# **Honoring Simon Kahquados**

### by Amber Haseman

In honor of Chief Simon's birthday, his story is shared annually on May 18 in remembrance of his legacy to the Forest County Potawatomi Community. Chief Simon Onanguisse Kahquados was born May 18, 1851, at the Potawatomi Village Ma-Kah-Da-Wah-Gah-Cok (Black Earth) located in Kewaunee County. His family is one of the oldest known Potawatomi inhabitants of Wisconsin.

Kahquados' father was Onenningahsong (Onanguisse) meaning "shimmering light." He was a longtime leader of the tribe in the Door County, Kewaunee, and Manitowoc counties. When Kahquados was only five years old, his father passed away at the age of 30 at the Potawatomi village in Whitefish Bay, Door County, Wis. Following his fathers' passing in 1856, Kahquados was raised by his grandfather who was a leader and speaker at Ma-Kah-Da-Wah-Gah-Cok (Black Earth), which was the last Potawatomi village in the Kewaunee-Manitowoc area.

In 1862, the Potawatomi in Door County and Kewaunee County were forced from their land, left the village, split into smaller bands, and moved to lands between Wisconsin and Ohio. Kahquados' band moved to Michigan's U.P. in 1864 when he was 13. He spent his time hunting deer and trapped beavers, minks, martens, otters and fishers in Cedar River, Mich. in Menominee County.

A few years later in 1870, his family bought a homestead near Bark River in Delta County, Mich. During this time, Kahquados worked in the

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timber industry, becoming a timber cruiser and later earning a spot as a land surveyor. His first appearance on a government record is in 1907 when the U.S. enrollment agent travelled from Washington D.C. with an order to enroll all Wisconsin Potawatomi. During the time of enrollment, Kahquados is listed as number 360 in the Wooster roll. He lived near Hannahville in Bark River, Mich. and is mentioned to be a single male, 58 years of age, whose Potawatomi name was Kakanassige, meaning "bright light."

This enrollment affected Potawatomi in the U.S. and Canada. Unlike those who had moved west of the Mississippi, bands of Potawatomi that remained in northern Wisconsin and Michigan didn't receive annuities from the U.S. government. In the early 20th century, Kahquados made several trips to Washington D.C. alongside Chief James Waumegasako and delegate John Thunder to persuade the government to improve conditions for Potawatomi people in hopes of regaining the land his people lost in the 1800s. Although he did not achieve his goal, his actions did play a significant role in the recognition of the Forest County Potawatomi in 1913.

During the later years of Kahquados' life and after the establishment of the FCP Community, he settled with a friend, William Tahwa in Blackwell, Wis. Throughout his years of life, Kahquados never attended school, and therefore, had no formal education. Despite this, he taught himself how to speak and write English and became a captivating speaker. He would often provide information and knowledge to the Wisconsin Historical Society, sharing information of traditional Potawatomi culture and history. Kahquados would send letters from his home in Blackwell, Wis. to the society's Museum Director, Charles E. Brown, requesting information about the land rights of the Potawatomi as vell as other assistance for his people.

In 1927, a totem pole honoring the Potawatomi as early inhabitants of Door County was placed in Peninsula State Park in Door County. Kahquados officiated the two-day event which featured ceremonial singing, dancing, a bonfire, and other festivities. The highlight of the ceremony followed with Kahquados' singing of "America" in his native tongue. He continued to

share about the days when his ancestors led the Door County area peacefully.

Despite Kahquados enthusiasm, advocacy, and dedication to his tribe, he spent his final years of life battling illness and living in poverty on a government annuity of \$10 per month. At the age of 79, Kahquados passed away Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1930, at the home of William Tahwa near Blackwell, Wis. His final wishes were to be buried near the grave of his ancestor Chief Onanguisse in Peninsula State Park.

Honoring his request, the Wisconsin Conservation Commission granted special permission for his

wish and coordinated with the Door County Historical Society to place him near the totem pole in the park. Fifteen thousand people attended the burial, held on Memorial Day in 1931. Several members of the Forest County Potawatomi held a ceremonial dance in his honor.

Headlines of Wisconsin newspapers read the tragic news of Chief Kahquados passing on Nov. 27, 1930, at the age of 79. Those who knew him shared how intelligent of a man he

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was, that he knew the English language well, and was always proud of his ancestry. In fact, Kahquados would spend time attending fall harvest festivals and fourth of July festivals dressed in full regalia. He was the last descendant of a line of chiefs who led over the Door County Peninsula for many centuries.

While he may not be here, his legacy continues to live on for generations.



# **FCP Up & Coming**

by Amber Haseman

CDS Coaching Development Series/Youth Sports Foundational Training: Coach Dixon is sharing coaching education for coaches, parent coaches, and trainers on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. He will also be providing Youth Sports Foundational Training, available for ages 12-17 from 4-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. If you have any questions or suggestions for coach, please contact him at eric.dixon@fcp-nsn.gov.

National Prevention Week: National Prevention week begins May 12-18.

Sobriety Feast: There will be a Sobriety Feast at the Mole Lake Cultural Center on May 15, 2024, at 5-8 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass.

Theme Dance: There will be a Theme Dance at the Wabeno High School on May 16, 2024, from 4-7 p.m.

Recovery Walk: The annual recovery walk is scheduled for May 17, 2024. Parking will be available starting at 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. There will be a shuttle located in the lot across from Stone Lake Fireside Market. The walk starts at the Mole Lake Cultural Building and finishes at the Potawatomi Community Center.

Laona Outdoor Movie: There will be an outdoor movie at the Laona High School on May 18, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Campus Closed: Campus will be closed on May 16-17, 2024, in honor of Chief Simon's birthday which is May 18, 2024.

**Public Works Open House:** 

Public Works is hosting an open house in celebration of National Public Works Week. FCP Tribal Members, descendants, and families are welcome to join the team for carnival themed activities and door prizes. The open house will be May 21, 2024, from 2-6 p.m. at the Tribal Hall.

Education Banquet: The annual Education Feast/Banquet is May 22, 2024. It will be held at the Community Center at 5 p.m. The prayer will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6 p.m. Awards will be presented to the students after dinner.

Gte Ga Nés Graduation: The Gte Ga Nés Preschool 4K Graduation will be held at the Community Center at 11 a.m. on May 23, 2024.

Fireside Market Guest Appreciation Day: Fireside Market is having a Guest Appreciation Day event on May 23, 2024, from 3-5 p.m. at the Stone Lake location. There will be free food available, with fun and festive giveaways.

**Campus Closed:** Campus will be closed for Memorial Day on May 27, 2024.

## MMIWG Walk 2024



### by Val Niehaus

Community members gathered on May 5, 2024, to honor and remember the Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women & Girls (MMIWG) locally and nationwide.

Individuals gathered at the Potawatomi Community Center (PCC) around 10 a.m. for a pipe ceremony led by FCP tribal elder Sam Alloway. While sitting around the fire, Alloway said his prayers and words about those who went missing from his family. Others chimed in and spoke about themselves or family members who are still healing from their past childhood traumas. They shared about being taken or about family members who were murdered. This is a nationwide problem that is happening out our backdoor. Once people were finished sharing their stories many prayers and hugs happened to help that healing process.

The group then gathered downtown Crandon at the gravel lot at the south end of town to walk down main street and back to bring awareness to those who are still missing and those whose murders were never closed for the families. While walking, there were many cheers and horn honking that was happening, which just shows people are starting to notice what is being done here locally for the MMI-WG.

The conclusion of the day was held back at PCC, with the closing of the fire, and some last words.

The day went just as it should have, with tears, remembrance, hugs, prayers, and healing. We will never forget those sisters who are not here with us still, and we will pray for those who have been affected in every way. We will also pray strongly that this stops happening to Indigenous women and children, and with more awareness that is brought to the front line, the more people will start listening.





(left) Monique Tuckwab and (right) Olivia Nunway showing their love







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## **Potawatomi Ventures Celebration Event**

by Amber Haseman

After 20 years of business as the economic development engine for the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe, Potawatomi Business Development Corporation looks much different than it did when it first started. To better reflect what the business represents today, it was decided to change the name to Potawatomi Ventures.

To address this change, a celebration event was held at the Potawatomi Community Center, April 25, 2024, from 4-6 p.m. Although the name and logo have changed, their mission remains the same. Potawatomi Ventures' goal is to generate wealth and improve the quality of life for the FCP Tribe by making strategic investments, acquisitions, and reasonable management decisions.



The first speaker for the evening was Potawatomi Ventures Chief Executive Officer Kip Ritchie. He began with welcoming the audience to

the celebration, thanked Fire Nation for their performance, and proceeded with an introduction of himself and why we're gathered here today. Ritchie stated, "We conducted audits, done research, strategic planning, and explored a different way to look at our organization that would draw us closer into the community; that would capture the uniqueness of who the tribe is - our culture, our heritage, our traditions, our ceremonies, our drums – to bring that into the brand. It was important and a part of who we are as an organization."

Ritchie continued to share how the rebranding reflects not only who they are today, but where they're going to be in the next 20 years. Potawatomi Ventures represents evolution of strength within the organization, where it is today and where they're going. This change will help to tell their story and their next chapter.

With the new brand comes a new logo. This logo is more representative of Forest County Potawatomi as Keeper of the Fire. The flame grows out of the leaves, representing symbolism of planting and nurturing seeds, which grow and fuel the flames of the future. The new tagline 'Brighter Together' represents bringing the tribe into the organization. He states, "We all work together to make this thrive it's not one person, it's not our company and our employees. It's our tribal membership, it's our elders, it's the support that we get from the council and it's the support that we get from you, our tribal membership.'

FCP Chairman James A. Crawford followed with sharing his thoughts



on the changes made to the company. Chairman stated how council just finished meeting with the Potawatomi Ventures team to go over the strategic planning of the business and the things they are doing. He shares how he believes the community is in a good place. Chairman is very impressed and states how other tribes come to the company to learn what we do, to understand how to put things together, and how the team works. Potawatomi Ventures has become a leader in In-

dian country. Chairman expresses his appreciation for all the work they do and the great job they're doing.

Potawatomi Ventures Chief Operating Officer Jeff Johnson shared his thoughts and an introduction with the audience. He thanked council for meeting with his team and expressed the meaning behind their tagline 'Brighter Together' and what it means to him. Johnson shares, "Today marks a new chapter for the company's history." He concluded with a short video highlighting the brand itself.

After the presentations, the Potawatomi Ventures team assisted anyone with any questions they may have had and provided information to those who were interested in learning more. The team supplied swag to those who attended the event, featuring t-shirts, frisbees, baseball caps, beanies, and a raffle to win Potawatomi Ventures Yetis. The celebration event was a great opportunity for the team to address any questions or concerns the FCP Community may have regarding the recent changes to the business.





### by Amber Haseman

Spring was in the air with April showers, May flowers, and the Mnokmet Spring Craft Fair. The annual



event was held April 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Potawatomi Community Center gym. Local vendors and crafters displayed their unique treasures to the community. Items featured handcrafted jewelry, canned goods, seasonal tule wreaths, hand beaded lanyards and keychains, acrylic

beaded pens, homemade jams and jellies, soy candles, gift ideas such as self-care baskets and blind date with a book, alpaca felted bar soap and more.

This years' event was open to the public and free of admission. It was the perfect opportunity for the community to get a head-start on their

One of the booth displays featuring many 'BE.YOU.TIFUL' crafts, home decor and more holiday shopping, purchase some spring décor, or find a gift idea for Mother's Day.





# Community Events MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LFPA Food Distribution Wednesday, May 17, 2024  9 pm – 10 am: Community Center  10:30 am – 11:30 am: Fireside Market (Carter)  12 pm – 1 pm: The Farm		Fireside  Guest  Appreciation  Day  Thursday,  May 23, 2024  3 pm – 5 pm	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)	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
MMIWG (Start at The Community Center) Welcome: 10 am – 12 pm Walk: 12:30 pm – 2 pm Conclusion: 2 pm – 3 pm	Tribal Members & Employee Training (Exceptional Experience Class) 4 pm Executive Building Auditorium Speed Training (Grades 5 – 12) 4 pm – 5 pm	Dollars & Sense Financial Literacy 101 & 102 Classes (Classroom or Virtual) 5 pm – 7 pm Powwow Club 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	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	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	GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
National Prevention Week May 12 – 18 Golf Outing Nicolet: 10 am  NATIONAL PREVENTION ACELEBRATION OF POSSIBILITY	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	National Prevention Week Arts, Crafts, Games & Cakewalk (Community Center) Powwow Club 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	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	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	Prevention Weel Outdoo Movie (Laona High School
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	Emergency Action Plan Training Executive Building Auditorium 10:30 am – 12 pm CDS Coaching Development Series 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)	24	Crandon Graduation Day
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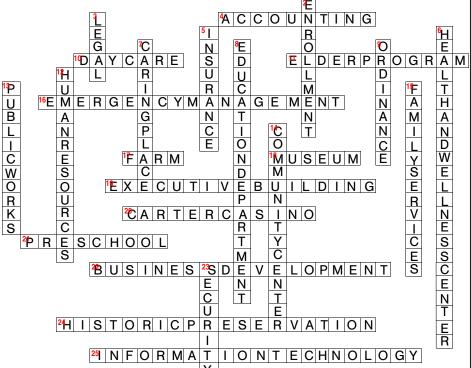


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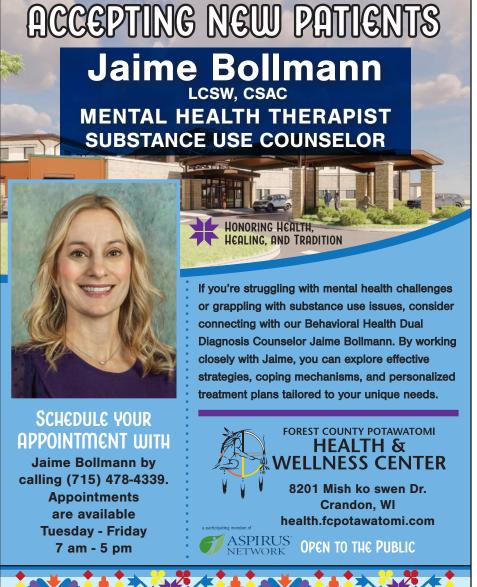


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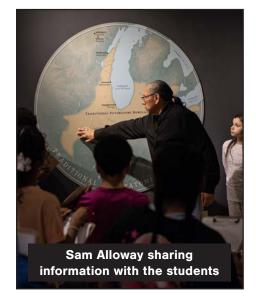
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For more info contact Group Exercise Coordinator Dalylah Zillmer

# St. Marcus Visit FCP Campus



### by Amber Haseman

Fifth and sixth graders of St. Marcus school in Milwaukee, Wis. traveled to Crandon, Wis. for an overnight stay of learning and gathering knowledge of the Forest County Potawatomi tribe and community. The bus arrived at the Potawatomi Community Center around 12:30 p.m. on April 25, 2024. The students joined FCP fifth and sixth graders for lunch. After lunch, the students headed to the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum for a tour with Division Administrator – Cultural Preservation Sam Alloway and cultural teachings with Community Prevention Coordi-



nator Jorge Cisneros Sr.

The group was separated by grade, sending half the students with Alloway and the other half with Cisneros. Alloway's group joined in the library for a story about his past, life growing up, and the history of the museum. The students were then taken on a tour of the museum and had the opportunity to interact with all the learning tools and features provided.

Meanwhile, Cisneros' group was taken over to the teaching lodge where he beautifully-displayed regalia, beadwork, traditional medicines, and more to share with the students. They were intrigued with the cultural items, asked many questions, and had the opportunity of getting a closer look and feel of the items. Afterward, the students joined in the wigwam for an honor song led by 2024-2025 Brave, NeganGechda Pemma. After each group finished their tours, they switched around so the others could experience the museum and the cultural teachings.

Afterward, the group made their way to the baseball diamond to join Cultural Programming Coordinator Lawrence Mann for a cultural activity called atlatl. For those who don't know

2024-2025 Brave, NeganGechda Pemma leading the drums

what this activity is, atlatl is a device used for throwing a dart, consisting of a rod or board with a hook to hold the dart in place until it is released at a target. It was a great opportunity for the students to get outside, experience the culture and learn a new skill they may not have known before. The remaining day consisted of a traditional meal and swim time. St. Marcus concluded their trip with a visit to Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm) the following morning and made their way back to their community around 11 a.m.





# Elder Menu

MAY 12
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs,
sausage
Lunch: Fried shrimp
Dinner: Corned beef roast

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

MAY 15
Breakfast: French toast
casserole
Lunch: Scalloped potatoes
Dinner: Roasted rabbit

MAY 16
Breakfast: Boiled eggs, ham
Lunch: Chicken wild rice soup
Dinner: Chicken salad bowl

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

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

MAY 19
Breakfast: Scrambled egg,
sausage patty
Lunch: Turkey ala king over
biscuit

Dinner: Hominy soup

MAY 20 Breakfast: Cheese omelet Lunch: Tuna casserole Dinner: Brats

MAY 21
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage
links

Lunch: Spaghetti & meatballs
Dinner: Hot ham & cheese

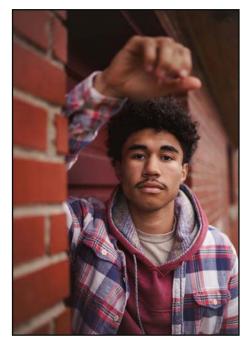
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Breakfast: Boiled eggs, corned
beef hash
Lunch: Beef tips over rice
Dinner: Jumbo shrimp

MAY 23
Breakfast: Fried eggs, bacon
Lunch: Fillet of fish sandwich
Dinner: Chicken wild rice soup

MAY 24
Breakfast casserole
Lunch: Chicken stir fry
Dinner: Salmon

MAY 25
Breakfast: Sausage skillet,
boiled eggs
Lunch: Sausage & potato
casserole
Dinner: Open face tuna salad

### 2024 Graduates



Name/Native American Name: Omar Bailey Jr. / Gises Parents or Guardian Name: Calli Victor and Omar Bailey, Sr. School Graduating From: Crandon High School

Degree or Certificate: High School Diploma Extracurricular Activites/Honors/ Awards:

Cross Country, Basketball, Track and Field/1st team all conference in Track and Field and Cross Country. Honorable mention and 2nd team all conference for Basketball. YMCA Teen Character Award Recipient.

### Future plans:

I plan to attend Gogebic Community College to obtain my associates degree in Business Management. After that, I plan on continuing my schooling to obtain my bachelor's degree.

### Words of advice for youth:

Enjoy the little things in life because they usually end up leading to bigger things.

Who would you like to thank?:

I would like to thank my parents for everything.



Name/Native American Name:
Destiny Gilligan / Zanwankwedok
Parents or Guardian Name:
Veronica Gilligan / Donald Gilligan
School Graduating From:
Wabeno High School
Degree or Certificate:
High School Diploma

Extracurricular Activities/Honors/ Awards:

Second Quarter Honors 2024

Future plans: Nail tech. Words of advice for youth:

Keep pushing through even when you feel like giving up, its all worth it in the end.

Who would you like to thank?: I would like to thank all my family members for believing in me and pushing me to my best, I love you all!



Name/Native American Name:
Joanne Higgins / Biizaanii-giizhig
Parents or Guardian Name:
Joseph and Linda Higgins
School Graduating From:
Saint Croix

**Degree or Certificate:** High School Diploma

Future plans:

College

Words of advice for youth:

Don't let people destroy your peace of mind

Who would you like to thank?: Aiden Alloway and my parents.

Name/Native American Name:



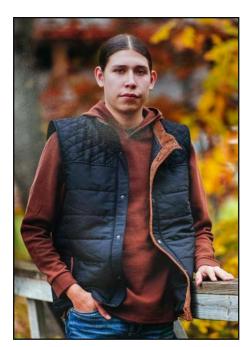
Elias Johnson / wzawgizhek
Parents or Guardian Name:
Sara Johnson
School Graduating From:
Crandon High School
Degree or Certificate:
High School Diploma
Extracurricular Activities/Honors/
Awards:
Honor roll all 4 years of high school.

Name/Native American Name:

Future plans:

I plan on furthering my education while in the workforce.

Words of advice for youth:
Be yourself and have fun in school.
Who would you like to thank?:
I would like to thank all the teachers that have helped me along the way.
I want to thank my mom and my brother Adonis for always helping me in and out of school.



Preston VanZile / Shabwedek Parents or Guardian Name: Heather VanZile and Josh VanZile **School Graduating From:** Laona High School Degree or Certificate: High School Diploma Extracurricular Activities/Honors/ Awards: Varsity basketball and baseball Future plans: Attending UW-Stevens Point for Natural Resources Words of advice for youth: Pay attention. Who would you like to thank?: My parents and family.





Name/Native American Name:

Zachariah Weso

Parents or Guardian Name:

Mary Weso and Kenneth Weso Jr.

**School Graduating From:** 

Crandon

Degree or Certificate:

HSED

Future plans:

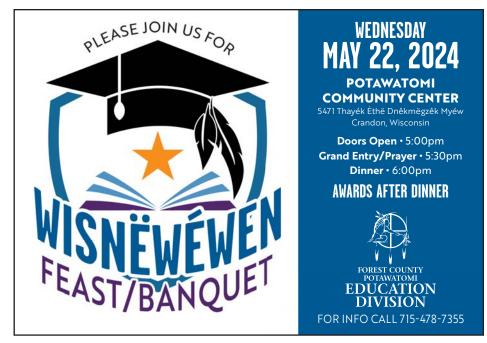
Join the workforce.

Words of advice for youth:

Focus on contribution rather than achievement.

Who would you like to thank?:

I would like to thank my parents. Especially my mom for not giving up





# The Power and Importance of Advocacy: Our Voices Must be Heard

### submitted by FCP Tribal Member Kevin Allis

In the vast and diverse landscape of advocacy, the voices of American Indians ring with a unique and strong spirit, rooted in centuries of struggle, resilience, and cultural heritage. From the earliest resistance to colonial oppression, to contemporary battles for sovereignty and self-determination, American Indian advocacy stands as a testament to the enduring quest for justice, equity, and recognition. But the fight is not over, much work remains to be done, and to protect what our community has built, and to ensure our future generations enjoy a growing tribal economy, we must have our voices heard in Washington D.C. and in Madison, Wis.

Advocacy, at its core, represents the spirit of activism and mobilization. It empowers individuals and tribal communities to raise awareness about issues that matter to them, whether it be environmental conservation, social justice, or public health. Through advocacy, marginalized voices find importance, and grassroots movements gain momentum, challenging the status quo and demanding action, and change, from decision-makers.

The history of American Indian advocacy is a narrative of resilience in the face of profound adversity. For centuries, Indigenous peoples across the Americas have faced displacement, genocide, and cultural erasure at

the hands of colonial powers. Indian Country witnessed this as recently as 80 years ago when the federal government tried to terminate tribal nations. Despite these immense challenges, Indigenous communities persevered, drawing strength from their rich cultural traditions, spiritual beliefs, and collective identity. It was members of our own tribal community, the Forest County Potawatomi Community, and the power of their voices, that led the charge to reverse the termination of American Indian tribes in our part of the country.

One of the central pillars of American Indian advocacy is the fight for tribal sovereignty and self-determination. From the signing of treaties with the U.S. government to the establishment of tribal governments and legal frameworks, Indigenous peoples have sought to assert their inherent rights to land, resources, and self-governance. Through political mobilization, legal battles, and grassroots activism, American Indian advocates have challenged, and must continue to challenge, the paternalistic policies of assimilation and continue to seek to reclaim their autonomy and agency.

American Indian advocacy encompasses a wide range of issues, from environmental justice and healthcare to education and economic development.... all of which have significant importance to our tribal community. In the face of persistent disparities and

inequities, Indigenous activists and organizations have worked tirelessly to address the root causes of systemic injustice and inequality. Whether it's advocating for clean water rights, preserving sacred sites, or improving access to healthcare services, American Indian advocacy seeks to uphold the rights and dignity of Indigenous peoples.

Moreover, advocacy serves as a catalyst for policy change, driving the development and implementation of laws, regulations, and initiatives that advance the common good. By raising awareness, mobilizing support, and engaging with policymakers, our Washington D.C. and Madison advocates play a crucial role in shaping the legislative agenda and influencing decision-making processes in ways that benefit our tribal community. Whether it's advocating for environmental conservation, healthcare reform, or education equity, advocacy has the power to effect transformative policy change. We've witnessed how this has worked in the past, and given the uncertain future, must ensure our voices are heard today. Despite the great strides made in American Indian advocacy, significant challenges remain. Structural barriers, historical trauma, and ongoing discrimination continue to impede the full realization of Indigenous rights and aspirations. Moreover, the legacy of colonialism casts a long shadow, perpetuating cycles of poverty, addiction, and violence within Indigenous communities... some of these we see in our own community.

In conclusion, American Indian advocacy stands as a testament to the resilience, strength, and determination of Indigenous peoples in the face of adversity. From the halls of government to the frontlines of grassroots activism, American Indian advocates must continue to fight for justice, equity, and recognition. As we, the Forest County Potawatomi Community, move forward, it is essential to center our Indigenous voices in a manner that upholds our tribal sovereignty, and honors the rich cultural heritage of our ancestors. It's very important for our tribal community to harness the interaction between advocacy and policy promotion, so we can build a stronger and more sustainable world for our present and future generations. To protect all that is important to our community, and to continue to progress in a way that safeguards a meaningful and vibrant future for our generations to come, we must continue to have a voice that's heard by decision makers in Washington D.C. and Madison. As agents of change, our tribal leaders and professional advocates, must be visible by continuing to advocate passionately, promote strategically, and work tirelessly towards a brighter future for us all, and the generations that follow.





# Walking & Working Surfaces



### submitted by Compliance Process Improvement Specialist Michelle Matuszewski

FCP Compliance & Process Improvement held a presentation on April 18, 2024, for all FCP employees pertaining to Walking & Working Surfaces, Including Fall Protection.

Director of Compliance and Process Improvement Ken George Jr. presented during the event. George is also an OSHA authorized general industry trainer.

Compliance & Process Improvement has recently been added to the New Hire Orientation Program providing safety in the workplace training. In addition, various OSHA trainings are being offered to all FCP employees (with Supervisor approval). The goal is to educate FCP employees on how to stay safe while working. We need employees to stay healthy and free from injury, not only because they play a critical role at work, but more importantly we want everyone to return home to their families and friends in the same condition they left.

It takes all of us to make our working environments safe; if you see something, say something.

There were about 50 employees attending this training, including some members of the Executive Council.

The next Emergency Action Plans Training will be on May 22, 2024, from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Executive Building Auditorium.

## FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI GAMING COMMISSION 2024 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OF A STATE In the program, you will have the opportunity to meet Gaming Commissioners and staff, become familiar with the many duties of the Gaming Commission, observe each of its departments, and become familiar with how the Gaming Commission regulates casino operations on-site. You will visit the various venues within the Milwaukee and Carter properties and experience the excitement that the tribe's casinos have to offer. This is an excellent way to enhance your gaming and regulation knowledge. There will also be discussions, an individual project, departmental exploring and so much more. This program is designed to fit a variety of learning styles. If this program interests you, apply today! Must be an enrolled Forest County Potawatomi Community member, 18 years or older, have high school diploma or recognized equivalent. Weekly stipend provided. **PLEASE CONTACT: Miranda Villa, Executive Assistant** to get an application at: 414-837-3786 | Miranda.Villa@fcp-nsn.gov www.paysbig.com/gaming-commission

# Coaching Developmental Series Class



### submitted by Community Relations Specialist Marcus Daniels

On Wednesday nights at 6 p.m., Youth Athletic Coach Eric Dixon holds Coaching Developmental Series classes at the Potawatomi Community Center in the classroom. The class is available to coaches and parents. The classes began Feb. 29, 2024, and will continue until further notice. There is a \$10 fee for the entirety of the class. These classes dive deep into properly coaching youth from their formative to competitive years.

One of the biggest takeaways of this class is the severe absence of proper training regiments and how to determine what an athlete should be doing at a particular time in their developmental stage.

For example, a coach shouldn't be focused on training all 12-year-olds the same; some 12-year-olds may have the functional capability of a 15-year-old, and some may have the capability of a nine-year-old. Just like the berries that grow together on a bush, some may ripen before others; that's just the way of life and nature.

One of the biggest misconceptions around sports is that starting children out younger will make them better at the sport as they get older. This is false as a child's body must work several times harder to train and learn sports specific techniques. These are just some of the topics covered thus far in Coach Dixon's class.

The community is highly encouraged to attend these classes to be informed on coaching techniques that can't be found anywhere else. On a sidenote, Coach Dixon is looking for your input. He wants to know what the best time is for coaches and parents to come and get educated in Youth Sports and Athletic Development. Please contact Dixon at eric. dixon@fcp-nsn.gov. If you're interested in signing up, stop by the community center front desk, and ask for a sign-up sheet!





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# **Celebrating Earth Day**

As part of the Forest County
Potawatomi Community, Potawatomi
Ventures mission and decisions are
made with future generations in mind.
A small but impactful decision made
at Potawatomi Ventures was to switch
from single use plastic water bottles to reuseable ones. As a team we
are determined to reduce waste and
environmental impacts and help set a
powerful examples others will want to
follow.

Did you know, bottled water gen-

erates tons of hard-to-recycle plastic waste or single-use bottles that end up in landfills and air pollution is caused by trucking it potentially hundreds of miles from its bottling source to the store or office. For example, Ice Mountain ® (found throughout the upper Midwest) is produced at a plant in Evart, Mich., owned by PE firm Blue Trident, producing 4.8 million bottles a day ("Where Nestle Guzzles Water, Michigan Neighbors Take Exception," NYT, May 24, 2017).





**Attention - Tribal Members** 

If you have questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share with Potawatomi Ventures, please contact Alex McCorkle, the Tribal Relations Coordinator. She has an office located at the FCP Communication/Property Management Building (5442 Everybody's Rd., Crandon, WI 54520)

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June 18-19, 2024 in Milwaukee, WI

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+







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