and the importance of not letting any of the seeds cross pollinate. He also shared information about who had given him these gifts of seeds and he spoke from his heart about having a sustainable food source for his tribe and people. Shepard is clearly a well-educated gentleman, to say the least, and it is obvious he is willing and able to put in the work and effort to make sure these seedlings and crops are grown to their full potential. Shepard's passion for planting and growing definitely left a mark on Council, and they are very excited to see what else he comes up with.

After Shepard spoke, the group moved on to listen to Farm Technician Shawn Milligan. Someone in the crowd said, "Show them your beetles, Shawn". Milligan uses flesh eating beetles to re-purpose skulls, or animal bones in general, for decoration or regalia pieces. He had a few cow skulls in the process of the beetles eating away the meat, and he even had a couple skulls in

the works of decorating. He is a talented artist and he shows great pride in this. The skulls he works on and decorates can be purchased at the farm store if anyone is interested.

Once the inside presentations were done, everyone moved outside to enjoy the cool day as they took a stroll to see what else was offered. First Farm Technician Bill Belland guided the group towards the cow pasture. The beef cattle in the pasture are all grass-fed, which is great nutrition to produce meat higher in omega 3 fatty acids. Omegas 3s are nutrients in food that help reduce your risk of heart disease, and that also help with reducing stiffness and pain. Grass-fed beef also contains higher amounts of vitamins A and E. The cows are made up of red Angus, black Angus and belted Galloway. Belland mentioned that they move the cows quite frequently throughout the year to get the ground fertilized well, so there will be perfect soil available for growing plants when needed. In addition, the rotational grazing assures that the cows have plenty of fresh grass to eat.

From there, everyone walked past the compost area, which was actually very interesting to see and to understand the science behind the process. Considering what goes into the compost on the front end, it is simply amazing to touch and see the end result when the process is complete! Just think of how great your soil would be for growing if you had that rich black dirt. Chairman Daniels even mentioned, "We need to get a bagger and start selling this, for sure!" Many in the group were in agreement with that idea.

Farm Manager Dave Cronauer then spoke to Council about the bison and answered any questions they had. There are about 60 bison in the herd. That number should be going up soon as there were one or two female bison (cows) soon to birth their young.

In addition to the animals previously mentioned, there is also an abundance of chickens and pigs that are raised for food. Farm fresh eggs are a great seller as are a number of pork products. One treat that everyone was able to enjoy while visiting the farm was the opportunity to see the baby piglets. There truly is nothing cuter than a baby pig!

The Bodwëwadmi Ktëgan is a fun, relaxing, and yet energizing place to be! There has been a lot of expansion over the last several years, and it is obvious there is more to come. It never stops at one idea or strategy; rather it is always moving and becoming more than it was the day before. If you have a chance, stop on out and see what has been happening 'down on the farm'! You won't be disappointed.



Joe Shepard discusses the aquaponics system.



Owen Shepard shows off some of his seeds to Council.



Chairman Daniels and Council Member Shepard take in the sites and sounds of the farm.



Shawn Milligan's works of art from re-purposed skulls

# FCP Community Facebook Live Session Recap - April 28, 2021

**Chairman Ned Daniels Jr.**

Good morning, Forest County Potawatomi Community.

Thank you all for tuning in to watch today's Facebook Live update. I am Ned Daniels Jr., Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Community.

It is hard to believe, but the school year is already nearing its end. You will hear more about some events we have planned for our graduating students after I speak, but if you see our students in the community, please congratulate them on their achievements.

The past 12 months have not been easy for students. It was many months of unknowns and adapting to new protocols. However, despite the hurdles that many of our students faced, they persevered. So, if you see them, please congratulate them.

Here are a few more updates before we hear from the rest of the staff:

With the warm weather returning, we need your help to clean up some areas of our community. There are three days and three starting point locations:

- May 12 in Stone Lake at the Housing Building
- May 19 in Blackwell at the Farm
- May 26 in Carter at the Good Heart Playground

Each clean up event will begin at 9 a.m. and will feature two participation door prizes to be drawn at the end of each day! A small breakfast snack and light lunch will be provided.

Call Allison Daniels at (715) 478-4946 with questions.

The Traveling Times has been asked by Executive Council to assist with completing the Potawatomi leaders photo gallery here in the Executive Building auditorium. But they need help from the Community to make it happen! Please refer to the graphic on the screen or visit FCP's Facebook page for the names of those leaders for whom there is no photo.

You may contact the Traveling Times at (715) 478-7437 for more details on how you can help. Migweth!

The Forest County Potawatomi Community is creating a community-wide ATV/UTV trail plan. Please take a few moments to answer a short 10-question survey and review the draft maps before May 8, 2021, to give your input! Check FCP's Facebook page for links to the survey and maps.

Join CHOICES youth group on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Rec Center. Temporarily there is no transportation. Pick up is from 5 to 5:30 at the Rec. Permission slips are required as are masks. Slips may be picked up at the Rec Center.

Call Joe at (715) 889-3823 or Olivia at (715) 478-7425 for more info.

Free commodity boxes will be avail-

able for FCP tribal members and ALL other community members at the FCP Rec Center in Crandon at 5442 Everybody's Road on Mondays in May: the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.

Boxes are two per household and may be picked up for homebound or other family members. Open to ALL 8 a.m. until gone! Distribution is on a first come, first serve basis.

For safety reasons, please leave your dogs at home.

Before I close, I want to share some good news about one of our young tribal members. John Crawford (son of our Attorney General Jeff Crawford) was recently selected as a 2021 Native American Congressional Intern by the Udall Foundation and the Native Nations Institute.

The program's newest class of interns is comprised of five students representing five tribes and five universities from around the country. Udall interns were selected based on academic achievement, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to careers in tribal public policy. This is the first year that a Udall intern has represented the Forest County Potawatomi Community.

Crawford attends Yale University with a double major in history and global affairs. On campus, he is the treasurer of the Association of Native Americans at Yale. After graduating, Crawford plans to enroll in law school or pursue a master's degree in international studies. Professionally, he is interested in furthering Indigenous self-government and economic sovereignty at either the national or international level.

Congratulations, John, on being selected for this prestigious internship. We are all extremely proud of everything you have achieved and have no doubt that your successes will continue well into the future.

**Family Services Division Administrator Abbey Dall**

Bosho, Forest County Potawatomi Community!

Spring is here! It's been so much fun getting outside to play. But let's talk about something serious for a minute. The fact is, we continue to experience a mental health impact that we never considered. COVID was and has been hard – especially mentally. Those challenges may be leaving you with some darker, unexpected thoughts. We are available and will respond to emergencies and safety concerns accordingly. If you are feeling suicidal, please call for help: 1-800-SUICIDE or 1-800-273-TALK.

Remember teens! If you are feeling down, maybe even considering harming yourself, there is a specific line just for you. Text TEEN to 839863 or call 1 (800) 852-8336.

ICW continues in desperate need of foster homes that are physically and mentally capable of supporting high levels of care. Current youth needs include regular transportation to mental/behavioral/emotional health appointments and general steady love and support. If you or someone you know can help, please reach out.

Rising Sun Day Care is open, and we have got plenty of space for your children. Please contact us to get your applications in and talk about the process. Parents - migweth! We continue to remain COVID-free, thanks to you!

Commodity boxes will continue through May. Special update: These will be delivered to the FCP Recreation on Mondays in May. Thank you to Feeding America for supplying these during these trying times.

We have plenty of opportunity to get you back to work. Please get in contact with Kathy Tupper at (715) 478-4433 to get your Tribal Employment Skills applications in. This program offers a training stipend to assist you while you learn.

Ready to work? The Family Services Division has some great job openings. Contact Human Resources to apply and discuss if you might be a good fit. They can be reached at (715) 478-7200.

For non-emergency service requests, our business hours are Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Call Family Services at 715-478-4433. 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.

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 large applications can be overwhelming. Please call us to schedule an appointment to receive some assistance. Kiosks are ready and available to serve you.

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

**Emergency Management Program Manager Bobbie Irocky**

Hello, FCP Community.

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

Today, I would like to go over some important information about lighting safety.

Here are some basic facts:

- All thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous.
- Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain and may strike as far as 10 miles from any rainfall.
- If you hear thunder, you are in danger.
- Lightning leaves many victims with

permanent disabilities (or death).

How to avoid lightning threat:

- Plan ahead. Know where people will go for safety and how much time it will take them to get there.
- Postpone activities. Prior to a practice or event, check the latest forecast. If thunderstorms are in forecast consider postponing activities.
- Monitor the weather. Look for darkening skies, flashes of lightning, increasing winds, and listen for thunder.
- Get to a safe place. If you hear thunder, suspend activities and instruct everyone to get to a safe place.
- Stay inside. Do not resume activities until 30 minutes have passed since the last thunder was heard.

Being outside in a thunderstorm:

- Avoid open areas and stay away from isolated tall trees, towers, or utility poles; lightning tends to strike taller objects.
- Stay away from metal bleachers, backstops, and fences. Lightning can travel long distances through metal.

If you feel your hair stand on end, lightning is about to strike.

There may be little or nothing you can do to keep from being struck by lightning, but as a last desperate resort:

- Crouch down on the balls of your feet, put your hands over your ears, and bend your head down. Make yourself as small of a target as possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground.

Know what to do if someone is struck by lightning:

- Call 911 immediately!
- Give first aid if trained to do so.

Check the victim's pulse, begin CPR if necessary.

- If possible, move victim to a safer place. An active thunderstorm is still dangerous - don't let the rescuers become victims. Lightning can strike the same place twice.

If at any time you have an emergency, please reach out to us at (715) 478-4428 and we will either assist or put you into contact with the proper department that fits your needs.

**Bob Sookochoff MD, HWC Chief of Staff**

Discussion

The Johnson and Johnson single dose vaccine received FDA emergency use authorization for use in people 18 and over on Feb. 27.

The FDA/CDC paused vaccine administration on April 13 due to six case reports of a rare brain clotting disorder called central venous sinus thrombosis.

The pause was lifted on April 23 because the benefits of the vaccine far outweighed the risk of rare blood clots.

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Overview of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine:

- It works by creating immunity to the COVID virus. It takes two weeks after the shot to gain full immunity.
  - The vaccine contains a harmless virus called an adenovirus that has been modified to produce an immune response to the COVID virus. This is known as a viral vector vaccine and is a common vaccine technology used in other non COVID vaccines.
  - Most of the COVID vaccines globally use the adenovirus technology including the Astra-Zeneca vaccine in the UK, the Sputnik V vaccine in Russia, and the Sinovac vaccine in China. The U.S. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines do not use adenovirus. They use a newer technology called mRNA. They have not been associated with blood clots in the brain.
  - In clinical trials the vaccine was 66.3 percent effective at preventing COVID-19 infection. It was 100 percent effective at preventing hospitalization or death due to COVID.
  - Common side effects are pain or redness at the site of injection, flu like symptoms such as fever, fatigue, muscle aches and mild headache in the day or two after injection. Rare side effects are allergic reactions and blood clots.
- Risk of blood clots from the J&J vaccine compared to the risk of COVID

- disease:
- The risk of dying from COVID in the U.S. is 1.7 in 100
  - The risk of Native Americans dying from COVID is 5 per 100 – 75,000 times greater than the vaccine risk.
  - The risk of brain blood clots from COVID is 1 in 100,00
  - The risk of any type of blood clot from COVID in an ICU is 1 in 3
- Should I get the J&J vaccine?
- Yes. The risk of the vaccine is very small and the risk of COVID disease is very high.
  - Women under the age of 50 might opt for the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine to minimize their risk even further.
  - Regardless of which vaccine you choose, it is important to vaccinated with one of the vaccines.
- What symptoms should I watch for if I get the J&J vaccine?
- Severe headache, abdominal pain, pain in the legs, shortness of breath starting 1-3 weeks after vaccination require that you be evaluated by your medical provider immediately.
- Call the COVID hotline at (715) 478-4394 to schedule your vaccination today. Please state if you have a vaccine preference so you can be scheduled accordingly.
- Sarah Thomaschefsky, Education & Community Administrator**

Good morning. I am very happy to be here speaking with everyone today. I have a few announcements for this summer, but first I have a few updates that are happening this spring!

Gte Ga Nes is going to have an in-person graduation this year on Wednesday, May 26, at the Carter Powwow grounds:

- Each graduate will be assigned a table which holds about 10 people.
- A bag lunch will be served at noon with grand entry starting at 1 p.m.
- Masks are required and families will be socially distancing
- Graduation pictures have already been taken at the Traveling Times.
- Children will be performing with Nick Shepard on the drum.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Deb Tetting at (715) 478-7350.

High school graduation for Crandon and Laona is May 29. Wabeno's will be June 5. The Education department is planning on having a small ceremony in June similar to that of Gte Ga Nes to honor our high school seniors. There will be more information on this event in the very near future, so please stay tuned. We are getting to that time of year when everyone is ready to be done with school, so if you know a student, please take a minute and send some encouragement their way to finish the year strong. If you have any questions, please contact Brittany LaMere or Myra VanZile at

(715) 478-7355.

We are able to have some summer programming this year. Gte Ga Nes is having a ready kindergarten program. This is going to help prepare our 4 and 5-year-olds going into kindergarten next year.

Unfortunately, due to COVID we will not be able to have our typical summer day camp, but education is going to work with some of our younger students on math, reading and writing interventions. We are still in the planning stages but will be reaching out to families to get times and dates set up to work with those students.

Recreation will be having programming in the afternoons this summer. There will be different programming for the different ages. Most of the programming will be held outdoors to keep our youth safe from COVID. This will also be a good way for the youth to start to get to know the staff for the new Community Center.

Finally, there will be Summer Youth Employment this year for 14 to 17-year-olds. The applications are online at fcp.jobs. Youth will interview for their top choices, and once placed, will work 24 hours per week for nine weeks. A reminder: If a student needs to go to summer school, that will be a daily requirement in order to work. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Mattson at (715) 478-4153.

**Forest County Potawatomi Leaders VIII**

by **Val Niehaus**

According to his obituary in The Forest Republican, **Julius Daniels** was born July 4, 1922, to Young George and Alice Ben George Daniels.

He is listed among the children who attended Kokomo School in the 1930s.

In October 1942, he married Lorna Mae Barney.

Julius Daniels was a councilman on the FCP Executive Council and served as commissioner of the Wisconsin Potawatomi Housing Authority.

He became tribal chairman in 1956 and served until 1959. He was the tribal chairman again from 1962 to 1965. In the 1970s, he served as the tribe's vice-chairman.

Julius Daniels died May 25, 1989. He was survived by three daughters and six sons.

*No photo available at time of print.*

**William Waube Jr.** was born April 6, 1936, in Forest County.

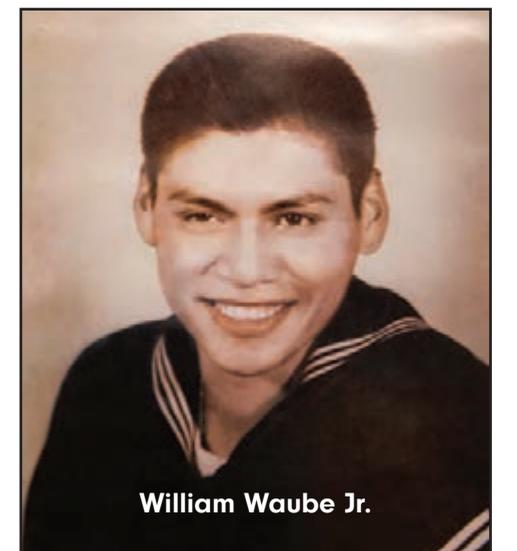
He served in the Navy from Sept. 29, 1955, to Sept. 22, 1959, and was honor-

ably discharged.

In 1959, he became the tribal chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Community. He resigned his position as chairman the following year and was succeeded by Joseph George in the spring of 1960.

He and his wife, Gloriann, had two children.

William Waube Jr. moved to Chicago, Ill., where he passed away on Oct. 18, 1991. He was 55 years old.



**William Waube Jr.**

**ATTENTION FCP COMMUNITY**

The Traveling Times has been asked by Executive Council to assist with completing the Potawatomi leaders photo gallery located in the Executive Building auditorium. But we need help from the Community to make this a reality!

**Below is a list of those for whom there is no photo:**

- John Shawano (1914-36)
- Henry Shawano (1937)
- Ben Ellick (1937-44)
- Hoffman Alloway (1948-49)
- Julius Daniels (1956-59 & 1962-65)
- Arthur Crawford (1965-68)
- Ned Daniels Sr. (1973-75)
- Daniel "DJ" Smith (1983)
- Leroy Shockto (1983-87)

Please contact Traveling Times at: (715) 478-7437 or [times@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov](mailto:times@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov) for more details on how you can help. **Migweth!**



If you or someone you know feels unsafe, please consider using one of these resources. They're free, available 24/7, and confidential!

- FCP Community Advocacy (715) 478-7201
- Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault 1 (800) 236-1222
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233

# 1st Annual MMIW Walk

by Val Niehaus

May 5, 2021, was dedicated as National Day of Remembrance for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW). There were about 40 participants in this year's 1st Annual community walk for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW). Nicole Tomlin was the lead host for this year's walk with co-hosts Destinee Alloway and Olivia Nunway.

The walk started at the City of Crandon Courthouse and ended at the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center, Library & Museum.

At noon, there was a fire lit in unity with other fires being lit by tribal nations

in Wisconsin; that fire will burn until noon the following day. Later in the afternoon, Ron Strong from Strong Soo Bahk Do Academy presented self-defense techniques to those present. There were also speakers, resources and information sharing during the afternoon along with gift bags, raffles and Indian tacos to fill everyone's bellies after the estimated 4-mile walk. A virtual candlelit vigil also took place for those who could not make it.

It was a great day to recognize those sisters who are still missing or on to the next life. By wearing red there are hopes their spirits will return.



**FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI TRIBAL COURT**

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**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**CHANGE OF NAME OF:** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

**Velma J. Waukechon** **Case No.: 21-NC-0033**

**DOB: 04/01/1960**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above-captioned matter shall be heard in the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court on the matter of the application of **Velma J. Waukechon** for permission to change her name and legal designation to **Velma J. Frank** and for the consideration and determination of any further relevant matters. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

**WHEN:** 9:30 AM on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
**WHERE:** Tribal Courtroom  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, FCP Executive Building  
5416 Everybody's Road, Crandon, Wisconsin

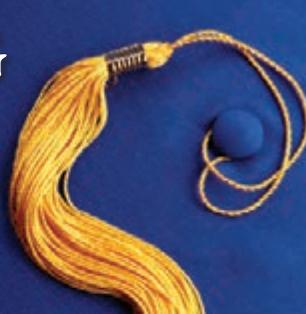
DATED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF April, 2021

*Angela M. Moe*

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BY THE COURT  
Associate Judge Angela Moe  
FCP Tribal Court

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Let the Community know of your success, accomplishments, and plans for the future in the *Potawatomi Traveling Times!*

Contact us for an FCP Graduate Questionnaire: 715-478-7437 or times@fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov

Deadline dates are:

- May 19, 2021, for the June 1 issue
- June 2, 2021, for the June 15 issue

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FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI  
FAMILY SERVICES  
DIVISION

# CHOICE'S Rec Youth Group

Monday, Tuesday &  
Wednesday | 3-5 pm  
FCP RECREATION CENTER

Temporarily no transportation due to COVID-19	Pick-up is from 5-5:30 pm at Rec	Permission slips can be picked up at the Rec	Mask is required
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CONTACTS:  
Joe Chaney (715) 889-3823 or Olivia Nunway (715) 478-7425  
- Open to FCP Youth -

OPEN TO:  
All FCP Community  
(Tribal Members,  
Their Families,  
& Employees)

# Spring Family FUN RUN & 2021 WALK

June 19 • Bodwēwadmi Ktēgan  
Blackwell, WI

- Registration at 9 am
- Run/Walk Starts at 10 am
- Grab-and-Go Lunch
- Please use Safety Precautions
- Door Prizes
- Health Education

PRE-REGISTER  
TO GUARENTEE A T-SHIRT  
[cmh.fcpotawatomi.com/events](http://cmh.fcpotawatomi.com/events)

## NEW DELI HOURS

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
8 AM - 6 PM

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY**  
11 AM - 5 PM

CALL AHEAD FOR LARGE ORDERS

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## Special Invitation to Native American Artists

submitted by Friends of Wabeno

WABENO, Wis. (May 5, 2021) The Friends of Wabeno invite area artists to the first “Historic Wabeno” Art Challenge. The “Historic Wabeno” Art Challenge is open to anyone who would like to create an original piece of artwork showcasing Wabeno's history and cultures; as well as display their art at the Wabeno Logging Museum over a two-month period this summer. There will be awards and an opportunity for artists to sell their work.

The “Historic Wabeno” Art Challenge is designed to encourage area artists to create and share their talents and promote Wabeno's place in history in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. The art challenge

will conclude at the 6th Annual Wabeno Art & Music (WAM) Fest on Saturday Aug. 7, 2021. The art and music community festival is back after cancellation in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Important dates for the art challenge:

- May 28 applications due (find application online)

- June 1 - 6 drop artwork off at Wabeno Logging Museum

- June 7 – Aug. 7, “Historic Wabeno” Art Challenge on display at the Wabeno Logging Museum

- Aug. 7 - People's Choice Award presentation during WAM Fest

WAM Fest Coordinator Mary Beck says: “This is a great opportunity for

individuals or groups of artists to share their creative vision of the early years of Wabeno's history and cultures. Given two months to create and then two months to show and sell, showcases local artists and allows exposure to a variety of art mediums for our community and visitors all in one location! We are excited to bring a diverse lineup of musical performers on the town band shell for WAM Fest. There will be food, beverages and special art activities for children...looking forward to seeing everyone again!”

At this time, area artists interested in participating are encouraged to apply for the “Historic Wabeno” Art Challenge. Application is available on the Wabeno

Art and Music Festival website: [https://wabenoartandmusicfest.org/art\\_options/](https://wabenoartandmusicfest.org/art_options/) Art Challenge guidelines, resources and artwork ideas are also online.

If you have questions, contact Mary at [mfbeck@charter.net](mailto:mfbeck@charter.net), (608) 628-0757, or send a message through the website. If an artist wants to create an entry but is looking for inspiration, feel free to submit a couple of concepts and the art medium you will use or call to discuss.

The mission of Friends of Wabeno is to engage in community development activities and improve the quality of life for all residents of Wabeno and neighboring communities.

## New MMIW Documentary Dubbed Eye-opening by Mainstream Media

by Jessica Prah (Native News Online)

BIGHORN COUNTY, Mont. — President Biden has said of the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) crisis, “What's happening to Indigenous women on reservations and across the United States is unconscionable and outrageous. And it is devastating that families are conducting their own searches for missing loved ones. It must end.”

President Biden's statement epitomizes what a new documentary film, *Say Her Name*, exposes in Bighorn County, Montana. The county, which includes parts of the Crow and Northern Cheyenne reservations, has been called “an epicenter of MMIWG cases” by the Sovereign Bodies Institute.

“*Say Her Name*” peels back the layers of platitudes and obfuscation that has become standard operating procedure for authorities with jurisdictional responsibility for MMIW/MMIP cases, and instead provides an insight that is both heart wrenching and inspiring, as the families of loved ones demonstrate incredible strength and spirit as they recount their experiences.

Just days after a limited public release to mark the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG, “*Say Her Name*” has already prompted one network affiliate to predict, “People across the country can expect an eye-opening experience as they watch the film.”

The film features the cases of Kaysera Stops Pretty Places, Henny Scott, Selena Not Afraid, and Christy Woodenthigh directed by Rain, the creator of the critically acclaimed *Somebody's Daughter*, “*Say Her Name*” is a stunning work of equal power and beauty that is destined to make a valuable contribution to the movement for change. National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

(NIWRC) Executive Director Lucy Rain Simpson, Northern Cheyenne President Donna Fisher, veteran Montana Legislature Rae Peppers, and close relatives and friends of Kaysera, Henny, Selena and Christy lead the film's narrative.

Produced by the Coshatta Tribe of Louisiana, “*Say Her Name*” will be available online, free of charge. Chairman David Sickey said the film was produced to keep the MMIW/MMIP crisis “front and center” for lawmakers, and to bring increased awareness to the 86 percent of Montana's Missing and Murdered Indigenous People's (MMIP) cases that remain unsolved and are not getting the national media attention they deserve. Chairman Sickey was at the forefront of efforts to secure the recent executive action on MMIWG in Louisiana.

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the Global Indigenous Council also have production credits on “*Say Her Name*”. Northern Cheyenne President Fisher makes one of the most explosive claims in the film, casting severe doubt on the official account of the circumstances surrounding the discovery of Selena Not Afraid's body.

Hardin, a reservation border town and the county seat of Bighorn County, has a population of approximately 3,500. Bighorn County has some 50 documented MMIP cases – 27 women and girls and approximately 20 men and boys. Videographer Anthony Stengel's imagery reflects that stark reality.

“Law enforcement and the Bighorn County Attorney were provided with multiple opportunities to comment and share their perspectives in “*Say Her Name*”. They declined. The victim's families don't have any opportunity to bring their loved ones back. The very least they are owed is to be treated with dignity and

have thorough and transparent investigations conducted. Shamefully, that does not appear to be happening,” says Rain.

Most of the perpetrators of these MMIP cases have yet to be apprehended or brought to justice.

An updated, extended cut of the groundbreaking *Somebody's Daughter* premieres this summer and features a contribution from President Joe Biden who, in Rain's estimation, “continues to emphasize his commitment to ending the MMIW crisis.” The director says President Biden identifies the long-awaited passage of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) as a key step forward.

In 2020 alone, 5,600 Native American women were reported missing, according to the FBI's National Crime Information database. That exceeds US fatalities in the entire Iraq War.

“When that local government asks for federal help, the feds can come in and help with the investigations. That could be happening in Bighorn County, but we're not seeing that at this point and I'm not quite sure what the reason for that is. There's a lot of things we can speculate to,” NIWRC's Lucy Rain Simpson states in the film.

“The situation in Bighorn County cries out for US Attorney General Merrick Garland to launch an investigation,” contends Juliet Hayes, who makes her screen debut presenting “*Say Her Name*”. The film follows Hayes, a Coshatta tribal member, as she traverses Bighorn County and the Northern Cheyenne and Crow reservations “to find out why this county with fewer than 14,000 residents and this small reservation border town, Hardin, has been called the epicenter of the MMIWG tragedy.”

Hayes demonstrates great sensitivity

when interviewing family members of the victims, and a direct, no nonsense approach when seeking answers from law enforcement.

“The MMIW crisis is gut-wrenching. It's sickening to me the way the lives of Indigenous women and girls are undervalued as if we don't matter. My impression of law enforcement while shooting “*Say Her Name*” was a complete lack of urgency. There's a common theme within MMIW and MMIP cases: law enforcement doesn't care, they give excuses as to why they can't do their jobs, and they leave families to do their own investigations when their job is supposed to be to ‘serve and protect,’” Hayes continues.

“*Say Her Name*” indicates that some of the suspected murders are due to the connection of the methamphetamine trade and human trafficking that is present in the region, conducted beneath the dark cape of organized crime. The film explores if it is incompetence or corruption at the heart of regional law enforcement's silence and failure to deliver justice in so many cases.

“My Administration is fully committed to working with Tribal Nations to address the disproportionately high number of missing or murdered Indigenous people, as well as increasing coordination to investigate and resolve these cases and ensure accountability,” stated President Biden in his Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day proclamation. “*Say Her Name*” highlights how imperative that is.

“Do you think the Bighorn County Sheriff's Office is involved in a cover-up?” Hayes asks Yolanda Fraser, grandmother of Kaysera Stops Pretty Places, toward the end of the film, which speaks of the necessity to “ensure accountability.”

## Project Spotlight: UNITEDHEALTH GROUP OFFICE RENOVATION

The UnitedHealth Group office renovation is nearing completion at the Honey Creek Corporate Center in Wauwatosa. The new location serves as the pilot office to introduce a new series of offices focused on innovative employee-centric elements to increase collaboration and engagement. The project includes the renovation and build-out of the third and fourth floors of the 125 Building totaling 63,000 sq. ft.

The new pilot design features an open environment with about three-quarters of each floor dedicated to office and employee collaboration. Amenities include a large, open cubicle space, enclosed offices, huddle rooms and small conferences for quick, impromptu meetings, large conference rooms with operable partitions to create an open-atmosphere, and common areas for group work. The design also features a high-end kitchen and work café areas and remodel of the existing common bathrooms.

The team is preparing to turn over the third floor with FF&E, A/V, and interior signage installations complete along with a final punch and clean. The third and fourth floor common bathrooms are also complete as FF&E wrapped up at the end of the month with punch lists and final cleaning running concurrent with their respective floors. The fourth floor is following closely behind as crews are installing FF&E, A/V, security, and interior signage. A final cleaning and punch list is scheduled for the first week of May with final turnover the following week.

Construction occurs on an active corporate campus requiring the project team to maintain a strict site logistics plan to minimize disruption avoidance to surrounding tenants, mitigate risk and noise pollution, and adhere to owner specifications for work on campus. The team continues to maintain a strict safety plan complete with a comprehensive COVID-19 safety plan. With work required in an active, enclosed facility, the team takes extra precautions to avoid exposure by enforcing strict COVID-19 and jobsite PPE and maintaining open communication with UnitedHealth Group and corporate campus owner to remain diligent and sensitive to residing building tenants.

We would like to thank UnitedHealth Group for selecting Greenfire as the construction Manager. RSP is the architect and the Greenfire project team includes Andrew Ziebell, Project Manager, and Tommy Cummings, Superintendent. We are incredibly proud of our team for running a smooth project and thank them for their hard work, dedication, and expertise that have made this project a success.

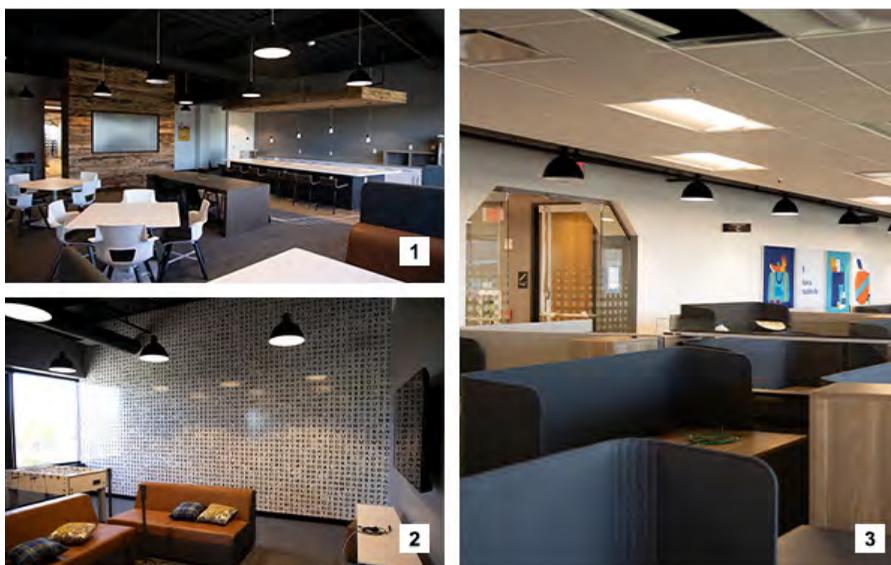


Photo: (1) Fourth floor kitchen and lounge area. (2) Fourth floor game and activity room. (3) Interior view of the third floor office space.

## Update: BRIO BUILDING - OSHKOSH

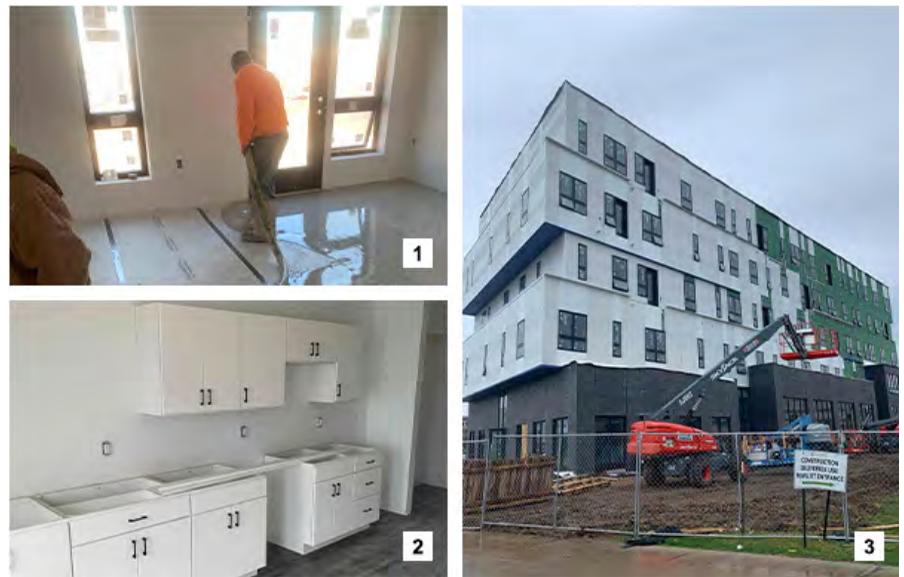


Photo: (1) Crews pouring gypcrete to level floors. (2) Fourth floor cabinetry and pulls installed. (3) East elevation with siding and sitework ongoing.

Advancements continue for the Brio Building with work developing from the interior on out. Significant progress on the fourth floor includes cabinetry delivery and install and LTV flooring install and sealing. The white cabinetry produces a clean and modern look for the building units and the LTV flooring provides a durable and resilient surface for the shifting Wisconsin weather. Painting is complete for all third-floor units and continues on the second floor. Finally, siding continues on the exterior of the building into mid-May.

## Project Tour: OSHKOSH FOOD CO-OP

Our work on the Oshkosh Food Co-op is progressing nicely at the Brio Building. Watch Greenfire project manager Kevin Hansen as he offers a quick tour and update on our current efforts. The 10,000 sq. ft. buildout includes a fully equipped commercial kitchen with substantial prep areas, as well as multiple installments of commercial-grade freezers, coolers, and refrigerators throughout the space. Construction is slated for substantial completion in July with the Co-op opening shortly after



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