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## 2024 Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen Powwow: Home of the Woodland World Championship



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Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen Royalty: (l-r) Sr. Princess Precious Vanzile, Jr. Princess Gemma Frank, and Brave Millo Alloway

by Val Niehaus, photos by Clarissa Friday

The annual Home of the Woodland World Championship Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen Powwow occurred on Aug. 23-25, 2024, at the Ka Kēw Sē Gathering Grounds in Wabeno, Wis.

The grand entry took place on Friday at 7 p.m., starting the powwow weekend off, and then followed the regular schedule for the following days.

Wesley Jourdan and John Teller Jr. were the weekend MCs, and Chaske Lablanc and Nick Shepard were the Arena Directors.

The Head Veteran was Walker Stonefish. Head dancers were chosen for each session over the weekend.

There were outgoing royalty specials, from the reigning Sr. Princess Nem Ki Kwe Daniels, Jr. Princess

Natiah Labarge, and Brave Nikanes Shepard.

A chi migwēth goes out to Guada, Lorraine, and their crew, who cooked for this large crowd all weekend, to the powwow committee and the custodians who kept things cleaned up and organized throughout the weekend.

Overall, this year's powwow was a great weekend for all in attendance, and we can't wait for next year's!

### The Winners of this Year's Contests:

#### Woodland Singing Contest

World Champion - Little Soldier  
2nd - Smokeytown  
3rd - Southern Boyz  
4th - Storm Crossing

#### Golden Age Men's Woodland

World Champion - Ken Funmaker  
2nd - J.W. Clelend  
3rd - Brian Jackson  
4th - Lewis Cozad

#### Golden Age Women's Woodland

World Champion - Cheryl Funmaker  
2nd - Rebecca Miller  
3rd - Cindy Le Clere  
4th - Mable Cozad

#### Jr Boys Woodland

World Champion - Jason Pettibone  
2nd - Millo Alloway  
3rd - Jordan Smith  
4th - Jacob Wewenis

#### Jr Girls Woodland

World Champion - Violet Pyawasit  
2nd - Kortney Clairmont  
3rd - Beverly O'Reilly  
4th - Penny Miller

#### Teen Boys Woodland

World Champion - Francis Delabreau  
2nd - Joseph Rainey  
3rd - Kenew Awonohopay  
4th - Elliott Penass

#### Teen Girls Woodland

World Champion - Seneca Pyawasit  
2nd - Amari Funmaker  
3rd - Alexis Zhuckkahosee  
4th - Ava Pettibone

#### Men's Woodland

World Champion - Tego Warrington  
2nd - Dana Warrington  
3rd - Noodin Shawanda  
4th - Naakwam Shawanda

#### Women's Woodland

World Champion - Brittany Pelkey  
2nd - Cindy Warrington  
3rd - Jamie Awonohopay  
4th - Elicia Leonard

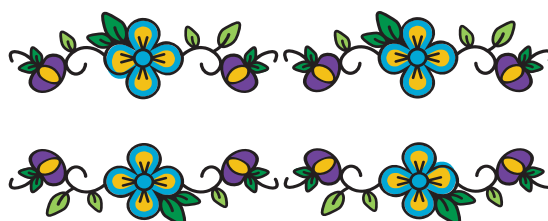


Some of Winter's End powwow royalty - Sr. Princess Royal Pemma and Brave Nigan Pemma



Father and son looking sharp in their regalia dancing together

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# FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Haseman

**Frybread Showdown:** The annual Frybread Showdown has been rescheduled for November 9. There will be more information to come in the near future.

**Conserve to Preserve Night:** Join at the Potawatomi Community Center for a Conserve to Preserve Night with LNR. The class is Falling for Wetlands. Learn about native plants, trees, and medicines that are being conserved and mapped. Join to see all of what LNR is doing. A light dinner will be provided. The class is open to the FCP community and their families.

**Yoga Retreat:** Join the Potawatomi Community Center September 20, 21, and 22 for a 3-day yoga experience. Learn about different yoga formats, engage in 90-minute classes and enjoy delicious and healthy foods. Times are as follows: Sept. 20, from 5:30-7 p.m. enjoy restorative yoga with Dana, Sept. 21, join Dana for Vinyasa Flow from 9-11 a.m., and Sept. 21, join for a sound bath experience with Nicolette plus facial and scalp massages with Nikki. Register today at [potawatommcc.recdesk.com](http://potawatommcc.recdesk.com) or stop by the Community Center front desk.

**Special General Council Budget Meeting:** The special general council

budget meeting is September 21 at 1 p.m.

**Farm to Table Class:** The next Farm to Table Cooking Class is Sept. 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The featured meal is Eggplant Lasagna with crusty bread and fruit galette. The class is open to everyone and free to attend. Registration is required. If you're interested, please contact Trisha Thorbahn for more information or to register at (715) 478-4162 or [trishar.thorbahn@fcp-nsn.gov](mailto:trishar.thorbahn@fcp-nsn.gov).

**Orange T-Shirt Day:** September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Wear orange to honor and raise awareness for children who endured Native American Boarding School Assimilation. Every child matters.

**Impulse Media:** Impulse Media will be attending the International Motor Film Awards night Oct. 4, 2024 for their "RUSH" series nomination.

**Save the Date:** On behalf of the Woodland Indian Art Board, they would like to invite you to participate in the 17th annual Woodland Indian Art Show & Market (WI-ASM). The application deadline is Oct. 6, 2024. For more information, please visit <https://www.woodland-indianart.com>.

# Miss Potawatomi Eats Lunch with FCP Elders



Everyone enjoying their lunch together

by Val Niehaus

Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) elders could sit, chat, and eat lunch with this year's newly crowned Miss Potawatomi Lovey VanZile on Aug. 26, 2024, at the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum.

April Daniels prepared a meal consisting of wild rice casserole, corn soup, fry bread, and desserts for the weekly Elders Luncheon. Migwëthh to her for preparing this delicious food for those in attendance.

Lovey VanZile is a junior at Laona School District and the daughter of Heather and Josh VanZile. She is on the National Honor Society, Health Occupation Students of America, Future Business Leaders of America and has been on the honor roll since 2020. Not only does VanZile excel academically, but she plays both basketball and softball while balancing friends and social life.

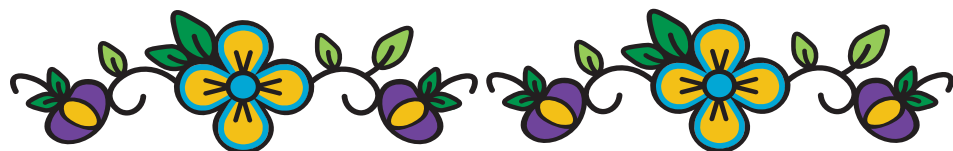
She has participated dancing in

powwows since she was a tiny tot and has traveled throughout Indian country representing her tribe, holding numerous crowns of princesses throughout her young and older years. She speaks the Bodéwadmi language to the best of her abilities and has a deep desire to learn and keep her cultural ways alive.

During the lunch, VanZile spoke with many elders and received great guidance and advice about how proud they are of her for representing them throughout Indian country.

Once everyone had finished lunch and visited, VanZile thanked the group for talking with her and giving her advice for the coming year.

*Potawatomi Times* congratulate VanZile on this huge honor and look forward to seeing what this year brings for her and her family!



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**Deadline for the October 1, 2024, issue of the PT is Wednesday, September 18, 2024.**



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Miss Potawatomi thanking everyone who gathered

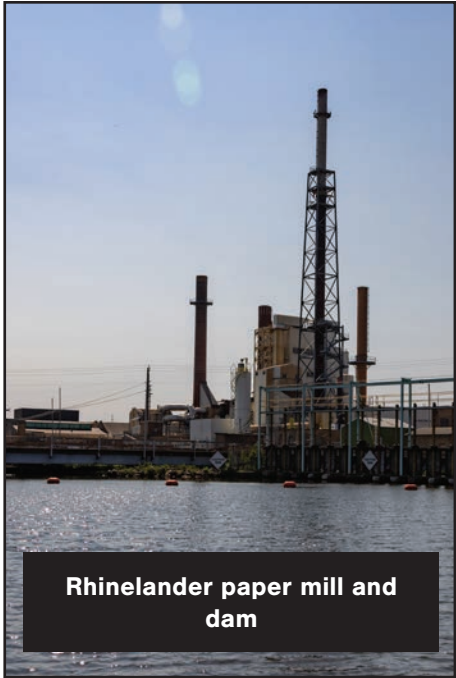


Miss Potawatomi along with her mom, Heather VanZile, speaking to Nitty Shepard and Kaite Frank



Miss Potawatomi posing with Mabel and Gerald Schingeck

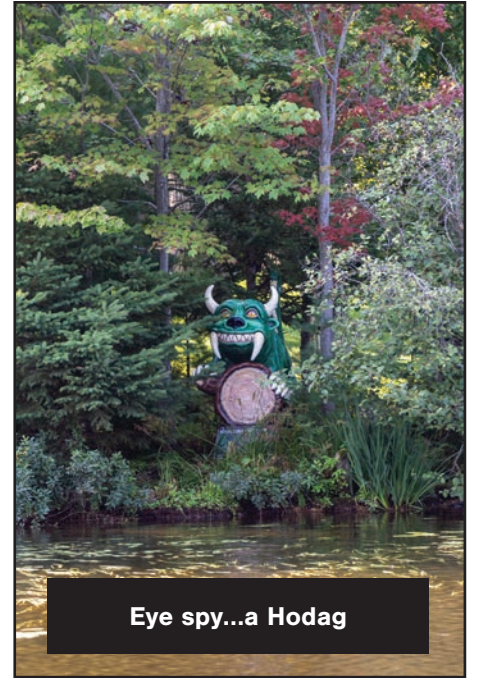
# FCP Elders Enjoy a Pontoon Ride



Rhineland paper mill and dam



Norman, Marie and Sara enjoying the ride



Eye spy...a Hodag

by Val Niehaus

It was a beautiful sunny fall day, Sept. 4, 2024, to be on a pontoon boat traveling around Boom Lake in Rhineland, Wis., with a few Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) elders and crew.

Let's Go Fishing: Hodag is the name of the non-profit organization that caters to senior citizens, assisted living centers, nursing homes, disabled adults, veterans, hospice patients, church groups, youth, and more.

This group was founded in 2002 in

Minnesota and is one of 18 chapters currently operating, with the "Hodag" one being the only operating chapter in Wisconsin. Their mission states: *Our mission is to enrich the lives of individuals through fishing and boating excursions that strengthen communities, build relationships, and create memories.*

On this day, Norman Tribbett, Marie Gilligan, Administrative Assistant for Elder Services Sara Garrow, and *Potawatomi Times* got to experience the leisurely activity of boating on

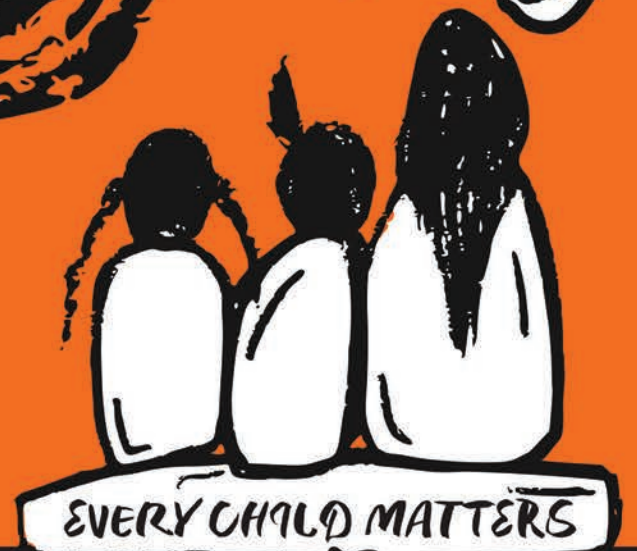
Boom Lake, which led to going down the Wisconsin River as well. The ride took about two hours, during which the individuals saw local wildlife and heard the rich history of the Rhineland paper mill and how Boom Lake got its name during these early paper mill years.

After the ride finished, riders donated to the charter and thanked them for their services. It should also be noted that this charter is run purely through volunteer work, so if you or

someone you know loves to be on the water and the outdoors, you can look into being a captain or first mate on this local board. If you want more information about this great opportunity to take advantage of in the northwoods, you can check out their website at [www.rhineland.lgfws.com](http://www.rhineland.lgfws.com). Thanks to Let's Go Fishing: Hodag for the lovely fall ride.

# Truth & Reconciliation Day Orange Shirt Day September 30<sup>th</sup>

Wear ORANGE to honor & raise awareness for children that endured Native American Boarding School Assimilation



# Impulse Media - Best Documentary Episode Finalist

by Amber Haseman

Forest County Potawatomi tribal member-owned company, Impulse Media, has been nominated as a finalist for the Best Documentary Episode at the 11th annual International Motor Film Awards for their off-road racing docuseries, "Rush." The organization revealed the list of film nominees on Aug. 15, 2024, featuring Impulse Media's "RUSH S2-EP4: Old Dog, New Tricks" in this category.

According to champoffroad.com, Impulse Media team, Jeffrey Keeble, Lyle Keeble and Tito Labine, began laying out the groundwork of filming and editing a docuseries for one of the PRO divisions of AMSOIL Championship Off-Road, completing the year-long process and released the project on YouTube during the beginning of the Champ Off-Road season of 2023. "RUSH" received positive feedback within the off-road community. With that being said, Lyle wanted to reach a larger audience and submitted "Episode 4: Old Dogs, New Tricks" to the Motor Film Awards Best Documentary Episode category.

The London-based organization was impressed with their entry and featured it along with other submissions worldwide. The 2024 International Motor Film Awards has nomi-

inated over 200 entries for the top title in 17 categories. Nominated films are eligible for the following Technical Achievement Awards: Best Cinematography, Best Stunts, Best Sound, and Best Editing as well as the Grand Prix Award.

In a Facebook post, the team thanked everyone who helped make RUSH happen, especially the drivers. The awards night will take place on Oct. 4, 2024, at Alexandra Palace in London, England, where Impulse Media's nominated episode will be showcased alongside 19 other nominees in their category. The team will be attending the event for the experience as well as the opportunity to network with other film industry professionals. Please help in sending a big congratulations to the team, wishing them the best of luck and safe travels as they take this incredible journey!



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# The Importance of the Farm Bill for Indian Country

submitted by Kevin Allis (FCP Tribal Member, Grandson of Harry Ritchie), President of Thunderbird Strategic LLC, Former CEO of the National Congress of American Indians

## Introduction

The Farm Bill is one of the most significant pieces of legislation passed by the U.S. Congress, shaping agricultural policy, food security, and rural development across the country. While its primary focus is on agriculture, the farm bill also encompasses a broad range of issues that directly impact Indian Country, including nutrition programs, conservation, rural development, and forestry. For Native American tribes, the farm bill offers critical opportunities to strengthen sovereignty, enhance food security, and promote economic development. This article explores the importance of the farm bill for Indian Country, highlighting its potential to empower tribal nations and address long-standing challenges faced by Native communities. During this cycle of the reauthorization process of the farm bill, the Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC) has weighed in on several of the following priorities.

## Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination

Tribal sovereignty and self-determination are foundational principles for Native American tribes, reflecting their inherent right to govern their own affairs and make decisions that affect their communities. The farm bill plays a crucial role in supporting these principles by providing tribes with the resources and authority to manage their agricultural lands, develop food systems, and engage in conservation efforts that align with their cultural values.

The farm bill allocates significant funding for various programs that tribes can access to support their agricultural and food-related initiatives. This includes funding for the development of tribal agricultural infrastructure, support for beginning farmers and ranchers, and grants for food sovereignty projects. By providing tribes with the financial resources to invest in their agricultural operations, the Farm bill empowers them to exercise greater control over their lands and food systems.

The farm bill includes provisions that allow tribes to manage their own agricultural programs, such as the Tribal Food Sovereignty Program. This program enables tribes to develop and implement their own food policies, tailored to the needs and values of their communities. By promoting self-governance in agriculture, the Farm bill supports the broader goal of tribal self-determination and helps tribes reclaim and revitalize their traditional food systems.

The farm bill also acknowledges the importance of tribal jurisdiction over

natural resources and land management. It includes provisions that recognize the authority of tribes to manage their forests, fisheries, and other natural resources. This recognition is vital for preserving tribal sovereignty and ensuring that tribes have a say in how their lands are used and protected.

## Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition

Food security is a pressing issue for many Native American communities, where rates of food insecurity and diet-related health problems are disproportionately high. The farm bill plays a critical role in addressing these challenges by providing tribes with the tools and resources to improve access to healthy, culturally-appropriate foods and to strengthen their local food systems.

The farm bill is the primary vehicle for funding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides food assistance to low-income individuals and families. Many Native American households rely on SNAP benefits to meet their basic nutritional needs. The farm bill's provisions for SNAP are crucial for ensuring that food assistance is available to those in need in Indian Country, helping to reduce food insecurity and improve health outcomes.

The farm bill includes provisions for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), which provides USDA foods to low-income households on Indian reservations. FDPIR is particularly important in remote and rural tribal communities where access to grocery stores and fresh produce is limited. The program helps ensure that tribal members have access to nutritious food, reducing the prevalence of hunger and malnutrition.

The farm bill also supports initiatives that promote the production and consumption of traditional and local foods in native communities. This includes funding for community gardens, farmers markets, and programs that encourage the use of traditional foods in school meals and other nutrition programs. By promoting food sovereignty and the revitalization of traditional diets, the farm bill helps improve the health and well-being of Native American communities.

## Promoting Economic Development and Job Creation

Agriculture is a vital component of the economy in many tribal communities, providing jobs, income, and opportunities for economic development. The Farm bill offers numerous programs and resources that tribes can leverage to expand their agricultural enterprises, create jobs, and stimulate economic growth.

The farm bill includes provisions specifically aimed at supporting tribal farmers and ranchers, including access

to credit, technical assistance, and risk management tools. These programs help tribal producers overcome the unique challenges they face, such as limited access to capital, land, and markets. By supporting tribal agriculture, the farm bill contributes to the economic resilience and sustainability of tribal communities.

The farm bill funds a range of rural development programs that can benefit tribal communities, including grants and loans for infrastructure projects, small business development, and broadband expansion. These programs are essential for improving the quality of life in rural and remote tribal areas, creating jobs, and fostering economic growth.

Many tribes have significant forested lands and are actively involved in forestry and conservation efforts. The Farm bill provides funding and technical assistance for tribal forestry projects, including sustainable timber harvesting, forest restoration, and wildfire prevention. These activities not only support the economic development of tribal communities but also contribute to the preservation of vital natural resources.

## Addressing Environmental and Climate Challenges

Climate change and environmental degradation pose significant threats to the lands and resources of Native American tribes. The farm bill includes important provisions that help tribes address these challenges, promoting environmental stewardship and resilience in the face of changing conditions.

The farm bill provides funding for a variety of conservation programs that tribes can use to protect their lands and waters. These programs include the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). By participating in these programs, tribes can implement practices that conserve soil, water, and wildlife, while also enhancing the productivity of their agricultural lands.

The farm bill includes initiatives aimed at helping farmers and ranchers, including those in Indian Country, adapt to the impacts of climate change. This includes support for research and development of climate-resilient crops, as well as funding for projects that improve water management and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These efforts are critical for ensuring that tribal agricultural systems remain viable in the face of increasing climate-related challenges.

The farm bill also supports the development of renewable energy and sustainable agriculture practices in tribal communities. Programs such as the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) provide grants and loans for renewable energy projects, including

solar, wind, and bioenergy. By investing in renewable energy, tribes can reduce their reliance on fossil fuels, lower energy costs, and contribute to broader efforts to combat climate change.

## The Farm Bill as a Tool for Social and Economic Justice

The farm bill is not just about agriculture; it is also a tool for promoting social and economic justice in Indian Country. By addressing food security, supporting tribal sovereignty, and promoting economic development, the Farm bill helps rectify historical injustices and create opportunities for Native American communities to thrive.

Native American tribes have faced centuries of dispossession, marginalization, and economic deprivation. The farm bill, by providing targeted support for tribal agriculture and food systems, helps redress some of these historical injustices. It enables tribes to rebuild their agricultural economies, restore traditional foodways, and gain greater control over their lands and resources.

The farm bill empowers tribal communities by providing them with the resources and authority to make decisions that affect their future. Whether through the development of local food systems, the management of natural resources, or the pursuit of economic development projects, the farm bill gives tribes the tools they need to shape their destinies and improve the quality of life for their members.

The farm bill fosters partnerships and collaboration between tribes, federal agencies, and other stakeholders. These partnerships are essential for addressing the complex challenges facing Indian Country, from food insecurity to climate change. By working together, tribes and their partners can leverage the resources and expertise needed to achieve lasting positive change.

## Conclusion

The farm bill is a critical piece of legislation for Indian Country, offering tribes the opportunity to strengthen their sovereignty, improve food security, promote economic development, and address environmental challenges. Its provisions have far-reaching implications for the well-being of Native American communities, making it essential that tribes actively engage in the farm bill process and advocate for their needs and priorities.

As congress considers the reauthorization of the farm bill, it is crucial that the unique challenges and opportunities facing the FCPC are recognized and addressed. By ensuring that the farm bill continues to support tribal sovereignty, food security, and economic development, we can help build a more just, resilient, and prosperous future for our tribe, and those across the country.



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# Community Events SEPTEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>1</b>  <b>55th Polaris Crandon World Championship Races® &amp; Red Bull Crandon World Cup</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Holiday Campus Closed Labor Day</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Gte Ga Nes Preschool</b> First Day of School 8:30 am – 1 pm <b>Crandon, Laona &amp; Wabeno</b> First Day of School for Students	<b>4</b> <b>Pontoon Ride for Elders</b> 10 am Boom Lake Rhinelander <b>Language Class</b> 10 am – 12 pm <b>Wabeno School Board Meeting</b> Wabeno High School Library 6 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Basswood Cordage Workshop</b> 8 am – 5 pm <b>Lovin' Country</b> Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter 7 pm – 11 pm	<b>7</b>  <b>Lovin' Country</b> Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter 7 pm – 11 pm	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Crandon School Board Meeting</b> Jaegar Auditorium 6 pm <b>Crandon</b> First Day of School for 4K (Monday – Tuesday)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Finger Weaving</b> 5 pm – 8pm <b>Informational Budget Meeting</b> 1 pm (Museum) 5 pm (We Care) <b>Laona School Board Meeting</b> Laona Elementary Board Room 5:30 pm <b>Language Class</b> 10 am – 12 pm <b>Crandon</b> First Day of School for 4K (Wednesday – Thursday)	<b>12</b>  <b>Finger Weaving</b> 5 pm – 8pm <b>Informational Budget Meeting</b> 5 pm (Wausau) <b>Pontoon Ride for Elders</b> 1 pm Boom Lake Rhinelander	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Maiden Voyage (Devil's Lake)</b> 1 pm – 4 pm <b>Spirit Warrior Run (Lincoln Town Hall)</b> 8 am	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Informational Budget Meeting</b> 5 pm (Appleton) <b>LFPA Food Distribution</b> <b>Language Class</b> 10 am – 12 pm <b>Sobriety Feast</b> 6 pm	<b>19</b>  <b>Support Group</b> 12 – 1 pm <b>Conserve to Preserve Night</b> 5:15 pm <b>Diabetic Luncheon</b> 12 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>20</b>  <b>Yoga Retreat</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Yoga Retreat</b> <b>Special General Council Budget Meeting</b> 1 pm	
<b>22</b>  <b>Yoga Retreat</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Farm to Table Cooking Class</b> 5:30 pm (Open to Everyone)	<b>25</b>  <b>Language Class</b> 10 am – 12 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>(If No Quorum on Sept. 21)</b> <b>Special General Council Budget Meeting</b> 1 pm	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Orange Shirt Day (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)</b> <b>Tribal Members &amp; Employee Training (E<sup>2</sup> &amp; FCP Values Class)</b> 4 pm Executive Building Auditorium	<b>Suicide Prevention Month</b>					<b>November 2024 Tribal Election Information &amp; Deadlines</b> <b>October 7:</b> Caucus; Executive Building Auditorium (7 pm Sharp) <b>October 10:</b> Campaign Material Deadline (Potawatomi Times) <b>October 15:</b> Special Election Newspaper Deadline (5 pm Sharp) <b>November 2:</b> Tribal Elections (Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary)



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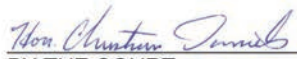
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

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Meal will be provided.

## ELDER MENU

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 18</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Frid eggs, ham, toast, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken noodle soup  <b>Dinner:</b> Roasted quail, rice pilaf</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 22</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cold cereal, boiled eggs, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Basil pesto baked chicken, red beans &amp; rice, fresh fruit  <b>Dinner:</b> Brothy leek, lamb and cabbage soup, grilled cheese sandwich</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 25</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Scrambled eggs, banana bread, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Buffalo meatloaf, roasted potatoes, strawberries  <b>Dinner:</b> Pork roast, stuffing, green beans, apple</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 28</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast casserole w/ bacon and sausage, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken breast cordon blue, rice pilaf, fresh fruit  <b>Dinner:</b> Butternut squash, kale and white bean soup, turkey sandwich, fresh fruit</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 19</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Boiled eggs, corned beef hash, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Southern okra bean stew, roast beef sandwich, spinach side salad  <b>Dinner:</b> Sub sandwich, veggie cold salad, oranges</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 23</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Grits, bacon, toast, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Beef and broccoli over brown rice, egg roll, banana  <b>Dinner:</b> Turkey breast, sautéed fresh veggies, brown rice, fresh fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 26</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Boiled eggs, hash browns, sausage, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Shrimp penne rosa w/ spinach, garlic bread stick, watermelon  <b>Dinner:</b> Hamburger and veggie soup, bread, lettuce salad</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 29</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Scrambled eggs, ham, toast, fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Turkey tortellini w/ creamed wild rice, green beans, fruit  <b>Dinner:</b> Egg salad sandwich, cucumbers and cherry tomatoes w/ spinach artichoke dip, fruit</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 20</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cheese omelet, sausage patty, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Pork chop, summer squash, dinner roll  <b>Dinner:</b> Navy bean soup, turkey &amp; Swiss sandwich, carrot raisin salad, pineapple</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 24</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Oatmeal, banana boast with fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Cranberry bacon &amp; Swiss burger, cherry tomatoes, kiwi  <b>Dinner:</b> Lamb chops, pickled beets, spinach side salad, fresh fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 27</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Fried eggs, sausage patty, toast, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Grilled salmon, avacado black bean salad, dinner roll, fresh fruit  <b>Dinner:</b> Beef Mediterranean quinoa bowls, fresh fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 30</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Hash browns, bacon, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Baked chicken breast, roasted potato, mixed veggies, bread, peach  <b>Dinner:</b> Pineapple stuffed pork chops, rice pilaf, oriental veggies, Nutri-Grain® bar</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">SEPTEMBER 21</p> <p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cream of wheat, ham, toast, fresh fruit  <b>Lunch:</b> Cheeseburger, tomato slice, pickle, fruit  <b>Dinner:</b> Fiesta chicken casserole, Spanish rice, fruit</p>			

## LNR Open House



Enjoying freeze-dried fruit samples with Lindy



Professional fire starters in the making



Guess how many raisins are in the jar

by Amber Haseman

FCP Land & Natural Resources Division held their annual open house for FCP tribal members, descendants and their families. The event was held Aug. 27, 2024, from 1-5 p.m. Despite a week of extreme summer heat, humidity and rain, it finally cleared up and cooled down in time for an afternoon of delicious food, giveaways, informational booths and interactive activities for all ages.

Each department displayed booths

with informational boards and provided interactive activities for those who stopped by. Activities included axe throwing, fire starter trials, create your own tobacco ties, enjoy some Ants on a Log and s'mores over the campfire. There was also a surprise visit from Smokey the Bear.

Bodwéwadmī Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm) shared their awesome display of sample products from the store and provided some freeze-dried samples of strawberries and grapes for visitors

to try. The Energy team displayed solar camping essentials and climate resilience. Visitors had the opportunity to fill out a survey for a chance to win a solar panel kit. Sustainable Food Services provided lunch with some summer favorites; hot dogs, brats and corn over the fire, with a side of beans and chips.

There were many giveaways and prizes available to win at each booth, but visitors had their eyes on the grand prizes. The first grand prize

featured a tent with a cooler, cooking grate and a cooking set. The second grand prize featured a Blackstone grill with a seasoning kit.

Despite a bit of uncertainty with the weather and some muddy shoes, it turned out to be a great day for the LNR team as they host their open house event. It was a great day to invite the FCP Community for a time of gathering, learning, experiencing and catching up on all the exciting things the team is currently up to.



Everyone trying for a chance to win a solar panel kit



Pictures with Smokey the Bear

## LNR Open House Success

by Leah Bell, LNR Environmental Educator

On Aug. 27, 2024, the FCP Land & Natural Resources (LNR) Division held their open house for tribal members, descendants, and their families where each department highlighted their services and camping-related activities.

Buzz throughout the LNR office the morning of the open house murmured of the impending thunderstorms' threat on our outdoor event. With no control of what weather the Creator would bring, we continued setting up our tent and tables. A brief gust of wind and showers at 10:30 a.m. kept the nerves tense, but this was all the rain we encountered for the day.

People began showing up around 1 p.m. and the fun commenced. Attendees were greeted at the Outreach & Engagement Department's table where they picked up a tote bag for

giveaways, natural tick and mosquito repellent and a passport to be entered into the grand prize drawing.

From here, the smell of fire-roasted sweet corn drew people to the Sustainable food services' tables. Before serving food, a prayer was given by Richard Gougé thanking the Creator for the beautiful day and the opportunity to bring the community together. We feasted on brats, roasted corn, pasta salad, baked beans, and participants roasted weenies over the fire.

Everyone's sweet tooth was satisfied by a s'mores bar provided by the Land Information Department and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office. These departments also offered a station to tie sema pouches as well as a scavenger hunt to hone people's navigational skills - an important one, should you become lost in the woods while camping!

The Forestry Department challenged attendees to test their fire-starting skills with flints and tiny kindling pieces. Many kids got the knack for it and started fires faster and easier than the adults! Sticking with the theme of fires, the air program outlined what to burn and not burn in your campfire and gave away homemade fire starters made of egg cartons, wax, and wood shavings.

Our Natural Resources team offered hawk throwing as another challenge, and the Energy Department collected data through surveys which rewarded people in nifty camping gear like hand crank flashlights, solar battery packs, and a solar generator. Bear and wolf awareness was highlighted by our wildlife biologist, while our botanist/wetland biologist covered common poisonous and edible plants one could encounter while camping.

The aquatic biologist educated about potable water safety by showcasing five different ways to make drinkable water.

Lastly, Bodwéwadmī Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm) showed people how freeze-drying foods is a great way to make foods easier to store and lighten the load by pulling water out of foods. Freeze-dried strawberry and grape samples were offered as a sweet treat alternative to fresh fruit.

Sharing laughter, knowledge, and experiences helps us, LNR, understand better how to serve the tribal community, and how the community can benefit from us being stewards of the land. This open house created a time and space for this exchange to happen, which drew in around 160 people. LNR thanks all who came out to the open house to learn more about their division, and shared their thoughts.



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# Potawatomi Ventures Shares Their New Mission, Vision, and Values

Potawatomi Ventures is excited to share with you our new vision, mission and values. This change is part of the evolution of our company. In March, we announced our new company name, logo and brand that better reflects who we are today and where we're going tomorrow. During the research and development for our new brand, we heard from multiple stakeholders that the essence of our mission

is spot-on, but we had an opportunity to make it more approachable and memorable.

We leveraged the thoughtful work that went into brand to refine our vision, mission and values. In making this change, our hope is to create a memorable, emotive, specific and approachable vision, mission and values that builds upon what we have today.

## First Nations School Supply Drive - Greenfire Management Services, LLC

The Greenfire Team had the honor of presenting the donations from our Back-to-School Drive for the First Nations Studies Program of Milwaukee public schools. We are excited to share that with the help from our friends at Potawatomi Ventures (PV) and Data Holdings Data Center, together our First Nations supply drive raised \$2,500 in donations and school supplies along with 19 filled backpacks and four boxes of supplies.

First Nations Studies provides services at schools with concentrations of Indigenous students. They also provide resources and training to schools across the district. The program receives multiple grants from the Office of Indian Education, including a Title VI formula grant, Native Youth and Community Partnership discretionary grant, and Assessing Choices in Education discretionary grant. Under these grants, Milwaukee students can receive classroom assistance at schools with a collective of Native students, language and culture, and talking circles. First Nation Studies

also offers access to great programs such as their College Access Program, utilizing their "Expanding the Circle" curriculum, designed to help Native American high school students prepare for college and beyond. They also offer after-school tutoring, beading and sewing classes, a drumming circle and a book club that engages students with fun activities to help improve literary skills.

The supplies Greenfire and our partners donated to the First Nations supply drive, as well as money raised, will benefit K-12 students that the First Nations Studies offers services to. Did you know that this program provides services to over 1,600 students? Greenfire is proud to collaborate our efforts to directly benefit students in our community.

A huge thank you to members of our team, PV and their subsidiaries, and neighbors who contributed to our drive and continue to help us live by our core values and to the First Nations Studies – MPS Team for helping their students achieve great things!



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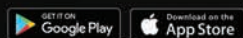
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