



Indigenous Feast Held for Community

by Val Niehaus

The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community was recently treated to two special events hosted by a special woman, Ho-Chunk Nation member Elena Terry. Not only is she the executive chef and founder of Wild Bearies, Terry also happens to be the Food and Culinary Program Coordinator for the Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance, and has partnerships with the Intertribal Agriculture Council, Meskwai Food Sovereignty Initiative. Impressive!

The first event was held Nov. 29, 2021, at the old Rec building where Terry taught those who were interested how to butcher a deer. Along with Terry, Richard Gougé and several youths took part in this activity, which was a good teaching lesson. The deer had been harvested by a local tribal member specifically for use in this event and the next. Many thanks to them for sharing!

The second of the events was held Nov. 30, at the FCP Community Center. This is when Terry had the chance to truly showcase her expertise in what she does best: Cooking with traditional indigenous foods. Families were able to attend this event and receive hands-on instruction and advice from Terry throughout the evening as she and helper Junior Green prepared an amazing and delicious feast.

Students stopped after school and joined the cooks in the kitchen to see what Chef Terry was cheffing up - and right away, many of them put on gloves and jumped right in to help. Although the kitchen is a place to keep an eye on children because of sharp objects and hot stoves and ovens, it's also an enjoyable

teaching environment for youth. Truth be told, all you need to know in life can be learned in a kitchen: patience, sensory motions, physics, math, step-by-step processes and, most of all, tasting and feeling each item you are preparing, understanding them and appreciating how they can nourish our bodies.

Having set the stage of her preparation of the meal, it was now on to the delectable menu that Terry and Green prepared. What a feast it was! There was venison tenderloin stuffed with feta cheese and spinach; walleye fillets breaded in blue cornmeal; wild rice with carrots, mushrooms, celery and both yellow and green zucchini; squash topped with a sweet hazelnut crunch; sweet potatoes that you could choose plain or spicy (drizzled with a chili oil); and finally, there was the Three Sisters soup (Oneida white corn, beans and squash). For a sweet dessert, there was wild rice with fresh blueberries with a hint of maple syrup mixed in. Terry also made a sweetgrass tea that was perfect to settle the tummy after eating all this delicious food!

Everyone left with full bellies and happy memories of Terry's teachings of preparing these traditional foods. Unquestionably, food holds a special place in many hearts – not only do we need it to survive, it brings people together to socialize, learn and be nourished body and soul. Regardless of race, religion, or what political agenda you have, we can all agree on one thing: Good food makes us happy!

You can find Chef Terry on Facebook at Wild Bearies or on her website at www.wildbearies.org.



Cameron Chalet Soman “Nagabo”



Cameron Chalet Soman, “Nagabo”, 46 of Wabeno, Wis., passed away Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, at his home. Cameron was born May 24, 1975, in Eagle River, Wis., the son of Clifford Soman and Emily Tahwa.

Surviving Cameron are his: “best thing that ever happened to him” Sonya Milham, Laona; daughters: Saidee Soman, Crandon; Madison Soman, Milwaukee; Maryjane Daniels, Crandon; Payton Daniels, Crandon; sons: Chevelle Milham, Crandon; Sterling Soman, Wisconsin; Dakota Soman, Minnesota; Caine Soman, Laona; Victor Soman, Crandon; Zakk Soman, Crandon; Wylee Smith, Lac du-Flambeau; sister: Emily Soman, Crandon; brother: Colin Soman, Crandon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Ella, Effie, Evelyn; brothers: Christian, Charlie, Clifford Jr., Corey, Chief, Clinton, Larry.

Visitation took place Nov. 23; services took place Nov. 24, both at Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel, Crandon, with Pastor Don Dewing officiating.

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

Virginia Johnson, Myéyigishgok



Virginia Johnson, Myéyigishgok (That spirit path from east to west into the heavens), passed away Nov. 30, 2021, in her home in Crandon, Wis. She has profoundly impacted all during her lifetime in many ways. Whether a mother, friend, cousin, sister, aunt, colleague, godmother, or many other names, Virginia’s everlasting impact of kindness, love, and compassion to many will be forever cherished dearly by all.

Virginia was born Nov. 24, 1971, to the late Thelma Johnson and Alfred Winch in Rhinelander, Wis. She had been raised on the Potawatomi Reservation most of her life until moving to Milwaukee, Wis. later on. She had one brother, Johnathan Johnson, who she would always say was her rock as she thought the world of him. In her tribe and beyond, her self-declared siblings were beyond countable. Whether a non-biological or biological brother or sister, which she had plenty of, she loved them all with her heart.

Virginia had one son, Jacob Johnson, the highlight of her life who she loved and cherished deeply. She also had many nieces and nephews who she treated as her children. Her beliefs of love, kindness, and kinship guided her to treat everyone dignified and lovingly.

Virginia graduated from Crandon High School in 1990. She attended some college but always found her journey in life the best form of education. Throughout her life, she had many professional titles accustomed to her experience in life and her tribe. Whether on the Forest County Potawatomi Housing Committee, the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board, or other titles in her tribe, Virginia will always be remembered for her devotion to her work and tribal community.

In her lifetime, living from her reservation to Milwaukee, Virginia never found it difficult to make friends. People will never forget her high cheek bones, unique “aunty” laugh, and funny jokes. From a self-proclaimed “Master Chef” in the kitchen to a devoted cultural learner, she had acquired many titles in her life by her work and dedication or had been given them by her family and friends.

Virginia’s hobbies included watching various forms of entertainment, traveling to Las Vegas as one of her most favorite vacation spots, having coffee with friends, talking with elders, and most importantly, spending time with her family. She loved to attend powwows to see her family dance, listen to music, eat fry-bread, and collect more beadwork for her collection. She was a proud member of the Native American Church and would love to hear people sing.

She always believed having the family together was essential for life and would always take in anyone who would knock on her door. She will be missed by all those she has crossed paths with during her life. Everyone will always remember her for her heart and kindness.

Virginia joins both her parents, grandparents, and ancestors in heaven. She is survived by her son, brother, nieces and nephews, as well as her cousins and some aunts and uncles.

Viewing for Virginia’s body took place Dec. 2, 2021, at the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center. Traditional Native American Church funeral services were held the following day, with a meal and commencement afterward.

The family invited anyone who knew Virginia to come for her services. They knew she would ask anyone she had known in her life to come to her services.

Tthe Migwetth (Thank you)

What's New in the Library?

We have books - lots of books! The FCP Library has nearly 4,000 on the shelves and here are just a few that arrived this month:

- **Indian Givers: How Native Americans Transformed the World**, by Jack Weatherford
- **Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God**, by Caitin B. Curtice
- **When We Are Kind**, by Monique Gray Smith (children’s book)
- **We Dream Medicine Dreams**, by Lisa Boivin (children’s book)
- **Notable Native People: 50 Indigenous Leaders, Dreamers, and Changemakers from Past and Present**, by Adrienne Keene
- **A Mind Spread Out on the Ground**, by Alicia Elliott
- **Surviving the City Vol 1 & 2**, by Tasha Spillett and Natasha Donovan (graphic novel)
- **The Spirit and The Sky: Lakota Visions of the Cosmos**, by Mark Hollabaugh
- **Elatsoe**, by Darcie little Badger
- **Stringing Rosaries: The History, the Unforgiving, and the Healing of Northern Plains American Indian Boarding School Survivors**, by Denise K. Lajimodiere

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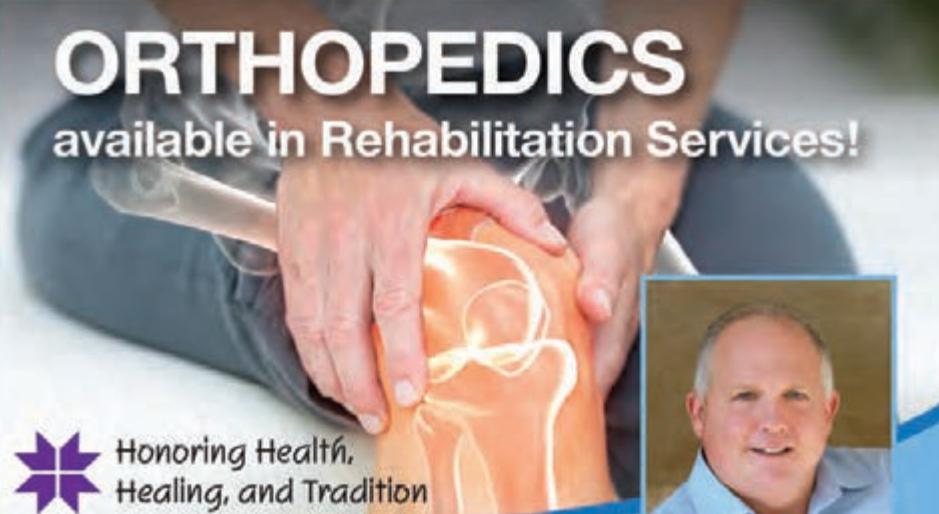



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Yard Pool	Lap Swim 10am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Lap Swim 5:30am-9am 10am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Lap Swim 10am-3pm 4pm-7pm (LL) Deep Water Aerobics 5:30pm-6:15pm	Lap Swim 5:30am-9am 10am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Lap Swim 10am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Lap Swim 5:30am-9am 10am-3pm 4pm-8pm	Lap Swim 11am-3pm 4pm-8pm
Activity Pool & Hot Tub	Family Swim 10am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Hot Tub CLOSED Open Swim 5:30am-9am 10am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Shallow Water Aerobics 10:15am-11am Open Swim 11am-3pm Adult Swim 4pm-7pm	Open Swim 5:30am-9am 10am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Shallow Water Aerobics 10:15am-11am Open Swim 11am-3pm Adult Swim 4pm-7pm	Open Swim 5:30am-9am 10am-3pm 4pm-8pm Youth Swim 5:30pm-8pm	Family Swim 11am-3pm 4pm-8pm
Slide & Features	Slide & Features 10am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Only Features 5pm-7pm	CLOSED	Only Features 5:30pm-7pm	CLOSED	Slide & Features 5:30pm-8pm	Slide & Features 11am-3pm 4pm-8pm

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December 2021

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<p>Drop in Fees Member: \$5/class • Non-member: \$10/class</p> <p>Session Fees (entire month of one class) Member: \$3/class • Non-member: \$7/class</p> <p><i>If you have any questions please call 715-478-6512.</i> All classes are subject to change.</p>		<p>1 Sunrise Bootcamp 5:45am-6:30am Mat Pilates 12:15pm-1pm Zumba 5:30pm-6:15pm</p>	<p>2 Shallow Water Aerobics 10:15am-11am HIIT 12:15pm-12:45pm Powwow Fitness 5:30pm-6:15pm</p>	<p>3 Barbell Strength 12:15pm-1pm</p>	<p>4 Circuits 11:15am-12pm Abs 12:05pm-12:20pm</p>
<p>6 Senior Fit 9am-9:30am HIIT 5:30pm-6:15pm</p>	<p>7 Shallow Water Aerobics 10:15am-11am Vinyasa Flow 5:30pm-6:15pm Deep Water Aerobics 5:30pm-6:15pm</p>	<p>8 Sunrise Bootcamp 5:45am-6:30am Full-Body Fitness 9am-9:30am Zumba 5:30pm-6:15pm</p>	<p>9 Shallow Water Aerobics 10:15am-11am Yoga Sculpt 5:30pm-6:15pm Cardio Kickboxing 5:30pm-6:15pm</p>	<p>10 Kettlebells 6:30am-7:15am Restorative Yoga 9am-9:45am Total Body Toning 5:30pm-6:15pm</p>	<p>11 Circuits 11:15am-12pm</p>
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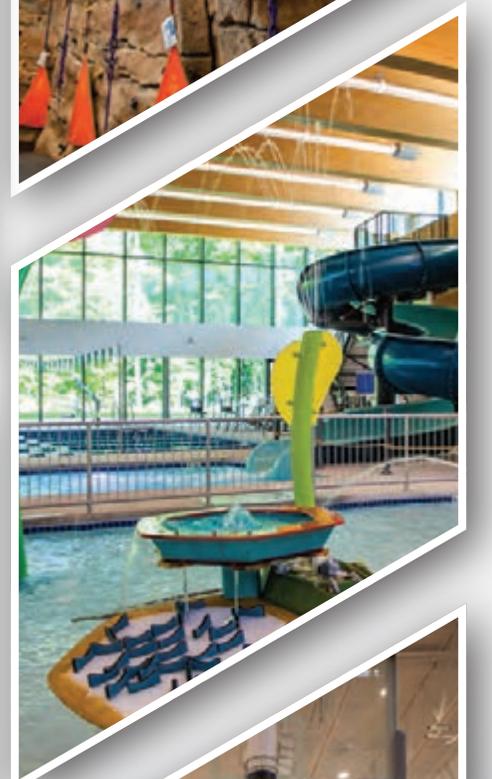
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Project Spotlight: FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY CENTER

Nestled in the 5,000-acre Forest County Potawatomi Reservation, the Community Center is a central hub for cultural education, recreation, athletic training, competition, wellness, and social events. The entire design of the building was informed by the Forest County Potawatomi culture, from the two levels that follow the natural grade and lessen the impact on the land to the basic floorplan which takes its inspiration from the form of an eagle in flight.

PURPOSE - A HUB FOR CULTURAL WELLNESS



The Potawatomi Tribal Council recognized a need to have a singular place to promote unity and togetherness for its tribal members while simultaneously offer cultural education, athletic training, recreation and competitive activities, wellness development, and social events. The Vision of the Community Center is to fill that void and create an environment where all people can grow in a holistic way.

“The Center will be a place where families can spend an entire day with countless options to fulfill each of their passions,” said Thomas Boelter, Division Director of Education and Culture for the Forest County Potawatomi. “The members will feel at home while guests can learn about the Forest County Potawatomi people. In its completion, the Center will provide a large space where wellness can begin to take place. We considered every individual, from infants to elders, in the development of this project making it a place for all to grow healthy together.”

DESIGN - TAKING INSPIRATION FROM THE LAND

Situated on the Forest County Potawatomi Reservation, the design flows with the natural grade of the terrain to lessen the impact on the land. Further drawing inspiration from nature, the construction footprint mimics the form of an eagle in flight.

“The design brings forth an inherent bloom of culture,” said Boelter. “From an overhead view, the building represents the shape of an eagle. This is the Spirit of the Eagle and the rest of the Forest County Potawatomi clans, which will all be visible from within.”

“We are so pleased to have been able to design this building that will support wellness for the entire Forest County Potawatomi Community,” said Scott Ramlow, President of Ramlow/Stein Architecture + Planning. “In this pursuit of wellness, respect for nature is central in the entire design. The building levels flow with the topography of the site, structural forms mimic the trees in the surrounding forest and all spaces invite nature in with multi-story expansive views of the tree canopy outside. Ramlow/Stein, along with our partners, RDG Planning & Design, owe our thanks and gratitude to the Forest County Potawatomi for trusting us with this important work.”



PROJECT - A CENTER FOR POSSIBILITY

After a formal Ground Blessing in May 2019, construction on the new facility began the following June. Construction was split into three areas: Area A, containing the gymnasium; Area B, containing the natatorium; and Area C, containing the fieldhouse.

Area A features a 20,000 SF three-court, wood floor gymnasium complete with LED scoreboards and monitors. The Eastern wing also includes offices, recreational and childcare areas along with bathrooms and an elevator.

Area B features an 11,000 SF natatorium which includes a wading pool with a zero-depth entry basin and spray features for younger swimmers, a six-lane lap pool for swim practice, swimming lessons, and group exercise classes, an activity pool, a waterslide, and a whirlpool with elevated sidewalls for ADA accessibility. It is highlighted by a 29-foot-tall by 130-foot-wide glass curtain wall that draws a connection between the cultural ties of the community and the forested surrounding. Area B also features the Commons area which includes a rock-climbing wall, commercial and teaching kitchens, weightlifting and cardio areas.

Area C features a 20,000 SF fieldhouse complete with synthetic turf, LED scoreboards and monitors and an elevated running track. The Western wing also includes offices and classrooms, bathrooms, and a stairwell.



The facility was broken into three independent areas for construction, which meant foundation walls, footings, and structural steel progressed in relation to the progress of each area. As a result, and in order to maintain a strict milestone schedule, structural steel was set in some portions of each area as concrete footings and foundation walls progressed in further sections. Area A was the first section to be complete followed by Area C, then B.

MATERIALITY - UNIQUE PACKAGES TO PROMOTE CULTURE AND HERITAGE

At just over \$550 per square-foot, the Tribe has invested a considerable amount of resources and thought into designing an effective Community Center for its members. And with nothing but a dense, wooded forest to begin with, selecting highly efficient and energy-conserving materials was essential when building a space to serve as a resource for generations to come.

The exterior includes precast concrete panels with an integral feather-inspired pattern and metal panels with three-dimensional natural texture and color. Clear glass encompasses the facility to maximize daylight and connection to the surrounding woods. When clearing the site of trees, all timbers were hauled off site via FCP Forestry Services for future utilization on the facility.

The Center’s interior is highlighted by exposed mass timbers and structural beams which were sourced from Bell Structural Solutions timber yard in Minnesota. The natatorium includes two glulam beams that are 10.5” X 71.5” X 130’. Two of these beams were needed to clear the longest glulam requirement. Both beams were fastened together in the field to equal 16,266 net board feet with an estimated weight over 55,000 lbs. This is also believed to be the largest glulam pick in the United States.



The Commons area interior includes polished concrete flooring with feather design inlays and features stair treads and the front desk made from hemlock and oak that were sourced from the site. All mosaic columns were designed with FCP members to represent the four seasons.

PROJECT WINS - OVERCOMING CONDITIONS TO MEET ALL EXPECTATIONS

As the construction manager, Greenfire is honored to build this monumental project for our Owner and to work with fantastic architectural and design partners in Ramlow/Stein and RDG.

Constructing this project was no easy task. The project team constantly battled the erratic and unforgiving northern Wisconsin weather conditions daily. The team also completed the project during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. This brought its own challenges including labor and procurement issues. However, the team remained vigilant and reworked the pull plan schedule to achieve all milestones and complete the long-term project.

PROJECT TEAM - INDIVIDUAL PARTNERS WORKING AS ONE

“Greenfire and the partnering teams have worked together with our community to collectively gather both the exterior and interior design directly from the inner roots of our community,” said Boelter. “May this be a place where all dreams begin to take shape and develop into a reality.”

“Ramlow/Stein is thankful for the collaborative work of Greenfire, and especially that of Nick Moore & Craig Bailey,” said Ramlow. “The entire Greenfire team has been great to work with. Craig has been like having an architect on site; he is excellent with quality control and problem solving to see the design intent through.”

“The Greenfire project team, our trade partners, and vendors have overcome many obstacles while making it past the 50% completion milestone,” said Nick Moore, Greenfire Project Manager for the Community Center. “Be it the unpredictable weather, unique construction angles, or current events in the world today, the group has come together to collaboratively create a plan to overcome. I look forward to finishing strong thanks to the culture and team we have establish onsite.”

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