

In Honor of Chief Simon



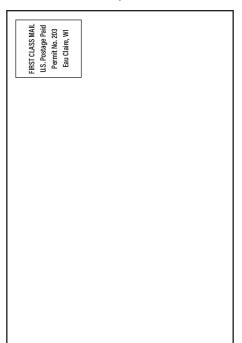
In honor of Simon Kahquados' birthday, PTT has taken the liberty of updating an article on him that was originally published in the June 1, 2004, issue.

Although he is often referred to as "Chief Simon," Simon Kahquados was a spokesman for the Forest County Potawatomi. He is remembered for his advocacy work on behalf of the Potawatomi.

Simon Onanguisse Kahquados was born May 18, 1851, at Black Earth, a Potawatomi village in southern Kewaunee County. His father was Nen Gah Sum, the "Shimmering Light."

Simon claimed he was a descendant of the famous Potawatomi chief Onanguisse, "The Shimmering Light of the Sun." In 1679, Simon's ancestor Onanguisse had saved the French explorer Robert Sieur La Salle at Rock Island from starvation.

When he was 5 years old, Simon's



father died at the age of 30 at the Potawatomi village at Whitefish Bay in Door County, in 1856. His mother later remarried. Simon's grandfather was Keetoos, "Day Walking." Old Keetoos was the leader and the speaker at Black Earth [Ma-ka-ta-we-game-cok], the last Potawatomi village in the Kewaunee-Manitowoc area. In 1862, more than 1,000 Potawatomi, Ottawa and Chippewa finally left this large village and split up into small groups.

Simon admired his grandfather's peaceful attitude toward white people: "Those that do not listen, will die; do not quarrel or scold one another, we must not hate each other, we must love all the world." It was probably because of the influence of his grandfather's teachings that Simon Kahquados kept good relations with his white friends all over Wisconsin.

When he was 13 years old [about 1864], Simon's band moved to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. At Cedar River in Menominee County, Michigan, he hunted deer and trapped beavers, minks, martens, otters and fishers. A few years later [1870], his family bought a homestead near Bark River in Delta County, Michigan.

Of the years that followed, Simon wrote in 1917: "...we take up public Government Homestead Lands, we are about 30 Families together.... Wis. Potawatomi Indians reside also on private lands, have log houses and a Methodist Church and school. The lands are cultivated by them. I was live to Hannahville, Methodist Indian Mission over 30 years. I was in cruising in Mich. 30 years [timber cruiser]. Everybody know those Big Lumber Co. to Mich. and Wis. - my occupation cruiser.... P.S. Also I never went no school of my life, I have no Education. Simon Kahquados."

Simon's first appearance on a government record is in 1907, when U.S. enrollment agent W. M. Wooster came from Washington, D.C., with the order to enroll all the Wisconsin Potawatomi. This enrollment affected Potawatomi in the United States and Canada who, until this time, hadn't received any annuity money or financial aid by the U.S. government because they had not migrated west of the Mississippi. On the Wooster Roll, Simon Kahquados is listed as a single person, 58 years of age. His Potawatomi name was Kakanassiga. At that time, Simon lived near Hannahville, at Bark River, Michigan.

At the time the reservation for the Forest County Potawatomi was established (1913), Simon probably moved to Marinette County and settled somewhere near Athelstane. There, at the headwaters of the Peshtigo River, a small band of Potawatomi settled for a while on homesteads. Most of Simon's letters to Charles E. Brown of the State Historical Society and others were sent from Camp 8, or Bird Center, Wausaukee. Both Bird Center and Camp 8 belonged to the J. W. Wells Lumber Company, where Simon worked as a timber cruiser for a long time.

Fortunately for future generations, Simon was eager to communicate with Brown and other historians. His letters reveal much information about himself and Forest County Potawatomi culture and history. In many letters Simon wrote to his white friends, he talked about different subjects such as ancestry, culture, language, history, and the sad living conditions of the Potawatomi at that time. He was considered among many to have been an intelligent person who knew the English language well, and who had been proud of his ancestry.

In efforts to improve the impoverished condition of the Forest County Potawatomi, Simon, James Waumegesako and John Thunder traveled several times to Washington, D.C. Simon also wrote several letters to his white friends in Madison, Kewaunee, Cato, Manitowoc and Sheboygan, asking them sometimes for money or clothing. To get the support of his white friends in his struggle for the Potawatomi, Simon often traveled down to Madison.

He attended fall harvest festivals and July 4th celebrations, always wearing his full regalia.

Because of his multiple appearances on public occasions, like state fairs, where Simon gave many speeches, many white people regarded him as the "Chief/Last Chief/Last Hereditary Chief of the Potawatomi."

In later years, Simon moved to Blackwell in Forest County. Sick and impoverished, he died at the home of William Tahwa. His death at the age of 79 on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1930, was reported in newspapers across the state. The headline "Last Chief of Potawatomis Dies in Rags" appeared on the first page of the *Wisconsin State Journal* in its Nov. 29, 1930, edition.

The Wisconsin Conservation Commission authorized Sheboygan Press editor and publisher Charles E. Broughton to take charge of arrangements for Simon's burial. Broughton, who was also a curator for the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, worked with the commission and Door County Historical Society President Hjalmar Holand to organize the funeral, which was scheduled for the following spring.

In accordance with his request to be buried near his ancestor Onanguisse's grave, Simon was laid to rest in Peninsula State Park in Door County, on May 30, 1931. He was buried near a memorial totem pole he had unveiled in 1927, which the Door County Historical Society erected. (The pole has since been removed.)

Rev. O. H. Strauch led a prayer at the service, and James Wampum (Jim Mexico) unveiled the boulder with a bronze plaque that marked Simon's grave. Broughton, Holand and others made remarks at the service and the Sturgeon Bay High School Band provided music. Several members of the Forest County Potawatomi served as pallbearers. The service concluded with a ceremonial by Forest County Potawatomi members.

It was a grand event for a man who died penniless, and various newspapers across the state reported that thousands of people attended the burial of "the last hereditary chief of the Wisconsin Potawatomi."



Chief Simon's burial site at Peninsula State Park Golf Course in Ephraim, Wis

Empowering Survivors Ending the Stigma



submitted by Tribal Aging and **Disability Resource Specialist Molly** Thornton

April 18, 2024, Community Advocacy invited Waking Women's Healing Institute to the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum to share their workshop and lunch.

Waking Women's Healing Institute is an Indigenous group who provide workshops to heal and connect through cultural teachings and medicines. This workshop focused on culturally-grounded techniques as a means of mending survivors and those affected by sexual violence.

The group, led by Kristin Welch, facilitated different breakout sessions in which the participants reflected on barriers that survivors might face and how they can provide support and healing in their own communities.

FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Haseman

Potawatomi Sportsbook – Milwaukee: You're invited to join the Potawatomi Casino Hotel Milwaukee for the special Forest County Potawatomi opening of the all-new Potawatomi Sportsbook in Milwaukee. Get a sneak peek at the state-of-the-art 2000-sq.-ft. space that includes a video wall, seating for over 200, an expanded food menu and more! Join them on May 2, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. Special guest appearances include the star of the Marvel Disney+ series "Echo," Alaqua Cox and "Echo" actress Little Maya. Open to FCP Tribal Members only.

Elder Breakfast Roundtable -Milwaukee: Potawatomi Ventures invites tribal elders to the Serenity Room at the Potawatomi Casino Hotel Milwaukee for a roundtable listening session. The session will be held May 3, 2024. Breakfast is at 8 a.m. and the roundtable begins at 8:30 a.m. Please join the Potawatomi Ventures board members, management, and other members of the team to discuss questions, ideas, or

concerns about the organization.

Dollars & Sense Course: The last day for the Dollars and Sense Course is May 7, 2024. The course has been held at the Potawatomi Community Center from 5-7 p.m. Food and childcare will be available. If you have any questions, contact Manny Johnson II at (715) 89-0636 or manny.johnson@fcp-nsn.gov.

Lunch with Council: Mawtheshnëwen – A Gathering Meeting - Join council at the Potawatomi Casino Hotel Milwaukee in the Harmony Room on the third floor at 12 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The meeting is open to FCP tribal members only. Questions? Please contact Lisa Milligan at (715) 478-4813/ (715) 889-9102 or lisa.milligan@ fcp-nsn.gov.

Sobriety Feast: In honor of National Prevention Week, a Sobriety Feast will be held May 15 at 6 p.m. at the Mole Lake Recreation Center in Crandon. It will be a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass. Open to the public.



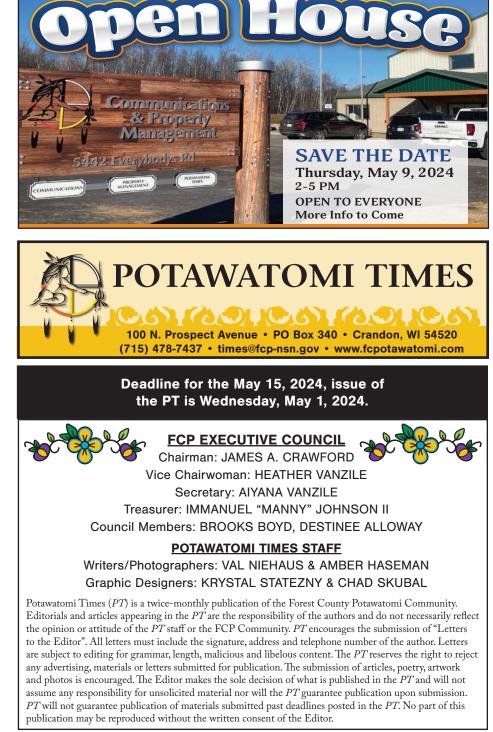


APRIL 20 | 11 AM **POTAWATOMI HOTEL & CASINO THE CLARITY ROOM** 1721 West Canal Street Milwaukee, WI 53233



APRIL 27 | 3 PM **EXECUTIVE AUDITORIUM** 5416 Everybody's Road Crandon, WI 54520

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Stephanie Barea @ 715-478-4452 / Stephanie.Barea@fcp-nsn.gov



Community

Earth Day at Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan

submitted by Sr. Social Media Specialist Justin Piontek

April 17, 2024, the Land & Natural Resources Division welcomed tribal members, descendants and their families to their Mother Earth Day celebration held at the Potawatomi Farm. Despite the much-needed rain, the event buzzed with activities and appreciation of Mother Earth. Attendees had the opportunity to explore booths hosted by LNR Botany and Wetlands, Energy, Air Quality, and Forestry. Alongside these informative displays, participants engaged in hands-on activities such as pottery decorating, seed planting, crafting milk jug greenhouses, and making bird

feeders (made out of pine cones coated in sunflower butter and birdseed).

Even with the rain, farm tours were offered, encountering buffalo, pigs, chickens, and majestic Highlander cows. The tour continued to the fodder unit, where the process of growing feed for the cows was shown, which is a process that is completed from seed to feed in just six days.

The event underscored the importance of cherishing and safeguarding Mother Earth. As stewards of the land, we take pride in educating our tribal members on sustainable practices.



Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women: Girls & Two-Spirit

submitted by FCP Community Advocacy, Family Service Division

May 5th is National Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Girls & Two-Spirit (MMIW/MMIWG2S) Day of Awareness, in which, indigenous voices are amplified across the nation to shed light on the epidemic proportions that Tribal Communities experience countless tragedies surrounding Missing and Murdered family members. MMIW Awareness Day highlights the need to change policy, allocate resources at the tribal, state, and federal level, and honor the lives of Native people that never came home.

MMIW on the National Scale

The Bureau of Indian Affairs states that approximately 1,500 American Indian and Alaska Native missing persons have been entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) throughout the U.S. and approximately 2,700 cases of murder and monnegligent homicide offenses have been reported to the Federal Government's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. In total, BIA estimates there are approximately 4,200 missing and murder cases that have gone unsolved due to a lack of investigative resources, conflicting policy between tribal, state, and federal jurisdictions, and the lack of retained material evidence.

A report issued in 2018 by the Urban Indian Health Institute illustrates the extent of the crisis. The report identified 506 unique cases of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls across 71 cities in the U.S, including Milwaukee and Green Bay. One quarter of the cases (128) were missing persons cases and 56 percent(280) were murder cases; the remaining 19 percent (98) were classified as unknown. The report concluded that the murder rate in the U.S. is 10 times higher for Indigenous women and girls, and pointed out that there is no national database that tracks MMIWG.

At a house oversight committee hearing in 2020, it was reported that 40 percent of all women and girls reported missing were people of color. That's 100,000 out of 250,000 missing human beings, despite women of color making up just 16 percent of the U.S. population.

MMIW in Wisconsin

Indigenous researchers in Wisconsin have identified 22 cases of missing and murdered Indigenous people in the state since 1980, according to Native American issues reporter Frank Vaisvilas of the Green Bay Press Gazette. Half of those cases occurred in the last 10 years, he reports, and only two of the victims were men. The Urban Indian Health Institute concludes there are six active cases in Wisconsin, one in Michigan, one in Illinois and 20 in Minnesota, including a 25-yearold Ojibwe Woman, Tess White, who was pregnant when she was tortured and killed in 2016.

MMIW Statistics

National Criminal Justice Training



Center of Fox Valley Technical College in 2022 reported on Indigenous Women & Girls:

-More than four out of five have experience some type of violence

-55.5 percent have been physically abused by their Intimate Partners

-40 percent of sex trafficking victims are Al/AK Native women

-Murder is the third leading cause of death for Indigenous Women, 10 times higher that all other ethnicities

-Out of the 5,487 cases of MMIW, 4.089 were 0-17 years old; 658 of cases were still open at the end of 2022. Forest County Potawatomi Community Event

Forest County Potawatomi Community Advocacy invites you to join us on to remember and honor those effected by MMIW and bring awareness to Forest County by walking through downtown Crandon. The event will begin at the Potawatomi Community Center, at 10 a.m., May 5, 2024, with a welcome, sign making, lunch and a photo. The walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the south end of Lake Ave. in Crandon. Please contact Community Advocacy by emailing CommunityAdvocacy@fcp-nsn.gov or by calling (715) 478-4433 with questions **Resources:**

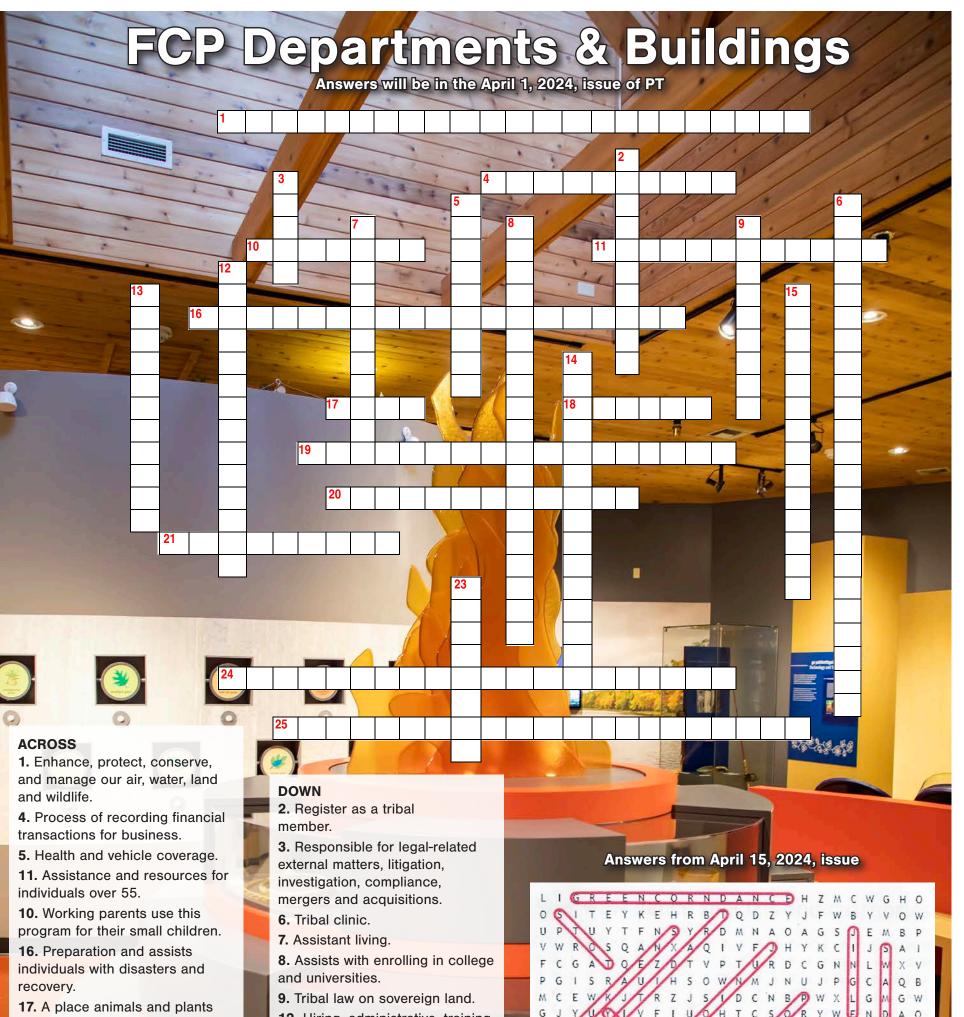
https://www.bia.gov/service/mmu/ missing-and-murdered-indigenous-people-crisis

https://www.niwrc.org/ mmiw-awareness

https://www.wisbar.org/NewsPublications/Ins/deTrack/Pages/Article.aspx-?Volume=15&|ssue=98ArticleID=29768

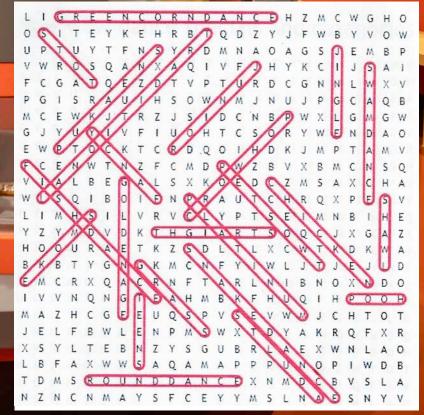
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LFPA Food Wednesday, 9 pm - Commur 10:30 am - Fireside Ma 12 pm	Distribution May 17, 2024 - 10 am: hity Center - 11:30 am: arket (Carter) - 1 pm: Farm	Foldobar Fireside Guest Appreciation Day Thursday, May 23, 2024 3 pm – 5 pm	1 CDS Coaching Development Series (Coaching Education) Coaches, Parent- Coaches & Trainers 6 pm – 7:30 pm Language Class 10 am – 12 pm Wabeno School Board Meeting Wabeno High School Library (6 pm)	2 Employee Open House 11 am – 5:30 pm Tribal Member Sportsbook Grand Opening (Milwaukee) Youth Sports Foundational Training (Agility, Balance, Coordination & Speed- ABC's) Age 12 - 17 4 pm – 5:30 pm	3	4
5 MMIWG (Start at The Community Center) Welcome: 10 am – 12 pm Walk: 12:30 pm – 2 pm Conclusion: 2 pm – 3 pm	6 Tribal Members & Employee Training (Exceptional Experience Class) 4 pm Executive Building Auditorium Speed Training (Grades 5 – 12) 4 pm – 5 pm	7 Dollars & Sense Financial Literacy 101 & 102 Classes (Classroom or Virtual) 5 pm – 7 pm Powwow Club 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	8 CDS Coaching Development Series (Coaching Education) Coaches, Parent- Coaches & Trainers 6 pm – 7:30 pm Lunch with Executive Council 12 pm Milwaukee Language Class 10 am – 12 pm	9 Communications & Property Management Open House 2 pm Youth Sports Foundational Training Age 12 - 17 4 pm - 5:30 pm Child Minding Mother's Day Craft	10	11 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
12 National Prevention Week May 12 – 18 Golf Outing Nicolet: 10 am	13 National Prevention Week Kickball with Cops (Argonne Park) Speed Training (Grades 5 – 12) 4 pm – 5 pm Crandon School Board Meeting Jaegar Auditorium 6 pm	14 National Prevention Week Arts, Crafts, Games & Cakewalk (Community Center) Powwow Club 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	15 National Prevention Week Sobrity Feast 6 pm (Mole Lake Cultural Center) CDS Coaching Development Series 6 pm – 7:30 pm LFPA Food Distribution Language Class 10 am – 12 pm	16 National Prevention Week Theme Dance (Wabeno High School) Holiday Campus Closed	17 National Prevention Week Recovery Walk Start: Mole Lake Cultural Building End: FCP Community Center Parking: 8 – 9 am with Shuttle located in parking across from Stone Lake Fireside Market Holiday Campus Closed	18 Prevention Weel Outdoo Movie (Laom High School CHIEF SIMON/S BIRTHDAY
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
National Public Works Week (NPWW) Awareness Open House May 19 - 25	Tribal Members & Employee Training (Career Success & FCP Values Class) 4 pm Executive Building Auditorium Speed Training (Grades 5 – 12) 4 pm – 5 pm	Open House National Public Works Week (Tribal Hall) 2 pm – 5 pm Powwow Club 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Gte Ga Nes Preschool last day of school	CDS Coaching Development Series (Coaching Education) Coaches, Parent- Coaches & Trainers 6 pm – 7:30 pm Wisnëwéwen Education Feast/ Banquet Language Class 10 am – 12 pm	Fireside Market Guest Appreciation Day 3 pm – 5 pm Youth Sports Foundational Training Gte Ga Nes Preschool 4K Graduation (Community Center; 11:00 am)		Crandon Graduation Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	Doors Open: 5 pm Grand Entry/
	Speed Training (Grades 5 – 12) 4 pm – 5 pm Crandon Memorial Day No School Holiday Campus Closed	Powwow Club 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	CDS Coaching Development Series (Coaching Education) Coaches, Parent- Coaches & Trainers 6 pm – 7:30 pm Language Class	Youth Sports Foundational Training (Agility, Balance, Coordination & Speed- ABC's) Age 12 - 17	Crandon Last Day of School	Prayer: 5:30 pm Dinner: 6 pm Awards After Dinner



- are raised.
- **18.** Cultural and Historical objects preserved, studied, and on displayed to the public.
- **19.** Our tribal council has offices in this structure.
- **20.** Our up-north gambling facility.
- 21. Gte Ga Nēs.
- 24. Indigenous history and cultural protection and recovery.25. Assisting departments with computers and telecommunications.

- **12.** Hiring, administrative, training of personnel.
- **13.** The work maintaining community roads, schools,
- reservoirs, etc. **14.** The place where everyone
- plays.
- 15. Individuals and families can get help with child support, energy assistance, health insurance, employment skills training, counseling services.
 23. Protecting property, enforce mulae and data ariminal.
- enforce rules and deter criminal activity.



Community Center





MAY 5 Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage Lunch: Shepard's pie Dinner: Cheese pizza

MAY 6 Breakfast: Boiled eggs, corned beef hash Lunch: Chicken Marsala Dinner: Lamb

> MAY 7 Breakfast: Waffles Lunch: BBQ pulled pork Dinner: Shrimp fajitas

MAY 8 Breakfast: Hash brown and egg casserole Lunch: Mushroom and Swiss burger Dinner: Boiled dinner

Elder Menu

MAY 9

Breakfast: Fried eggs, bacon Lunch: Baked pork chop Dinner: Hamburger and veggie soup

MAY 10 Breakfast: Scramble eggs w/ the works Lunch: Fried catfish Dinner: Chicken fried rice

MAY 11 Breakfast: Scrambled egg, fresh fruit Lunch: Chicken and zucchini skillet Dinner: Chicken veggie soup MAY 12 Breakfast: Scrambled egg, sausage links Lunch: Pan fried shrimp

Dinner: Corned beef roast

MAY 13 Breakfast: Eggs Benedict Lunch: Chicken breast Dinner: Stuffed pork chop

MAY 14 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage Lunch: Beef Marsala Dinner: Gyro

MAY 15 Breakfast: French toast casserole Lunch: Scalloped potatoes & ham Dinner: Roasted rabbit MAY 16 Breakfast: Boiled eggs, ham Lunch: Chicken and wild rice soup Dinner: Chicken salad bowl

MAY 17 Breakfast: Fried eggs, bacon Lunch: Glazed salmon fillet Dinner: Chicken broccoli rice casserole

MAY 18 Breakfast: Oatmeal, scrambled eggs Lunch: Italian rigatoni casserole Dinner: Stuffed green peppers

2024 Graduates



Name/Native American Name: Christina Beaver Parents or Guardian Name: Kevin and Jackie Gerdeen

School Graduating From: Bay De Noc Work Force Training Degree or Certificate: Massage Therapy Future plans:

To eventually open a shop on my property and using my cosmetology license and massage therapy license together and kind of do it all. Words of advice for youth: It's never too late to accomplish your dreams and continue your education. Who would you like to thank?: I would like to thank my family for helping me with my kids so I was able to attend school and focus on my homework, and graduate massage therapy school. And FCP education department for helping me to be able to go to school and just helping to get everything ready.



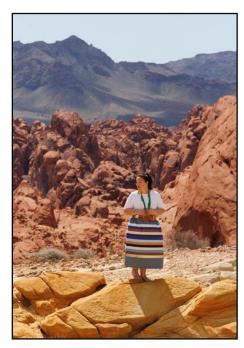
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Name/Native American Name: **Bailey Blasing** Parents or Guardian Name: Paul Blasing School Graduating From: Wabeno High School **Degree or Certificate:** High School Diploma Extracurricular Activities/Honors/ Awards: FCCLA Future plans: Go into the agriculture and horticulture fields. Words of advice for youth: Learn to love yourself. Who would you like to thank?: I'd like to thank my dad and family

for the never-ending love and support.

Name/Native American Name: Demitrick Bulmer/mkëdéwa ankwet (black cloud) Parents or Guardian Name: Kathy Jacobson and Aaron Bulmer School Graduating From: Wabeno High School Degree or Certificate: GED Extracurricular Activities/Honors/

Awards: Art award for best design Future plans: College bay-bi!! Words of advice for youth: Try your hardest in high school, you'll thank yourself in a couple years. Who would you like to thank?: The tribe, for all the opportunities they give us neshnabé



Name/Native American Name: Clarissa Friday/Jigwekwe Parents or Guardian Name: Passed on: Mary Ann White "Sku-DacQua" Father: Jonathan L. Norton **School Graduating From:** Milwaukee Area Technical College **Degree or Certificate:** Associates Degree in Photography Extracurricular Activities/Honors/ Awards: President of Collective of Indigenous Scholars in Milwaukee Future plans: Grow and maintain a successful photography business. Words of advice for youth: Embrace the uncomfortable. Who would you like to thank?: My husband, children and family for their patience and support. Forest County Community for all the support and kind words!

Name/Native American Name: Sarah Jane Gougé/Skodenesikwe Parents or Guardian Name: Jessica Jacobson and Richard Gougé School Graduating From: Wabeno High School Degree or Certificate: High School Diploma Future plans: Traveling Words of advice for youth: Don't let yourself feel disrespected. Who would you like to thank?: Sandi Shuhart - she is a tutor at education





Name/Native American Name: Elias Glinski Parents or Guardian Name: Ted and Marissa Glinski

School Graduating From: Crandon High School Degree or Certificate: High School Diploma Extracurricular Activities/Honors/ Awards: 10 Letter Award Winner Baseball, Football, and Wrestling. Many wrestling accolades including 2024 NLC Wrestler of the Year. Future plans: Attending UWSP for Marketing

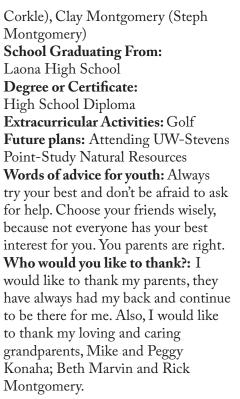
Words of advice for youth: Enjoy it while you can because it is over before you know it. Who would you like to thank?: I would like to thank my parents, coaches, teammates, friends, and community for supporting me through the past 12 years of schooling and sports.



2024 Graduates



Name/Native American Name: Waylon Montogmery/Shkwe'Gabo Parents or Guardian Name: Alexandria McCorkle (Chris Mc-





Name/Native American Name: Cheyenne Pamonicutt Parents or Guardian Name: Consquela Alloway School Graduating From: Crandon High School Degree or Certificate: High School Diploma Future plans: Working Words of advice for youth: Don't start slacking. Who would you like to thank?: My Mom



is to focus on my daughter and to apply what I've learned in the Tribal Business Management Program to my current position with Forest County Potawatomi. As for my plans, I would like to dive more into Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law. After covering these two topics in my final, it has really sparked my interest to want to know more about Native American Civil Rights and Indian Law. **Words of advice for youth:** To always be kind and have respect for one another.

Who would you like to thank?: I would like to thank my college instructor, Marilyn Miller, for pushing me into taking this class and for getting me back on my path towards my educational goal. I would also like to thank the entire Tribal Business Management Students for the support, the laughs, the discussions, and for all the feedback that was given. Most importantly, I would like to thank my daughter for being the light of my life and for keeping me on my toes.



Name/Native American Name: Brady Shepard/Abt to ke shesk Parents or Guardian Name: Frank and Kathryn Shepard

School Graduating From: Laona High School Degree or Certificate: High School Diploma Extracurricular Activities/Honors/ Awards: FBLA, National Honors Society, YMCA Character Award, Team Wisconsin Indigenous Games baseball player, baseball, football, wrestling. Future plans: Attend the UW-Stevens Point for

physical education. Words of advice for youth: Create goals for yourself in anything you do and work hard to achieve those goals. Once you achieve them challenge yourself with more.

Who would you like to thank?: I would like to thank my parents, grandparents, coaches, and friends for helping me through anything and everything in life. Name/Native American Name:
Candace Skenandore/Gig ya gos
Parents or Guardian Name:
Cheryl Frank & Kyle Skenandore
School Graduating From:
Nicolet College
Degree or Certificate: Certificate
Future plans: : Right now, my plan



Name/Native American Name: Starla Thompson/Waben Gizhek Kwé Parents or Guardian Name: Karen Lynn and Patrick Lulling School Graduating From: University of Chicago - Harris School of Public Policy Degree or Certificate: Master of Public Policy Extracurricular Activities/Honors/ Awards: Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society Fellow - Senior Future plans: National Congress of American

Indians

Words of advice for youth: You possess all that is necessary to realize all of your dreams - many times over.

Who would you like to thank?: My Children - Jeremiah, Joshua, Joah, and Benjamin. Grandma - Elsie Johnson and the sacrifices and support of countless ancestors and relatives. Additional comments: Migwetth to our Forest County Potawatomi Community for your support in Education.



2024 Graduates



Name/Native American Name: Allisia Tuckwab Parents or Guardian Name: Guadalupe Cisneros, Jamie Tuckwab School Graduating From: Wabeno High School Degree or Certificate: High School Diploma



Future plans: College for Early Childhood Education
Words of advice for youth: "You are enough just as you are."
Who would you like to thank?: I would like to thank my mom for always being there for me and never giving up on me.

Name/Native American Name: Mikael (sawgishek) Weso Parents or Guardian Name: Melanie Weso and Bryce Kerr

School Graduating From: Crandon High School Future plans: To become a welder.

Words of advice for youth: Be your own person don't change for someone else. Always be the better, bigger person!

Who would you like to thank?: Mrs. Shari Alloway Additional comments: Thank you

to everyone who believed in me and helped me succeed.



Name/Native American Name: Abi Winnicki/Dingwasnok Parents or Guardian Name: Ken and Marna Winnicki School Graduating From: Rhinelander High School Degree or Certificate: High School Diploma Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society Vice President, Key Club Secretary, Senior Class President, Student Council Member, HOSA member, Link Crew Member, Captain of 2023 RHS Girls State Champion Swim Team, 2023 Great Northern Conference Swimmer of the Year, WIAA All-State Academic Athlete, WYNS National Swim Team member. YMCA Teen Character Award Recipient

Future Plans: I will be attending UCLA this fall, where I will study biochemistry on the pre-med route and be a member of their swim team. Words of advice for youth: Dream big and work harder, dreams come true. Don't forget to have fun and take care of yourself along the way.

Who would you like to thank?: I want to thank my parents and grandparents for supplying me with a great support system, my coaches for mentoring me to become the athlete I am, and my sister for being someone I can always rely on.



Name/Native American Name: Lily VanZile/GnoKwe Parents or Guardian Name: David VanZile & Leah Littleton School Graduating From: Crandon High School Degree or Certificate: High School Diploma Future plans: Go to school for esthetician program and receive my real

Saturday

May 11, 2024

FOREST COUNTY

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Keeper of the Fire

estate license.

Words of advice for youth: Don't let anyone else's opinions matter to you. Do what you desire. Take all the opportunities you have and never take anything for granted. Who would you like to thank?: I

would like to thank my parents, family, and friends for the support to get me where I am today.

Lunch Served at Noon

POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY CENTER

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Crandon, WI 54520

(The Place Where Everyone Plays Road)



REMINDER TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

OUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

1:00

PM

MEETING STIPEND - YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BRING YOUR TRIBAL ID

Potawatomi Ventures Employees Cultural Immersion

On April 10, 2024, team members from Potawatomi Ventures (PV) embraced a two-day trip to engage with the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC). The visit, which included a comprehensive tour of many of the tribal government buildings, was positively praised by the PV attendees. With two additional trips scheduled for July and October, anticipation is building among the team members. These trips are more than just a day away from the office, they are experiences that will continue to shape PV's identity and reinforce the employees with the importance of keeping FCPC future and culture in everyday decisions. Employees shared some of their favorite photos they

captured during the tour.

CEO of Potawatomi Ventures Kip Ritchie stated, "We started the tours several years ago when I was President at Greenfire. The idea is to help employees get perspective and understand the tribe at a deeper level. We want them to understand why their work matters and better connect to the mission. Also, we want employees to understand our history, culture, traditions, governance and the special uniqueness of the tribe."

PV would like to thank the tour guides that took the time out of their busy schedules to help the team better understand the tribe's history, culture, and community.

Spotlight on Potawatomi Ventures Emerging Technologies

Potawatomi Ventures and fireside MARKET submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) responses to the Wisconsin DOT for the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at both northern fireside MARKET stores under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program. If selected, federal funding administered by the state will cover 80 percent of the total project cost, with the remainder funded by PV and/or utility rebates.

The PV Emerging Technologies team also partnered with Oneida Engineering Services and Sunbear industries to help them apply. This is a great effort to support Indian Country in our state showing immense potential for tribal collaboration on energy projects.

CHARGING STATIONS:

On Earth Day 4/22- Installation started for Level II EV charging stations at Wgema Campus gym lot in Milwaukee. The four chargers in the gym lot and two chargers in the parking structure are commercial grade (50 amp) from Red E Charge and are designed to support a variety of tenants, customers vendors, and visitors. Each charger port will deliver roughly 35 miles of range in one hour. This project is an opportunity for Potawatomi Ventures to participate in the EV ecosystem as the company looks to enter the EV market as a solution provider in the future. Chargers will be available to use for employees that work on Wgema Campus or visitors.

June 18-19, 2024 in Milwaukee, WI You are invited to the FCP Career Exploration POTAWATOMI VENTURES

CP CAREER EXPLORATION

Fair. Sponsored by Potawatomi Ventures, in partnership with Potawatomi Casino | Hotel and FCP Higher Education, this two-day event will highlight career opportunities within FCP entities and help tribal members prepare for future careers.



Accommodations will be provided. This event is for tribal members who are 18+





The group touring some of our

buildings: The museum, farm

and woodshop.

ELDER BREAKFAST & & &

May 3RD, 2024 8:00 am - breakfast 8:30 am - roundtable begins Potawatomi Casino Hotel | Milwaukee

1721 W Canal St, Milwaukee, WI 53233

Potawatomi Ventures invites tribal elders to the Serenity Room at the PCH for a roundtable listening session. Please join Potawatomi Ventures Board Members and management, and other members of the team to discuss questions, ideas, or concerns about the organization. Breakfast will be provided.



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