

Laona EMS Ground Breaking

by Amber Haseman

Laona Rescue has been around for 49 years. January will mark their 50 years. In 2016, it was decided that a second station was needed for the additional service area that was being picked up. A combined service area was then formed. Volunteers would continue staffing the station in Laona and employees would staff the south station located in Wabeno. The south station is manned 24/7, 365 day a year.

Laona Rescue service area currently covers the townships of: Blackwell, Caswell, Ross, Freedom, Laona, Wabeno, the Forest County Potawatomi reservation areas located in Blackwell and Carter, including the Casino & Hotel, the U.S. Forest Service Job Corps Campus in Blackwell, a nursing home, apartment complexes, and two K-12 school districts located in Laona and Wabeno. The service area covers a total of 405 square miles.

After seven years, the south location will no longer be available to the Laona Rescue to utilize. They've had the opportunity to extend their stay, but a plan needed to be in place in case they are evicted. The Laona Rescue Board Members reached out to the townships to let them know about the situation with the possibility of not being able to continue the service if they couldn't find a place to go. Phone calls were made, and letters were written. One of those phone calls were to the Forest County Potawatomi Executive Council.

FCP Executive Council invited the board to meet with them. They listened to their situation and realized the squad was in trouble. The council jumped into action and came up with a temporary location for the ambulance to be parked and hotel rooms for the workers to sleep should it become necessary. The council decided that the best route for the squad would be to obtain a feasibility study for the ambulance service. The squad did not have the funds to pay for this study as they never considered it a necessity.

Council agreed to contract and pay for the feasibility study for the squad. This would provide details about the service, the sustainability of it, a good location based off the population, and call volume. With a plan in place and the assistance of grant funding including a Healthcare Infrastructure Grant, the building project would be fully-funded, and construction could begin.

Community members, Forest County Sheriff's Department, past, present and future EMS volunteers and employees, as well as state representatives gathered for the groundbreaking of the new Laona EMS building on June 20 at 3 p.m. Construction for the building has begun south of highway 32 in Laona. The ceremony began with a warm welcome and introductions from Laona Rescue Vice President, Scott Reeves who introduced Laona Rescue Unit Board President, Annie Krawze, the heart and soul of this project.

Krawze shares her stories and appreciation to all those involved with the project as well as the state representatives who are making it possible. "This grant funding is so important to the communities, like the one we live in. Representative Mursau, thank you for the breadcrumbs and the trail to follow. Governor Evers, the Healthcare Infrastructure Grant brought this from a dream on a piece of scratch paper to reality. Senator Baldwin, this building contains the design and functionality that will carry this service forward into the next generation. Without all of you and the grant funding, 911 service would've been interrupted and Laona Rescue would not be on the picture board that's in back of me. Again, my sincere thank you. I have dedicated my life to this dream, and I can't thank you enough for believing in the dream, the way that I do."

Concluding her speech, Krawze introduces one of the founding members of the Laona Rescue Ward Leach. Leach and other members attended class in Crandon to become EMT's. After some fundraising, they raised \$35,000, purchased their first rescue squad and began their mission.

Greenfire Management Services Director of Northern Operations Michael Murphy joined the stand. He introduced a few of the workers on his team including the senior project manager, site superintendent as well as their design partner and architect. Murphy shares a story about their second meeting with the Laona Rescue Committee stating that they knew exactly what they wanted. He found it to be really interesting that in the four years he has done this, in just two hours, they had a floor plan. This generally takes clients months because they know what they want, just not the size they want it. He explains how they were down to which way the doors would swing and the color of the carpet. The amount of effort the committee has thought through the

design process shows how much they've been thinking about this throughout the years.

Murphy states that their team has gotten off to a great start. The weather has been great as well as the construction that has been completed so far. During construction, there will be over 300 tradesmen that will be involved with the project, many including local participation, which is great for the community.

Following Murphy's speech, Northwestern Wisconsin Regional Representative Anna Ringstad of U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin's Office spoke on behalf of Baldwin. "I am proud to have partnered with you to bring federal funding to Laona to improve your EMS infrastructure. I hope that this new facility further supports your mission to keep your community safe, and thank you for all the important work that you do." Wisconsin Department of Administration Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld spoke on behalf of Governor Evers stating, "This project was one of only two dozen highly-impactful healthcare infrastructures that were awarded."

The ceremony concluded with the ceremonial groundbreaking and photographs of the Laona EMS Board Members, state representatives and Greenfire Management Services with their shovels and a Greenfire hard hat, breaking ground of the new Laona EMS building.







Greenfire Management Services Director Michael Murphy

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm Meets with Potawatomi to Discuss Clean Energy



submitted by Department of Energy

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm made a trip to Wisconsin recently to highlight the Biden Administration's efforts to develop cleaner forms of energy and cut carbon dioxide emissions.

This included a visit to the Potawatomi's Wgema Campus in Milwaukee where Secretary Granholm had the opportunity see how the tribe has been working to reduce its own carbon footprint through energy-efficiency projects and the use of renewable energy. Secretary Granholm was able to learn more about the tribe's use of solar on the campus and their efforts to incorporate energy efficiency in the renovations of the historic buildings on the campus.

"The efforts we have made to reduce our carbon footprint help not only the Potawatomi, but the entire community. Everyone benefits from reduced energy use," said Forest County Potawatomi Vice Chairwoman Heather VanZile.

Secretary Granholm told news reporters that she's trying to help President Biden get to his goal of 100 percent clean electricity by 2035 and net zero carbon pollution by 2050.

"The tribal governments across the

nation are huge allies for us in making that happen. They're sovereign governments. They can also take advantage of some of the incentives that have been passed in the Invest in America agenda. It's very exciting to see they are very focused on energy efficiency – we saw the solar panels - and on generating clean energy. Both sides there are incentives for, to continue their mission," said Granholm.

"We hope that these types of projects can be examples for other tribal nations and our surrounding community. Our mission is to show that these projects are both beneficial and possible," added Vice Chairwoman VanZile.

Secretary Granholm also had the chance to meet with HIR Wellness Institute (HIR) and the Daughters of Tradition (DOT) while at the Wgema Campus. HIR / DOT is a women and survivor-led nonprofit that offers free mental health counseling, wellness, and advocacy services to victims of violence especially those who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sex-trafficking, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/relatives and those who struggle with suicide and complex grief.

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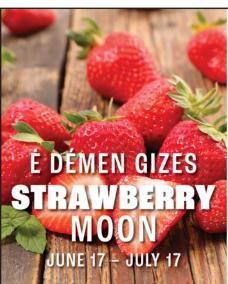
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- Typically found in somewhat disturbed areas like trails, roadsides, hillsides, etc.
- Found in full-sun to partly-shady areas
- Part of the Rose (Rosaceae) family
- Leaves remain green throughout winter
- Berries are food for small mammals and birds

Additional Resources:

Wild Strawberry Fact Sheet - Signs of the Seasons: A New England Phenology Program - University of Maine Cooperative Extension (umaine.edu)

Color Me Crazy 5K

by Val Niehaus

The Potawatomi Community Center and Health & Wellness Center held a first annual Color Me Crazy 5K and 1-mile walk on June 17, 2023.

Participants could pre-register or register upon arrival with the race starting at 11 a.m. Everyone received a white t-shirt that didn't stay white for long once they walk/ran through the first of the color stations. In total, there were four color stations where the walkers/runners were blasted with colors of purple, pink, blue, and yellow. Thankfully, there were also water stations along the way to hydrate since the temperature was in the mid-'80s.

The whole walk/run took about an hour to complete, and at the end there was a group color throw. Afterwards, families participated in outdoor games and activities.

Many thanks go out to the Community Center and the Health & Wellness employees who set up this fun event while dealing with the high temperature for the day.

Keep an eye out for a second annual next year!







Mother (Kerry Fox) and daughter (Anike Sulaimon) partake on the run/walk together.



Bronson Koenig Basketball Camp



by Val Niehaus

The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community had a special guest visit on June 20 and 21, 2023, at the Potawatomi Community Center—Bronson Koenig, who was a former Wisconsin Badger basketball player.

Koenig is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and visited the area to practice with youth in a two-day camp. There were two age groups: 7-12 and 13-18-year olds. Even though attendance was lower this year than last year's, Koenig still tried to make the best of his time here.

Both days lasted about two hours

for each group session. Koenig did ball-handling lessons, agility drills, and dribbling sprints and showed the participants proper shooting techniques so they could start mastering their shots. He also threw in some fun games like dribble knockout and shooting competitions.

Koenig is hoping to make a trip back next year and to have more participants able to take part in his two-day camp. It is a great experience to listen and learn from a Ho-Chunk Nation member not only about the game of basketball but the game of life, too! Keep your eyes and ears open to when he will make his next visit.

Welcome Coach Dixon!



submitted by FCP Community Center Coach Dixon has coached athletics, speed, agility, and strength training for over 45 years in various sporting events.

He's coached many, nationally-ranked youth athletes, and world / American masters record holders. He's certified to coach elite youth and adult athletes for national/international/ Olympic level competition via USA Track & Field (USATF) and the World Athletics/International Association of Athletics Federation. In addition, he's a spokesperson for the USA Track & Fields Win with Integrity Program (drugs free) and Director / Instructor for USA Track & Fields Coaches Education Programs Level 1 Schools. He's also an instructor for Nike's Northwest Track & Field Coaches Clinics.

"I'm looking to develop a sports program to get our athletes up to the elite level of sports competition. I know we have the DNA to reach the higher level of college athletics. I'm also looking to build a sports education program to get everyone (coaches, parents, & athletes) on the same page with sports performance and development (youth through adults).

"In the future, I would like to have a sports-training complex that we can use to fully develop our athletes in the Indian Nation in addition to having internal competing in all sports within the Indian Nation."



Indigenous Food Preparation with Dr. Reinhardt

by Amber Haseman

Tribal members and staff joined Dr. Martin Reinhardt for two demonstrations of Indigenous Food Preparation and Tasting on June 22, 2023, at the Potawatomi Community Center. The first demonstration began at 1 p.m., and the second one followed at 3 p.m. In his first demonstration, he shared the process of nixtamalizing manoomin (wild rice) flour and using that to make mini tortillas.

Reinhardt began the demonstration with uncooked manoomin, hardwood ash and boiling water. After boiling the rice for 35-40 minutes, it begins to curl, and the stem starts to show. This indicates that the rice is ready to be taken off heat and it's time to be cooled. Once cool, volunteers rinsed the manoomin and prepared the rice to be dried in the dehydrator.

Guests had the opportunity of grinding the cooked manoomin with a Botagen or coffee bean grinder to create the flour. Next up, creating the tortillas! In a large mixing bowl, manoomin flour, sea salt and hot water were added. While mixing the flour, gradually add water until you're able to make a moist dough ball without any cracks. Cover with a towel and let sit for 15 minutes. Using a tortilla press, flatten the dough

Dr. Reinhardt boiling the

Manoomin and ashes.



ball to create the tortilla. Fry it in a frying pan with sunflower oil until both sides are brown. Remove from pan and serve.

Reinhardt's second demonstration featured Bison Liver Pâté. He began by soaking the liver in black cherry juice the night before. This is used to cut down the gamey flavor. Volunteers assisted him with slicing the liver into large thin pieces. Sunflower oil, leek bulbs, sea salt, sweet fer and sunchoke powder were added into the frying pan and cooked for three minutes at medium heat.

The liver slices were added to the pan and cooked until brown on the outside with a little pink on the inside. An additional quarter cup of black cherry juice was added, and the liver was cooked until the pink was gone. Once finished, everything from the frying pan was added into a food processor and purée until the liver was a spreadable consistency.

While there were times of trial and error, everything turned out great. The tortilla shells were flavorful, and the bison liver was tender, hearty and tasty! An overall great experience and opportunity for tribal members and staff to get a taste of preparing indigenous food.









Almost ready to purée!

VINTON CONSTRUCTION WILL BE WORKING ON POTAWATOMI TRAIL INFRASTRUCTURE STARTING MONDAY, JUNE 12TH. THIS CONSTRUCTION WILL INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES, NEW ROADWAY, AND A STORM WATER RETENTION POND. THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETE IN NOVEMBER 2023.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION WHEN DRIVING THROUGH ANY CONSTRUCTION SITE.

Questions? Contact Jerry Schallock, Director Capital Projects @ 715-478-

4404 or Michelle Berdan, Planner, Capital Projects @ 715-478-4944

Fire-Extinguisher Training

by Amber Haseman

A total of 19 students attended the fire-extinguisher training hosted June 22, 2023, by the FCP Emergency Management team inside their building. Trainings were held at 11 a.m., 2:15 and 3 p.m. Emergency Management Program Director Bobbie Irocky performed the training with assistance of Lindsey Retzlaff who ensured the students were all checked in. They each had an opportunity to participate in the training using the digital device. Each of the students proceeded using the acronym they learned during training. This acronym is PASS, standing for Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep.

They began by pulling the pin, aiming at the base of the fire, squeezing the lever and sweeping the fire extinguisher from side-to-side. Students were timed on how quickly and accurately they could put the fire out. Once completed, they received a goodie bag and a certificate of completion. The Emergency Management team also gave students extinguishers to bring home if they felt they needed one.

Security Director Jordan Keeble continued to take each group to the security building after their training and gave them a tour of the facility along with a lesson on the duties of working in security. Keeble, along with 1st Shift Security Supervisor Jesse Dennison, explained a few of the tasks they do, including making dog tags, tribal ID's and employee badges, ensuring the safety of the community, assisting with emergency calls and more. They also shared the surveillance office along with the many cameras around campus. The students seemed most interested in this part of the tour!

All in all, it was a great opportunity for the students to learn about the safety and security of their lives and hopefully be better prepared for any emergencies in the future.





Emergency Management Program Director Bobbie Irocky welcoming the students.









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Meet FCP Tribal Member & PBDC Marketing Intern: CLARISSA FRIDAY

My name is Clarissa Friday, and I am a student attending Milwaukee Area Technical College. I am scheduled to graduate with my associate degree in photography in 2024 and plan to continue my education with a focus on business. My passion in photography is portraits in general but have focused on the motherhood journey which starts with the maternity experience and grows with all the stages that follow.

As a tribal member I am so grateful for the ability to continually learn not only in a school setting but through all the opportunities in the business sectors of the tribe.



PBDC Marketing Intern Clarissa Friday

In the past 10 years I have been able to learn and grow through internships with the gaming commission, the casino and now the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC).

At PBDC I am interning with the newly established marketing department. Some of the projects they are working on deal with branding which I have only recently begun to learn about. I am very excited to see how much happens in the short span of time I am on board. One of my personal goals for the internship is to learn about how marketing is utilized in a corporate setting and if photography plays a part in that space.

I never really know what to expect going into a new semester or new internship and I think that can be both scary and exciting. What I enjoy most about each of these experiences is meeting new people and learning more about who they are and how that plays a part in that business.

At the end of my internship with PBDC, I hope to share my experience through my medium of photography and share some of stories of the amazing people I have met along the way.



An example of Clarissa's photography work at the 2022 Meno Keno Ma Ga Wen Pow Wow. FCP Veterans carrying in eagle staffs and flags for the Saturday evening grand entry.

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PBDC Hosts Open House at New Downtown Office Space

On Thursday, June 8th, PBDC hosted an open house at their new downtown Milwaukee office in the 833 E Michigan building. The PBDC team was joined by FCPC leaders and friends, partners, and members of the community to see the new space. PBDC moved into this space to accommodate the expanding team in February 2023 and is excited to establish a presence in Milwaukee's central business district as they take subsidiary companies to a new level. The company remains committed to the near west side and the Wgema Campus.



PBDC's new office space at 833 East Michigan

It was a beautiful summer evening and attendees enjoyed views of Lake Michigan from the balcony and live jazz. PBDC's Interim CEO, Kip Ritchie, shared words of excitement about the growth PBDC is experiencing and the opportunity to continue to expand the business. FCP Chair James Crawford attended and told attendees that this land on the lake is culturally and historically significant to the Forest County Potawatomi Community; he echoed Kip's excitement for the bright future at PBDC.

PBDC would like to thank all of those who attended to join the team in the new office.









Open House Photos:

1.L-R: Marc Young, FCP Chairman at Gaming Commission; Jason Nichols, FCP Gaming Commission Exec. Director; Oliver Shawano, Gaming Comissioner; James Crawford, FCP Chairman

2.Guests listen as Kip Ritchie, Interim CEO gives a speech

3.L-R: Brooks Boyd, Council Member; Manny Johnson, Treasurer; Destinee Alloway, Council Member; Kip Ritchie, Iterim CEO; Marc Young, Chairman at Gaming Commission; Oliver Shawano, Gaming Commissioner

4.Guests mingle in PBDC's reception area 1-4 photo credit: Clarissa Friday

