

Gte Ga Nēs Graduation 2022

This year's Gte Ga Nēs graduation ceremony was held on May 26, 2022. Each year it seems that the new class is larger than the year before, and it's always a very well-attended event.

This year it was held at the Potawatomi Community Center, which was something special for this class to remember being as their class marks the first to celebrate a graduation ceremony in the new facility.

Grand entry started at 11 a.m with FCP Post I Veterans carrying out the flags and staffs along with Fire Nation singing the Flag Song, the Veterans Honor Song, and a Welcome Song. FCP Elder Louie Spaude said a prayer before the ceremony blessing the children graduating, the parents and families, and all of the guests.

Guest speaker for the graduates was tribal member Anike Sulaimon who graduated from Gte Ga Nēs many years ago. She is a 2016 graduate of Crandon High School and studied music therapy at Berklee College of Music. She concentrated her speech on talking about how her mother, Kerry Fox, encouraged her and was a role model as she pursued her educational dreams. She focused more on talking with the parents of the graduates rather than the little ones as it is unlikely they would remember this day once they are older, as she remarked — she didn't.

Council Member Destinee Alloway congratulated all the newest graduates and also praised the parents for being so supportive of their children and their education.

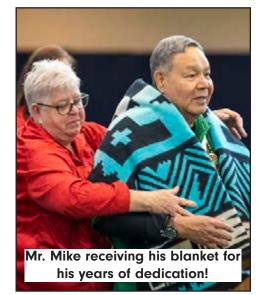
The teachers of Gte Ga Nēs spoke a few words to the parents and students — at times with some tears in between. They thanked the parents for having the trust in them to care for their children and to the children for the memories and love they shared. With all that is happening in the world today, it was a pretty emotional time for a few of these teachers.

Two big milestones were also recognized from the Gte Ga Nēs staff. Mike Konoha was honored for his 28 years of dedication, support, and love in working with the preschool. Since Covid robbed him of this honor the year before, the staff wanted to make sure to show their thanks to him. Another honor was to Ms. Katie Collins who has hung up her role as teacher to move on to retirement. Katie has had over 22 years of being a teacher for the preschool. She was grateful for the recognition but also was sad since she will miss her role as a teacher and will also miss her co-workers. Congratulations to Mr. Mike and Ms. Katie for all you have done for the preschool! Your efforts never went unnoticed.

As the ceremony continued, there was a slide show of the children that the audience watched and enjoyed. Following the slide show, Nick Shepard and the students drummed and sang the song "Old McDonald". Shepard goes to the preschool each week to help teach the students how to drum, sing and keep the tradition alive for their future. It really is the sweetest and most precious sight to see. The young boys do the drumming along to the beat while the young girls stand behind them and sing their little hearts out. It's really a great gift Shepard is giving them.

After the children sang their song, it was the time many were waiting for diplomas! Each child received his or her diploma and stood with a big smile on their faces for all the photos.

Once the diplomas were handed out, it was then time to retire the flags and staffs. There was a prayer for the meal, and everyone dug in to celebrate these little ones and congratulate them on a job well done!





for her years of teaching the students.









Community

June Elder Menus

Wednesday, 6/8 Liver & Onions, Rice Pilaf, California Blend Vegetables, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Cherry Dump Cake

Thursday, 6/9 Sun Sandwich on a Hoagie Bun, Pasta and Veggie Salad, Tropical Fruit

Friday, 6/10 Homemade Chicken Dumpling Soup, Crackers, Pineapple

Monday, 6/13 Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peaches

Tuesday, 6/14 **BBQ** Pulled Pork Sandwich, County Blend Vegetables, Spinach Dip and Crackers, Cantaloupe

Wednesday, 6/15 Mushroom & Swiss Burger, Calico Beans, French Fries, Baked Chips, Lemon Bars

Thursday, 6/16 Baked Pork Chop, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, **Cherry Parfait**

Friday, 6/17 Hamburger and Mixed Vegetable Soup, White Wheat Butter Bread, Kiwi

Monday, 6/20 Chicken Breast, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Whole Wheat Buttered Bread, Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, 6/21 Spaghetti & Meatballs, Side Salad, Cottage Cheese, Garlic Bread, Banana

Wednesday, 6/22 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Beets, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Strawberry Shortcake

Thursday, 6/23 Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap, Cherry Tomatoes, Pretzels, Blueberries

Friday, 6/24 Ham & Wild Rice Soup, Fry Bread, Whole Grain Crackers, Oranges

<u>Monday, 6/27</u> Chicken Broccoli Alfredo, Side Salad w/ Water Chestnuts, Garlic Bread, Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, 6/28 Shrimp Taco, Fiesta Corn, Mexican Rice, Fresh Berries

Wednesday, 6/29 Fried Chicken, Ranch Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Fig Newton®

Thursday, 6/30 California Club on Croissant, Cowboy Caviar, Baked Chips, Pickle, Apple

Friday, 7/1 Creamy Tomato Soup, Cold Cheese Sandwich on Whole Grain, Peanut Butter Crackers, Kiwi

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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Shayne James Mason Frank Jr.

Shayne James Mason Frank Jr., "PEIS" "Little Person", 25, of Wabeno passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at his home. Shayne was born on September 11, 1996, the son of Shayne James Mason Frank Sr. and Faye Nelson.

Surviving are his sisters: Lois Frank, Wabeno, and Rae-Jean Frank, Wabeno; brother, Triston Beaulieu, Minn.; grandparents, Jacqueline Two Crow and Harvey James Frank Sr., Wabeno; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and also his (Bros).

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a real-life angel making everyone he knew feel special. He always had a smile on his face.

Native services were held on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon with Mr. Jim Thunder officiating. Burial followed at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Blackwell.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

Arnold "Arnol" Lee Wensaut, "Yellow Thun-

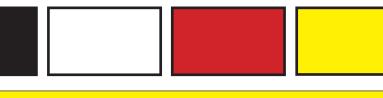
der", 81, of Crandon, passed away Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Aspirus Langlade Hospital. Arnold was born Nov. 6, 1940, in Hayward the son of Harry and Mary (Pa Education Banquet mytuck) Wensaut.

Surviving are his sister, Valerie Nahbahkah, Crandon; brother, Ernest (Darlene) Wensaut, Sanford, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Judy Ann Wensaut and Shirley Ann Wilson; and brother, Lawrence James Wensaut.

Services were held Sunday, May 29, 2022, at Lake Lucerne Gospel Church with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Burial followed at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Crandon.

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Deadline for the July 1, 2022, issue of the PTT is Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

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Community

H&W Renovation Ground Blessing Ceremony

by Val Niehaus



FCP Executive Council: (I-r) Council Member Brooks Boyd, Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock, Secretary James A. Crawford, Council Member Destinee Alloway, Chairman Ned Daniels Jr.

June 1, 2022, was a very exciting day for the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) and the community to celebrate and bless the renovation of the Health & Wellness Center! The blessing started with Fire Nation singing the Honor song, the FCP Post I Veterans carrying in the flags, and staff followed by the posting of them.

Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. welcomed and thanked all of those who came to help bless the expansion of the Health & Wellness Clinic on this special day. Chairman Daniels said, "Today, this is a place where both tribal members and the greater community have come to get much needed services and find healing. There aren't many places in the northwoods that do this – that's why it is so important. Now with this newest expansion, we will be able to do more. We will be able to provide more and new services for people who need help and healing. More importantly, we will be able to help and heal even MORE people! This expansion will allow our Health & Wellness staff to see more people and help them with their issues. That is a very good thing!"

Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock also spoke. She reminisced about when she was young and how she had to take a bus to get any sort of healthcare. She sees this expansion as an addition to what is already here for her people and truly means the world to her. Council Member Brooks Boyd and Destinee Alloway also gave their thanks for being able to see this development happen, and they both look forward to what it will do for the people in the community. Secretary James A. Crawford shared his excitement on seeing this renovation to benefit the community and the area.

Health Division Administrator Tom Boelter thanked all those who are dedicated to their jobs and to their patients for giving them the best care possible. He also thanked those who helped make this expansion a reality and along with many others; he cannot wait to see what this facility will look like in the future.

Last, but not least, came the time for the blessing which was given by FCP Tribal Elder Phil Shopodock. Shopodock was Chairman 20 years ago when the Health & Wellness Center was first built, so it was only fitting for him to ask Mother Earth for her blessing for digging into her again for this expansion. He, too, reminisced about his younger years when there was no suitable health care close by and how things then progressed as he saw the Center being built. He talked of getting the healthcare he and his family needed, how things continued to change and grow, and now the renovation that will further expand on what is already there. Needless to say, he was very happy and enthused for the Potawatomi people and the community itself.

Once everyone shared their personal thoughts about this project, the Executive Council lined up to dig and celebrate what will be a major highlight in the year to come as everyone watches the project develop. Completion of the renovation is slated for November 2023.

HIGH SCHOOL 2022 GRADUATES



Parents: Donnie and Veronica Gilligan

School graduating from: Wabeno High School

Degree or certificate: HSED Future plans: Going to cosmetology

to do hair, makeup, and nails. Words of advice for youth: Don't let

anyone look down on you because you are young. Instead, set an example for the believers through your speech, behavior and love.

Who would you like to thank? I would like to thank my mom dad and teacher for pushing my to keep doing my best and achieve my biggest goal.



Name: WESTIN HOLMES Parents: Megan Stahl and Chad

Holmes School graduating from: Crandon

High School Extracurricular Activities/Honors/

Awards: Track Future plans: Either college at

Nicolet or Fox Valley or get a job and live normally.

Words of advice for youth: Always do the right things.

Who would you like to thank? Gabrielle Ackley, Scarlett Johnson, Julian Gumm, my parents, Joey Walrath, Sarah Baukenecht, Madyson Dachelet, Bradley Franti and Matthew Ginter.



COLLEGE 2022 GRADUATE

Name: JOHN KARL CRAWFORD Parents: Jeff and Mary Beth Crawford School Graduating From: Yale College Degree or Certificate: Bachelor of Arts Extracurricular Activities/Honors/ Awards:

- Distinction in History Major

- Distinction in Global Affairs Major - Winner of the Andrew D. White Prize in American History for the senior essay "The Wisconsin Potawatomi: Resisting Removal From 1833 to 1866." This prize is awarded to the best undergraduate essay in American history.

- Treasurer and Member of the Native

and Indigenous Student Association at Yale

- Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Internship with the White House Council on Native American Affairs

- Researcher for the NYU-Yale American Indian Sovereignty Project

Future Plans: Yale Law School, Class of 2025

Words of Advice for Youth: Try to take some classes that seem interesting to you, even if they do not directly contribute to your long-term plans. Your future will sort itself out.

Who Would You Like to Thank?

- My parents, Jeff and Mary Beth Crawford, for their support and guidance throughout my four years of college
- My friends at Yale, for making college become a home
- Professors Weir and Blackhawk, for their mentorship
- The FCP Education Division, for enabling my studies
- The FCP Cultural Center, Library, and Museum, for aiding my research into Wisconsin Potawatomi history

Wisnewéwen FEAST/BANQUET 2022 photos by Micheal Begay and Helena Phillips



Bronze Medal Recipients - Preschool: (L-R) Remianna Tranetzki, Camila Frank, Daisy Daniels, NoraLyn Delopst and Mazianna Doud. Not present for photo: Emory Alloway, Ciara Cook, Henry Cook. Marcella House, Cameron Wayman, Asher Mahoney, Cainan Soman, Ralph Stealer



Blanket Recipients -High School Graduates: (L-R) Desiree Gilligan, Lavara Gilpin, Westin Holmes, Benny Peters, Laney Peters, Shawn Rachal, Colleen Shepard, Jasmine Shepard, Monique Shepard, Zakk Soman. Not present for photo: Cheyenne Acret, Jada Alloway, Aidren Crawford, Alexis Crawford, Brandi Daniels, Gizgho Daniels, Renn Marvin III, Shania Pamonicutt, Frank Shepard III, Alexiana Stevens, Tekeyvan Strope-Tidwell, Hunter Tuckwab



Silver Medal Recipients - Honor Roll: (L-R) Colleen Shepard, Lavara Gilpin, Aviyanah Alloway, Elyssa Bailey, Niya Frank, Deegan Kircher, Ryker Schingeck, Gage Milham-Queen, Motrell Shelly, Channel Shelly, Zurielle VanZile. Not present for photo: Hailey Brown, Demetrick Bulmer, Dion Daniels, Sierra Daniels, Synthia Daniels, Takota Daniels, Nathan Gilpin, Keira Godin, Theodore Gust, Breana Kitchell, Corbin LaMere-Wayman, Jaivon McGeshick, Nolan Milham, Wynter Montgomery, Shania Pamonicutt, Makenna Robinson, Brady Shepard, Frank Shepard III, Levi Shepard, Nathan Shepard, Desmond Soman, Bella Tahwa-Thompson, Asia Tomlin, Abey VanZile, Korbin VanZile, Lovey VanZile, Precious VanZile, Zoey Weso



Blanket Recipients - High School Graduate: Aaliyah Frank

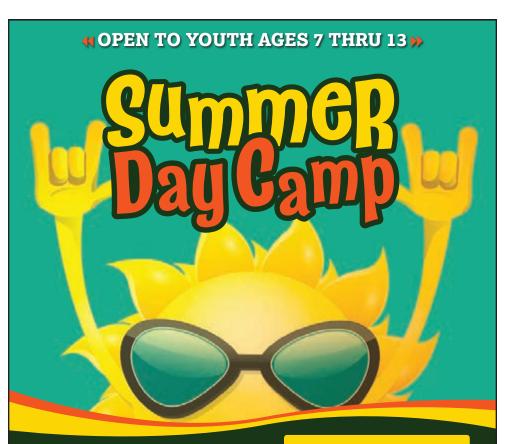


Peggy and Mike Konaha recognized for their years of dedication to the tribe, and most importantly, the children of the tribe. Ms. Peggy is still going strong at 30 years and Mr. Mike put in 28! Their efforts and love never goes unnoticed.



Gold Medal Recipients - College Graduates: (L-R) Josh White, Courtney White, Kathy Jacobson, Evelynn Brown, Peggy Konaha accepting on behalf of Alex McCorkle, John Crawford and James Moe. Not present for photo: Mko Daniels, Fawn Hawpetoss, Alexis Houle, Jeff Johnson, AnnMarie Kitchell, Courtney White.





June 13 thru August 11, 2022 Monday thru Thursday 7am to 5pm

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RES2022: PBDC & SUBSIDIARIES TAKE PART

For the third consecutive year, PBDC and its subsidiaries attended the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) 2022 Reservation Economic Summit (RES) held at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, NV. The mission for NCAIED is to provide economic opportunity for Indian Country



and its entrepreneurs. RES is one of the primary ways in which NCAIED lives up to the mission – where all services and expertise are brought together for one week to build bridges of economic power with other tribal enterprises and corporate partners. The Summit offers breakout sessions, panel discussions on relevant Indian Country subjects, and a two day-long trade show.



Potawatomi Business **Development Corporation** (PBDC) was among over 200 exhibitors at the trade show. Together with Greenfire, Data Holdings, PBDC Federal Group, Potawatomi Retail Operations, and our Real Estate Group, our booth was able to connect with over 4,000 attendees and showcase the PBDC tree of offerings. We were fortunate to have representatives from each of the organizations to discuss how we support tribal enterprises through a variety of services. To best present all of our services, PBDC crafted a custom-built, 400 SF booth, delivering an exceptional impact on the trade show floor.

They also participated in multiple panel discussions including "Looking beyond Tribal Lands: Real Estate as an Investment Strategy", "The Business of Technology: How Tribes are Integrating Technology into their Economic Development Strategies", and " Building Healthy Native Places: A Process to Completing Needed Healthcare Facilities in Indian Country".

Through a combination of strategic trade show sponsorships, meetings and a strong presence on the trade show floor, RES 2022 was an effective way to further the PBDC brand across the nation and Indian Country. Thank you to all who took part in the planning and execution of this year's summit





PBDC Federal Group: TEAMS WITH MOBILE DETECTION - TECHNOLOGY FOR ADVANCED CBRN-E THREAT IDENTIFICATION

You may not know that some of the first people to a disaster site are part of the National Guard Civil Support Team (CST). As these individuals are in civilian clothing, CST presence may not be obvious, but the pre-event screenings they do are essential to maintaining public safety. CSTs are trained to detect and respond to weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Each U.S. state and territory has a CST that examines facilities for WMD, whether that is at the Superbowl, Stanley Cup, award shows, or major concerts.

The Federal Group is working with a mobile detection vehicle manufacture to support CSTs around the country. This includes producing the high-tech Mobile Detection System (MDS), an electric vehicle (EV) that will enable National Guard members to identify a wide array of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosive (CBRN-E) substances. This RV-sized vehicle is a fully integrated system of advanced technologies that uniquely capture, process, analyze, and communicate a range of CBRN-E threats. The MDS contains simple items such as a chemical washing station and a first aid kit to the latest in cutting-edge technology, such as a field deployable drone with nine highresolution cameras, and high-speed gas chromatography with surface acoustic wave detectors to identify biochemical threats from three miles away.

As a mobile instrument, the MDS is designed to detect CBRN-E attacks before they happen and to do so without putting humans in range of exposure.





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