Re-Elected Associate Judge Sworn In



by Val Niehaus

The last time an FCP Associate Judge was sworn in was Dec. 17, 2017. The term for this position is six years, and it just so happens that this year, on Dec. 17, 2023, swearing-in happened again exactly to the day.

FCP Associate Judge Angela Moe was re-elected to serve another six-year term for her tribe, and she couldn't be more pleased with being able to pursue this position again. FCP Chief Judge Christian

Daniels spoke to those in attendance before the actual swearing-in took place. He said, "The work we do here isn't always easy. We deal with many community families, and sometimes, our decisions aren't always agreeable to people. But we always look at the individual's best interest and pray we have made the right decision."

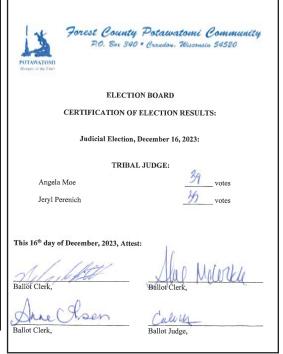
Judge Daniels then asked Ned Daniels III to say a prayer for those present and for Judge Moe as she



enters her next term. After the prayer, it was time for Judge Moe to be sworn in for her next six-year term by Judge Daniels.

Once sworn in, Judge Moe said, "I am very thankful to be re-elected for another term. This isn't an easy position to hold, but I will do my best to make clear decisions and do what is best for the individuals that come before me."

Congratulations to Judge Moe from us here at Potawatomi Times.





Snowflake Lady

by Amber Haseman

A new seasonal visitor made her appearance on campus and other FCP locations throughout the month of December. Her name is Goneskwe, "Snowflake Lady." She is an indigenous representation of Elf on the

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Shelf. You may have seen her on the community Facebook page. She is dressed in beautiful indigenous clothing, with traditional braided locks, a Santa hat with feathers, a white hide coat, brown leather pants and warm fur boots. Each night, her job was to report back to Santa to tell him if you've been naughty or nice.

Goneskwe visited many on her trip from the North Pole. Her first stop was the Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter to test her luck. Her next stop was Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm) to try out their delicious maple syrup. She may have enjoyed it a little much and emptied the bottle! The shenanigans didn't stop there. She visited the cows at the farm and saw a glimpse of Rudolph in the distance.

Goneskwe spent a second day at the casino and made sure she brought her magic elf dust this time. A trip from the North Pole wouldn't be the same without visiting the children. She stopped at Gte Ga Nes Preschool to remind the children that if they wanted to stay on Santa's nice list, they must spread kindness everywhere they go, always listen to their parents and teachers, and be sure to leave milk and cookies out for Santa.

Goneskwe stopped in the Health & Wellness Center to remind everyone the importance of prioritizing their health and well-being as we all know it's the season for sweets and treats. With that in mind, she made a visit to the dentist for a cleaning. While her eyesight is keen, she decided to check out the optical department to try out some glasses. She really had her eyes on the Gucci and Calvin Klein brands.

With only a few days left of her elf duties, Goneskwe made sure to visit just a couple more locations. She reminisced old photographs of tribal ancestors at the Health & Wellness Center and visited the casino one last time before returning to the North Pole for the season. Her magic elf dust finally worked! She left the casino \$900 richer just in time for Christmas.

This was Goneskwe's first year visiting the FCP Community. She felt very welcome and made an impact on those around her. She captured the smiles of many and ensured everyone would be on Santa's nice list for Christmas this year. Although her elf duties are complete for the season, make sure to keep an eye out for her next year.



Obituary

Raven Marie Petonquot

Raven Marie Petonquot, "Kej gish gok kwe", meaning "above the sky woman", began her spirit journey on Dec. 13, 2023, following a congenital battle with seizures. She was 25 years old.

She was born Aug. 20, 1998, to Jerome Petonquot and Crystal Stanelle in Green Bay.

Raven loved to dance and ride her bike. She also enjoyed riding her utv, watching

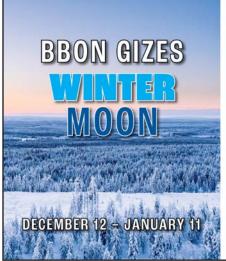
SpongeBob Square Pants and spending countless hours on her swing set. Later in her life she enjoyed the occasional trip to the casino and dining out with family and friends where she would order her favorites...spicy foods. She took great pleasure in playing with her cousins when they would come over to her house to play.

Although her life was cut short as a result of her health, she touched so many lives and will never be forgotten.

Survivors include her parents; sisters: Vicky Stanelle, Charlotte Wright, Bridget Gerlikovsky, as well as many extended family members and friends.

Visitation was held at the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center on Dec. 16, 2023 with services being held Dec. 17, 2023 with Mr. Joe Daniels will presiding.

Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



- Winter Solstice (the shortest day and longest night of the year) occurs December 21st.
- Lakes begin freezing-over.
 - Many lakes in the northern hemisphere are at risk of not freezing-over in future winters.
- The average first date of measurable snow in Laona occurs on October 20th with 0.1" of snow.
- Laona has an average 74.5" of snow each season.
- You may see a jump in deer activity due to unbred does entering another estrus cycle.
 - · "Second rut" occurs about 28 days after main rut.

Additional Resources:

Tens of thousands of lakes may spend winters ice free (wisc.edu) First Snowfalls Of The Season (weather.gov) The Science of the Second Rut | National Deer Association



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Gary Lee Crawford, Sr.

Gary Lee Crawford Sr. of Milwaukee, formerly of Crandon passed away at Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital while under the care of Compassus Hospice on Dec. 16, 2023. He was 69 years old.

He was born in Laona, Wis. at the Ovitz Hospital on Jan. 29, 1954 to the late Gladys Crawford. Gary was a graduate of Crandon High School.

While in high school, he played basket-

ball and football. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army 82nd Airborne honorably serving his country. Following his honorable discharge from service, he settled in Milwaukee where he met the love of his life Dena, the couple were married shortly thereafter and shared nearly 50 years of marriage.

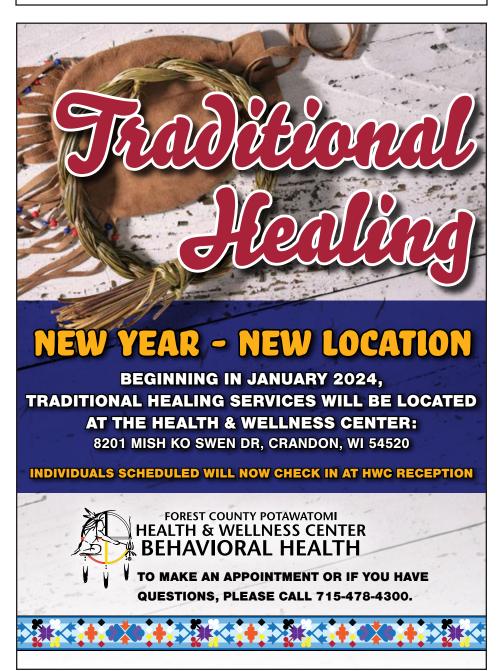
He enjoyed all types of Wisconsin Sports, including Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Bucks, WWE and AWA wrestling. Gary also coached softball for Milwaukee area tavern leagues. He also played on dart ball leagues. He enjoyed road trips with his family, especially to Montana.

He is survived by his daughter; Melinda Crawford, son; Gary Jr. (Rebecca) Crawford, brothers; Doug Crawford (Lori), Jeff Crawford (Marybeth), Rhonda Crawford, ten grandchildren, three great grandchildren as well as many nieces, nephews, friends.

In addition to his mother, Gary was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dena, and brother Michael Crawford.

Visitation was held at the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center on Dec. 19, 2023. Native American Services followed on Dec. 20, 2023 with Mr. Jeffrey Cisneros will presiding over services. Burial will take place at Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Crandon.

Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



Christmas Party

The annual FCP Community Christmas Party was held on Dec. 16, 2023, at the Potawatomi Community Center. This was open to FCP tribal members, descendants and their families.

The Community Center staff went over the top decorating the gym area, and in addition to this décor, the outdoor Christmas lights were fabulous to incorporate into this year's festivity for families to walk through.

Along with the decorations, the

kitchen staff prepared a great meal of beef tips over noodles, ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, and some tasty desserts to fill everyone's bellies.

Santa and Mrs. Claus also visited, posing for special photos with the children and families.

This party is always a memorable time and serves as a great way for the community members to celebrate together on one night. Thanks again to all the cooks and staff who helped make this night so magical!



Daniels Wins Drawing Contest



Submitted by FCP Education department

The FCP K-12 Education department had a Christmas drawing contest for pre-K through thirdgrade students. The FCP Enrollment department and the Family Services Division voted on the winner, with Nalia Daniels winning. Daniels is in first grade and attends Crandon Elementary. She was gifted a \$25 gift card, and her drawing will be the K-12 Education department's holiday card to the families we serve.

Turn Your Engine OFF!

submitted by Environmental **Educator Leah Bell**

How Idling Affects... The Environment

- -Climate change is real! Ice caps ARE melting, weather events are more intense, polar bears are drowning, tropical reefs are dying.
- -Green house gases like carbon dioxide result from burning fossil fuels, such as gasoline.
- -We MUST do EVERYTHING possible NOW to slow global warming. Turning offff your engine is one BIG step.
- -CO2 emissions from vehicles accounts for 1/3 of green house gases contributing to global warming.
- -One gallon of gasoline produces

nearly two pounds (1.94) of carbon dioxide and other green house gases!

Your Budget/Savings

- -Idling gets ZERO miles per gallon. -Idling is not an effff ective way to warm up your engine, even in cold weather.
- -Unnecessary idling wastes fuel, costs you money, and pollutes the air. -Frequent restarting has little impact
- on engine components, like the battery and the starter motor. -More than 30 seconds of idling uses
- more fuel than restarting the engine. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

www.epa.gov/climate-change wicci.wisc.edu/wisconsin-climate-change-impacts-adaptation www3.epa.











Brown Brothers Racing Off To A Good Start



by Val Niehaus

The first national and regional race of the season for Brown Brothers Racing was held on Dec. 15-16, 2023, at Mt. Zion Ski Hill in Iron Mountain, Mich. Even though it was more of a mud race than a snow race, the racing team did well.

Janiece Brown took 1st in Pro Women's, Hailey Brown rode in Junior's (14-17) and came away with 1st place and 3rd in Pro Women's. Larsen Brown took 3rd in Juniors (14-15), and Jordan Wolfe took 1st in Pro-Am.

Congratulations to you all, and we look forward to seeing what happens in the near future. We will pray for snow as well.

Their next national tour race is the Pirtek Snocross National race, scheduled for Jan. 12-13, 2024, at Canterbury Park Shakopee, Minn.

Jeff Johnson Joins PBDC fireside MARKET Menu as COO, Commercial Group



submitteed by PBDC

PBDC is excited to announce that Jeff Johnson is joining the team as Chief Operating Officer, Commercial Group. Johnson has served as the Vice-Chair on the PBDC Board since Dec. 2020, and has stepped down from that position to join the team full-time. Alexis Harris will now serve as the Vice-Chair of the PBDC Board. Johnson will play a crucial role on the executive leadership team, overseeing strategic operations and driving growth-related activities for our commercial businesses. Johnson will oversee the Sagewind and Greenfire businesses. He will also collaborate across the organization to help us operate effectively, efficiently, and profitably. Johnson is a proud,

enrolled member of the Forest County Potawatomi Community.

Johnson has owned and operated J.W. Johnson & Associates, Inc., a certified small professional services business offering civil engineering and construction management services in DeForest, Wis. During his 25+ years in the industry, he has been responsible for the construction management of a wide variety of land development and heavy civil projects valued at over \$1.5B throughout the country.

Johnson is also active in Indian Country, serving on the Board of the American Indian Chamber of Wisconsin. For nine years, he served on the Board of the Wisconsin Native Loan Fund—a Native Community Development Financial Institution located in Lac du Flambeau, Wis. During his tenure, he served as Board Chair and Interim CEO. Johnson has also provided small business capacity building for Native-owned construction firms with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

"We're thrilled to have Jeff join us on the PBDC leadership team," said Kip Ritchie, CEO, PBDC. "He brings expertise in construction, engineering and operations and I'm confident he'll make immediate contributions overseeing Greenfire and Sagewind. And as an enrolled FCP tribal member, his voice and leadership will be valuable to our entire team."

Testing at PBDC



submitted by PBDC

On Dec. 19, 2023, the fireside MARKET team hosted a lunch for PBDC employees featuring signature items the culinary team plans to have in the new fireside MARKET store. This team has been working hard to prepare for the launch of a new fireside MARKET in southeastern Wisconsin, targeting the end of 2024 or early 2025. Holly Wallin joined the fireside team this summer as the Food Service Director, bringing over 25 years in the food-service industry. She has partnered with vendors to plan the kitchen and menu as a key differentia-

tor for fireside MARKET, focusing on made-to-order, fresh food. The team sampled a signature stew with beef and vegetarian options and a harvest salad with homemade dressings. The goal of the lunch was to show the PBDC team the early stages of the menu planning and get feedback. The team really enjoyed learning more, providing feedback, and tasting the delicious food. The menu will continue to evolve as the team prepares to launch. We look forward to refining a special fresh menu that will be a decisive factor for the fireside MARKET.



Elder Menu

DEC. 31 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit Lunch: Philly cheese steak

sloppy joes Dinner: Beef veggie soup

JAN. 1

Breakfast: Blueberry pancakes Lunch: Creamy beef and shells Dinner: Sweet & sour meatballs

JAN. 2

Breakfast: French toast, bacon Lunch: Baked chicken gravy over mashed potatos Dinner: Pizza bugers

steak

JAN. 3 Breakfast: Fried eggs, ham

Lunch: Pork chop Dinner: Sunflower crusted trout

JAN. 4 Breakfast: Cheese & ham omelet Lunch: Chilli, corn bread Dinner: Chef salad

JAN. 5 Breakfast: Boiled eggs, sasage Lunch: Shepherd's pie Dinner: Beef and tofu romaine noodle bowl

JAN. 6 Breakfast: Ham, potato, egg skillet

Lunch: Tuna casserole Dinner: Buffalo burgers JAN. 7

Breakfast: French toast, bacon Lunch: Chicken Marsala Dinner: Creamy ruben soup

JAN. 8

Breakfast: Cream of wheat Lunch: Pheasant and turkey sausage w/ fried potatoes Dinner: Chicken tenders

JAN. 9

Breakfast: Ham, egg scramble Lunch: Chicken tacos Dinner: Hunters stew

JAN. 10

Breakfast: Boiled eggs, bacon Lunch: Beans chopped meat & tomatoes Dinner: Prok chops

JAN. 11

Breakfast: Sausage & cheese omelet

Lunch: Broccoli & cheese soup Dinner: Cobb salad

JAN. 12

Breakfast: Boiled eggs, corned beef hash Lunch: Meatloaf

Dinner: Tater tot casserold

JAN. 13

Breakfast: Fried eggs, sausaage

Lunch: Diced chicken in gravy Dinner: Cream cheese suffed chicken breast



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WINTER SESSION 1 LESS

> Jan. 8 thru **Feb. 15**

> > Registration **OPENS** 12/11/23

Registration **CLOSES** 1/7/24



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AQUATIC CENTER

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

To register for classes visit our front desk or online at: PotawatomiCC.recdesk.com For info contact Aquatics Manager Kimberly Shawano: 715-478-6513 • Kimberly Shawano@FCP-nsn.gov All classes subject to change.

roup Exercise Schedule

January 2 - February 24, 2024

Class Location **AQUATIC CENTER** GROUP EXERCISE ROOM COMBATIVE ROOM TURF FIELDHOUSE

Land Classes

You MUST register

scan this QR Code.

for all classes. Visit our front desk or

SUNDAYS NO CLASSES

PREASE NOTE

SHARE THE LOVE FOR FLTNESS! Bring a friend to class for FREE January 2nd - 6th & February 12th - 17th

Senior Fit 9am-9:45am **Lunch Crunch** 12pm-12:20pm Elemental **Kickboxing**

MONDAYS

5:30pm-6:15pm Spin 5:30pm-6:15pm

TUESDAYS Full-Body Fitness

9am-9:45am **Bodyweight Blast** 5:30pm-6pm

Circuits 5:45am-6:30am Spin

WEDNESDAYS

9am-9:45am **ZUMBA®** Toning 5:30pm-6:30pm

THURSDAYS

HIIT 5:45am-6:15am **Mobility & Core** 9am-9:30am

THURSDAYS

Shallow Water

Aerobics

9:15am-10am

Bodyweight Blast 6:00am-6:30am **ZUMBA®** Fitness 10:15am-11am

FRIDAYS

SATURDAYS NO CLASSES

(Aquatic Classes)

SUNDAYS NO CLASSES

Shallow Water Aerobics 9:15am-10am Aqua **ZUMBA**®

5:30pm-6:15pm

MONDAYS

Shallow Water Aerobics 9:15am-10am **Aqua Jogging**

TUESDAYS

10:15am-11am **Deep Water Aerobics** 5:30pm-6:15pm (Begins 11/28)

WEDNESDAYS **ELDERS ONLY Shallow Water Aerobics**

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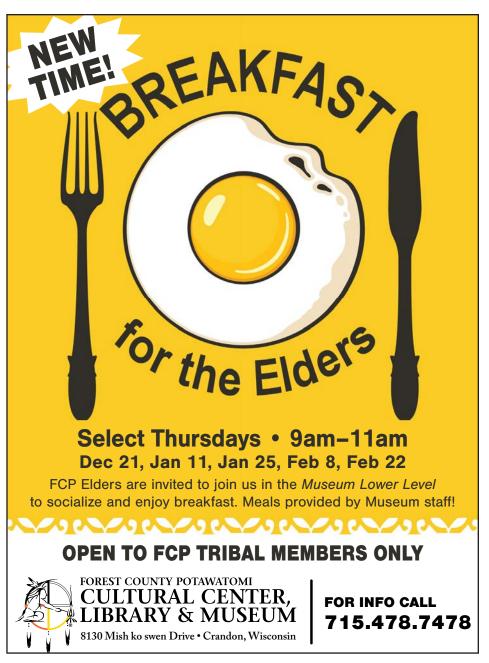
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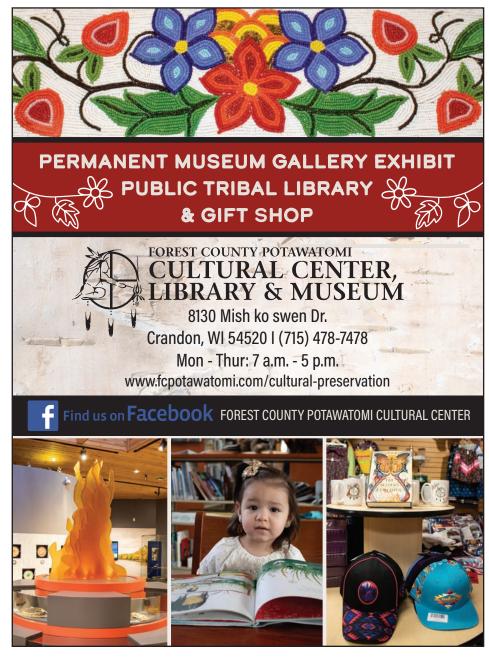
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SATURDAY





















































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FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

\$2,500 CASH DRAWINGS

ONE WINNER EACH HOUR | 12-8 PM

FREE FOOD: 12 PM - 2 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM

SHAWN WILL 7 PM - 11 PM

Thank You!





TUESDAYS IN JANUARY

Earn 375 same day points & receive a \$15 food voucher to be used the same day.



Earn 300 same day points to spin & win from 10 am to 9 pm.

UP TO **\$40**



SATURDAY

ADMISSIONS OPEN AT 4:30 PM WARM UP GAMES START AT 6 PM REGULAR GAMES TO FOLLOW

THREE GAMES PAY \$25 · THREE GAMES PAY \$50 · FIVE GAMES PAY \$100 TWO GAMES PAY \$250 TEN GAMES PAY \$500 · LAST GAME PAYS \$1,000



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