Sobriety Powwow 2023



by Val Niehaus,

photos taken by Narciso Tovar

The 6th Annual Sobriety Powwow was held on Dec. 31, 2023, at the Potawatomi Community Center.

The night included a feast for those in attendance, with grand entry being held at 7 p.m. The host drum for the night was Voice of the Pines. MC was Dylan Prescott, who entertained the crowd throughout the night with his witty jokes and commentary, and Arena Director was Nickolas Shepard. Specials included Men's: Woodland,



Grass and Fancy; Women's: Woodland, Jingle and Fancy.

With this being a sobriety powwow, many were recognized for their days, months, and years on the Red Road, with Gloria Alloway being recognized for 50 years sober!

Not only was there dancing and singing during this New Year's Eve night, there were also door prizes and snacks during the night of celebration.

It was a great night to ring in the New Year to be clean and sober for the coming new year!











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Pancakes & PJ's with Santa





FCP Education department held a new event this year during the holidays called Pancakes & Pajamas with Santa. This was held at the FCP Education Building on Dec. 20, 2023, and the turnout for this first annual get-together was amazing!

FCP tribal members, their families, and descendants in Pre-K through 2nd grade could come between 3-5



p.m. and decorate pancakes with all the syrup, whipped cream, and sprinkles to their heart's content. Santa was there to pose for a photo with the children and they got to take that special photo home right away. At the end of the event, there was story-time with the Native American Twelve Days of Christmas, and Night Before Christmas was read to the children and families.

This was a great event for the younger children to be able to be a part of. It was nice that they had their own special time with Santa and were able to just be kids believing in the magic of Christmas.

Many hope the department continues this event into the years to come!

CFO Kevin Hanson Retires



by Val Niehaus

It was a special day for the tribe's Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hanson on Dec. 21, 2023, who was hanging up his "coat" after working for the Forest County Potawatomi for 17 years.

Hanson accomplished some key highlights during his time here working with the tribe. He worked with four tribal treasures during his years and played a key role in securing the financing for several large capital projects, including Potawatomi Hotel & Casino expansions in Milwaukee. He created policies for the tribe's investments, including the minor's trust. When the Covid pandemic shut down the tribe's casinos, and per capita payments halted, he found a way to provide relief to tribal members through various grants and savings. These are just a few highlights that Hanson accomplished in his time here, among many others.

"Hanson was brilliant and could answer any question you had off the

top-of-his-head, including exact dates and dollar amounts", one employee spoke of him. The person contined to state, "He was also very humble and hated to be the center of attention. He could always explain very complicated things in a way that was easy for everyone to understand; he was laid back and extremely easy to work with. You always knew when he was coming down the hallway with a hum in his voice; we will miss him terribly!"

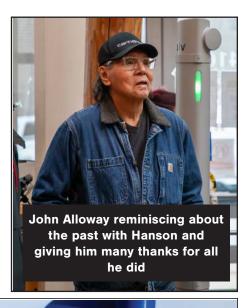
The impact Hanson had not only on the tribe as a businessman but also the impact he had on tribal members as a person who cared was felt on the day of his farewell. Several tribal members spoke to Hanson, recognizing him for all the efforts he made for their tribal people, especially their tribal youth and future generations. He was gifted a handmade war club, but Richard Gougé, Phil and Brenda Shopodock gave thanks and for everything he had done with a tear or two; Chairman Crawford spoke highly



of how Hanson was always on top of any situation and gifted him a blanket on behalf of the tribe, both Treasurer Manny Johnson and Vice Chairwoman Heather VanZile gave some fun memories to relive and their gratitude. FCP elder Eugene Shawano Sr. and Eugene Shawano Jr. spoke to Hanson with kind words and acknowledgments of his time here with the tribe. Another who showed extreme gratitude and congratulations to Hanson was John Alloway, among other members and co-workers. You could really feel the impact and love that was given to Hanson on this special day from so many. Hanson certainly left his mark on the community, and many will miss him dearly.

Congratulations, Kevin, and thank

you for all you have done here for Forest County Potawatomi. Enjoy your time of relaxation - you deserve it!





Deadline for the Feb. 1, 2024, issue of the PT is Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024.



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Introduction of **Coach Dixon**



submitted by Coach Dixon

FCP Youth Sports Performance Coach: Eric K. Dixon, Youth Athletic Coach at Potawatomi Community Center

Sports Coaching Background:

Coach Dixon has coached athletics, speed, agility and strength training for over 45 years in various sporting events. He has coached many U.S. nationally-ranked youth athletes and world/American masters record holders. He's also coached athletes who've competed for Italy and India's National/Olympics youth and adult teams.

Coach Dixon is certified to coach elite youth and adult athletes for National/International/Olympic level competitions via U.S.A. Track & Field (USATF) and the Word Athletics Federation. He also holds several certifications in Sports Strength and Conditioning Training.

He's an Instructor for U.S.A. Track & Field Coaches Education Programs

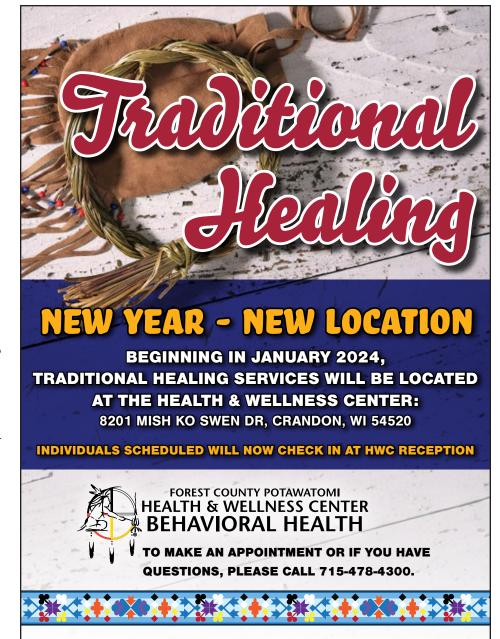
and an instructor for Nike's Northwest Track & Field Coaches Clinics. He has developed sports performance education programs for athletes and coaches in multiple countries.

Reason why Coach Dixon is here in his own words, "In Forest County, I'm looking to develop a Youth Sports program to get our athletes up to the elite level of sports competition. I know we have the genetics/DNA to reach the highest levels of college athletics and beyond; however, if we don't use it after several generations, we will lose it. My focus is to allow our kids to achieve their full sports potential.

Of course, this takes a holistic approach from everyone in the community. Therefore, I'm looking to build a sports education program to get everyone (coaches, parents and athletes) on the same page with current sports science, performance and development, youth through adults. The objective is to build up our athletes to their highest level and not burn them out physically, psychologically, and neurologically.

This takes a holistic approach as it's not just about sports development. The more fit our culture is, the fewer health problems we will have with future generations, fit for life philosophy.

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





Follow-up appointments can be scheduled at the time

In the traditional way, please bring your Sema

(tobacco) to each visit with the Traditional Medicine

of your visit.

WELLNESS CENTER

BEHAVIORAL

HEALTH

Appointments are generally 60 minutes

and can be made by calling the

FCP Health & Wellness Center at

(715) 478-4300

PROPERTYTAXES DUE!

This is a reminder to Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Members. If you have an Escrow Account with the FCPC Finance Department, turn in your property tax statement to Sheila Chitko to be paid! If the statements are not turned in, property taxes do not get paid as counties do not automatically send us your bill.

Sheila Chitko – Loan Servicing Escrow Specialist

Executive Building – Accounting/Finance 5416 Everybody's Road, PO Box 340, Crandon, WI 54520

Phone: 715-478-7393

Fax: 715-478-4767 (ATTN: SHEILA)

Email: sheila.chitko@fcp-nsn.gov

Save the Date: Elder Roundtable Discussion with PBDC Leadership on Feb. 9, 2024

submitted by PBDC

Potawatomi Business Development Corporation Leadership are planning to host their second elder roundtable discussion on Feb. 9, 2024. All tribal elders are welcome to join

board PBDC board members, PBDC management, and other members of the team to discuss questions, ideas or concerns about the PBDC organization. Watch *Potawatomi Times* and your mailboxes for more details.

Apply Today for the PBDC Internship Program

submitted by PBDC

Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC) is pleased to present this Internship Program intended for the Native American community. The program provides a preference first for members of the Forest County Potawatomi Community followed by other Native American communities. The goal is to provide career development and learning opportunities to members of the Forest County Potawatomi Community by developing business skills through the application of education and life experiences within PBDC.

"It has been such a rewarding experience to be a part of the PBDC team this summer," said Clarissa Friday, an FCP tribal member and 2023 intern. "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."

Historic Zuelke Apartments Earns Downtown Appleton Award



submitted by PBDC

Known as Appleton, Wisconsin's first skyscraper, the Zuelke Apartment Building stands 12 stories and Greenfire completed a full renovation of the building in 2023. The Residence at Zuelke includes 66 luxury apartments, amenities such as a theatre room, a billiards room, golf simulator, pet spa and first floor commercial space. The project included historic restoration of features like the stone initials on the exterior and the pink marble on the interior. Tegethoff Development, the developer of the project, wanted to create a space that would capture

the amazing views of downtown Appleton and the Fox River. With its central location and extensive amenities, it's a desirable place to live and has garnered a lot of attention in Appleton.

The building was recognized by Appleton Downtown, Inc. in Dec. 2023, with the

Mike Pfefferle Dreamers and Doers Award. This award is presented to a business, group or individual that has significantly enhanced the physical and/or economic landscape of Downtown Appleton. This award is about vision and the ability to turn vision into reality.

Appleton Downtown, Inc., is a nonprofit community coalition dedicated to an economically strong, safe, attractive and exciting downtown. Their mission is to "Make Downtown Appleton a vibrant and accessible destination for business, learning, living and leisure."

Elder Menu

JAN. 14 Breakfast: Ham & cheese

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Dinner: Farmer's veggie soup &

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JAN. 15

Breakfast: Pancakes w/
berries, sausage
Lunch: Baked chicken breast
Dinner: Tomato soup & grilled
cheese

JAN. 16
Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch: Chop suey over rice
Dinner: Salmon w/ three
sisters mash

JAN. 17

Breakfast: Egg & cheese sandwich

Lunch: Beef stew Dinner: Shrimp jambalaya

JAN. 18

Breakfast: Waffles, fresh fruit Lunch: Fully-loaded baked potato soup

Dinner: Loaded turkey salad

JAN. 19

Breakfast: Fried eggs and ham Lunch: Spaghetti Dinner: Ham & bean soup

JAN. 20
Breakfast: Boiled eggs
Lunch: Pork chop
Dinner: Creamy chicken &
stuffing casserole

JAN. 21

Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage Lunch: Baked chicken breast Dinner: Pork & sauerkraut

JAN. 22

Breakfast: Sausage skillet Lunch: Au Gratin potatoes & ham

Dinner: Chicken Ramen noodle bowl

JAN. 23

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, ham

Lunch: Mexican lasagna Dinner: Chicken Alfredo

JAN. 24

Breakfast: Boiled eggs Lunch: Chicken pot pie casserole

Dinner: Maple brined smoked turkey

JAN. 25

Breakfast: Cheese omelet, bacon

Lunch: Chicken dumpling soup
Dinner: Chef salad

JAN. 26

Breakfast: Blueberry pancakes, sausage

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Lunch: Lemon pepper fish Dinner: Goulash

JAN. 27

Breakfast: Cold cereal, boiled eggs

Lunch: Cowboy tater tot casserole

Dinner: Baked macaroni & cheese w/ chicken



Career Success &

FCP Values Class

3 pm Executive

Building

Auditorium

Snowmobile

Safety Class

LNR Building

8 am – 12 pm

Community Events JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Crandon, Laona & Wabeno Schools Winter Break Dec 25 – Jan 1 Holiday	Sew Into the New Year				
	Campus Closed wshkė wébpomget	1 pm –3 pm Laona School Staff Development No School	Wabeno School Board Meeting Wabeno High School Library 6 pm	Blood Drive 10 am – 4 pm		
7	(New Year's)	9	10	10 am – 4 pm	12	13
			Laona School			
Big Buck Contest (End of Contest) September 16th – January 7th	Crandon School Board Meeting Jaegar Auditorium 6 pm		Board Meeting Laona Elementary Board Room 5:30 pm	Breakfast for the Elders 9 am – 11 am		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Holiday Campus Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Canning Class 5:30 pm	Community Sobriety Feast 6 pm		Crandon Professional Development No School Virtual Learning Day	UTC Basketball Tournament Battle of the Northwoods 9 am (5th -8th Grade)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Tribal Members & Employee Training Exceptional Experience Class 3 pm Executive Building Auditorium		Traditional Healing 7 am – 5 pm Wabeno School Data Day (all staff) No School	Grab & Go Binders 11 am – 3 pm Breakfast for the Elders 9 am – 11 am Sweat Lodge 6 pm		Snowmobile Safety Class LNR Building 8 am – 1 pm
28	29	30	31		,	
	Tribal Members & Employee Training					

LEEN CONCENTRANCES

■ GENERAL INFORMATION ■ COMMUNITY CENTER ■ POWWOW GROUNDS ■ BODWÉWADMI KTËGAN ■ HEALTH & WELLNESS ■ MUSEUM ■ LOCAL SCHOOLS

SUNDAYS MONDAYS TUESDAYS WEDNESDAYS THURSDAYS FRIDAYS SATURDAYS Lap Swim Lap Swim Lap Swim Lap Swim Lap Swim Lap Swim Lap Swim Yard & Adult Swim **Pool** 8am-3pm (LL) 10am-1pm 7am-3pm 7am-3pm 7am-3pm 10am-3pm 11am-2pm 4pm-7pm (LL) 2pm-5pm 4pm-7pm (LL) 4pm-7pm 4pm-7pm 4pm-7pm 3pm-6pm **Aqua Jogging** 10:15am-10:45am (LL) **Open Swim Open Swim Open Swim Family Swim Open Swim Open Swim Open Swim Activity** 7am-9am 10am-3pm 10am-1pm 7am-9am 7am-9am 8am-9am 11am-2pm Pool & 2pm-5pm 10am-1pm 10am-1pm 11am-1pm 10am-1pm 4pm-7pm 3pm-6pm **Hot Tub** 1:30pm-3pm 1:20am-3pm 1:20pm-3pm 2pm-3pm 6:15pm-7pm 6:15pm-7pm 6:25pm-7pm 4pm-7pm **Shallow Water Shallow Water Shallow Water Shallow Water Aerobics Aerobics Aerobics Aerobics** 9:15am-10am 9:15am-10am 9:15am-10am 9:15am-10am **Swim Lessons Swim Lessons Aqua HIIT Adult Swim** 1pm-1:30pm 1pm-1:20pm 10:15am-11am Lessons 4pm-5:15pm 4pm-5:15pm 1pm-2pm Swim Lessons Aqua ZUMBA® **Deep Water** 1pm-1:20pm **Swim to The Hive** 4pm-6:25pm 5:30pm-6:15pm **Aerobics** 4pm-5pm

WINTER SESSION 1 LESS

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

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

Registration **CLOSES** 1/7/24



Slide & **Features**

Slide & Features 10am-1pm 2pm-4pm

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5:30pm-6:15pm **CLOSED**

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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

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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

WEDNESDAYS

ELDERS ONLY

Aerobics 9:15-10am **THURSDAYS**

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

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

MONDAYS

Aqua **ZUMBA**® 5:30pm-6:15pm

TUESDAYS **Shallow Water Aerobics**

9:15am-10am **Aqua Jogging** 10:15am-11am

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

THURSDAYS

Shallow Water Shallow Water Aerobics 9:15am-10am **Aqua HIIT** 10:15am-11am

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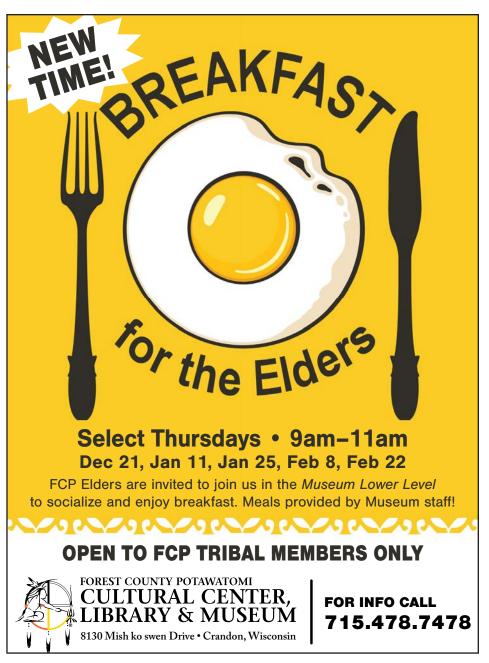
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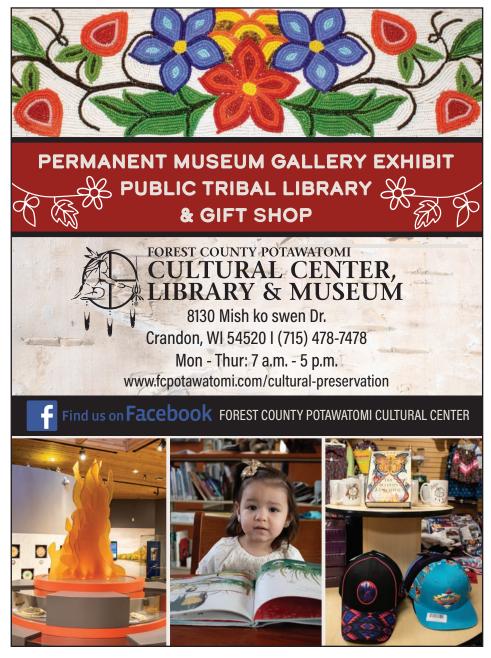
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Members

For more information please contact Fitness & Wellness Manager Desiree Marten at 715-478-6512, or email her at: Desiree.Marten@FCP-nsn.gov All classes and prices subject to change. Specialty Classes require separate fees.















Monitor Bingo

THURSDAYS IN JANUARY

If your number is on the monitor for select games, WIN \$50 CASH!

Valid on select games only. Multiple winners will split the payout.



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