

Community Send-Off for the NAIG Athletes

by Val Niehaus

The Forest County Potawatomi Community and surrounding towns joined in on sending off 10 of our local tribal youth to the Native American Indigenous Games in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on July 13, 2023, at the Potawatomi Community Center.

The FCP Post I Veterans brought in the flags and staff with Fire Nation singing. Once the staff and flags were posted, FCP Elder Louie Spaude gave some words of welcome along with a prayer.

FCP Chairman James A. Crawford then took the podium and called up the 10 athletes who were participating in this year's games. These included: Brady Shepard (19U Baseball), Frank Shepard Jr. (19U Baseball), Abishea Winnicki (19U Swimming), Omar Bailey (19U Athletics: Track & Field), Elias Glinski (19U Wrestling), Elyssa Bailey (16U Athletics: Track & Field), Isabella Young (16U Volleyball), LaVara Gilpin (19U Softball), Ryker Schingeck (19U Wrestling), Nate Gilpin (16U Basketball), Lucy Young (16U Volleyball), and Asalia White-Williams (19U Athletics).

Chairman Crawford said, "No matter what you do from this point on or what you do in the games, you guys are a success — I want you to understand that. I want you guys to go out there and enjoy what you are going to be a part of because it really is a once-in-alifetime opportunity. You are representing your people — Bodwéwadami and you are representing Team Wisconsin. Thank you all for participating and thank you all for attending to root these athletes on!"

Following Chairman's address, the athletes were escorted out by the FCP Post I Veterans along with the spectators making a tunnel for them to head out under — giving high-fives for good luck at the games.

The athletes then boarded a bus to tour the campus with employees cheering them on with signs and cowbells. From there, they headed to the Gte Ga Nēs and Rising Sun schools with employees doing the same, making their way out to the Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan for the staff there to cheer them on and wish them luck.

It really was an amazing time and event for these athletes to have such support from their community before heading off to something they will remember for a lifetime!



Reminder to Tribal Membership **QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING** Lunch Served Noon Saturday 1:00 **Aug 12** Fire Nation Drum 1:00 PM PM Color Guard Posting of Flags | Prayer 2023 POTAWATOMI OMMUMMETY CIENTER 5471 thayék éthë dnêkmëgzêk myéw (The Place Where Everyone Plays Road) POTAWATOMI Crandon, WI 54520 Keeper of the Fire \$200 CASH MEETING STIPEND | YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BRING YOUR TRIBAL ID



FCP Post I Veterans escorting in the athletes



Back row (I-r): Brady Shepard, Frank Shepard Jr., Abishea Winnicki, Omar Bailey, Elias Glinski Front row (I-r): Elyssa Bailey, Isabella Young, LaVara Gilpin, Ryker Schingeck, Nate Gilpin Not present for photo: Lucy Young and Asalia White-Williams



Everyone on campus made sure to show their support!

Tribal Member Notice from FCP Farm:



submitted by Potawatomi Farm Manager David Cronauer

Dear Forest County Potawatomi Tribal member,

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has signed a cooperative agreement with the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC) under the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA). Through LFPA, the tribe will purchase and distribute locally-grown, produced, and processed food from underserved producers.

"Making sure that our tribal members have healthy food options is the first step to ensuring that they can live healthy lifestyles. This new partnership will help us bring more locally-sourced, healthy food products to our tribal members which will encourage better lifestyles and better living." stated FCP Chairman James A. Crawford

Here is a breakdown of what this means to you:

Who: All FCP Tribal Members 18+ What: 110 food boxes every month for two years. Boxes may consist of meat, produce, and shelf-stable items. Box contents will vary each month. There is no cost to tribal members for the food boxes.

When: Boxes will be distributed on the third Wednesday of every month, starting on Aug. 16, 2023.

Where: Boxes can be picked up at the Potawatomi Community Center parking lot (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.), Carter C-Store parking lot (10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.), and Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm) store (12 p.m. - 1 p.m.).

How: Distribution will be alphabetically by last name, with 110 boxes per distribution group. Two weeks before the distribution, a designated group of tribal members will be notified by mail, Facebook (FCP Community and Farm pages), Potawatomi Times newspaper, and posted flyers of dates and times of pick up. For any boxes not picked up/ left after 1 p.m., a message will be posted on the Forest County Potawatomi Community and Forest County Potawatomi Farm Facebook pages, and boxes will be available on a first-come, first-served basis (to those that have not vet received a box for the current cycle — see cycle definition below) at Potawatomi Farm.

PLEASE NOTE:

• We will **NOT** hold, ship, or deliver food boxes.

• **Tribal ID** cards **MUST** be presented at the time of pick-up. (No ID, no box, no exceptions.)

• Picking up boxes for other tribal members is **NOT** allowed.

• Only **ONE** box per enrolled FCP tribal member (18+), per cycle (**a cycle** is one time through the complete enrolled tribal member 18+ list.)

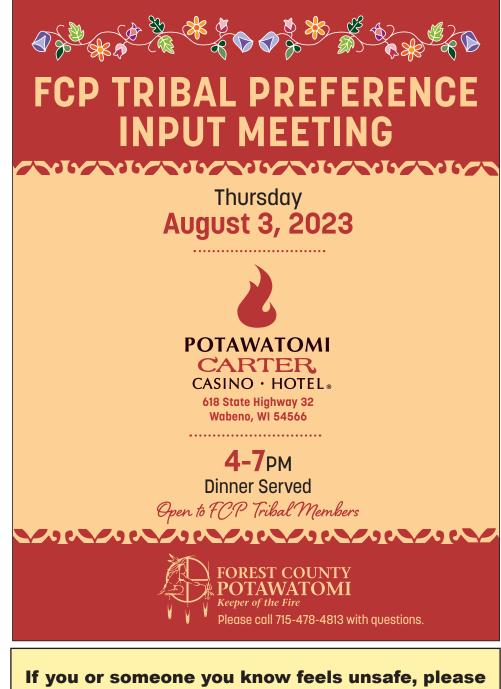
• Please make sure that your mailing address/contact information is up to date. Contact the FCP Accounting Department at 715-478-7257 and the FCP Enrollment Department at 715-478-4915 to update your information.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Potawatomi Farm at 715-478-4545.

Thank you, Potawatomi Farm Manager David

Cronauer





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

Forest County Potawatomi Community Advocacy (715) 478-7201
Tri-County on DV and SA 1 (800) 236-1222
National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233

Deadline for the August 15, 2023, issue of the PTT is Wednesday, August 2, 2023.



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Elders & Youth Make Art



submitted by FCP Education

FCP Education department took 15 Summer Day Camp youth to the Caring Place on July 10, 2023. The youth came in to socialize and decorate puzzle pieces with the Elders. Each youth and Elder had their own special piece of the puzzle to place into a larger picture to hang up as a piece of artwork. It was a great way for the youth and Elders to be involved with one another.

Gte Ga Nēs Art Show



by Val Niehaus

Gte Ga Nēs Preschool held its annual Art Show on July 19, 2023. The student's families were invited to look at the artwork they have been working on throughout the summer and to socialize with one another.

Many pieces of art were scattered throughout the lunchroom with many

of different mediums used to make them. Parents and families adored their child's special forms of art, and you could see how proud the children were to be showing them off.

The biggest highlight for the students was helping Ms. Beth explode the homemade volcano at the end of the event.



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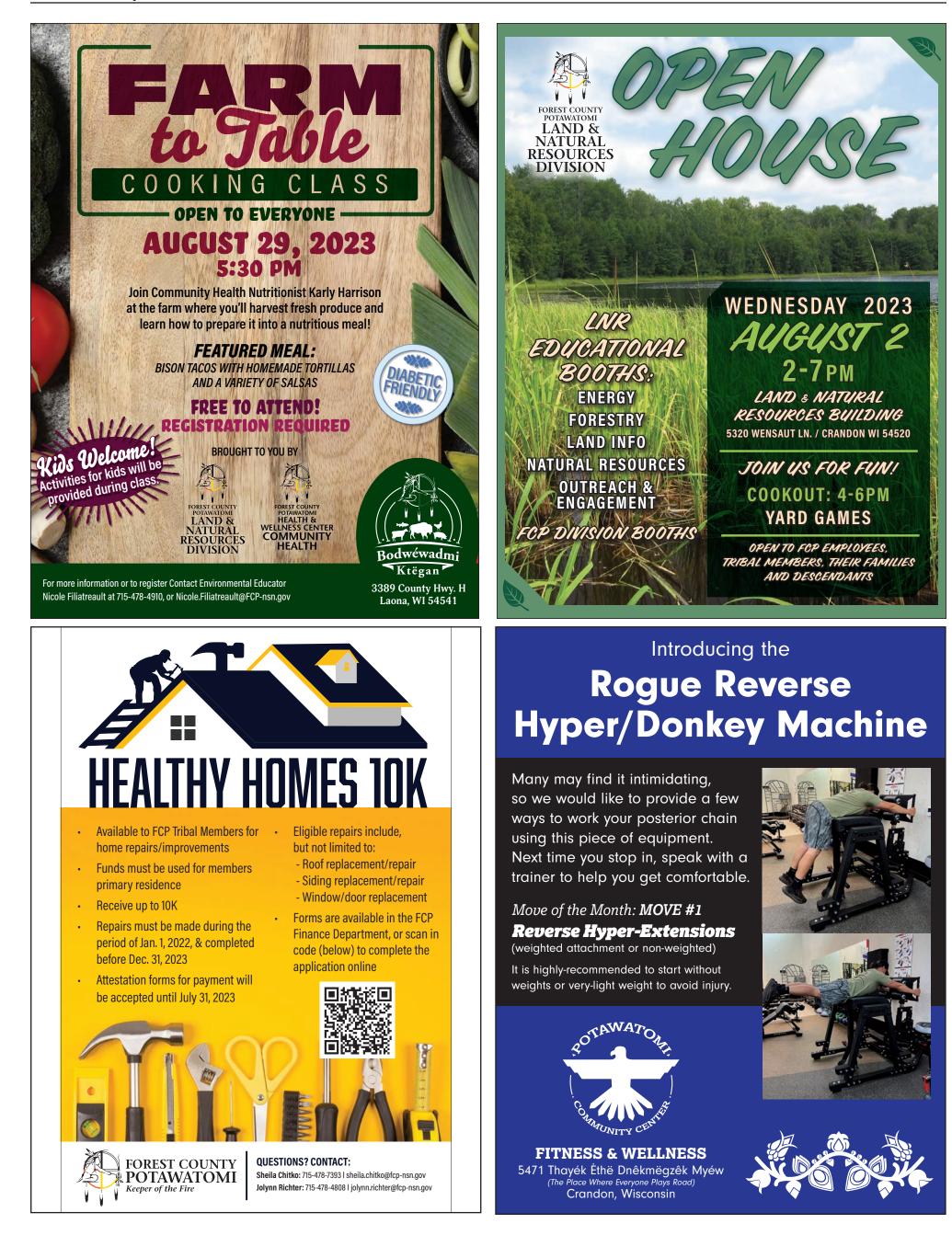


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Business Spotlight: POTAWATOMI BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Over the next few months, we plan to share featured spotlights on PBDC and the subsidiary companies to highlight the work the teams are doing.

Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC) was established in 2002 as the economic development and income diversification business of the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC). PBDC serves as the parent company providing strategy and functional support to companies with HR, IT, marketing, finance and strategy

PBDC's new office at 833 E. Michigan

departments. Over the last 20 years, PBDC's mission has remained constant: to generate wealth and improve the quality of life for the Tribe by making strategic investments, acquisitions and prudent asset management decisions. Resources generated by PBDC will help diversify the tribal economy that supports Forest County Potawatomi's tribal government and helps improve the lives of tribal members. Through trust, support, integrity, and mutual respect, PBDC is committed to building an economic engine that supports the Tribe for generations to come.

Today, PBDC oversees Commercial Operations and Federal Operations. The Commercial Group is comprised of Data Holdings, Greenfire, Wgema Leasing, Fireside Market, and Sagewind Development. Federal Operations is a group of many different companies that exclusively work on contracts for the federal government. PBDC strategically has a diverse portfolio in different industries to provide sustainable, profitable, economic development. The company also is always looking to get into new growing markets that can provide value and align with the mission, such as electric vehicles. The organization of the company is unique with diverse subsidiary companies, some operating as startup companies, such as Fireside Markets, and others as established federal contractors. PBDC also has passive investments in various companies such as hotels or real estate firms as another revenue source for the tribe.

With over 50 employees at PBDC and approximately 1000 across the subsidiaries, the company prides itself on being a great place to work. The company recently expanded from the Wgema Campus on the near west side of Milwaukee to 833 E Michigan in downtown Milwaukee. The growing team needed a bigger space to accommodate the team and subsidiary companies.

"I feel lucky to be a part of PBDC—it's such a special organization," says Kip Ritchie, interim CEO of PBDC and FCP tribal member "We have the opportunity to build companies and careers, all with the noble mission to support the Tribe. We're confident in our strategy and look forward to exciting growth ahead."



photo: Clarissa Friday

Discovering a Passion for HR: CHELSIE BATH



Chelsie Bath discovered that she had a passion for working with people during college when she served as the VP of Recruitment for her sorority. She was at Minnesota State University, Mankato pursuing a bachelor's degree in business management and realized she could turn this passion into a career working in HR. After doing an internship at PBDC in HR, Chelsie decided to pursue a master's degree in HR at Marquette University; she's on track to graduate in 2024.

After completing her internship, Chelsie, an FCP tribal member, was

Las an LIP Assistant at PPDC

hired as an HR Assistant at PBDC. "My favorite part of my job is learning different parts of the business and understanding various positions through the recruitment process," said Chelsie.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Chelsie loves to travel; she's currently planning a trip to Croatia, the 18th country she's visited. She takes great pleasure in solo international travel, immersing herself in diverse cultures. Her most memorable trip was a mission trip to Thailand in 2018. She spent two weeks teaching English to local kids and doing service work.

Chelsie's love of learning is driving her to continue her education; she hopes to also pursue an MBA. While she's getting her degrees, she's working part time at PBDC as a critical member of the HR team to help shape the culture, recruit and onboard new hires, and learn about many facets of HR. Chelsie views her work at PBDC as a way to give back to the FCP community.

"I appreciate all that PBDC has offered me personally and professionally and am excited to see where my career takes me," said Chelsie. "I especially attribute my success to the tribe as they have helped me grow in many ways; I feel that it is only right I am able to provide what it has provided me."



Res 2023 attendees (L-R): Jeff Johnson, Board Vice Chairman; Chelsie Bath; James Crawford, FCP Chairman; Manny Johnson, FCP Treasurer; Kip Ritchie, Iterim CEO



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