



Gte Ga Nēs Class of 2021 Graduates

by Winda Collins

After a choppy start to the school year, the Gte Ga Nēs Preschool class of 2021 officially graduated! The classes and graduates were as follows:

Mko (Bear) Room: Claire Daniels, Eli Enders, Robert Gilligan, Jordan Gomez, Gracie Jacobson, Arthur Kitchell, Liam Kitchell, Zayden Soman and Jake Tuckwab

Mo'ewe' (Wolf) Room: Josiephine Daniels, Swayde Daniels, Meleah Gerdeen, Jordan Nunway, Leroy Rosio, Delaynie Shepard, Ramona Starr, Jaycee Tuckwab and Ellis Weso

A celebratory event was held in their honor on Wednesday, May 26, at the Powwow Grounds in Carter. Although a bit on the windy and chilly side, it was a beautiful day, and the turnout was grand!

The event began with a prayer offered by FCP elder Louis Spaude for the people and the sack lunch.

Grand Entry followed at 1 p.m., and Fire Nation was on-hand to provide the flag song and veterans honor song as the colors were posted. There was also an honor dance for the graduates.

At this point, FCP tribal member Presley Keeble spoke to the class of 2021. She congratulated the class and expressed her pride in them. Keeble graduated from Gte Ga Nēs, Wabeno High School and UW-Stevens Point. She is now a kindergarten teacher at Wabeno Elementary, and expressed her hope that she might have the chance to be their teacher someday.

Keeble continued by encouraging the youth to reach for the stars, and told them they could be anything they wanted to be. She then spoke to parents and guardians saying, "You are going to be the backbone of their many accomplishments and failures throughout their lives." She further stated, "They will always remember who helped them to become who they are today and in the future."

Acknowledgments to parents and guardians from Gte Ga Nēs teachers came next.

Jean Mertens: "We could not have made this year happen had it not been for your fortitude and dedication to your child's early education, so thank you from all of us – from the bottom of our hearts."

Kerry Kerner: "Every day is a blessing, and I thank you for entrusting me with your most precious possessions."

Katie Collins: "Thank you for letting me teach and work with your children. Most of the time they would call me grandma, and I'm all good with that."

Beth Wandsnider: "It's been a privilege to teach your child. To each amazing family, we thank you for working together with us to help your student to learn, grow and thrive."

Although he didn't know he'd be speaking, the microphone was passed to Nick Shepard Sr., who gave a brief overview of his part in teaching music to the class. He stated, "This year, I wanted to teach a music class to introduce our instruments to our youth – the flute, little drum and big drum, and to teach some of the protocols in the circle here." Shepard also wanted the children to know the Potawatomi names for things like the drum, drumstick, moccasins, and bells, and plans to continue teaching those in summer school once a week.

After a touching slideshow that included several pictures of each student, what might be the most memorable moment of the day took place. Led by Shepard, a group consisting of the boy graduates played the drum, accompanied by the girl graduates who helped sing "Old McDonald had a Farm". Absolutely priceless!

Finally, it was time for diplomas. Each child was called by name to the bridge to accept their diploma, to pose for family as cameras and phones clicked away, and to grab their gift bag.

The mic was then passed to Gte Ga Nēs Preschool Director Deb Tetting, who said, "Thank you all for coming, and for the support you've given us and for the support you've given your children. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them, and learning from them."

An honor song for the graduates came next and the retreat of the flags.

It should be noted that all of Executive Council was proudly present and accounted for: Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock, Secretary James A. Crawford, Treasurer Emanuel "Manny" Johnson II, Council Members Brooks Boyd and Nickolas G. Shepard Sr.

Under the supervision of Division Administrator Sarah Thomaschefskey are: Preschool Gte Ga Nēs Director Deb Tetting; teachers: Katie Collins, Kerry Kerner, Jean Mertens and Beth Wandsnider; Peggy Konaha, kitchen; Nanette Lance, custodian; Dustin Thorpe and Connie Stamper, bus drivers; Katheryn Rogers, speech and language; Angela Wales, physical therapy; Jennifer Mabrier and Celeste Schuppler, science and nature; Julia Erickson, UW-Extension Human-Development & Relationships Educator; and last but not least, Nickolas Shepard



Sr., music.

Many thanks to all who had a hand in making this event happen:

- Executive Council for opening up the preschool
- Parents, guardians, and the students
- The veterans
- Special speaker, Presley Keeble
- Peggy Konaha for cooking all year
- Betsy Popp for doing the frame
- Fire Nation for the drum
- Nick Shepard Sr. for starting a music class

- Maintenance for the setup/tear down
- IT for the live stream
- Val Niehaus and Krystal Statezny at

Potawatomi Traveling Times for assistance with the photos

It was good to see people mingle again – to experience some sort of normalcy. It was evident that those in attendance felt the same. Congratulations to all the graduates...may your futures be bright!

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FCP Community Facebook Live Session Recap - May 26, 2021

Chairman Ned Daniels Jr.

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

Well, there is a lot to be happy about today. The weather is getting warmer and soon we will be in the summer season. We have continued to maintain the health of our community, and things are opening up more and more. And later this afternoon we will be gathering to see our young ones' graduate from Gte Ga Nē.

All these things bring a smile to my face. I'm excited to enjoy the warm weather that will be coming with the new season. I'm glad to have more things open up, and to be seeing more people in-person. And I'm happy that I will be able to see our little ones take another step forward in their growth and development.

You might have noticed that the grass on tribal lands is looking a little taller than it normally does. And some of you might be thinking, "Yes, Ned...cut the damn grass!" Don't worry; we will be cutting the grass...just not yet. You see, the tribe is participating in the conservation initiative called No Mow May. The goal of No Mow May is to allow grass to grow unmown for the month of May, creating habitat and forage for early season pollinators. In addition to benefiting pollinators, reducing mowing frequency will save water, help lawns become more resilient to drought, and reduce emissions from gas-powered lawn equipment that often lack the emission reduction equipment found on larger engines. So, by not cutting the grass for the month of May we are helping to bring a host of benefits to our environment.

And speaking of the outdoors – if you have not yet been to our Farm, Bodwēwadmi Ktēgan, you are missing out. Executive Council recently toured the facility to see first-hand how they produce the products we hear so much about. And what we saw is nothing short of impressive. Frank, Dave and the rest of the crew at the Farm are doing an outstanding job. Being a healthy person starts with what you put in your body, so we are extremely fortunate to have our own farm to produce healthy fruits, vegetables and proteins. Not only are these the highest quality fruits, vegetables and proteins – they also taste REALLY good. So, take your families out for a day on the Farm and see what we are growing. It's something that you will not regret.

Just a few quick announcements before we turn things over to the staff:

I'm happy to announce that there will be a High School Class of 2021 graduation event on Thursday, June 17, at the Carter powwow grounds that includes lunch followed by a small ceremony.

Congratulations to all the graduates!

For those Crandon students enrolled in summer school, if you need a ride to and from school, please contact Peggy Konaha to sign up. Call (715) 478-7359 with your name, phone number and address. Summer school at Crandon School District will be June 14 to July 1, from 7:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

Mark your calendar for the 2021 Spring Family Fun & Run Walk scheduled for June 19 at the Potawatomi Farm. Registration opens at 9 a.m.; run begins at 10 a.m. There'll be a grab-and-go lunch, door prizes and health education information. Visit FCP's Facebook page to learn how to pre-register to guarantee a t-shirt.

Bodwēwadmi Ktēgan is now selling aquaponic lettuce. They have green butterhead, red butterhead, green oakleaf, red oakleaf, and romaine. These are grown chemically-free in the aquaponic facility. The lettuce is grown in water so there is no dirt on it is harvested daily. The aquaponic facility is located beside the store and you can look through the door and see how it is grown. Check it out at the farm located at 3389 Co. Hwy. H in Laona. Questions? Call (715) 478-4545.

This Monday is Memorial Day. This is the day we pay homage to all those who did not come home. This is not Veterans Day, it is not a celebration, it is a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom. So, as you are gathered with your families and loved ones this weekend, please remember and honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Family Services Division Administrator Abbey Dall

Bosho, Forest County Potawatomi Community!

Every day, foster parents step up to support children in care. May is National Foster Care Month and here at Forest County Potawatomi we have 50 licensed foster homes, four of which are newly-licensed homes this year. These foster homes currently provide stability to 76 tribal youth, with 58 of those youth in guardianships. We celebrate foster parents for the essential role they play in the lives of our community children. Their devotion to these children is appreciated and we thank them for their dedication.

ICW always needs family placements and foster homes that are physically and mentally capable of supporting high levels of care. If you know someone who can help, please suggest they give us a call.

Teens - this year was a tough cookie. Please remember, if you are feeling down and out, maybe even considering harming yourself, there is a specific line just for you! Text TEEN to 839863 or call (800) 852-8336.

Rising Sun Day Care is open and we have plenty of space for your children.

Please contact us to get your applications in and talk about the process. Parents – migwetch! We continue to remain COVID-free, thanks to you!

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. Tribal Employment Skills offers a training stipend to assist you while you learn.

Ready to work? 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 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 childcare expenses. You may apply at <https://access.wisconsin.gov>. We know that filling out large applications can be overwhelming. Please call us at (715) 478-4433 to schedule an appointment to receive some assistance. Kiosks are ready and available to serve you.

Wishing you a safe weekend and 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

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.

I would like to start with an update from the Health & Wellness Center: The Pfizer vaccine is now available for those 12 years and older. Please call (715) 478-4450 to get registered Monday - Friday, or Community Health at (715) 478-4355 to request a home visit for the vaccine.

Today, I would like to go over heat safety for vehicles.

Learn how the temperature outside may affect the temperature inside your vehicle.

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

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

Use the following life-saving tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind yourself and others to check the back seat before walking away from a vehicle. Children mistakenly

being left in hot vehicles make up many of the tragedies reported each year.

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

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

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

- A Key to Safety: You know to keep your vehicle locked, but also keep your keys out of reach; nearly 3 in 10 heat-stroke deaths happen when an unattended child gains access to a vehicle.

If at any time you have emergency, please reach out to us at 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!

Mary Mattson, Higher Education Director

Hello, everyone. I have worked with the Education Department for many summers for Summer Day Camp and have been the higher education director for almost two years. This past year has been trying, but students are more dedicated than ever to get their education.

I would like to highlight some of the great things our students have been doing:

Presley Keeble, a recent graduate from UW-Stevens Point in Early Childhood Education, is one of these students. Presley was an exemplary college student and was offered positions at all of the schools to which she applied. She is currently working at a local elementary school and we are thrilled to have her working in the community. Beyond teaching little ones in the classroom, she is a strong role model for students and staff, and is an advocate for her community.

Higher education has also had some recent graduates in 2021. Stephany Shepard graduated with her certificate in Cannabis Agriculture and Horticulture, Mitchell George with a certificate in Automotive Technology, and Angela Daniels with her Associates in Business Management. Congratulations again!

Upcoming college graduates, please send me your final transcripts and a copy of your certificate and/or diploma. Those can be emailed to me or faxed to Education at (715) 478-7352. Current college students, also send me your transcripts in a timely manner.

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This year, I am taking on Summer Youth Employment. Supervisors and students, please note that the interview day is June 8 at the Rec Center. Students, Education will call and email you with your interview time slot. Any questions, please call me at (715) 478-4153, if I'm not in the office, please leave your name, number and a brief message and I'll get back to you.

This concludes updates for Higher Education, and now I have announcements from other Education Division staff.

From K-12 Director Brittany Lamere: "The end of the school year is right around the corner. Congratulations to the soon-to-be High School graduates! We are very proud of you all and your hard work this year. This summer, the K-12 Education Department will be directly working with K-12 FCP students attending summer school along with Recreation programming. Remember to get your permission slips turned in for summer school!"

Deb Tetting at Gte Ga Nēs also wanted me to share: "If your child is entering kindergarten this fall and you would like them to attend our five-week Summer School Program, please call Gte Ga Nēs as soon as possible to get them registered. The number is (715) 478-7359."

Thank you for your time!

Julie Burt, FCP Imaging Director

Hello. I'm Julie Burt. Most of you know me as FCP's imaging director and technologist in the X-ray department, but I also serve as the FCPC Incident Command Safety Officer. I have been reading and reviewing a significant number of articles discussing waste being generated globally. Scientists have estimated that we are using approximately 129 billion face masks and 65 billion gloves every month since this pandemic began. That being said, the impacts of disposing of these products is causing more significant factors for our waste handlers by exposing them to more pathogens on a daily basis, and also to our wildlife and ultimately, our environment.

To give you an idea of what we are facing, it is being predicted that while cloth masks made of cotton may take only six months to break down in nature, synthetic masks may take over 100 years. Nylon may take 30-40 years to break down in nature. Single-use surgical masks may take 450 years due to the plastics embedded in them. Comments among the environmental and scientific communities is that this impact in the next five years will be our new "plastic-bottle" environmental issue.

Just by discarding a single-use surgical mask or a plastic glove into the environment is proving to cause blocked drains and potential for flooding, stagnation of

water causing increased mosquito breeding and waterborne disease. There are impacts to wildlife as masks or gloves can be mistaken for food – there has been strangulation of wildlife, and plastics found within the one-time-use surgical masks that we have been using break down into micro-plastics that enter into the food chain.

Many environmental sites are now posting recommendations for an eco-friendlier way in which to dispose of surgical masks and gloves, but there are recommendations that we can follow right now before we dispose of these masks and gloves.

Did you know that single-use surgical mask that is not dirty or torn can be placed in a small lunch paper bag with the top closed for seven days to dry and then can be reused? A single-use surgical mask that is dirty, damp, crumpled, or torn should be disposed of immediately by:

Handling the mask facing away from you and cut off both ear loops with a scissors. Wrap the ear loops around the folded mask tightly and place in a clear, large, plastic Ziploc® bag that zips shut. By using a larger sealed bag such as a gallon Ziploc® bag, a small volume of masks and gloves can be collected and then disposed of in your general trash, not the recycling bin. This allows for waste handlers to be alerted when they come across the masks and gloves in a clear plastic bag while keeping themselves safe as well as our wildlife and environment. And always wash your hands after handling masks or gloves with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time.

Did you know that cloth masks made of cotton or nylon can be washed in the warmest water possible daily by washing machine or by hand and allowed to completely air dry?

Cloth masks can be re-washed 15-20 times before the fabric begins to break down and disposal is needed. To tell if your cloth mask needs to be disposed of, hold the mask up to a light, and if you can see light coming through the mask very easily, then most likely it is time to dispose of it.

Use the same process for disposing of your cloth mask as you would use for a single use surgical mask. Cutting off the ear loops is essential and make sure to wash your hands for 20 seconds after handling the cloth mask, just as you would with a single use mask.

These are very simple steps we can take to help prevent our waste handlers from any more exposure to bacteria and viruses than they already are and to keep our wildlife safe and environment clean. I thank you for taking time to listen and to take action before these issues become even more dire.

Forest County Potawatomi Leaders IX

Potawatomi Traveling Times (PTT) was able to obtain an interview with the daughter of **Joseph George**, Hazel George, for this series on tribal leaders. PTT was very thankful and happy to be able to hear about this man's story from such a close family member of his. Hopefully, as this series continues, PTT will be able to sit down with more close family and be able to talk about these leaders.

Joseph George was born in 1904 to John and Eliza George. He was taken away at a young age to boarding school in Lac Du Flambeau.

In April 1939, he had an arranged marriage with Mabel Alloway.

George began work at Connors Lumber Company in 1941, and during the times he worked at Connors, he fathered four daughters and a son. Hazel said, "He was an excellent father, provider, carpenter, carver. He carved an Iwo Jima picture and a machine gun." Hazel said with a smile, "People in the community use to play with that machine gun and had a good time with it." He played the violin as well because he came from a family of musicians.

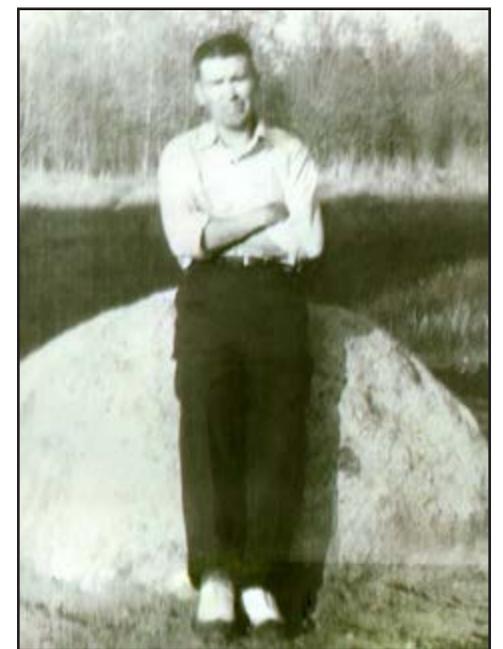
Hazel went on to say a bit of her father's family background. She said in the 1800s, the Potawatomi were chased into Canada, and they always wanted to return. His grandfather organized a war party: they slaughtered the calvary, escaped, came down from Canada, and made their way back into Wisconsin. From there, the group was scattered all over and George ended up in Odanah, Wis. Hazel went on to say, "The Ritchie's, being Indian Agents, came after my father's family in Odanah and brought them back to the FCP community. Left only was my grandmother, Eliza Johnson, and the Ritchie's great-great grandmother, Elizabeth. The George's came to live at the bottom of the hill next to the Ritchie's in Stone Lake. They settled here along with their relative, Pastor Morstad, who obtained the land for the Forest County Potawatomi community."

Like his older brother, Isaac, Joseph would serve as Forest County Potawatomi Community tribal chairman. On April 25, 1960, Joseph was selected to take over that position when William Waube resigned. He would serve for the remainder of Waube's term.

In 1962, Julius Daniels began his second term as chairman, succeeding Joseph George.

Joseph died June 29, 1965 following a car accident on Potawatomi Trail.

Following George was then Julius Daniels again who served from 1962-1965.



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Led by Nick Shepard Sr., the class of 2021 performed *Old McDonald had a Farm*. Definitely a memorable moment!



(l) FCP Veterans Post I post the colors.



(r) Presley Keeble is the guest speaker.

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COVID-19 Vaccination – The Life You Save May be Your Own

submitted by Bob Sookochoff MD, Health & Wellness Chief of Staff

The purpose of this article is to review the risks and benefits of COVID immunization and encourage un-immunized FCP members to see the wisdom of receiving the vaccine. The good news is that 270 FCP tribal members have been vaccinated; the challenge is that 80-100 members have not.

Let's start with some sobering statistics: the death rate among FCP members who

have had COVID-19 disease is 4 percent. Six FCP members have died among the 149 that have contracted the disease. By comparison,



the death rate for the country as a whole is 1.7 percent. The rate among Native American communities varies between 2.5 – 3 percent. FCP members seem particularly susceptible to the virus.

Secondly, let's look at the effectiveness of the vaccines. In the first 60 million doses given, there was breakthrough COVID infection in 5,700 people. That works out to an effectiveness rate of 99.99 percent. It shows that if you get immunized, you will be protected.

Thirdly, let's look at side effects. The serious side effects of vaccination include serious allergic reactions and blood clots in the brain (Johnson & Johnson vaccine only). The risk of these side effects is about one in a million – the same risk as being hit by lightning. As previously mentioned, the risk of dying from COVID disease, in our community, is one in 25. The risk of serious side effects from the disease is even higher, approximately one in three.

To summarize, the vaccines are close to 100 percent effective; the serious side

effects are 1 in a million; the risk of FCP members dying from COVID are 1 in 25; the risk of serious side effects from COVID are 1 in 3. The conclusion is that vaccination is much safer than getting COVID disease.

A question might be, "Why would I get immunized now that disease rates, hospitalizations and deaths are falling across the country? The answer is that

the virus is mutating and becoming more aggressive. The new UK variant is now causing 80 percent of all new infections. It is worse than the original virus. The

existing vaccines protect against this new variant.

Another question might be, "I am willing to consider the vaccine, but which one is best?" The answer is, they are all excellent. The Pfizer vaccine is now indicated in ages down to 12 years old, so is good for children and adults. The Moderna vaccine, like the Pfizer vaccine, requires two shots spaced 3-4 weeks apart. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine needs only a single shot. There is little to choose among the vaccines in terms of effectiveness and safety. As previously mentioned, the benefits far outweigh the risks for all the vaccines. FCP Health & Wellness has access to all the vaccines. If you have a preference, we can meet your needs.

So please consider this information seriously. It is my sincere hope that you will choose to become immunized. Call the COVID hotline at (715) 478-4394 to schedule your vaccination today. If you have a vaccine preference, let us know so you can be scheduled accordingly.

Health & Wellness Center Personnel Help in Vaccine Clinics

Once a month since January 2021, a team of nurses and administrative personnel from Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Health & Wellness Center has been traveling to Potawatomi Hotel & Casino (PHC) in Milwaukee to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. FCP tribal members, FCP Gaming Commission employees, Greenfire employees, PHC employees, and household members of all the aforementioned are being offered the vaccine.

As of April 14, 775 people have received the vaccine, many of whom are essential workers that are not able to obtain the vaccine where they live due to high demand and/or restrictions. FCP Executive Council recognizes the importance of getting as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible, and hopes that by offering the vaccine to these individuals, employees and their families can feel safe knowing they are protected from the COVID-19 virus.

FCP Health & Wellness Center thanks the staff at PHC and also the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center for its generous donation of supplies and protective equipment for use during the vaccine clinics.



(l-r) CMA/Covid Vaccine Coordinator Kimberly Teschner, RN/Infection Control Officer Jessica Townsend, Employee Health Supervisor Crista Tracy, Community Health RN Jodie Harris, Business Office Supervisor Mina Cleereman, Covid Task Force Information Specialist Briana Davies, Clinical Director Michelle Stoffregen, Covid Task Force Specialist Frankie Bath, Covid Task Force RN Lorrie Shepard, Clinical Services Administrator Sarah Genke.

Septic Pumping to Begin in June!

Attention Tribal Residents:

Jansen's Septic Pumping will resume its summer septic pumping in June. Each home is on a schedule to be pumped every other year. If you see Jansen's in the area, please be considerate as they are fulfilling their contract. If you feel that your tank has been missed or have additional questions or concerns, please direct those inquiries to the Forest County Potawatomi Water and Sewer Department at (715) 478-7390, located at 8355 Mish ko Swen Drive, Crandon WI, 54520. Thank you.

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Graduates



Name: Angela Daniels
Parent: Corlis Daniels
 School graduated from: Milwaukee Area Technical College (Graduated December 11, 2020)
Degree or certificate: Associates Degree in Business Management of Applied Science

Accomplishments/activities: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. National Technical Honor Society. Scholastic Honors. Earned my credentials a year before graduating. Good Standing student. Made the Dean's list and or Provost list every semester.

Future plans: To apply at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and obtain my bachelor's degree. Also, to work on a business plan for the future and put it into existence.

Words of advice for youth: Follow what you're passionate about and you will never regret it. Be resilient when you encounter obstacles, and always let your voice be heard!

Who would you like to thank? I would like to thank my sister Victoria and brother Ben - you are my strength. My children, nieces and nephews for being my motivation. My fiancé Edgar - I'm extremely lucky to have you. You all mean the world to me and I dedicate my success to you.



Pictured are l-r **Jaysa and Reyna Prescott** who graduated from Wausau East High School in Wausau, Wis. Parents are Dylan Prescott and Jen Rasmussen.

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

Lorraine Rose Alloway



Lorraine Rose Alloway, 68, of Crandon, Wis., passed away peacefully at the Caring Place on June 1, 2021. She was born Jan. 29, 1953, in Rat River, Wis., the daughter of Wesley and Rose (Bemis) Patterson.

Lorraine is survived by her six children: Carl Anthony Gerdeen, Douglas James Gerdeen, James Louis LaBarge, Viola Rose Gerdeen, Tina Louise Alloway, Kayla Marie Alloway; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters: Victoria Milligan and Kristen Venegas; brother: Michael Brown; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughters: Rachael Lee Gerdeen, Kristie Marie DeHoys; son: John Lee Alloway; grandsons: Wesley Carl Gerdeen and Lamar Alloway.

Visitation was June 3; Native American services on June 4, both at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon, with Jim Thunder presiding. Burial followed at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Blackwell.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

"WATER CELEBRATION"

Friday, July 16, 2021 • Stephenson Island, Wis.

- 12 pm: Event Opening (Bring your lawn chairs)
- 1:30 pm: Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Al Gedicks
- 1:50 pm: Western Mining Action Network (WMAN) Speech
- 2:10 pm: Menominee Nation Speech
- 2:30 pm: BLESSING OF THE WATERS CEREMONY
- 3:30 pm: "River's Edge Trio" Performance & Raffle Drawing
Custom-Built Guitars appraised at \$4,500
- 4 pm: Bridge Walk w/ Signs to the demonstration site
- 6 pm: Return to Stephenson Island to adjourn with thanks!

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- Must be 15-years-old
- Must be able to complete a 300-yard swim with face in the water
- Must be able to tread water for 2 minutes
- Must be able to retrieve a 10-lb. brick (20-yard swim to deepest point of the pool, swim to the bottom grab 10-lb. brick, return to the surface and swim back to starting point, keeping both hands on brick while keeping face out of the water.)

Cost \$90

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PBDC: EXPANDS LEADERSHIP TEAM

MILWAUKEE (PRWEB) MAY 11, 2021

The Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC), announced today the promotion of Kip Ritchie as the company's chief operating officer. Ritchie is a member of the Forest County Potawatomi Community and previously served as president of Greenfire Management Services, a PBDC subsidiary company. Under his leadership, Greenfire saw tremendous growth and received dozens of awards including Fastest Growing Company, Diversity in Business, Top Construction Company, Newsmaker of the Year, Largest Minority-Owned Company, and a Wisconsin MARKETPLACE Governor's Award, among others.



"I am very excited about joining the PBDC as Chief Operating Officer as it gives me the chance to stay connected with Greenfire, while also serving the Forest County Potawatomi Community in a larger capacity," said Ritchie. "PBDC's investments have grown exponentially in recent years, establishing an incredible presence in both commercial and federal operations. I look forward to working with our leadership team and subsidiaries, contributing to their future success, and to supporting the strategic growth of PBDC for the Tribe."

In his role as COO, Ritchie is responsible for operations, marketing and business development for the PBDC and its affiliate companies which include Greenfire, Data Holdings, Native Roots Hemp, Wgema Leasing, PBDC Travel Centers and PBDC Real Estate Development Operations.

The PBDC was established in 2002 as the economic development and income diversification business of the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC). Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, subsidiary companies and investments provide financial diversification for shareholders and investment partners. Resources generated by PBDC and its holdings help diversify the tribal economy that supports Forest County Potawatomi's tribal government and helps improve the lives of tribal members.

An active member of the greater Milwaukee business community, Ritchie sits on several local and regional board of directors and is engaged in a variety of community and philanthropic organizations including Metro Milwaukee Association of Commerce, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, and Froedtert & the Medical College Foundation.

He is also committed to advancing the success of entrepreneurs and business ventures throughout Indian Country, dedicating time to Native American ventures and organizations across the country including Gun Lake Investments, NUMU, Inc., New Mexico Community Capital, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development and the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation.

"We are thrilled to welcome Kip to the leadership team of PBDC," said Randy Mueller, Chief Executive Officer, PBDC. "During his time with Greenfire, our company's holdings expanded nearly tenfold, and we expect to see further growth in the coming years. Kip proved to be a strong and successful leader at Greenfire, he is deeply engrained in the business community locally and throughout Indian Country, and he will play an important role in our strategic planning and development in the coming years."

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PBDC CSO: PAUL HOESLY TAKES ON ADDITIONAL ROLE

MILWAUKEE (PRWEB) MAY 18, 2021

The Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC) announced today that Paul Hoesly, the company's current Chief Financial Officer, was promoted to take on the additional role of Chief Strategy Officer. Hoesly has been with PBDC since 2018, providing direct insight into the investments of the Company, guiding strategic direction, investment selection, due diligence, post-acquisition integration, and divestiture. With his added role, Hoesly will oversee the development, communication, and execution of PBDC's strategic initiatives to produce long-term, sustainable success for the company.



"As a member of the executive leadership team, Paul plays a critical role in helping PBDC achieve exponential growth in both top line revenue and net income," said Randy Mueller, Chief Executive Officer, PBDC. "Our holdings have grown nearly tenfold in recent years and Paul's contributions are key to that success. We are thrilled to have him take on this added focus and look forward to what the team will achieve on behalf of our shareholders, the Forest County Potawatomi Community, in the years ahead."

"We are seeing exceptional growth in our commercial and federal operations. Having this focus allows me to oversee the execution of our strategic plans and facilitate the development of high-impact initiatives for the company. This will be incredibly helpful as we look to PBDC's future success."

"I am excited to add the role of Chief Strategic Officer to my responsibilities with PBDC," said Hoesly. "We are seeing exceptional growth in our commercial and federal operations. Having this focus allows me to oversee the execution of our strategic plans and facilitate the development of high-impact initiatives for the company. This will be incredibly helpful as we look to PBDC's future success."

During his time with PBDC, Paul revised banking and treasury relationships which resulted in new and creative financing opportunities for both acquisition and operational growth. He works closely with the Executive Leadership team on the successful management of the Company's passive investment portfolio, which includes a mix of privately held real estate investments, publicly traded REITs and a series of private equity technology investments. His approach has created a systematic investment process that will grow the value of these investments over time.

Prior to joining PBDC, Hoesly was a senior manager at the national accounting firm of Ernst & Young, LLP and held various financial leadership positions with consumer products companies including Johnson Outdoors, Scubapro, and Master Lock, as well as industrial businesses such as Gardner Denver and Lucas Milhaupt.

His extensive M&A experience includes numerous acquisitions and divestitures. Acquisitions have included both start-up and mature enterprises ranging from \$500K to \$250 million. Hoesly obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and an Executive MBA with International Business Specialization from Marquette University.

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