2023 Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen Powwow: Home of the Woodland World Championship



by Val Niehaus

It was a perfect weekend for this year's Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen Powwow: Home of the Woodland World Championship, which was held on Aug. 25-27, 2023, at the Ka Kēw Sē Gathering Grounds (Carter, Wis. Powwow Arboretum).

This powwow was phenomenal, to say the least, and the same was heard from everyone including the drums, dancers (508 registered), and spectators. The grounds were jam-packed all weekend with spectators, dancers, families, and vendors.

Friday night grand entry began at 7 p.m. The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Veterans Post I carried in the staffs and flags along with head veteran Brian Jackson, head male dancer Ira Frank, and head female dancer Penelope Peters, both FCP tribal members. Following them were royalty and then

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the normal lineup of men's traditional, men's grass, men's fancy, women's traditional, women's jingle, women's fancy, and teens and tiny tots. Royalty was announced this night, too, with those winners being Sr. Princess Nem Ki Kwe Daniels, Jr. Princess Natiyah LaBarge, and Brave Nikanes Shepard. Congratulations to you all and we can't wait to see you represent us on this year's powwow trail.

MC for the weekend was Artley Skenandore and Joey Awohonoway, both doing a fantastic job as they always do with each powwow you hear their voices at.

Arena director this year was Little Man and Ron Goodeagle. This is an important part to maintain as they both made sure the powwow ran smoothly in the dance circle.

Specials this year were impressive! The most hyped was the Woodland Championship Special, which included: Golden, Adults, Teens, and Juniors. There was a Committee Special for adults only for both Old Style Jingle and Old Style Grass. A singing contest was also held during the weekend.

Other specials for the weekend included the outgoing princesses, Jr. Princess Gemma Frank and Sr. Princess Precious VanZile, specials. Along

with Brave, Nikanes Shepard had his own outgoing special even though he was voted back in for another year. This is a way for the royalty to show their appreciation for all the support in their past year on the powwow trail. A special Tiny Tots giveaway happened, too, with Wapnosé Boyd's Special, this being his first. Many little ones came out to welcome him into the dance circle.

As always, the drums are the heart-beat of the powwow, and they are key to allowing the dancers to show their skills! Without the drums, powwows would not exist. This year's host drum was Bad River, the Co-Host was Little Soldier, and the Youth Host Drum was Young Nation. Other drums included: Smokeytown, Bear Ridge, Medicine Rock, Lake Delton., Cedar Scout, Young Standing Bear, Woodland Chiefs, and Young Weber. Every song and beat were on point and that kept the dancers going!

Vendors this year were great to see! Food vendors always seemed to have lines of people waiting for their Indian tacos, fry bread, corn soup, wild rice casserole, fry dogs, fry burgers and the list goes on and on. It just goes to show how good that home cooking of a traditional powwow meal is to many



who attend, one of the many highlights of the event. Art/craft vendors were outstanding as every year. There was plenty to eat and to buy if you weren't concentrating on watching the dancers for a short period of time.

It was an impressive and energetic powwow and was enjoyed by a sizable turnout! The committee did a great job in planning the event and in keeping things rolling and in order so everything went smoothly. A big thanks is extended to them all! Thanks also to the maintenance workers who helped with the whole weekend. None of this could have been done without your help! Thanks go out to the cooks who prepared meals for everyone, and sincere thanks to all who helped clean, organize, and participated in any way to make sure everyone had a great time! Judging from the feedback shared, everyone had an awesome weekend jammin', laughing, and sharing that good feeling of life. It truly was a weekend that represented what powwows are all about!

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Obituary

Velma Jane Frank

Velma Jane Frank, 63, of Crandon, Wis., passed away unexpectedly at home on Sept. 3, 2023. She was born April 1, 1960, to Delphine Pemma in Laona, Wis.

Velma enjoyed the occasional back-road cruise with family and friends, attending Pow-Wows, and creating traditional Native American arts and crafts. She used her talents to teach others arts and crafts as well. Velma was a strong-willed, outspoken, ambitious and independent individual. She attended University of Milwaukee and College of the Menominee Nation. Velma was a member of the American Indian Movement - Chicago Chapter and stood against the Crandon Mine during the 1990s. She had a very special bond with her dog, Sam. Her greatest joy was her family including her nine grandchildren.

Survivors include daughters: Krystal (Martin) Wayman, Taganas (David Boyd) Frank; sons: Richard Gouge III, Brian Thunder; grandchildren: Sarah Gouge, Brock Gouge, Emma Gouge, Gabrielle Boyd, David Boy Jr., Adam Boyd; sisters: Catherine Frank, Mabel (Gerald) Schingeck, Veronica Frank;



brothers: Harold Frank, Harvey Frank, Stanley Frank; many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and adoptive family made along the Pow-Wow trail.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her father Ronald Barney, significant other Darwin Thunder; sisters: Colleen Frank, Lois Jean Frank; brothers: John Anwash, Robert Pemma, and Pete Pemma Jr.; sisters in law: Lavonne Brisk and Joann Frank.

Visitation was held on Sept. 5, 2023, at the Potawatomi Cultural Center. Native American Services were on September 6, 2023, Mr. Boyce Vallerie presided over ser-

Child Safety Event



by Val Niehaus

FCP Emergency Management held a Child Safety Event on Aug. 24, 2023. This event was open to tribal members, their families, and descen-

dants. Participants who showed up received child safety signs and children's hearing protection. There was also a raffle to win a brand-new generator.

Family Service Meet & Greet Oct. 4th

submitted by Family Resource **Community Coordinator Mary Thornton**

Family Services would like to invite the community to a Meet & Greet on Oct. 4, 2023, from 2-7 p.m. at the Family Service Building. The Family Service Division has many new faces

we would like the community to meet. We also would like to share more information on the many services available to our tribal families. Please come join us for a day of inspirational stories, food, music, and prizes.





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Rock & Brews Groundbreaking at PCHC



by Val Niehaus

By now it is no surprise that the northwoods has heard about the band KISS coming to Crandon, Wis., on Sept. 1, 2023. They put on a special "End of the Road: World Tour" concert at the Crandon International Off-Road Raceway (CIORR) and what a show it was! One that will go down in the history of Crandon for sure.

Before their concert that night, they were invited to a special groundbreaking event at Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter (PCHC) for their chain restaurant called "Rock & Brews". Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley, the original band members and proprietors, came down to the casino floor around 11 a.m. and answered press questions for about 45 minutes. Potawatomi Times (PT) was on the scene asking questions and taking photos as the press meeting went on. One question asked to Simmons was, "What do you think of the northwoods?" His reply was, "You know, people talk a lot about areas and buildings, and you're missing the point. You can be in New York or Paris and have lots of buildings around you and

things to do and you can still feel alone, or you can be here, and people you never met come up and say, "Hey, how ya doing?" They are genuinely interested in you, so it's not buildings and areas that make a place cool... it's the people — it always is. You can have a lovely or miserable time in the city, but chances are coming to a small town you're going to make new friends. People are genuinely interested, "Oh, you're not from here, where are you from?" You never get that in New York." He ended with a chuckle.

Once the press meeting was over it was time for the official groundbreaking ceremony to begin. Fire Nation along with Woodland Sky Dance Co. was there to kick things off. CEO and General Manager of Potawatomi Hotel & Casino Dominic Ortiz then welcomed everyone in attendance and was ecstatic about having both Simmons and Stanley here on this historical day for PCHC.

FCP Chairman Crawford offered a few words of excitement on this day saying, "We are so happy to have you all here. We are extremely excited to announce yet another opening of Rock



& Brews right here in our Carter Casino. I would like to thank our guests over the years, I would like to thank our Executive Council, our construction teams, our Veterans, the drum and dancers, and most of our Elders and community. This day means so much, thank you Gene and Paul for everything."

Gifted to both Simmons and Stanley then were two beaded medallions once being The Demon and the other The Starchild faces. An extremely appropriate and well-received gift.

Stanley then took the microphone, "We have so much to be proud of. You are so blessed to be in a beautiful community. Rock & Brews installation here will be world-class and something that you can't imagine here. To be honest, when we finished in Milwaukee our jaws dropped. To have a vision of something and then have people to work with to make it a reality, we are all so blessed. I have to say Vegas, save your money, we are bringing Vegas to you. Thank you so much this is such an honor!"

Stanley then handed the microphone to Simmons who is a man of few words and that is just what he said, "A smart man knows when to shut up."

Stanley then stepped up to a drum with guitar in hand and broke the guitar over the drum to watch the confetti fly in the air for the official groundbreaking while "Rock & Roll All Night" was playing in the background. The energy was perfect for the anticipation of the concert later that night!

The finale to this event was a quick Meet & Mingle with Gene and Paul that was open to the first "100" tribal members in line. This was a quick chance to capture a photo with the two legendary rock icons that many appreciated and were happy to have the chance to do.

This was an amazing day and then to have the amazing concert later that night at CIORR was the topping on the cake! Thanks again Simmons and Stanley for all you did with the community this day and night. You truly are rock legends!

Buffalo & Deer Hide Tanning Workshop

by Amber Haseman

A Buffalo & Deer Hide Tanning Workshop was offered to the Forest County Potawatomi Community Sept. 7-11, 2023. Members joined to learn the tanning process with hands-on experience. The workshop was held at the Potawatomi Community Center and firepit.

During the beautiful afternoon of Sept. 9, 2023, and the deer hides already fleshed, they began preparing them by placing them into a pot of brain water, also called 'windep babo.' The hide is then stirred and worked in the pot until the fibers have softened and the hide becomes smooth.

After smoothing the hide, it is taken out to dry. The hide is wrapped and tied around a post to begin ringing out the excess water. Using a stick, it is twisted tightly one way and then again in the opposite direction. When

necessary, the hide is unwrapped and re-wrapped to the post to repeat the process.

Once it is dry, the hide is removed from the post, unwrapped, and opened to its' original state. Holes are clipped along the edges to tie to the post and begin the stretching and softening process. The hide is worked with a wooden scraper with the help of a few volunteers. After softening the hide, it is ready for the smoking process.

A wigwam is built over a fire made of punk wood. Punk wood is found in the center of a tree that's been sitting for years. It has a spongy-like texture and is orange in color. Smoking the hide will change its' color, killing the bacteria and making it leathery soft.

Aside from only witnessing a small part of the workshop, it was certainly fascinating to watch. There is much more behind the scenes than most

may realize. The amount of work and dedication put into each individual hide is remarkable. The workshop was a great opportunity for the community to learn, experience and appreciate the genuine work of creating buffalo and deer hides, and the ultimate reward after the work is all done.





Appliqué Painting Class

by Amber Haseman

Painting instructor, Sapatis Menomin from Green Bay, Wis., visited the lower-level of the Museum to teach an Appliqué Painting Class, Aug, 31, 2023, from 4 - 6 p.m. Menomin spent a lot of time growing up watching his mom working with appliqué art and wanted to share with the class what he saw growing up.

There are many types of shapes used in appliqué. Often times, it distinguishes shapes of nature. For instance, acorns and oak leaves are often designs on Menominee regalia. Another example is water lilies, which is an important medicine when thinking about water and the importance of it. Menomin shared examples of designs and paintings he's previously

done, giving the class an idea of what they would be creating.

With that in mind, the class began drawing a line down the center of their canvas. Once this was complete, they started folding up a thicker piece of poster board into quarters to create a design for their painting. Students were encouraged to create their own design, although Menomin assisted with designs if needed. After finishing up the drawing of their design, they cut it out just as you would a snow-flake in elementary school.

A variety of acrylic paint colors were provided for the class. Everyone chose the colors they wanted to incorporate into their painting. They began dividing the first half of the canvas with painters' tape and painting it with

their first choice of color. Allowing it to dry in-between, they painted the other half using a different color. Once completely dry, they traced their designs over the center of the canvas.

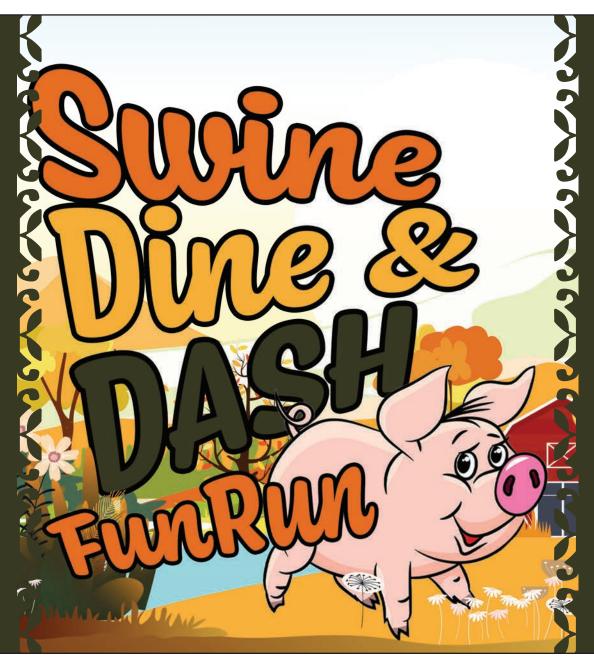
Some students painted their designs using opposite colors creating a mirrored-like effect. Some used completely different colors, or simply one color and incorporated an outline to the design emphasizing the unique shape. Each painting had its own unique style, representing each student's creativity through their color choice, design work, and their finished results. Proudly they shared their final pieces with one another and ended the evening with a keepsake to take home to family and friends, and generations to come.











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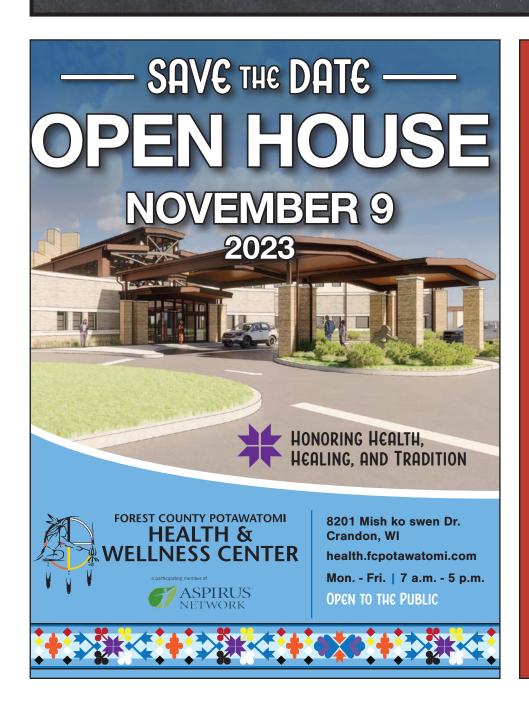






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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Coffee cake, bacon (2 slices), fresh fruit	Boiled eggs (2 eggs), ham, English muffin, fresh fruit	Loaded breakfast burrito (4oz meat w/ W.G. tortilla, 2 eggs) w/ veggies, fresh fruit	Strawberry- stuffed French toast (1 slice w/ W.G. bread), sausage (2 links), apple sauce	Biscuits (1-2oz biscuit) and gravy with fried eggs (2 eggs) fresh fruit	Cream of wheat with fresh berries, sausage links (2 links), fruit	Hash brown and egg casserole, fresh fruit
Spinach artichoke chicken casserole, with feta cheese, wild rice, fresh fruit	Beef and veggie stir fry, over brown rice, egg roll sweet & sour sauce, fresh pineapple	Pork tenderloin, wild rice, peas & carrots, pickled beets, pears	Sheet pan Hawaiian chicken w/ sweet bell peppers, onions, pineapple chunks, sweet potatoes, pineapple veggies, fresh fruit	Baked lemon pepper fish, tater tots, cold three bean salad, sugar free jello w/ fruit	Hot dog on W.G. bun, cauliflower and broccoli cold salad, fresh fruit	Macaroni and cheese with chicken and broccoli, buttered bread, fruit
Summer pasta bowl, cold ham sandwich, fresh mixed fruit	Spinach and parm, lemon zest steak rolls, Greek chickpea salad w/ tomato, onion, dill, cucumbers, bell peppers, olives, tzatziki sauce. Fresh fruit	Baked Chicken breast, lemon ricotta zucchini pasta, roasted okra. Sugar- free snack pack	California roll sushi bowl w/ crab, cucumber, avocado, rice, spicy mayo, low sodium soy, Fresh fruit bowl	Turkey & Swiss sandwich on cranberry bread cold chickpea salad w/ zucchini, tomatoes, avocado, chickpeas, mozzarella cheese, onions, cucumbers, & cilantro, sugar free pudding parfait	Chicken Tacos with the works (tomatoes, onion, lettuce), shredded cheese Colby, fiesta corn, Greek yogurt, salsa, fat-free sugar-free ice cream	Beef barley soup with mixed veggie, W.G. buttered bread, watermelon





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Employee Appreciation Week

by Amber Haseman

Forest County Potawatomi employees were showered with a week of coffee, sweets, treats, and an event dedicated just to them. Employee Appreciation Week began Aug. 28, 2023, with the help of Brewed on the Move, a full-service coffee bar on wheels. They visited campus from 8 - 11 a.m. to serve one free beverage to team members. A variety of options were available including brewed and flavored iced coffee, iced and hot lattes, hot apple cider, bubble teas, lemonade and more. Employees were also limited to one bakery item from a variety of bagels, cookies, scones, and muffins. To sweeten up the week just a little more, Crumbl Cookies were delivered to each building per department, Aug. 29, 2023. There were a variety of different flavors including cookies 'n cream, snicker doodle, peanut butter, chocolate chip and more.

While the sweets were delicious, it was time for a well-balanced meal. On Aug. 30, 2023, employees who were able to, gathered at the Potawatomi Community Center for lunch and

some fun for all. Departments joined in the cafeteria at 1 p.m. Chairman James A. Crawford welcomed everyone, introducing himself to those he may not know, and continued to share his gratitude and appreciation for all his employees. Communications Director Narciso Tovar followed Crawford with a run-down of events they had planned for the afternoon and proceeded to introduce Jeffery Cisneros, who said the prayer.

Lines were formed to enjoy a delicious lunch catered by Dewing's Catering & Confections. The meal consisted of pulled pork, fry bread, cheesy potatoes, wild rice, fruit, and dessert bars. While everyone was enjoying lunch, Treasurer Manny Johnson and Vice Chairwoman Heather VanZile individually expressed their gratitude toward the work of their employees, everything we do for the community and how much we are appreciated.

After finishing up lunch, everyone gathered on the turf for a game of Bingo. Those who weren't interested in playing bingo checked out the golf simulator or played a competitive

game of cornhole with Chairman Crawford. Bingo featured a twist on the traditional game. Tovar worked alongside Community Relations Specialist Marcus Daniels, to incorporate the Potawatomi language into the game. It was a chance for the employees to become more familiar with the language and learn something new. Throughout the game, employees had the chance to win a t-shirt. Treasurer Johnson also had the honor of launching shirts into the crowd.

Following a very competitive game of Bingo, Human Resources took a moment to recognize the employees who have been working with Forest County Potawatomi from 20 years all the way to 32 years. Tokens of appreciation were presented to each employee for their hard work and dedication throughout the years.

Tovar spent the remaining of the afternoon keeping the audience entertained with his humor, enthusiasm, and quick-wit while winners were drawn for prizes. There were many big prizes including sit-on kayaks, 65" Roku TV's, smokeless firepits, outdoor

pizza ovens, 2 tickets to the KISS concert, a one-year family membership to the Community Center, Yeti coolers, paddle boards, gas firepits and more. Smaller table prizes included outdoor items such as snowshoes, folding chairs, Stanley cups, outdoor activities, games, hammocks and gift cards.

The afternoon was shared with many smiles, lots of laughter and sweet memories. It was a great opportunity for our employees to come together, have a little fun, celebrate each other's accomplishments and milestones, and reflect on the work we do realizing how much it is truly appreciated. While the day may have been focused on the employees, we are not a team without our Human Resources, Communications and most importantly, our Executive Council. You help shape the community into what it is today. Without your efforts we wouldn't be where we are today, and wouldn't be able to enjoy moments like this. Thank you for all you do!















Two-Year Anniversary Celebration

by Amber Haseman

The Two-Year Anniversary Celebration of the Potawatomi Community Center was held Sept. 9, 2023, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event was open to anyone who wished to join the event. Upon entering the facility, guests received a free t-shirt along with a raffle ticket. For those who were interested in purchasing a year membership, they had the opportunity of spinning the wheel for a percentage off their total for the year.

Guests headed over to the prize tables to place the ticket they received into its respective bucket. Tickets for the other prizes were available upon touring each location of the facility, including aquatics, fitness, recreation, wood shop, kitchen, child minding, operations, and turf.

Each department made up their own basket full of fun prizes for all ages. The aquatics team's prize featured all the essentials for a tailgate party including a canopy tent, cooler, football and tailgate party supplies. The fitness team's prize was fitness inspired including a glass meal prep set, Bluetooth earbuds, a fitness ball, a water

bottle, and a Ninja Speedi Cooker and Air Fryer. The Kitchen crew provided a basket with a Blackstone griddle and accessories. The recreation and wood shop team provided a variety of camping supplies including folding chairs, s'mores grills, an Igloo cooler, a teepee tent, and a hammock with a canopy. The remaining teams offered children's baskets and family fun!

Aside from touring the building, a few of the areas offered activities for both adults and children. Child Minding had face painting for all ages. They also offered coffee, juice, water, hot dogs, and fruit pizzas to those who visited. The turf offered games of cornhole. Recreation displayed their blow-up obstacle course and slide for the children. The kitchen team provided a small lunch in the cafeteria for guests featuring fruits, sandwiches, chips, and pickles.

What a great way to kick off another year in business! Two years down with many more to come. Stay tuned for more fun and exciting things as they continue to grow throughout the years.









Mad Dog & Merrill Visit Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan for a Second Time

by Val Niehaus

The Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm) welcomed Mad Dog & Merrill's Midwest Grill'n on, Aug. 23, 2023. This is the second time that Mad Dog & Merrill have visited the farm, and everyone was delighted to see them back! Their last visit was in Aug. 2019 almost to the exact day.

As with most Midwest Grill'n episodes, they promote the area where they are filming. With this being filmed at the farm, they talked about how the aquaponics center brings in 1,400 heads of lettuce a week. They also mentioned how they have over 40 varieties of fruits and vegetables growing on the farm, how the hoop houses allow a longer growing season, and how the farm taps 1,100 trees for making maple syrup in the springtime.

While speaking about all the farm has to offer, Mad Dog & Merrill were cooking the whole time. They took the local produce along with the meats from the farm to make their dishes for the day, one being a 3-sisters (beans, corn, squash) salad and the other dish was a cabbage, carrot, and zucchini salad with hot bacon dressing. Both salads were delicious, flavorful, and filling!

Even though the day was very warm and humid it all turned out great with the live audience on-hand and the delicious food that was made. FCP would like to thank Mad Dog, Merrill, and Fast Freddie for the entertaining afternoon and meal to fill everyone's bellies. We hope to see you in the future again!





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Woodland World Champion: Men

5th Gozi White 4th Mike Demain 3rd Tego Warrington 2nd Dana Warrington 2x Champ 2023 WORLD CHAMPION VINCENT BENDER

Woodland World Champion: Women

5th Joleece Pecore 4th Paige Youngbear-Brown 3rd Reyna Prescott 2nd Jamie Awonohopay 2x Champ 2023 WORLD CHAMPION **BRITTANY PELKEY**

Golden Age: Men

1st Ken Funmaker Jr 2nd Sonny Smart 3rd Dennis Youngbear 4th Gerald White 5th Pete Powless

Golden Age: Women

1st Becky Miller 2nd Cheryl Funmaker 3rd Terri Webster 4th Vicky Hindsley 5th Cindy LeClere

Teen Boys

1st Joseph Rainey Jr 2nd Kenew Awonohopay 3rd Elliot Penass 4th Francis Delabreau

Teen Girls

1st Seneca Pyawasit 2nd Dacia Warrington 3rd Fanno Wahwassuck 4th Julia Pettibone

Jr. Boys

1st Jason Pettibone 2nd Dominic Warrington 4th Anwahbe Thomas

Jr. Girls

1st Giana Rainey 2nd Violet Pyawasit 3rd Beverly O'Reilly 4th Rosella Walker

Old Style Grass: 18+

1st William Hindsley 2nd Alex Pelkey 3rd Austin Summers 4th Nahcs Wahwassuck

Old Style Jingle: 18+

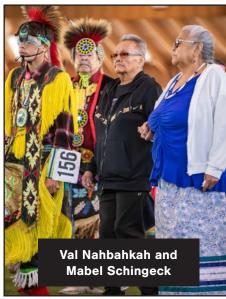
1st Iliana Montoya 2nd Aerius Benton 3rd Delina White 4th Dajia Shinos

Drum

1st Smokeytown 2nd Bear Ridge 3rd Medicine Rock 4th Lake Delton 5th Cedar Scout









The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (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 under-served producers.

- We will **NOT** hold, ship, or deliver food boxes.
- Tribal ID card **MUST** be presented at 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 FCPC Tribal Member (18+).

PICK UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

- 9 10 am: Community Center parking lot (5416 Everybodys Rd, Crandon)
- **10:30 11:30 am: Carter C-Store parking lot** (614 WI-32, Carter)
- 12 1 pm- Potawatomi Farm Store (3389 Cty Hwy H, Laona)

If you have any questions, please contact the Farm Store at 715-478-4545 (Mon.- Fri. 9-5 & Sat. 8-4)



Marketing Internship at PBDC: Clarissa Friday



submitted by PBDC I've just completed a 12-week

internship at Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC) in the marketing department. I am a college student attending Milwaukee Area Technical College and am scheduled to graduate with my associate degree in photography in spring 2024. I am still exploring where my skills can be utilized, which is one of the reasons I applied for the internship at PBDC. I wanted to learn more about PBDC and marketing and to see if photography had a use in that space. I was able to work with Amanda Gintoft and Heide Soranno in the marketing department. Through meetings and projects, I gained a better understanding of the importance of branding and how that funnels through everything.

It has been such a rewarding expe-

rience to be a part of the PBDC team this summer. I have enjoyed meeting so many team members and hearing about their experience as employees. Each person only had good things to say, and I found that to be such a testament to the work environment and culture. I think PBDC is an amazing place to work and if my path wasn't leading me down the entrepreneurial journey, I would be beyond grateful for the opportunity to join their team.

I have completed four internships and have learned that internships are a great way to learn more about an organization, grow in a professional setting and grow your network.

Tips for Interns:

• Don't be afraid to ask questions. o If you don't understand

something, research it. If you're still unsure, take the time to ask someone.

• Be open to hearing what others have to say.

o Taking the time to listen to someone else's story could open your eyes to a new idea or way of seeing something.

• Self-Management

• Keep track of your tasks, your time, your goals, and make time for self-reflection. Did you accomplish what you wanted? How can you do better? How can you help?

Potawatomi Casino Hotel - Milwaukee Set To Unveil Next Stage Of Its \$190 Millon Renovations

MILWAUKEE (Sept. 6, 2023) -On Sept. 7, 2023, the public will get its first look at Potawatomi Casino Hotel's latest round of renovations, which includes two new gaming areas, a new bar and restaurant, and over 300 new slot machines located on the second level. The 114k sq. ft. project began in May 2022 and is expected to be completed in 2024, with the grand opening of the much anticipated Sportsbook.

"It is our priority to bring our guests the next level of gaming, and do so in an inviting and entertaining atmosphere," said Dominic Ortiz, CEO and general manager of Potawatomi Casino Hotel. "Milwaukee has been receiving so much exciting attention and we want to make sure we are viewed as a premier entertainment destination, not just for those in the immediate area, but for people traveling to the city for business or a getaway."

"We have partnered with some of the most amazing designers and contractors, such as Greenfire Management Services who have been at our side throughout this entire project," said Forest County Potawatomi Chairman James Crawford. "I want to personally thank our internal staff for all of their hard and ambitious work, and to our guests for their patience and trust that we were going to deliver an amazing entertainment experience for them."

The casino will introduce its largest gaming area, ElevenHundred, which includes 633 slot machines, 16 gaming tables (12 blackjack, two roulette and two craps), an exciting new dual-wheel roulette game, and electronic blackjack and craps games. ElevenHundred Bar & Lounge will seat 78, and guests to the area will enjoy "slot seats" on the beautiful granite bar surrounded by customized LED lighting.

Street Eatz is the new bar and restaurant that has been designed with a New York graffiti décor. The menu will include Milwaukee favorites such as barbecue, brats and street tacos,

and a "bar truck" that will serve slushy cocktails and a range of beer.

The Atrium gaming area is also new, and will feature 78 new slot machines including Buffalo Lightning Link. The area is highlighted by the Potawatomi woodland florals which surround the parameter of the Atrium.

The 1833 Club opened its doors to the VIP's on Sept. 1, and showcased a full-exhibition kitchen with visiting celebrity chefs, custom-designed sofas, a top-of-the-line bar serving high-end liquors, and a state-of-the-art gaming lounge with 89 slot machines and four high-limit blackjack tables.

In August the group celebrated the grand opening of Rock & Brews, a joint partnership with legendary band KISS. The restaurant and bar features 48 domestic and import beers on tap, including the specialty brew, Dealers Choice, a Potawatomi Pilsner, created by Milwaukee's own City Lights Brewing Co. The spot has quickly become a fan favorite and is the number one performer of the 23 Rock & Brews locations.

And finally, Cream City Coffee Co., a 2,099 sq. ft. coffee experience that features Colectivo coffee, specialty drinks and coffee cocktails. All pastries and sandwiches are made in-house by Chef Ashley.

On September 7 from 11 a.m. to noon, the 414 Crew will be on-hand to give out free t-shirts to guests in the ElevenHundred gaming area.

"If you think 2023 is awesome at Potawatomi, just wait until 2024," said Ortiz.





AQUATIC CENTER

5471 Thayék Éthë Dnêkmëgzêk Myéw (The Place Where Everyone Plays Road) Crandon, Wisconsin



For more information please contact **Aquatics Manager Kimberly Shawano** 715-478-6513 • Kimberly.Shawano@FCP-nsn.gov

SEPTEMBER AQUATIC SCHEDULE

	SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
Yard Pool	Lap Swim & Adult Swim 10am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Lap Swim & Adult Swim 7am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Lap Swim & Adult Swim 7am-3pm 4pm-7pm (LL) Aqua Jogging 10:15am-10:45am (LL)	Lap Swim & Adult Swim 7am-3pm 4pm-7pm (LL)	Lap Swim & Adult Swim 8am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Lap Swim & Adult Swim 10am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Lap Swim & Adult Swim 11am-2pm 3pm-6pm
Activity Pool & Hot Tub	Family Swim 10am-1pm 2pm-5pm	Open Swim 7am-9am 10am-3pm 6:15pm-7pm	Open Swim 7am-9am 11am-3pm 6pm-7pm	Open Swim 7am-9am 11:30am-3pm 5pm-7pm	Open Swim 8am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Open Swim 10am-3pm 4pm-7pm	Open Swim 11am-2pm 3pm-6pm
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Slide & Features	Slide & Features 10am-1pm 2pm-4pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	Slide & Features 4pm-7pm	Slide & Features 11am-2pm 3pm-5pm

To register for classes visit our front desk or online at: community.fcpotawatomi.com. All classes subject to change.





for all classes. Visit our front desk or scan this QR Code.

September 10 - December 16, 2023

Class Location R **AQUATIC CENTER**

GROUP EXERCISE ROOM COMBATIVE ROOM TURF FIELDHOUSE

Land Classes

TUESDAYS WEDNESDAYS THURSDAYS FRIDAYS SATURDAYS SUNDAYS MONDAYS **NO CLASSES Full-Body Fitness** HIIT + Core **NO CLASSES Senior Fit** Circuits Tabata 9am-9:45am 5:45am-6:15am 8:30am-9:15am 5:45am-6:30am 8:30am-9am **ZUMBA®** Toning **Golden Gloves Lunch Crunch** Strength & Stretch Tai Chi 12pm-12:20pm 5:30pm-6:30pm 9am-10am 9:30am-10am 5:30pm-6pm **Bodyweight Blast**

ATTENTION NO CLASSES December 17th through January 1st

(offered 10/3 thru 11/7) 5:30pm-6pm

Boxing Club 5:30pm-6:30pm

Mobility & Core

9am-9:30am Yoga 5:30pm-6:15pm (offered thru 10/20)

ZUMBA® Fitness 10am-11am

Aquatic Classes

Aqua **ZUMBA®**

SUNDAYS WEDNESDAYS **MONDAYS TUESDAYS THURSDAYS FRIDAYS SATURDAYS** FIDERS ONLY **NO CLASSES NO CLASSES Shallow Water NO CLASSES NO CLASSES Shallow Water** Aerobics **Aerobics** Shallow Water **Aerobics** 9:15am-10am 9:15am-10am 9:15-10am

Aqua HIIT



10:15am-11am

(Filiness:Promotions)

Members = *\$35* Non-Members = \$50

Includes access to 20 Group Exercise Classes of your choice, as well as discounted pricing on Specialty Classes!

Members

> \$3 per class Non-Members \$10 per class

For more information please contact Group Exercise Coordinator Abigail Messing at 715-478-6528, or email her at: Abigail.Messing@FCP-nsn.gov. All classes and prices subject to change. Specialty Classes require separate fees.

Aqua Jogging

10:15am-11am

2nd Annual FCP Round Dance

5471 The Place Where Everyone

Jan. 27, 2024

4 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Comes to Play Rd.

Open to everyone

Crandon, WI 54520

EVENT CALENDAR

Community Showcase Video Sept. 21, 2023

1 - 3 p.m. Cultural Center, Library & Museum (Lower Level) 8130 Mish Ko Swen Dr., Crandon, WI 54520

Swine, Dine & Dash Fun Run Oct. 7, 2023

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan 3389 Cty. Hwy. H, Laona, WI 54541

LNR Career Day Oct. 10, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan 3389 Cty. Hwy. H, Laona, WI 54541 Open to Juniors & Seniors

Fall Fun at the Farm Saturdays & Sundays Oct. 8-29, 2023

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan 3389 Cty. Hwy. H, Laona, WI 54541 Open to public

Holiday Craft Fair Nov. 18, 2023

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 5471 The Place Where Everyone Comes to Play Rd. Crandon, WI 54520 Open to Public

NOTICES

SERVICES OFFERED

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

Do you want to win money? Enter your pictures into our Land & Natural Resources PHOTO CONTEST! Take your best shots while you're outdoors for your chance at winning throughout the year. Details and form can be found here: Inr.fcpotawatomi.com/ninja-forms/17aao8/ POREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

CAREERS

POSITION TITLE: PBDC Board Member

CLASSIFICATION: N/A

DEPARTMENT: Executive Council

POSITION SUMMARY:

As directed by the Executive Council, the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation ("PBDC") Board Member will support the work of the PBDC and provide mission-based leadership and strategic governance. While day-to-day operations are led by PBDC's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Board Director and CEO relationship is a partnership, and the appropriate involvement of the Board Director is both critical and expected.

This list of duties and responsibilities is illustrative only of the tasks performed by this position and is not all-inclusive.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serve as trusted advisor to CEO through development and implementation of PBDC's strategic plan.
- Define CEO's responsibilities. Provide guidance and support in order to improve the overall performance of the CEO.
- Review outcomes and metrics created by PBDC for evaluation, its impact, performance, and effectiveness.
- Approve PBDC's annual budget, audit reports, and material business decision; being informed and/or meeting all legal and fiduciary responsibilities.
- Partner with CEO and other board members to ensure that board resolutions are carried out.
- Represent PBDC to stakeholders; act as an ambassador for the organization.
- Formulate the rules of governance, establishing the methods for oversight and determining an outcome.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

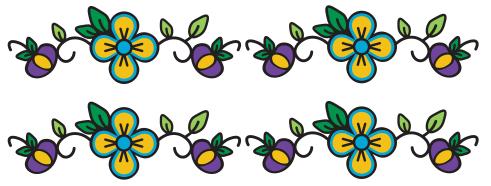
- Bachelor's degree in Marketing or Business Administration. A Master's Degree and/or Juries Doctorate are preferred, but not mandatory. Native American preference.
- At least 5 years of experience in business management, or in government leadership is necessary; relevant life experiences and accomplishments are also considered important and valuable.
- Awareness about the changing trends in the world of finance and business is highly imperative.
- Security clearance with the Federal Government is preferred.

POSITION DESCRIPTION PBDC Board Member:

PBDC's Board Directors will serve a three-year term to be eligible for reappointment. Board meetings will be held monthly, or as needed. Committee meetings will be held in coordination with full board meetings. Board Directors are compensated for their efforts.

See www.potawatomibdc.com for general information about PBDC.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume and cover letter to: Svetlana.Zhgenty@fcp-nsn.gov, no later than Sept. 18, 2023.





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SEPTEMBER

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\$6,400 CASH

Sundays in September

DRAWINGS: One \$200 cash
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