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Senators Baldwin and Johnson Vote to Support Tribal Sovereignty - Measure Fails to Pass Full Senate

submitted by George Ermert and Travis Theisen, Schreiber GR Group

On Monday, April 16, the U.S. Senate failed to advance the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act (TLSA), which would have affirmed tribal sovereignty and brought parity for Native American enterprises by including tribes in the same exempt category as all other government employers in the United States.

The bill needed 60 votes to proceed but fell short, receiving the support of only 55 senators. Wisconsin Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson both stood up for tribal sovereignty by being among the 55 who voted to take up the measure.

Indian Country has been trying to pass the TLSA for more than a decade, and this is the closest the issue has ever been to becoming law. The House previously passed the legislation in 2015, but the Senate did not vote on it during that session of Congress.

The TLSA's intent is to restore a level of self-governance to tribes that was lost when the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) reversed a decades-old ruling in 2004, thereby subjecting tribes to federal labor laws which don't apply to state or local governments.

Forest County Potawatomi Chairman

Ned Daniels Jr. released the following statement after the vote:

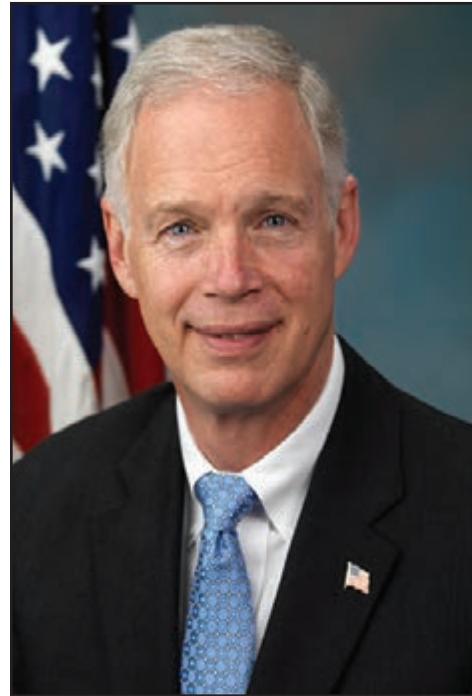
"While it's unfortunate that the Senate failed to come up with enough support to proceed with a full vote on the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act, we sincerely appreciate those Senators who stood with Indian Country and voted to take up this important issue – especially Wisconsin Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin.

"As sovereign nations, tribes must have the authority to govern themselves and be granted the same rights as other forms of government.

"The Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act would fix a problem created by the National Labor Relations Board's decision to single out Indian tribes as the only form of government in the United States subject to the National Labor Relations Act. Over 90,000 other units of government in America, who employ over 21 million Americans, are not subject to the NLRA.

"Tribes simply want parity and to be treated like any other form of government.

"On behalf of the Forest County Potawatomi Community, we extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin for their efforts to recognize tribal



Wisconsin Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin

sovereignty and their support of Indian Country."

In addition to the support of Senators Johnson and Baldwin, many other members of Wisconsin Congressional delegation supported the measure when it passed the House in December 2017. This included: Speaker Paul Ryan (R – Janesville), Rep. Gwen Moore (D – Milwaukee), Rep. Ron Kind (D – LaCrosse),

Rep. Sean Duffy (R – Wausau), Rep. Mike Gallagher (R – Green Bay), and Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R – Brookfield).

Opponents of the measure, primarily organized labor, argued that the measure would have eroded important labor protections for workers and stripped the rights of thousands of employees at tribal casinos.



Tribal Leadership Travels to Washington, D.C.

submitted by George Ermert, Schreiber GR Group

Over the last few weeks, several members of the Forest County Potawatomi Executive Council have traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet members of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation and advocate for issues important to Indian Country.

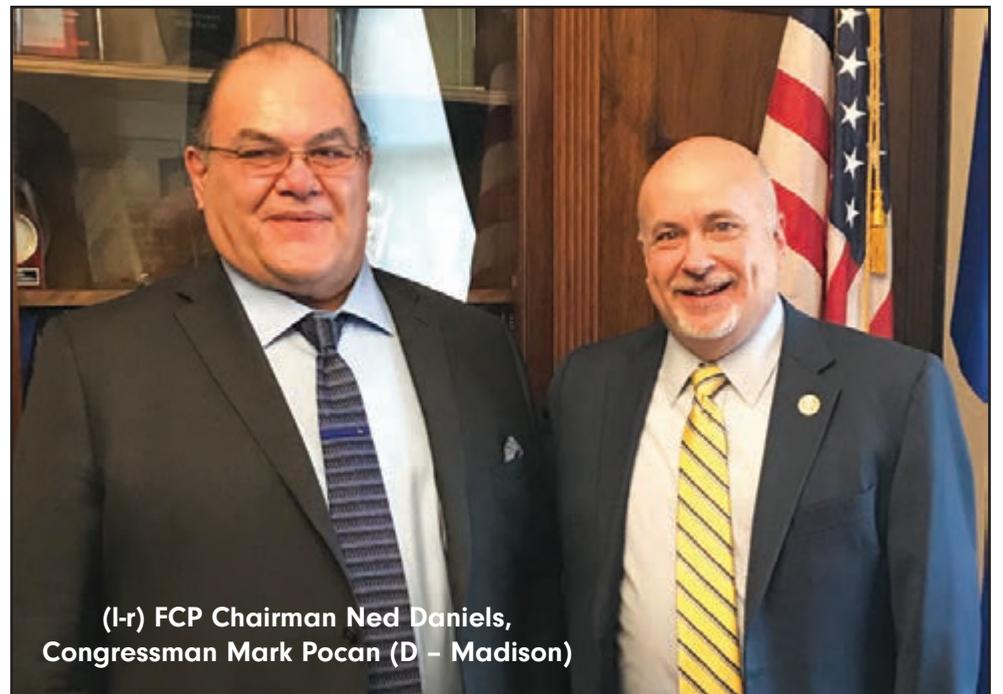
These meetings offered Wisconsin's federal representatives the opportunity to meet some of the newly-elected members of Executive Council, and more importantly, listen to tribal leadership about the issues impacting the Forest County Potawatomi and Indian Country.

Tribal Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., Secretary James Crawford and Council Member Brooks Boyd each met with many of Wisconsin's federal-elected officials. This included: Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D – Wisconsin), Rep. Sean Duffy (R – Wausau), Rep. Gwen Moore (D – Milwaukee), Rep. Mike Gallagher (R – Green Bay), Rep. Ron Kind (D – LaCrosse) and Rep. Mark Pocan (D – Madison).

Besides the never-ending winter in northern Wisconsin, the top issues discussed included the importance of passing the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act and the ongoing fight against opioid and heroin abuse in Forest County.

Tribal leadership also had the opportunity to meet with some of the new leadership at the Department of Interior, including John Tahsuda, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

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(l-r) FCP Chairman Ned Daniels, Congressman Mark Pocan (D – Madison)

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NEAR WEST SIDE PARTNERS SPRING CEO SYMPOSIUM

Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (PBDC) is located in the heart of Milwaukee's Near West Side — one of the most historic and important areas of the city. Known as the "Neighborhood of Neighborhoods," the Near West Side includes seven unique neighborhoods — rich with architectural character and history — that are also the home to some of Wisconsin's most iconic companies, like Harley-Davidson and MillerCoors.

PBDC is also one of the founding anchor institutions of Near West Side Partners (NWSP), a non-profit organization devoted to improving and enhancing the neighborhood we call home. PBDC is joined by some of Milwaukee's most established organizations in our work, including Aurora Health Care, Harley-Davidson, Marquette University and MillerCoors.

Twice a year, the CEOs of the anchor institutions gather to report on progress and announce new initiatives. At the Spring CEO Symposium, we helped share the great progress recently made in the Near West Side. Our CEO Kurt O'Bryan gave some recent updates on our own renovation and improvement of the PBDC campus, which includes the Wgemas Building Renovation (adding a cafeteria and kitchen for the elderly meal program) and the building of a 118-space parking structure. These improvements are thanks to the generous investment in the campus by Forest County Potawatomi Community.

NWSP also provided an update on its work to acquire an entire city block near the PBDC campus to create the opportunity for a transformative new development. This would be a major improvement to the neighborhood as a whole, as well as a huge benefit to PBDC.

We're proud to be an anchor institution for this important initiative.



NORTHERN OPERATIONS UPDATE: BUSINESS EXPO 2018

Greenfire participated in the Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO 2018 on Thursday, April 19. This expo is part of its Annual Small Business Week, which included a variety of events for guests.



Brian Kraus, Greenfire CFO, and Mike Murphy, Greenfire Director of Northern Operations



NEW GENERATOR ARRIVES AT DATA HOLDINGS

PBDC's Data Holdings is one of the leading data center operations in the State of Wisconsin. One of the keys to its success is the ability to ensure reliable power for operations — which translates to always-on service for our customers.

We're able to accomplish this through a strong partnership with WE Energies, as well as an in-house back-up generator.

From WE Energies, we receive two large power fees, each delivering 26,400 volts to the site — the largest voltage for a data center power feed in the state. Both are constantly active with a great track record of success. We have never experienced an unplanned outage in our five-year history.

In the event Data Holdings were to experience a loss of power from WE Energies, customers are protected by a Cummins 2.5 Megawatt (2,500,000 watts) generator. This single generator is large enough to support 25,000 lightbulbs at 100 watts each, simultaneously.

Recently, PBDC and Data Holdings acquired a second generator to support the business in the event that the first generator was to either fail during operation, or not start properly upon demand. Together these engines will guarantee power to the 150 businesses operating within the data center. Adding this second generator will ensure we have enough power and capacity for the next 3–5 years of growth at PBDC!



DATA HOLDINGS

Tribal Leadership cont.



(l-r) FCP Chairman Ned Daniels, Congressman Mike Gallagher (R - Green Bay), FCP Secretary James Crawford



(l-r) FCP Attorney General Jeff Crawford, FCP Chairman Ned Daniels, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs John Tahsuda, FCP Secretary James Crawford



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•••NOTICE•••

The FCP Elderly Department is required by the Older Americans Act to develop a plan that serves the needs of participants which are age 60 or older in the Title III grant program. In preparation for developing our next Aging Unit Plan, we are working to collect input and ideas from the community. A draft plan incorporating the information we receive from the community will be developed in the upcoming months. This plan will be reviewed by the Executive Council and the Elders Board. If you have any suggestions for programs, services, education or training, please contact Elder Services Coordinator Penny Christianson at (715) 478-4892 or stop by her office at 5456 Kak Yot Lane, Crandon, Wis. The final draft of the FCP Tribal Aging Plan 2019-2021 will be available for review in the fall of 2018.

CAUCUS RESULTS

The following is the result of the caucus held Monday, April 30, 2018, for the position of Forest County Potawatomi Chief Judge:

- Charles Ritchie Jr. - Nominated by Tim Ritchie
- Jeryl Perenich - Nominated by Hazel George
- Ira Frank - Nominated by Ruth Pemma
- Eugene White-Fish - Nominated by Ora Monegar

The Primary Election will be held May 19, 2018, in the auditorium of the Executive Building from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The General Election will be held June 2, 2018, in the auditorium of the Executive Building from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI TRIBAL COURT

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL ELECTION

Submitted by FCP Tribal Court

The current position of Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court Chief Judge is up for re-election. The Chief Judge's current term ends on June 6, 2018.

The elected candidate will serve as the Chief Judge of the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court. This is a full time position.

Those interested in running for election should attend the caucus/nomination meeting at 7 pm on Monday, April 30, 2018.

Tribal law requires that the judge be at least 25 years of age at the time of his or her election.

Tribal law states that no person may serve as a tribal judge while serving as a member of the Executive Council or as the prosecutor, defender, clerk of court or tribal law enforcement officer.

The Chief Tribal Judge will be elected to a term of six years.

SCHEDULE:

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| April 30, 2018: | Nomination meeting
7:00 p.m. at the Auditorium |
| May 19, 2018: | Primary election (if more than 2 candidates)
At the Auditorium |
| June 2, 2018: | General election
At the Auditorium |
| June 3, 2018: | Swearing in
10:00 A.M. Executive Building - Courtroom |
| June 4, 2018: | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Reception at Executive Building - Courtroom |

***Deadline for the June 1, 2018 issue
is Wednesday, May 23, 2018.***

Donation To Bad River

by Val Niehaus

On April 26, 2018, Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) council presented a check to The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe (Bad River) for assistance in buying an ambulance so as to have Emergency Medical Transport (EMT) services more readily available for residents of its tribal lands.

“The closest EMT service we have is located in Ashland, Wis.,” said Dylan Jennings, junior member of Bad River tribal council. “In some areas of our reservation, it can take up to 30 minutes or more to receive the necessary emergency needs, which is time that can be crucial when dealing with an emergency. We are extremely thankful that Forest County Potawatomi has donated this to our tribe to help our people.”

Jennings, along with Bad River Tribal

Chairman Mike Wiggins Jr., presented FCP Council Member Brooks Boyd a gift in appreciation of this generous donation: a Star Quilt which had wrapped within it gifts of medicines and menomin (wild rice). Boyd was very appreciative of this kindness.

Bad River has a great start to its efforts to establish and maintain its emergency services. There are already around eight to 10 members trained and qualified as EMTs. They just needed to obtain some help with the purchase of this ambulance, which will obviously be a lifesaving tool for their tribe and community. Many migwetths were given and FCP council was very happy to know the tribe had the opportunity to be part of something that is going to have such an important impact on this community.



(l-r) Bad River Vice Chairman Mike Berlin, FCP Council Member Brooks Boyd, Bad River Chairman Mike Wiggins Jr., Bad River Junior Council Member Dylan Jennings, Bad River Senior Council Member Barb Smart

Maple Syrup 2018

by Val Niehaus

Though this year's weather in the Northwoods was a bit bipolar with tremendous snowfall in the beginning of April after initial hints of spring, that didn't stop this year's making of maple syrup.

Working together in this year's production of the sweet treat were Ned Daniels III and his crew running one sugar camp, while Brian Franz, Jeffery Cisneros (Oge me gishek) and Jorge Cisneros Sr. ran another. Everyone was definitely up to the task of making syrup this year and putting in the long hours of collecting and boiling the sap. It takes a lot of time and long hours of cooking to prepare the final product. Many thanks are extended to all who helped in this year's collection and processing!

This year's efforts resulted in a total syrup production of 16 gallons, which was then distributed to FCP elders at Caring Place along with those on the meal route. It is always a greatly appreciated indulgence for the elders. The community will also be able to enjoy the syrup at this year's annual Pancake Breakfast on May 12, 2018, which will be held in the lower level of the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum starting at 9 a.m.

This annual spring activity will always be a special skill to be learned by every generation. It also holds great cultural significance for the many who are part of the process of making maple syrup and the sharing of it.

Tipler Donation

by Val Niehaus

Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) council made a donation to the Town of Tipler (located in Florence County) on May 1, 2018. This donation was for the town's fire department. The money will be used to purchase an equipped brush truck to be available for use in its community and the surrounding area.

Tipler, Wis., has a population of 205 (taken from the 2000 census). Fran Modschiedler, town chairman, said, “The taxes that come in from the people living there only hits about \$23,000 a year so we are limited in what we need at times.” It is noted this small town is filled with hard-working and generous people who

were overwhelmed and very appreciative of this donation to keep their town moving forward in safety.

There are only a bit more than a good handful of firefighters located there. Even though most have been volunteers for many years, there now are a number of the younger generations stepping up and offering their time and abilities to be certain the residents of the area are safe from the devastation that fires can bring.

Fire Chief Kenny Henning said, “We are more than thankful for this donation to help us with our department. We couldn't be happier as it really does help us greatly!”



(l-r) Town Chairman Fran Modschiedler, FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., Town Board Supervisor Roger Kelter, Fire Chief Kenny Henning, Assistant Fire Chief Rick Sledge, FCP Treasurer Joseph Daniels Sr., Town Board Supervisor Bob Benter, FCP Council Member Nickolas G. Shepard Sr.



Passing out the syrup to elders at Caring Place

2018 Teen Character Awards

submitted by FCP Education Department

Although the Northwoods was inundated with close to two feet of snow, the 16th Annual Teen Character Awards went on as planned on April 16. Since its inception in 2003, over 350 teens have been honored with this award. Honorees, family, mentors, and friends gather to acknowledge teens from the tri-county area who demonstrate the positive character values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

This year, 27 students were recipients of the award. They were nominated by a family member, coach, mentor, teacher, or other person who has witnessed the student demonstrating any of the YMCA four core values.

Two of our own Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCP) members were honored this year. Assistant Division Director for Education/Culture Sarah Thomaschefskey nominated Crandon High School student Darlaina Boyd.

Sarah shared: "The past few summers Darlaina has worked with the Education Department through the Summer Youth Employment program. She was a youth counselor and leader for one of the groups of summer day camp kids. Darlaina understands that the kids she works with are the future and how important it is for them to have positive role models in their lives. She knows that her work with the youth will have a tremendous impact on her community. Not only does this knowledge affect her work with youth but it also shows through her volunteerism. Darlaina participates in a leadership group that is working to better the students around her and spends time at powwows and many other cultural events. She knows the importance of knowing and understanding her culture

and what that means for her future."

FCP Education Department's Rebecca Jennings nominated Wabeno High School student Jennifer Shopodock who said, "Jennifer is an honor student who is very involved in band, volleyball and softball. As a Forest County Potawatomi tribal member, Jennifer assisted in planning and presenting a very special gathering in January to honor FCP elders. Jennifer is a quiet leader that shows respect in all parts of her life: academic, athletic, cultural and community. Last summer she worked at the Carter C-Store through the tribe's Summer Youth Employment Program. Her supervisors had only positive comments regarding her level of maturity, excellent work with the public, and always being responsible and respectful. I was privileged to play in the band with Jennifer in a Wabeno Area Players production last summer. I was impressed with her level of musicianship and her great work ethic. She was in the midst of softball playoffs during the production yet made it to rehearsals and performances thus fulfilling the obligation she had made although it was difficult. Jennifer models the characteristics of respect and responsibility that will help her to be successful in all of her endeavors while making a difference in her community."

The keynote speaker for this year's banquet was Jennifer Connor, the president of Mustard Girl All American Mustards. She is a successful entrepreneur with an infectious positivity that she shared with the attendees. Her message included humor and a strong plea to the teens to think creatively as they follow their passion in life. Along with her exuberant talk, she gave each teen a jar of her signature mustard.



(above l-r): Darlaina Boyd and Jennifer Shopodock

(below l-r): Brooks Boyd, Darlaina Boyd, Phil Shopodock, Jennifer Shopodock, Brenda Shopodock



This event is an opportunity to bring to light all of the amazing contributions Northwoods teens are making in our community. Congratulations to the Teen Character awardees and especially

to Darlaina and Jennifer. Their actions are making a difference and serve as an inspiration for us all.



FCPC Tribal Members!
Want to learn how to earn a \$50 Shell gift card?

Receive your annual physical from your healthcare provider by September 30th and earn a \$50 Shell gas card

Shell gas cards will be awarded in the month of January 2019.

Please contact the Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department for more information:
715-478-7448



Tribal Members

It's that time ...

Benefits OPEN ENROLLMENT



Open Enrollment for the Non-Tribal Dependent Health Plan
New Lower Rates!

You have until May 15, 2018, to enroll your non-member spouse and/or dependents up to the age of 26.

Please call the Insurance Department at **(715) 478-7448** for details on the new lower rates and to get an application.

A note from the Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department
The Non-Tribal Dependent Health Plan has recognition as Minimum Essential coverage (MEC) from the Department of Health & Human Services.

You Can Control Your Asthma

submitted by FCP Community Health

May 1 was World Asthma Day, an annual event focused on improving asthma awareness and care. The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Health & Wellness Center (HWC) team wants to remind community members that they can control their asthma.

According to medical providers at HWC, asthma causes adults to miss work and children to miss school. It's important to be aware of how to control asthma to minimize personal/financial costs.

Asthma is a chronic lifelong disease that affects a person's ability to breathe due to swelling, irritation, and inflammation of airways. More than half a million Wisconsinites (roughly 1 in 10 adults; 1 in 13 children) are living with asthma. But it can be managed by following a few simple tips:

- Know and avoid your triggers. Certain exposures can trigger asthma symptoms by irritating airways. Outdoor triggers can include allergens such as pollens from grasses, trees, and weeds. Indoor triggers can include pet dander, dust mites, and mold.
- You can ask your medical provider to fill out an asthma action plan for you so you know when to adjust medications or seek medical attention. Children with asthma should have a copy of their action

plan on file at school/in their backpacks.

- Take your asthma medication as prescribed and learn how to use your inhaler properly. This will decrease the likelihood of having an asthma attack. Make sure your medication is always reaching your airways in an emergency situation.
- Quit smoking; avoid secondhand smoke. This would help reduce the severity and frequency of asthma symptoms. Smoke is an irritant that can reduce the effectiveness of asthma medication.
- Viral infections are a common cause of asthma symptoms. To avoid being susceptible to asthma symptoms, get the flu shot!
- Try alternative health resources. Research essential oils, herbs, coffees, teas, and natural supplements to help reduce asthma symptoms naturally.

Good communication between parents, caregivers, physicians, school nurses, and teachers are essential in providing effective asthma management. If you or a loved one is affected by asthma, reach out to a medical provider to develop an asthma action plan today! For more info on asthma, visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/asthma/basics.htm.

Call the HWC at (715) 478-4300 to schedule an appointment with your medical provider.

Raising Mental Health Awareness

submitted by Jordyn Fink, FCP Community Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This article will, hopefully, bring some awareness for individuals with a mental health illness or provide resources for someone who might be suffering.

Here are a few facts according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI):

- Roughly 43.8 million Americans are affected by a mental health condition in a given year.
- On average, about every one in five Americans will be affected by a mental health illness in some shape or form.
- There are 28.3 percent of American Indian/Alaska Native adults living with a mental health condition.

In light of this, NAMI has selected a theme for 2018: #CureStigma. With the theme set in place for this year, let's dig into what stigma is a little bit deeper. According to Merriam Webster, stigma is defined as "a mark of shame or discredit". But there is good news! Stigma is 100 percent curable, and concern, empathy and acceptance are the cure.

There is a ton of stigma associated with mental health and the question to ask is why? We have so much more knowledge than we did 50 years ago. Adults in the United States who live with a serious mental illness die on average 25 years earlier than others, largely due to treatable medical conditions. For some people, there is a fear of seeking help, a silence for speaking up about an 'invisible' illness, shame in getting a mental health illness, and so much more. These factors should not hold anyone back from getting professional help or telling their story to others in the community. Those who do not seek help sometimes turn to drugs or alcohol to cope with their symptoms, which leads them to taking their own life. According to NAMI, of those individuals who took their own life, 90 percent of them had an underlying

mental illness. A mental health illness can happen to anyone at any age. Mental health affects everyone regardless of culture, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. Let's begin to take notice and cure the stigma surrounding mental health.

Here are a few possible warning signs/symptoms for someone you may know as found at www.mentalhealth.gov:

- Feeling sad or withdrawn for more than two weeks
- Self-harm or plans to harm oneself
- Overwhelming fears
- Getting into fights
- Not eating or rapid weight loss
- Hard time concentrating/focusing on tasks
- Use of drugs or alcohol
- Extreme mood swings
- Severe change in behavior/personality
- Poor sleeping habits

Here are a few mental health resources to share with someone who might be suffering from a mental health issue. Stand up and help weaken the negative stigma towards mental health. We at the FCP Health & Wellness Center are here to help.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
(800) 273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line:
(800) 273-8255, Press 1

Text:
"NAMI" to 741-741

Langlade County Crisis Line:
(800) 799-0122

Behavioral Health Resources - Forest, Oneida, and Vilas counties:
(888) 299-1188

Mental Health Website & Resources:

- www.nami.org
- www.mentalhealth.gov
- www.jedfoundation.org
- www.mhawisconsin.org/state-wide-resources-by-county.aspx

Dental Clinic Using New Product

by Nicole Vossen, DDS

The dental clinic has started to use a product called Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF). SDF is a valuable treatment option that allows us to treat patients of any age without the need for



anesthetic (to numb) or drilling. SDF, as it is commonly referred to, can stop an existing cavity from getting bigger. Applied at an appointment with the dentist or even during a cleaning appointment, the SDF will turn the cavity black and make it hard. The hard, black spot on the tooth indicates that the cavity has been stopped. This tooth will then be monitored at each hygiene recall and treated with the SDF two times per year

until the baby tooth falls out due to the eruption of the permanent tooth or the patient becomes old enough for conventional treatment. SDF treatment is not reserved only for the treatment of children. We

can use it to treat patients that have areas of decay that are hard to reach or even patients with multiple areas of decay that will require many visits and we want to stop the decay from getting worse between visits. SDF is an exciting treatment alternative that can be discussed at your dental exam. This is a gentle alternative to sedation for the young dental patient or any patient with dental phobias.

MAY IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mental illness is not as uncommon as you may think.

- Approximately 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. (43.8 million, or 18.5%) experiences mental illness in a given year.
- Approximately 1 in 25 adults in the U.S. (9.8 million, or 4.0%) experience a serious mental illness in a given year that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.

The Health & Wellness' Behavioral Health Department offers many services if you need help. Please call us today at **(715) 478-4332**.

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FCP Law Day

submitted by FCP Tribal Court

The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Tribal Court held its annual Law Day event on May 1, 2018, in the FCP courtroom. About 20 individuals attended - a mix of attorneys and tribal employees. Some came from as far away as Milwaukee.

The program started promptly at 9 a.m., with introductions including presenting the court's newest member, Associate Judge Angela Moe, to the audience.

Keeping with the practice of Law Days past, the morning provided three hours of continuing legal education which included a case law update, tax law update and ethics session. FCP Tribal Court Advisor Paul Stenzel covered the case law and ethics; Gerard Zelinski from Divorce Financial Solutions presented an overview of the federal tax overhaul in 2017 and its effects on families.

"We're finding savings for a lot of families at many different income levels," Zelinski said during his presentation.

The case law update showed that tribal sovereign immunity continues to be questioned and chipped away at by the state and federal courts.

After a light lunch, the afternoon is reserved for a bar exam review, and this year was no different. Following a review of the bar exam, individuals can take the exam starting at 2 p.m., while the material is still fresh in their minds. The sitting fee was also waived this one time per year. "Mention the words *bar exam* and the hair on the back of the attorneys' necks stands straight up," FCP Chief Judge White-Fish said. Six individuals took the exam, a relatively high number.

Law Day originated in 2009 when the Tribal Court began requiring anyone who wished to practice in court to take a bar exam, and it has had the event on an annual basis since 2009. Though it's been held on different dates over the years, this year's event coincided with the United States' Law Day, which is May 1.

May is National Drug Court Month

submitted by Val Loduha, FCP Tribal Court

A courtroom is not a place where you expect to find scenes of celebration and tears of joy. Unless, of course, it is drug court. This May, drug courts throughout Wisconsin will join more than 3,000 such programs nationwide in celebrating National Drug Court Month. The Forest County Community Wellness Court (FCCWC - also known as Drug Court) is doing just that for the residents of Forest County, Wis. In 2018 alone, more than 150,000 individuals nationwide who entered the justice system due to addiction will receive lifesaving treatment and the chance to repair their lives, reconnect with their families, their culture and find long-term recovery. National Drug Court Month is not only a celebration of the lives restored by drug court, it also sends the powerful message that these programs must be expanded to reach more people in need.

Nearly 30 years ago, the first drug court opened its doors with a simple premise: rather than continue to allow individuals with long histories of addiction and crime to cycle through the justice system at great expense to the public, use the leverage of the court to keep them engaged in treatment long enough to be successful. Today, drug courts and other treatment courts have proven that a combination of accountability and compassion can not only save lives, but save valuable resources and reduce exorbitant criminal justice costs.

The FCCWC has been serving the community since March 2017 and is looking forward to doing all we can to help out the drug epidemic that plagues our county. It is no secret that alcohol and illicit drug use/abuse has been an ongoing concern for many residents of Forest County. Whether affected personally or in close association, many residents have been impacted by addiction in one way or another. The prevalence of substance abuse among our community members is alarming and, likewise, the

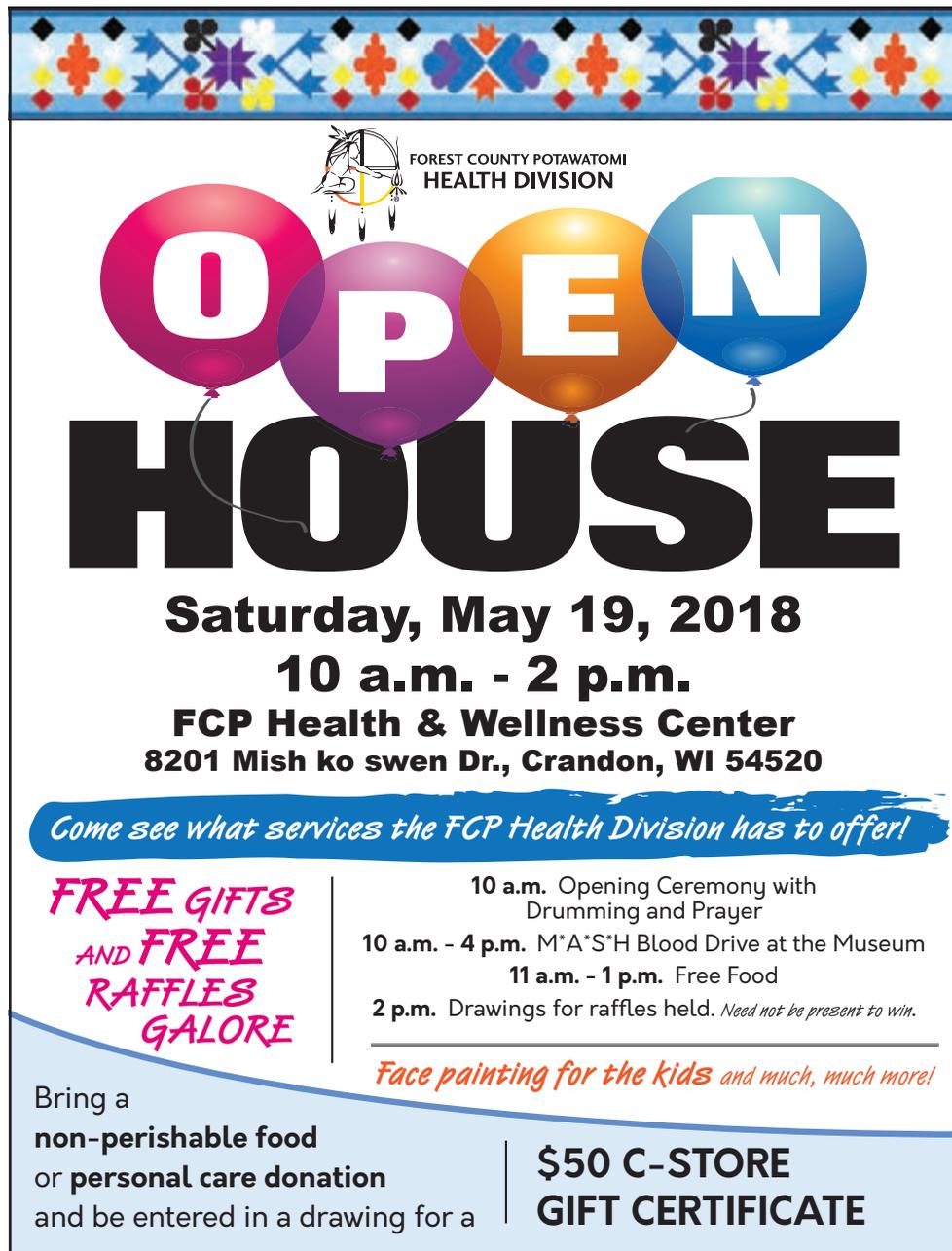
correlation of substance abuse and criminal involvement is worrisome. Substance abuse is a complicated problem with no single solution and, therefore, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Tribal Court and Forest County Circuit Court have come together to create what is hoped to be a solution to this epidemic. Through cross collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, the Forest County Sheriff's Department, and tribal representatives from both the FCP and Sokaogon Chippewa communities, Forest County now has its very own Wellness Court. Wellness Court is a solution that can hold these people accountable for their actions, while providing a more successful and cost-effective solution that permanently changes their behavior.

The mission of the FCCWC is to guide participants on their journey through recovery and restoration of their lives; all the while, promoting public safety and improving the overall quality of life in our community.

There are thousands of individual stories from across the country that demonstrate why treatment courts are so critical in the effort to address addiction and related crime. But if you are looking for research, treatment courts have that, too. Numerous studies have found treatment courts reduce crime and drug use and save money. They also improve education, employment, housing, financial stability and family reunification, which reduces foster care placements.

Treatment courts represent a compassionate approach to the ravages of addiction. This year's National Drug Court Month celebration should signal that the time has come to reap the economic and societal benefits of expanding this proven budget solution to all in need.

For more information regarding the FCCWC, please contact the Wellness Court coordinator at (715) 478-7405 or visit the National Association of Drug Court Professionals at www.NADCP.org.



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Wabeno School District to Name High School Auditorium

submitted by Wabeno Area Players

On April 4, 2018, the Wabeno Area Players (WAP) petitioned the Wabeno School District school board to name the high school auditorium the Nancy Volk Auditorium for the Performing Arts. During the presentation, the president of WAP laid out the logistics of the proposal. A packet with examples of policies from other school districts was included with the proposal. Jan Volk, Nancy's husband, spoke of the many hours and time she had spent on the design and building of the auditorium. The board overwhelmingly approved the petition of the name change.

Nancy had a tremendous professional impact on the community of Wabeno and its students during her 35 years as an educator. As an English teacher, students learned to "fear the red pen" and her firm but fair critiques of their efforts in writing. Always a stickler for proper grammar, Nancy could leave a student feeling frustrated by her demands for excellence while, at the same time, knowing they had a compassionate, unwavering advocate in their corner. Nancy knew that all of those red marks would result in students prepared to meet the demands that college would bring. Nancy also opened the eyes of several generations of WHS students to the classics of American literature such as *Of Mice and Men*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Grapes of Wrath*. The third aspect of Nancy's passion for teaching English was speech

and communication. She spent numerous summers and long nights after school making the 100-mile trek to Stevens Point to earn her masters degree in communication. She mentored hundreds of students as the Wabeno High School forensics coach, many who remember the trips to the state competition in Madison where they were able to get to know Mrs. Volk in a more relaxed, laid-back setting.

Nancy's most lasting professional impact and her greatest passion, is likely the development and nurturing of the Wabeno drama program. As director of the annual Wabeno High School musical, Mrs. Volk treated the community to classics like *Bye, Bye Birdie*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Finian's Rainbow*, and *Damn Yankees*.

Nancy brought the arts and drama to the wider community by helping found her "baby", the Wabeno Area Players. This group did one summer show each year. Now they are a 501c3 non-profit organization with numerous productions each year, a free theater camp for grades 4-8 and adult workshops as well. Her impact will continue to be felt for generations as the Wabeno Area Players will be sponsoring an annual scholarship in Nancy's memory with over \$8,000 raised thus far.

Nancy's impact in the community could also be felt in her participation numerous organizations and causes. She was always quick to lend sound unbiased advice and

ideas. Nancy was one of the people in our communities that was always sought out for wise counsel. Her gentle and kind approach to the most difficult situations was what made her beloved by all she touched.

The auditorium dedication will take place Saturday, July 21, at 6 p.m. It will be held in the auditorium that will bear Nancy's name at Wabeno High School. This will take place before the WAP production of *The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux*. Everyone is encouraged to attend and join Nancy's family, friends and former students at the performance after the dedication.

The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux opens July 19, and runs through the 22. The production will be held at Wabeno High School, 4325 N Branch St., Wabeno, Wis., 54566. Tickets can be purchased online at wabenoareplayers.brownpapertickets.com or by calling (800) 838-3006. Show times are 7 p.m. for evening performances and 1 p.m. for the Sunday performance. Theater doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain. All seating is reserved and patrons can choose seating. Tickets are non-refundable. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students (17 and under).

What is *The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux* about? Lotta Cash, a wealthy widow, must be on the lookout. The evil Dogsbreath Devereaux, M.D. plans to marry Lotta so he can inherit her fortune and her late husband's clinic. Helping him is the nasty



Nancy Volk

nurse, Hilda Hatchet, whom he promises to wed after he gets rid of Lotta. Wild? Well, talk about medical mania when the insanely jealous Hilda catches Dogsbreath flirting with our heroine, Wendy March. We can only hope that Dr. Phil Good, our hero, can save Wendy and the unsuspecting Lotta from certain death. With an abundance of zany patients, wild tunes (*How Do You Bandage a Broken Heart?*, *Emergency*, *Do the Bop*, etc.) and a hilarious plot, this musical melodrama will certainly have you in stitches all the way! As they say, Nurses! Foiled again! This is a family-friendly show and parents are encouraged to bring their children.

WHS Band Receives 1st Place and Best Overall Band in Competition

submitted by Wabeno School District

The Wabeno High School band recently traveled to New York City to compete in one of Festivals of Music national competitions held on April 28. They competed against groups from New

York, Delaware and New Jersey. Bands are placed in the following categories for their performance: superior, excellent, good, fair, and poor. Wabeno received a rating of superior, 1st place among

schools with an enrollment under 500, and Best Overall Band in the whole competition.

The band program is under the direction of Michelle Boor and this is her 20th

year at the Wabeno School District. Boor and the instrumental music program are an asset to the school district and community. When you see these students and teacher, please congratulate them!



The Wabeno High School band in New York!

One-Day Leadership Conference Simulcast at PCCH

by Winda Collins

On May 4, 2018, a one-day leadership conference was simulcast live at Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel (PCCH). The 18th annual event is facilitated by Leadercast, an entity dedicated to positively impacting the leaders of the world. Top leadership experts inspired more than 75 people attending the Carter event, and the more than 100,000 people who attended the event live in Atlanta, or at hundreds of other simulcast locations in more than 20 countries.

According to information found at www.leadercast.com, Leadercast's core belief is that leadership isn't just for the CEO, CFO, COO, etc. It further believes that in order to create better leaders, one must be touched and inspired by the heart first.

Leadercast Live allows attendees and viewers to improve their own personal leadership journey with tips for self-evaluation and self-growth. The theme of this year's conference was 'Lead Yourself' and asked the questions: What does it look like to lead yourself? How can you intentionally develop your own leadership skills and style? What qualities do you hope to embody as a leader? Among the speakers on-hand this day to help participants answer those questions were:

- **Andy Stanley** (Leadership author and communicator): Why self-leadership matters and how it makes a huge impact on your team, organization and community.
- **Jim Loehr** (Co-founder of the Human Performance Institute): The impor-

tance of character as a leader – why the most successful achievers are tied together by good character.

- **Carey Lohrenz** (The first female F-14 pilot, speaker and trainer): Overcoming your fear, courage and bravery in leadership.
 - **Cat Cole** (COO/President North America of FOCUS Brands): Be a leader of innovation and progress - how to iterate, adapt and succeed faster.
 - **Michael Hyatt** (Author, speaker and CEO of Michael Hyatt & Company): Self-care in leadership.
 - **Jen Bricker** (Acrobat, aerialist, author and speaker): The power of perseverance and positive thinking as a leader.
 - **Dr. Mae Jemison** (NASA astronaut, engineer and physician): Breaking barriers; how to develop the qualities it takes to be a trailblazer.
 - **Ian Cron** (Best selling author, psychotherapist, enneagram teacher and speaker): Talking about the enneagram and how knowing yourself and your tendencies makes you a better leader for others.
 - **Joe Torre** (Hall of Fame baseball manager): A conversation about how to transfer your self-leadership skills to leading others.
- According to Business and Training Development Manager Tamarr Vollmar, PCCH has now hosted four Leadercast events and plans to continue hosting the annual Leadercast simulcast, as well as Women's Leadercast. Vollmar stated, "Offering opportunities such as this for

our team members, FCP team members and the community is unique for the Northwoods. Team members, me included, get excited about the opportunity of attending the training. Many have moved up into supervisory roles or have realized how vital they are within their current roles. Leadership is not a title; it is a way of life that can open doors professionally and personally." Vollmar went on to say, "Watch for varied trainings that take place here, the next of which is LIVE-2LEAD coming up in October."

Several FCP entities/departments were represented at the conference: PCCH, FCP Health & Wellness Center, Education Department, and Caring Place.

FCP employee Teri Calhoun had this to say after the training: "I am glad I was given the opportunity to attend the Lead Yourself Leadercast seminar on how to become a better leader. I enjoyed listening to all of the speakers; some were pretty humorous. What I took away from the seminar is, to be able to be a good leader you must: 1. Lead yourself 2. Great leaders last because they lead themselves first. 3. Give yourself permission to change. 4. Ask yourself what you can do differently to be better. 5. Be a good listener. 6. Self awareness – understanding who you are will help you lead better."

Leadercast shares the following data:

- Companies with ideals of improving people's lives at the center of all they do outperform others by 400 percent.
- More than 70 percent of people consider an organization's environmen-



PCCH Business/Training Development Manager Tamarr Vollmar starts off the morning with an overview of the day.

tal and/or social impact when deciding where to work.

- Employees who feel they are working towards a good cause show increased productivity by up to 30 percent.
- People who are able to make a social or environmental impact on the job are more satisfied by a 2:1 ratio.

All very good reasons for leadership trainings such as this!

For more information on Leadercast, visit www.leadercast.com. For more information on future trainings at PCCH, visit www.cartercasino.com.

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Motorists Asked to Look Twice, Share the Road with Motorcycles

submitted by WisDOT Office of Public Affairs

MADISON, Wis. (April 30, 2018) With over 535,000 Wisconsin residents holding a motorcycle license or permit - combined with the return of warmer weather - motorists can expect to see more motorcyclists on roadways. May has been designated "National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" and traffic safety officials with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) ask motorcyclists and all other motorists to share the road, be alert and safe.

"Because of their smaller profile, it's easy to misjudge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle," said David Pabst, Director of WisDOT's Bureau of Transportation Safety. "That's why we

ask car and truck drivers to look twice for motorcycles before pulling out from a stop

sign, turning left at an intersection or changing lanes."

Safety tips for motorcyclists:

- Wear all the gear, all the time, including visible and protective equipment
- Pay attention to the road ahead -



gravel or other debris on roadways present special challenges for motorcyclists

- Get properly licensed

Motorcyclists have two options to get the required Class M license: pass a motorcycle driving skills test after making an appointment at a Division of Motor Vehicles service center or successfully complete a WisDOT-approved rider education course.

For successfully completing an approved education course, motorcyclists earn a skills test waiver they use to obtain their Class M license.

"Education courses are designed for beginners as well as other classes aimed at experienced riders," Pabst said. "One trend we see is middle-aged people who drove a motorcycle many years ago, then resume riding on a cycle that's larger and more powerful. A safety refresher course would be a wise investment, and what you learn could save your life." As a group, the motorcycling community is aging. The average age of a motorcyclist involved in a fatal crash increased from 30 years old in 1992 to 44 in 2017.

Tahsuda Joins in Honoring Fallen Indian Country Officers

submitted by Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 3, 2018) – Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs John Tahsuda spoke of the courage and sacrifices of Indian Country's fallen police officers during the 27th Annual Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service, which was held on the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers campus in Artesia, N.M.

The Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service honors tribal, state, local and federal law enforcement personnel working on federal Indian lands, and in the tribal communities located thereon, who have given their lives in the line of duty. It is also the occasion when the names of officers to be added to the Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers Memorial monument at the academy are formally announced.

Two officers' names were added at this year's ceremony, bringing the total number listed on the monument to 116:

- Navajo Nation Police Officer Houston Largo who was killed on April 12, 2017 while conducting a traffic stop of two individuals suspected in a reported domestic violence incident on Navajo Nation Reservation.

- Nelson Onepennee, Game Warden with Yakama Nation Police Department, who was killed on April 11, 1980, while on patrol along the Columbia River when his vehicle left the roadway and plunged down a steep embankment.

"These two officers we honor today, like the other officers whose names are eternally remembered here at the Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, selflessly and courageously dedicated themselves to protecting and serving the tribal communities in which they worked and lived," Tahsuda stated. "These heroes made the ultimate sacri-

ifice, which is a testament to their dedication to public safety and justice for tribal communities."

Held annually on the first Thursday in May, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services conducts the memorial service in conjunction with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) Indian Country Law Enforcement Section and other law enforcement organizations and agencies, including the National Sheriffs' Association and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers in Artesia. The latter is home to the memorial, service and academy.

The formal ceremony consists of full law enforcement honors with flag presentation, 21-gun salute, honor guard, traditional drum song and prayer, officer roll call, and family recognition. Each year, invited dignitaries provide keynote remarks at the ceremony.

The Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was first dedicated on May 7, 1992, at the Indian Police Academy, then located in Marana, Ariz. The academy and memorial were later moved to their present site, where the latter was re-dedicated on May 6, 1993. The memorial's design is based upon indigenous design concepts. Comprised of three granite markers sited within a circular walkway lined with sage, a plant of spiritual significance to many tribes, the memorial includes four planters filled with foliage in colors representing people of all nations. The planters represent the four directions and are located near the walkway's entrance.

The earliest inscribed name dates back to 1852. In addition to those from BIA and tribal law enforcement, officers listed represent numerous law enforcement agencies including the U.S. Border

Patrol, the New Mexico State Police, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Navajo County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Customs Bureau, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The list includes one female officer from the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety who was

killed in 1998; a father and son, both BIA officers, who died in 1998 and 2001, respectively; and two FBI agents killed on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1975.

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Scholarship Program to Create Pipeline of Mental Health, Substance Abuse Professionals

submitted by Business Wire

FORT TOTTEN, N.D. (May 3, 2018) - The American Indian College Fund, in partnership with United Health Foundation, has launched The United Health Foundation Tribal Wellness Scholarship Program to create a pipeline of mental health and substance abuse professionals in North Dakota to serve remote and rural communities.

This pilot scholarship program, funded through a \$360,000 grant from United Health Foundation, will help individuals, families and communities affected by substance abuse to rebuild their lives and ensure their tribal heritage and traditions are passed along to the next generation.

The United Health Foundation Tribal Wellness Scholarship Program will include scholarships, mentoring, academic support, job training and research opportunities. A cohort of 12 Native American students from North Dakota pursuing degrees in recovery-related fields will receive educational support, with six awards designated for associate degree candidates and six for students seeking a bachelor's or master's degree.

This program was discussed at a recent event at the Cankdeska Cikana Community College in Fort Totten. The event, attended by North Dakota Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, highlighted the need for holistic solutions to address substance abuse

within Native American communities.

"As tribal communities face the ongoing opioid and meth crisis, it's critical that we improve access to high-quality health care on North Dakota reservations, including behavioral health services and addiction treatment," said Sen. Heitkamp. "Through this new program, the American Indian College Fund and the United Health Foundation are demonstrating the importance of training the next generation of health care professionals in the fight against addiction in rural communities and Indian Country. I look forward to following the program's progress as we work together to put more tribal members on a path to long-term recovery."

"Substance abuse has devastated communities in North Dakota. All of us know people who have been affected by it," said Cheryl Crazy Bull, president and CEO of the American Indian College Fund. "Expanding access to culturally-relevant treatment is an important step forward. Together, we can improve our society and build a better world."

Finding suitable drug treatment within a reasonable travel distance in primarily rural North Dakota is a challenge. While the rate of drug deaths is lower in North Dakota than in the nation overall, the drug death rate in the state is rising sharply. In the past three years, North

Dakota drug deaths increased 90 percent, according to the 2017 America's Health Rankings report.

"The people of this community said the biggest issue we have is the lack of resources to address addiction," said Dr. Cynthia Lindquist, president of Cankdeska Cikana Community College, a tribal college serving the Spirit Lake Dakota Community in North Dakota. "There is much work to be done, but everything we do today builds a better tomorrow. This new partnership is bringing forth new opportunities for our people."

"Thousands of Americans are dying across the country from addiction and opioid abuse, and people living in rural areas often suffer more due to the lack of easily accessible health care," said Martha Temple, CEO of Optum Behavioral Health, a UnitedHealth Group company. "We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the American Indian College Fund to support the training and education of tomorrow's health care professionals who will bring quality care to people who need it most."

About American Indian College Fund

Founded in 1989, the American Indian College Fund has been the nation's largest charity supporting Native higher education for more than 28 years. The College Fund believes "Education is the answer"

and provided 6,548 scholarships last year totaling \$7.6 million to American Indian students, with more than 125,000 scholarships totaling over \$100 million since its inception. The College Fund also supports a variety of academic and support programs at the nation's 35 accredited tribal colleges and universities, which are located on or near Indian reservations, ensuring students have the tools to graduate and succeed in their careers. The College Fund consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators, and received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator and is one of the nation's top 100 charities named to the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance. For more information about the American Indian College Fund, please visit www.collegefund.org.

About United Health Foundation

Through collaboration with community partners, grants and outreach efforts, the United Health Foundation works to improve our health system, build a diverse and dynamic health workforce and enhance the well-being of local communities. The United Health Foundation was established by UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) in 1999 as a not-for-profit, private foundation dedicated to improving health and health care. To date, the United Health Foundation has committed nearly \$358 million to programs and communities around the world.



Secretary Zinke, PDAS Tahsuda Deliver Remarks at 2018 Tribal Self-Governance Conference

submitted by Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Albuquerque, N.M. (April 26, 2018)– Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs John Tahsuda delivered remarks at Interior Days during the 2018 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Consultation Conference, celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Tribal Self-Governance, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center. This year's conference registration peaked around 900 attendees.

Secretary Zinke welcomed conference attendees via video-conference:

"For Tribal Nations across America, the road to prosperity is paved with the stones of sovereignty," said Secretary Zinke. "When we promise economic empowerment to every American, that promise must extend to every tribal nation. As we look to the next 30 years of Self-Governance, the relationship between Indian Country and the Department of the Interior must be strong if

we are going to accomplish our mission. President Trump and I are committed to the future of Indian Country and we look forward to working with Self-Governance Tribes on initiatives that promote the prosperity of Indian Country like putting an end the opioid epidemic."

"Self-Governance has made great strides over the last 30 years. One of our main goals in the Administration is streamlining the federal bureaucracy and cutting red tape, so we can better support tribes in their pursuit to promote economic prosperity in their communities," said PDAS Tahsuda. "Ultimately, the self-governance program serves not just as a funding vehicle, but also as a diplomatic exchange between sovereigns. I believe positive results are in store as tribes continue to be innovative and seek more ways they can take the core tenets and purposes of self-governance and expand it into more opportunities to administer

services and programs to your citizens."

The Tribal Self-Governance Conference is an annual event attended by officials of federally-recognized tribes that operate federally-funded programs under self-governance compacts and representatives of the federal agencies they do business with. The Indian Affairs Office of Self-Governance (OSG) conducts training sessions at the conference for tribal officials and program managers on all aspects of finance, reporting requirements, and administering Bureau of Indian Affairs programs under self-governance compacts.

OSG held a session on Thursday, April 26, on the Department's proposed Federal Register notice of the "List of Programs Eligible for Inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2019 Funding Agreements to be Negotiated with the Self-Governance Tribe by Interior Bureaus Other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs." For

the first year, self-governance tribes with such agreements are invited to share their experiences in negotiating with non-BIA bureaus within DOI.

This year's conference celebrates 30 years of Self-Governance in Action, with the special acknowledgment of the seven tribal nations who entered into the first self-governance agreements with the Interior Department – Absentee-Shawnee Tribe, Cherokee Nation, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Lummi Tribe, Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and the Quinault Indian Nation – as the Tribes that pioneered the movement away from 638 contracting as the sole means by which tribes could operate BIA-funded programs when they participated in the Bureau's Self-Governance Demonstration Project. The project was created following Congressional enactment that same year of the Tribal Self-Governance Act.

Bipartisan Group of Senators Demand Explanation for CMS' Views Related to Unique Legal Status of Tribes

submitted by news@tomudall.senate.gov

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 27, 2018) –U.S. Senator Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, led a bipartisan group of 10 senators in expressing growing concern that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) expressed views that challenge the unique legal status and well-established protections given to Indian tribes.

In addition to Udall, the letter is signed by U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Jeffrey A. Merkley (D-Ore.), Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), and Tina Smith (D-Minn.).

In their letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar, the senators responded to views expressed by HHS and CMS in a “Dear Tribal Leader” letter issued on January 17, 2018, and subsequent-related statements made by HHS personnel on the issue of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) exemption from Medicaid work requirements. The senators cited comments from CMS leaders, including CMS Administrator Seema Verma, arguing that the administration could not grant exemptions because such exemptions would be “race based” and therefore could raise civil rights issues. Such an interpretation, the senators wrote, fails to “recognize the unique legal status of Indian tribes and their members under federal law, the U.S. Constitution, treaties, and the federal trust relationship.”

“The U.S. Constitution empowers Congress to regulate commerce with Indian tribes,” the senators wrote. “The ‘Indian Commerce Clause’ is generally cited as the source of authority for the federal government to establish treaties, statutes, executive orders, and regulations that support a distinctive legal status under federal law for federally-recognized Indian tribes. The Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld this unique political status and the government-to-government relationship between tribes and the United States – most notably, in *Morton v. Mancari*, which affirmed that federal classifications fulfilling federal obligations to Indians are not based on race but instead on a political relationship between the tribes and the federal government. This ruling - combined with a number of statutes, regulations, and additional court

decisions - confirms that tribes are not a racial group but rather political communities.”

The senators went on to note that Medicaid and Medicare programs are essential to fulfilling the federal government’s unique trust and treaty obligations to tribes. They wrote, “Medicaid participation now ensures that more than 50 percent of patients at some tribally-operated health systems, 40 percent of patients at federally-operated Indian Health Service facilities, and 25 percent of all AI/ANs nationwide have access to vital medical care.”

The senators continued, “The potentially devastating impacts that CMS’ views on AI/AN Medicaid enrollment protections could have on AI/AN health care access combined with HHS’ reported mis-characterization of the status of AI/ANs as ‘race based’ by its officials raises significant concerns.”

The senators requested immediate information about:

- CMS’ views of Tribal Leader and state requests to exempt AI/ANs from Medicaid work requirements;
- The statutory constraints that prevent CMS from exempting AI/ANs from Medicaid work requirement referenced in the January 17, 2018, “Dear Tribal Leader” letter; and
- Clarification of HHS’ Office of Civil Rights’ interpretation that such an exemption for AI/ANs “could raise civil rights concerns.”

In addition to the bipartisan letter sent today, Udall issued the following statement regarding HHS and CMS’ statements: “I’m increasingly alarmed by HHS and CMS officials’ continued mis-characterization of tribal requests related to the Medicaid program as ‘race based.’ Such views are nothing short of outrageous. The department’s stated interpretation suggests a dangerous disregard for the well-established government-to-government relationship between tribes and the federal government.”

Udall continued, “Imposing restrictive conditions like work requirements on Medicaid eligibility not only flies in the face of longstanding congressional intent, but also threatens the well-being of all beneficiaries by limiting access to care. Denying benefits for tribal communities, in particular, is one of the worst examples of the impacts these policies can have on those that need Medicaid the most.”

This is the full text of the letter:

Dear Secretary Azar,

We write to express our growing concerns at the views expressed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in a “Dear Tribal Leader” letter issued on January 17, 2018, and subsequent related statements made by HHS personnel on the issue of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) exemption from Medicaid work requirements. The views expressed fail to recognize the unique legal status of Indian tribes and their members under federal law, the U.S. Constitution, treaties, and the federal trust relationship. We call on the Department to respond expeditiously to the information requests on this matter outlined below.

In the January 17 letter entitled “Opportunities to Promote Work and Community Engagement Among Medicaid Beneficiaries State Medicaid Director Letter,” Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Director Brian Neale stated that the Agency is unable to require states to exempt AI/ANs from work and community engagement requirements because it is “constrained by statute.” Notably, Mr. Neale also attributed the Centers’ inability to require the exemption to “civil rights issues.” The letter provided no additional information outlining the basis for the Agency’s statutory constraints or civil rights concerns.

On the same day CMS sent the “Dear Tribal Leader” letter, members of the Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) met with CMS Administrator Seema Verma, who indicated that the Agency based its views on the HHS’s Office of Civil Rights (OCR) interpretation that a work requirement exemption for AI/ANs would be “race based.” Tribal Leaders and organizations confirmed to our Offices that other Department officials have continued to cite OCR’s interpretation in meetings with Tribal Leaders on several subsequent occasions.

*The U.S. Constitution empowers Congress to regulate commerce with Indian tribes. The “Indian Commerce Clause” is generally cited as the source of authority for the federal government to establish treaties, statutes, executive orders, and regulations that support a distinctive legal status under federal law for federally-recognized Indian tribes. The Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld this unique political status and the government-to-government relationship between tribes and the United States – most notably, in *Morton v. Mancari*, which affirmed that federal classifications fulfilling federal obligations to Indians are not based*

on race but instead on a political relationship between the tribes and the federal government. This ruling - combined with a number of statutes, regulations, and additional court decisions - confirms that tribes are not a racial group but rather political communities.

Shortly after the Mancari decision, Congress made clear its intent to leverage the Medicaid and Medicare programs for fulfillment of its trust and treaty obligations to tribes through changes to sections 1905(b) and 1911 of the Social Security Act. Congress’s extension of Medicaid and Medicare rests on the solid principles set forth by Mancari and its progeny: That Congress can extend federal benefits to Indian tribes and their members as a means of fulfilling Congress’s unique obligation toward tribes - all while abiding by the Equal Protection clause. Medicaid participation now ensures that more than 50 percent of patients at some tribally-operated health systems, 40 percent of patients at federally-operated Indian Health Service facilities, and 25 percent of all AI/ANs nationwide have access to vital medical care.

Concerned that CMS appears close to approval of Section 1115 waivers from states where Indian tribes are located that would impose work requirements on AI/ANs, Tribal Leaders and organizations have met with HHS and CMS officials to discuss a work requirement exemption. They report that the Agency has provided little insight into the legal and policy foundation for the views expressed in the “Dear Tribal Leader” letter. Accordingly, the potentially-devastating impacts that CMS’s views on AI/AN Medicaid enrollment protections could have on AI/AN health care access combined with HHS’ reported mis-characterization of the status of AI/ANs as “race based” by its officials raises significant concerns.

Given our own concerns regarding HHS’ views and as part of our work in the Senate to ensure fulfillment of the federal government’s trust responsibilities, we request the Department furnish following information:

- CMS’s views of Tribal Leader and state requests to exempt AI/ANs from Medicaid work requirements;
- The statutory constraints that prevent CMS from exempting AI/ANs from Medicaid work requirement referenced in the January 17, 2018, “Dear Tribal Leader” letter; and
- Clarification of OCR’s interpretation that such an exemption for AI/ANs “could raise civil rights concerns.”



May LUNCHEON

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER COMMUNITY HEALTH

RSVP APPRECIATED
Cofly Chiko (715) 478-4567
Anne Christmas (715) 478-4585
Lao Miller (715) 478-4520

cmh.FCPotawatomi.com
Check out the registration form at cmh.FCPotawatomi.com

OPTICAL
Vision Health Special Guest from FCP Optical Department

diabetes program

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018
12-1:30 P.M.

LOCATION:
FCP Health & Wellness Center Lower Conference Room
Open to FCP Tribal Members with Diabetes and their Guest

Lunch, Education & Prize Drawings
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VOTE

JERYL L. PERENICH

CHIEF JUDGE | PRIMARY MAY 19, 2018
GENERAL JUNE 2, 2018

JERYL L. PERENICH, a Forest County Potawatomi tribal elder who has 35 years work experience and was an Associate Judge for 12 years, respectfully requests your vote for Chief Judge on May 19's Primary Election and June 2, 2018's General Election.

Authorized and paid for by Jeryl L. Perenich

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NOTICES

CULTURE

Language Classes

- Monday, 3:30 p.m., Laona School
 - Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., FCP Museum.
 - Tuesday & Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., Wabeno Elementary
 - Thursday, 3:30 p.m., FCP Museum. Transportation for youth provided.
- Call (715) 478-4173 with questions regarding the class listings above.

HEALTH

Wellbriety - 12-step meeting, Mondays at 6:30 p.m., FCP Museum lower level. Walking in a good way...a sober way. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you have any questions, call FCP AODA at (715) 478-4370 or Isaiah Phillips at (715) 889-4945.

7 Directions Men's Group - Open to all Mondays, 1 p.m., at HWC AODA upper level. Tired of hurting the ones you love? Learn how to respect yourself. Join our group which include topics related to everyday life. Call (715) 478-4370 with questions.

Principles of Recovery - A guide to living well on the road to recovery. Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon at HWC AODA. Call (715) 478-4370 with questions.

NA Meetings "The Good Life" - Tuesdays, AODA Building, 5519 Wej mo gek Court, 7 p.m. For info or questions, contact Ira F. at (715) 889-0527.

Kwe Kenomagewen - Women's support, Wednesdays, 2 p.m. HWC AODA. Call (715) 478-4370 with questions.

Hour of Power - Big Book, NA Book or Wellbriety Book, Thursdays, 2 - 3 p.m. HWC AODA. Call (715) 478-4370 with questions.

HEALTH

Do You Feel Like No One Understands You? You're not alone! Let your voice be heard! Let someone share your pain! If you are thinking of committing suicide or know someone who is, please get help! Crisis Line: (888) 299-1188 (Serving Forest, Vilas & Oneida counties: 24 hours a day/7 days a week); Kids in Need: (800) 622-9120; The Get-2-Gether Peer Support Drop-In Center: (715) 369-3871; Run-Away Hotline: (800) 621-4000; (800) 273-TALK; TTY: (800) 799-4TTY or visit suicidehotlines.com.

PROGRAMS

Smoking Cessation Incentive Program - Open to FCP tribal members and individuals eligible for Alternative Care Program. Services include: appointments with nurses and CHR's to determine a quit plan, kit filled with items that aid in the quitting process, educational materials and products, plus a reward upon completion of third smoking cessation appointment.

To learn more about the program or to schedule an appointment, contact Sara Cleere-man, R.N., at (715) 478-4889.

SPARKS Weight Mgmt. Program - By appointment. S - Support; P - Program; A - Get Active, Stay Active; R - Reap the Rewards: feel better, be healthier; K - Know the basics of good nutrition; S - Stay focused on being healthy. Please call Lisa Miller, RD, CD, at (715) 478-4320.

Diabetes Education Program - By appointment. Including blood glucose monitoring, making healthy changes, psychosocial, complications, sick day and travel, planning for pregnancy, hypoglycemia, medications, diabetes in general, insulin and goal setting. Please call Anne Chrisman, RN, at (715) 478-4383, or Cathy Chitko at (715) 478-4367.

SERVICES OFFERED

Economic Support Programs
Tribal Employment Skill Program - available to adult tribal members who can be placed on a paid work experience opportunity in various tribal departments for up to six months. This allows tribal members to test drive different areas to find a good fit. The staff can assist with:

- Direct connection between DMV to obtain, reinstate and/or determine what is needed to obtain the driver's license
- Work-related expenses
- Resumé development/ resumé critiquing
- Mock interviews (practice before a job interview) and tips.
- Job-seeking skills/soft skills
- Employment guidance/advocacy
- Fidelity bonding available

We currently have a 53 percent success rate for successful work experience to employment.

Work Study Program - for students that are in their senior year. Students can be on a work experience but must have good standings in all their school classes. We work with the FCP Education Department to set this up.

Badgercare - a state/federally-funded program that provides health coverage for individuals living on the reservation or within Forest County, tribal children and affiliated-tribal members.

Foodshare - a state/federally-funded program that provides an EBT food card to eligible individuals living on the reservation or individuals that have tribal children living in Forest County. The program has eligibility requirements that also considers shelter/housing expenses.

Foodshare Employment & Training Program (FSET) - individuals that are eligible for Foodshare would be eligible for this program which can assist with gas voucher, job training costs and other expenses relative to the goals

SERVICES OFFERED

that are set for securing employment.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - this work program is funded through the Administration for Children and Families with an income limit of 125 percent of federal poverty level for individuals living on the reservation or individuals living in Forest County that have FCP tribal children. Individuals get a cash payment each month providing that they completed their work activities each month.

General Assistance (GA) - this work program is funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is available for federally-recognized tribal members living on the reservation. Eligible individuals will get a cash payment each month providing that they are complying with the work plan developed with their case worker.

Native Employment Works (NEW) Program - this work program is funded through the Administration for Children and Families for individuals living on the reservation or within the service area. The paid work placement opportunity is for three months at 24-35 hour per week and we have limited slots available based on funding.

Resource Rooms - located at the old tribal hall and at the Family Services Building. Each area has computers that individuals can utilize to complete their resumé, type correspondence, work on the self-paced Microsoft Computer Training Program, apply for jobs, or apply online for healthcare coverage programs.

The FCP Economic Support staff is available to provide services for resumé building, computer training programs, and for any other economic support program information. If you want more information on any of these programs, please stop by the Family Services Building or call (715) 478-4433.

Welcome to the World, Baby!

Migwas Cornelius Thelen was born April 23, 2018, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Parents are Arden and Travis Thelen. Maternal grandparents are Kimberly LaRonge, Eric M. Williams III, and Aleta Williams.

Paternal grandparents are Brenda and Phil Shopodock, and Jesse Thelen.

Migwas has one sibling, Owaissa E. Thelen



Child Care Development Fund Public Hearings

Date: June 7, 2018

Times/Locations:

- Noon, FCP Museum (large lower conf. room), Crandon
- 5 p.m., We Care Building, Carter

Hosted by the FCP Child Care Program, 7699 Lois Crowe Drive, Crandon (715) 478-4964



CONGRATULATIONS to our son and FCPC tribal member Jaiden Deschinny on receiving the 2018 Navajo Preparatory School (NPS) Freshman Class IB Learner Profile Award for Courage. The Award, based on the school's mission and motto, exemplifies a student's ability to persevere when facing conflict or challenges. NPS is a college prep school based in Farmington, N.M. Awards were presented at the Annual banquet on May 2, which recognizes the accomplishments and achievements of all NPS students.

Jaiden also received his athletic letter for his participation in track and was one of few freshmen young men to letter.

Jaiden is the son of Crystal (FCPC TM) and Daniel Deschinny (Navajo), and grandson of Walter & Eleanor Johnson Sr.

Please join Judge White-Fish for soup and frybread as he asks for your support for Chief Judge.

Date: Wednesday, May 23

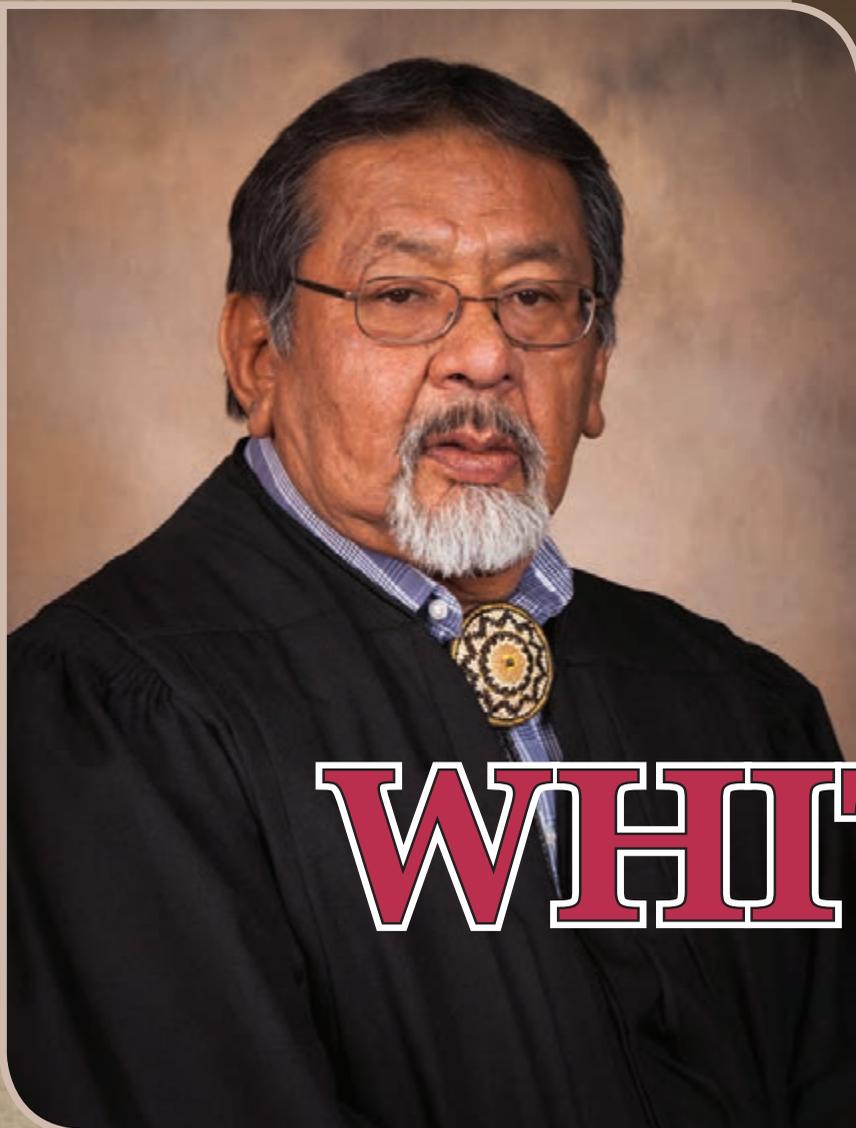
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Place: Sunnyside Community Church, Carter

Date: Wednesday, May 30

Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Place: Old Tribal Hall, Stone Lake



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PRIMARY
ELECTION

Saturday,
May 19, 2018
8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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ELECTION

Saturday,
June 2, 2018
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Chi-Migweth

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