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Forest County Potawatomi Leaders XII

This is the next instalment of the Leaders series, and is an ongoing collaboration between FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum and the Potawatomi Traveling Times.

James "Jim" Thunder was born May 25, 1936, to Frank and Jennie Mike (Mack) Thunder.

Thunder has served the Forest County Potawatomi Community through his involvement in tribal government and in his dedication to teaching the Potawatomi language to younger generations.

Thunder also served his country. He was in the Army from Aug. 9, 1955, to Jan. 31, 1958, and spent time in Germany. He received an honorable discharge.

Thunder was a tribal council member in 1974-1975 and vice-chairman from 1976 to 1977 [PTT, May 1996, page 9]. He became tribal chairman in 1977 and chaired the tribe's Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Thunder continues to serve the Potawatomi people. He has taught the Potawatomi language in Forest County and in Hannahville, Mich. Along with his sister, Mary Jane Thunder, the late Billy Daniels Jr. and Kim Wensaut, Thunder was heavily involved in creating the Potawatomi Dictionary, published in

Thunder has also provided Potawatomi language translations for exhibits in the Forest County Potawatomi Community Museum's new gallery.

Daniel J. Smith succeeded Jim Thunder as tribal chairman in 1983.

Daniel Joseph "DJ" Smith was born July 10, 1956, to Lois Crowe.

He served in the Navy from 1973 to

Smith became involved in tribal government and served on the tribe's Constitution and By-Laws Committee. He became tribal chairman in 1983, succeeding James Thunder.



James "Jim" Thunder

After his time as chairman, Smith remained involved in tribal government, serving on Executive Council and as a member of the tribe's Mining Impact



Daniel "DJ" Smith

Committee. He was also the tribe's education director.

Ken George Sr. succeeded DJ Smith as chairman later that year.





FCP Community Facebook Live Session Recap - July 21, 2021

Ned Daniels Jr., FCP Chairman

Sorry I couldn't be here last week, but I know that Council Member Brooks Boyd did a great job in my absence. But I am very happy to be here today, and grateful for all of you for tuning in to find out what is happening with the Forest County Potawatomi. So, let's get to it.

It's mid-July and our summer harvest season is in full swing. We've gotten some good rains in the last few weeks and the crops are looking great. By now, you should be getting lots of cucumbers, zucchini, carrots, greens, and other goodies in your gardens. And it won't be long before we have more great things like tomatoes and corn. It really is wonderful to see the many great things that Mother Earth can provide to us.

If you're not growing your own food, don't worry. You can stop by Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan for the best produce and proteins in the area. This is a great way to ensure that your families are not only eating healthy right now, but also to help fill your freezers for winter. Make sure you stop by and see what they have to offer.

As a reminder, our next General Council meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the brand-new Community Center. This will be the soft opening of the facility and a chance for you to see first-hand all the wonderful amenities that will be available to you and your families. This includes swimming, athletics, and even a rock wall. But there is so much more, and my words won't do it justice. You must see it to truly appreciate what this means for our community. So please, make sure you join us on Saturday, Aug. 14, for this very special General Council meeting.

There's an informational meeting tomorrow, July 22, from 4-6 p.m. in the lower level of the museum. Hosted by Ordinance and Family Services Division, the topic will be Children's Code and Guardianship, and Protective Proceedings Ordinance.

And finally, I do want to remind everyone to get their COVID vaccination. While we have been fortunate to keep our infection rates in Forest County extremely low, we are seeing a new variant of COVID surging in other parts of the country and we know that it is present in Wisconsin. We know that this new variant is much more contagious than COVID-19, and your chances of getting the virus are much higher. The best way to protect yourself is to get the vaccine. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to contact the Health & Wellness Center to get more information.

Abbey Dall, FSD Administrator

ICW continues to recruit family placements and foster homes that are physically and mentally capable of supporting high levels of care. Please call us if you know someone who can help or suggest they give us a call. New and renewal foster care license applications are beginning annual processing.

The pandemic has been hard, causing anxiety, social disconnect, mental and emotional concerns. Help is available 24/7. If you are feeling suicidal, please call the Hopeline at 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741 to reach a crisis counselor.

Rising Sun Day Care celebrates over 80 days COVID-free. The center is open and there is plenty of space for your children. Please contact us to get your applications in and talk about the process.

We have plenty of opportunity to get you back to work. Please get in contact with Kathy Tupper at (715) 478-4433 to get your Tribal Employment Skills applications in. This program offers a training stipend to assist you while you learn.

Ready to work? Family Services Division has some great job openings. Contact Human Resources to apply and discuss if you might be a good fit. They can be reached at (715) 478-7200.

For non-emergency service requests, our business hours are Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you should call outside of these hours, please leave a message with your full name and a working phone number so that we may return your call. Call Family Services at (715) 478-4433.

Assistance is available for qualifying applicants for food, medical, and childcare expenses. You may apply at https://access. wisconsin.gov. We know that filling out large applications can be overwhelming. Please call us at (715) 478-4433 to schedule an appointment to receive assistance.

Bobbie Irocky, EM Manager

The Incident Command System is at a Level 2 of Partial Activation.

You or some of your family members may still need to take steps to protect yourselves against COVID-19, such as children too young to get vaccinated or people with weakened immune systems. Any person who is not fully vaccinated should keep taking steps to protect themselves and others.

If you are not fully vaccinated and age 2 or older, you should wear a mask in indoor public places. You do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings.

In areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated. People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all precautions recommended for non-vaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitting mask until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.

Remember that COVID is still here, so please proceed with caution, especially if you haven't received your vaccine.

The Health & Wellness Center still has vaccines for those 12 years and older. They are accepting walk-ins, but if you prefer to register, please call Monday - Friday (715) 478-4450, or Community Health at (715) 478-4355 to request a home visit to receive the vaccine.

If you have an emergency, please reach out to Emergency Management at (715) 478-4428. We will assist or put you into contact with the proper department that fits your needs.

Jacee Shepard, Community Health

Although COVID-19 case activity has been low in our community over the past several weeks, we know it is not gone. We are starting to see a rise in case activity across the nation, the state of Wisconsin, and even within our community over the past week. It is still important to continue to take simple steps to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community. We encourage everyone, regardless of their vaccination status, to continue to wear a mask in certain settings,

wash their hands frequently, stay home when sick, get tested if you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, avoid crowded and poorly-ventilated indoor spaces, and to get vaccinated. People who are fully vaccinated - meaning it has been two weeks or longer since they have finished their vaccine series - can safely engage in more social situations without wearing a mask or practicing physical distancing, indoors or outdoors. However, even if you are vaccinated, you should continue to wear a mask in certain settings including, healthcare settings, places where masks are required by local or tribal laws, rules and regulations, including businesses, correctional and detention facilities and homeless shelters, and on all forms of public transportation.

We continue to recommend people get tested if they are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed. You can call the COVID Hotline at (715) 478-4450 if you need to be tested

The Health and Wellness is now offering COVID vaccines as a nurse visit. We continue to offer the Moderna vaccine as well as the Pfizer vaccine that is available for children ages 12-17. We know that vaccines are safe and effective at preventing COVID, and can reduce the risk of people spreading it. While it is possible to get COVID after being vaccinated, the vaccine can protect you from severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Current studies also show that the vaccines are effective against variants currently circulating in the United States, including the Delta variant. The Health & Wellness Center has provided vaccines to 1,951 individuals including almost 300 FCP tribal members 18 years and older. In an effort to improve vaccine access and acceptance, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council provided the FCP Community with t-shirts and fuel-only gas cards to be provided to anyone who is receiving their vaccine. You can call (715) 478-4450 to schedule your COVID vaccine appointment, or if you have any further questions.

Community Health is hosting a Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday, July 28, at the Carter Powwow Grounds from 9:30 – 11 a.m., at the FCP Farm from 12:30 – 2 p.m., and at the Land and Natural Resources building in Stone Lake from 2:30 – 4 p.m. This is open to all FCP tribal dog and cat owners for dogs and cats 4 months and older. As a reminder, the Forest County Potawatomi Animal Control Ordinance states that all dogs and cats of any breed over 6 months of age are required to be vaccinated against rabies. This is a great opportunity to get your animals up-to-date on their rabies vaccine for free. You can pre-register at cmh.fcpotawatomi.com/register/rabies-vaccine-clinic or call Community Health at (715) 478-4355 with any questions.

Behavioral Health is hosting a Prevention Convention this weekend, July 23 - July 25, at the Carter Powwow Grounds. There will be free camping at the powwow grounds, and set up and registration is from 1–5 p.m. July 23. Some tents will be available if needed. There will be recovery meetings, speakers, breakout sessions, games, activities, drumming, fire talks and meals provided. This is open to everyone and all ages are welcome.

Sarah Thomaschefsky, Education/ Community Director

We are beginning to wrap up our summer

programing to begin making the transition into the new Community Center.

Last week, we finished up our summer rec activities and July 22, is the last day of summer school at Gte Ga Nēs Preschool. The Ready Kindergarten program was a huge success! The added skills they learned over the summer will definitely better prepare them for kindergarten this fall. Thanks to all the parents who sent their children this summer.

The lunch program will continue through summer. Just a reminder: if you are not going to picking up your lunch, please let the Rec know.

Gte Ga Nēs registration for the 2021-22 school year is open. If your child will be 3 by Sept. 1, please get them registered right away. Application packages may be picked at the preschool. We will need an updated vaccination record and a current physical report. This year, we are adding a third classroom and will be holding classes four days per week versus two. This will give the children more time to learn, review, and retain what they learn. Class sizes are limited, so get your registrations in as soon as possible.

Since COVID restrictions have somewhat lifted, Dr. VanHarpen of FCP Dental will come once a month to provide fluoride treatments to those children with permission. This service will continue into the 2021-22 school year.

Our current Gte Ga Nēs families should have been receiving text messages from the Wisconsin Dept. of Children and Families "Ready 4-K" program. Hopefully, you are all enjoying these educational texts and are using them to enhance your child's learning. New families will be added to this program as they register their children.

The clothing and school supply stipend form went out this week, so please check your mail. If you have any questions, call Education at (715) 889-7355.

We are very excited for the soft opening of the Community Center on Aug. 14! There will be a full list of activities for the youth during the general council meeting. For more information, please call Brian Tupper at (715) 478-7420.

And finally, the Education Department has some bittersweet news to share. K-12 Director Brittany LaMere's last day will be tomorrow, July 22. She is pursuing a personal passion of living and working in Colorado. We are excited for her to start this new chapter in her life, but are sad to see her leave the Education Department. Brittany has a special place in our hearts and especially mine. She showed up at the door of the Education Department when I was still fairly new here and struggling with the magnitude of the job and how I was going to be successful at helping our youth. Brittany came in and from day one made a major impact on the youth, families and schools. She spent the next few years working on her master's degree, but always came back for summer day camp. We were able to get her back full time, and she became a strong leader for the youth, families and staff. We are going to miss her, and especially miss her contagious laugh, but we are so grateful for the lasting impact she will leave us with and knowing that she will always be part of this community! Thanks for all of your hard work Brittany and best of luck in

2021 Summer Youth Employment



Education (l-r): Juanita Alloway, Starz Tomlin, Allisia Cisneros-Tuckwab



Land & Natural Resources (l-r): Bondesē Frank, Zakk Soman, Ramona Boyd

AUGUST ELDER MENUS

Monday, 8/2
Ham & Cheese Sliders on
Hawaiian Bun, Cold Salad,
Baked Chips, Apple

<u>Tuesday, 8/3</u>
Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut,
Mashed Potatoes, California Blend
Vegetables, Peaches

<u>Wednesday, 8/4</u>
Beef Tips over Noodles,
Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll,
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Thursday, 8/5 Lemon Pepper Cod, Twice Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Rye Bread, Orange

<u>Friday, 8/6</u> Chicken Rice Soup, Crackers, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Spinach Salad, Pear

Monday, 8/9
Creamed Chicken over Biscuits,
Cranberry Sauce, Watermelon

Tuesday, 8/10
Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes,
Asparagus, Cottage Cheese,
Applesauce

Wednesday, 8/11
Italian Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread,
Tossed Salad, Green Beans,
Yogurt, Peaches

Thursday, 8/12
Cold Tuna Pasta Salad, Crackers,
Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers,
Cheese Stick, Grapes

<u>Friday, 8/13</u> Beef Barley Soup, Dinner Roll, Kiwi, Nutri-Grain[®] Bar

Monday, 8/16
Grilled Chicken Breast, Wild Rice,
Broccoli, Cherry Tomatoes,
Cantaloupe

Tuesday, 8/17
Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Country
Blend Vegetables, Breadstick,
Mixed Berries

Wednesday, 8/18
Tuna Casserole, Peas & Carrots,
Chocolate Cake, Banana

Thursday, 8/19
Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes,
Brussels Sprouts, Cranberry Sauce,
Jello® w/Fruit

Friday, 8/20 Cream of Broccoli Soup, Roast Beef Sandwich, Mandarin Oranges

Monday, 8/23
Meatball Sub Sandwich w/Cheese,
Side Salad, Parsley Potatoes,
Pineapple

<u>Tuesday, 8/24</u>
Orange Chicken, White Rice,
Veggie Potstickers, Dessert Bar

Wednesday, 8/25
Roast Beef Sandwich w/Lettuce,
Tomato & Cheese, Cold Noodle
Salad, Grapes

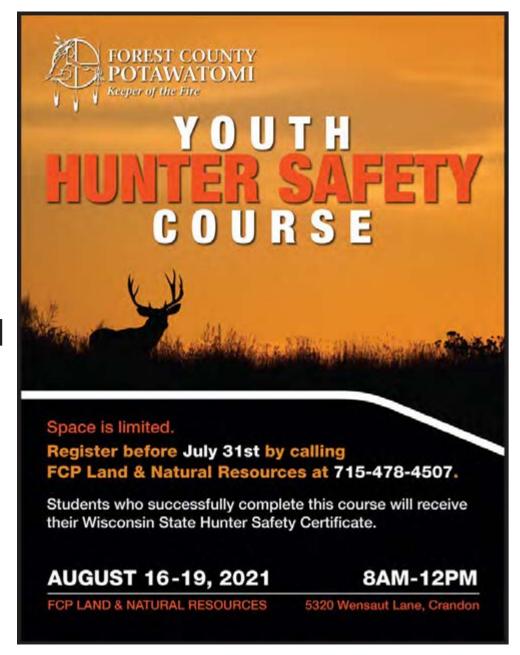
Thursday, 8/26
Baked Cod, Macaroni & Cheese,
Potato Salad, Calico Beans,
Rye Bread, Banana Pudding

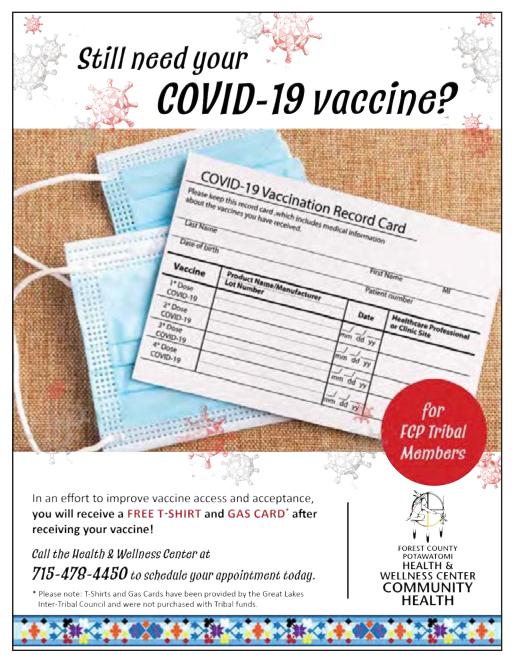
<u>Friday, 8/27</u> Ham, Potato & Corn Chowder, Garlic Bread, Apple

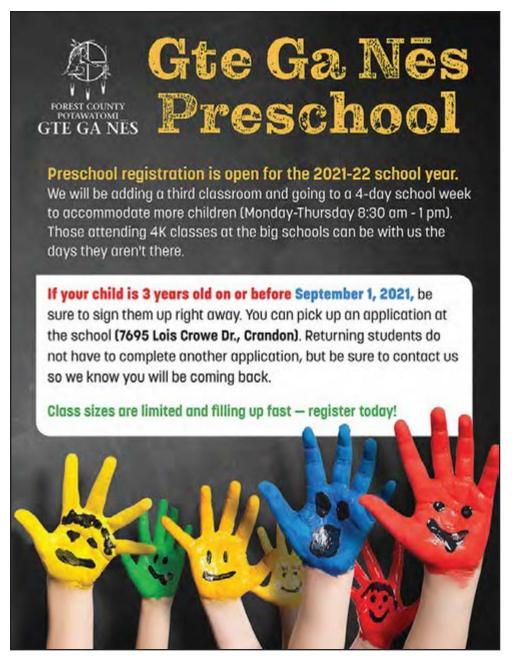
Monday, 8/30 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Pineapple Veggie Mix, Buttered Bread, Rice Krispy® Bar

Tuesday, 8/31
Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Tater Tots,
Coleslaw, Dessert Bar

Menus subject to change

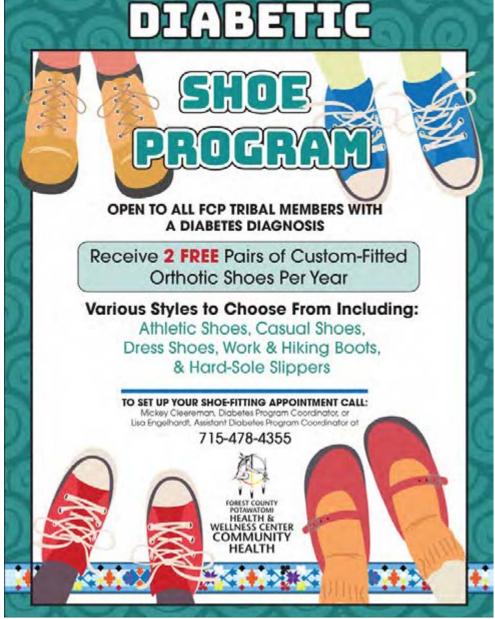






If you or someone you know feels unsafe, please consider using one of these resources. They're free, available 24/7, and confidential!

- Forest County Potawatomi Community Advocacy (715) 478-7201
- Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 1 (800) 236-1222
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233



FCP Behavioral Health encourages all community members who may be struggling or who have family members in crisis to reach out to a member of our team or others for help.

- FCP Team (715) 478-4332
- Jeff Keeble Sr. Recovery Coach (715) 889-1951
- Ed Cover Recovery Coach (715) 889-2884
- Jorge Cisneros Community Advocate (715) 846-7957 or (715) 889-9368



Scheduled Hydrant Flushing for all Communities!

Starting the week of July 26, 2021, FCP Water and Sewer department will be doing its required regular maintenance task of flushing hydrants. This will last into mid-September. They will be starting in the Carter area, followed by Blackwell and Stone Lake. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Water and Sewer Department at 715 478-7390, 8355 Mish ko Swen Drive, Crandon WI, 54520. Thank you.

Deadline for the August 15, 2021 issue of the *Traveling Times* is Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

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