



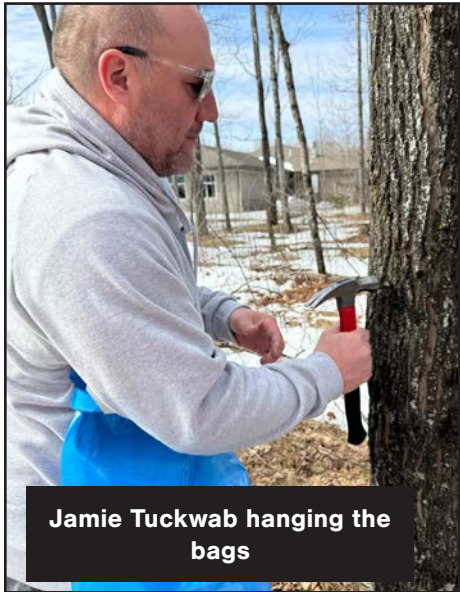
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## Sugar Camp 2025



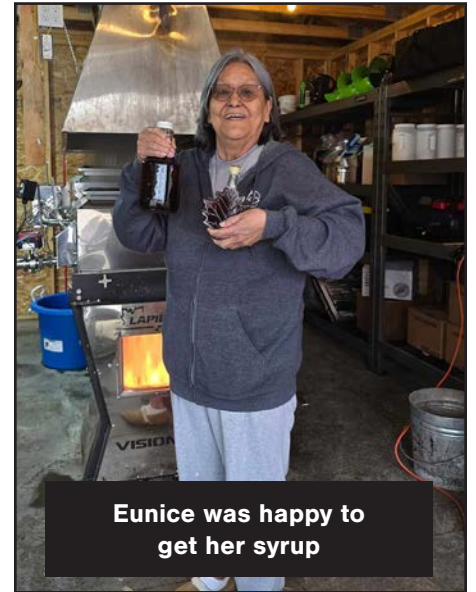
Jamie Tuckwab hanging the bags



Brian Jacobson bottling up some of the syrup



Father and daughter bottling syrup for the community



Eunice was happy to get her syrup

by Val Niehaus, photos by Val Niehaus and Monique Tuckwab

Native Americans were the original maple syrup discoverers and makers and maple syrup makers long before European settlers arrived in North America. They developed the techniques and passed them down through generations. Here's an overview of roles/methods of how Native Americans made maple syrup:

### 1. Tapping the trees:

• In late winter or early spring, Native Americans would tap sugar maple trees to collect the sap.

• They used stone tools or carved wooden spouts (called spiles) to make a small hole in the tree and collected the sap in containers made from birch bark, clay pots, or hollowed-out logs.

### 2. Boiling the sap:

• Initially, they didn't have metal pots, so they used hot rocks to boil the sap.

• Hot rocks were added to the sap in wooden or bark containers to evaporate the water and concentrate

the sugars.

• The sap would eventually turn into maple syrup or sugar, depending on how long it was boiled.

### 3. Maple sugar:

• The end product was often maple sugar, which is easier to store and transport.

• It was used as a natural sweetener in cooking, much like how we use sugar today.

### Cultural Significance:

• Maple syrup and sugar had spiritual and ceremonial significance in many tribes.

• It was considered a gift from the Creator – a way to nourish the people after a long winter.

• The Anishinaabe have stories of the "sugar moon" – the full moon during sap season – marking the time to start collecting.

### Legacy:

• When European settlers arrived, they learned the practice from Native Americans.

• The modern maple syrup industry still uses the same basic idea: tapping, collecting sap, and boiling it down, just with more advanced equipment.

*Potawatomi Times* last documented Sugar Camp under the guidance of Billy Daniels Jr. in April 2019. Brian Franz and Jeffery Cisneros helped during that year, with Daniels directing them. In 2020, Daniels passed on to his next journey, and many still miss his wisdom and teachings to this day.

After years of Sugar Camp sitting empty and not being utilized, FCP Cultural Specialist Jamie Tuckwab and his daughter Monique Tuckwab decided to get Sugar Camp up and running again for the FCP commun-

ity. Daniels would be smiling about this as it was one of his favorite times of the year, collecting sap and making syrup for his people. We all remember those famous pancake breakfasts held every year for the community.

Tuckwab was educated under the knowledge that Daniels passed down to him many years ago, and he felt both honored and comfortable taking on this process again in memory of him. With the help of the Executive Council, Tuckwab was able to get state-of-the-art equipment to start this venture fresh and new in the same place that Sugar Camp has always been.

Starting around the beginning of March, Tuckwab cleaned up camp and had help setting up the equipment in the garage. He wanted to thank Kane Kulinski, Jerry and Steve Cottrell for all their help with the equipment and electricity, especially during the ice storm. Tuckwab and his daughter, Monique, began tapping the trees and hanging bags to collect the sap. Many family members, friends, and community members were there to help, similar to how it was in the past. Students from Gte Ga Nēs and language class even stopped out on days, bringing back many memories of Daniels, who always made sure to show the younger generations. Whoever felt like coming out and helping with tapping, collecting sap, and boiling was more than welcome to partake.

Even though the sap stopped running well over a week or so ago, Tuckwab and others are still boiling sap, and he figured there would be about 60 gallons of syrup made this year at Sugar Camp—a great amount,

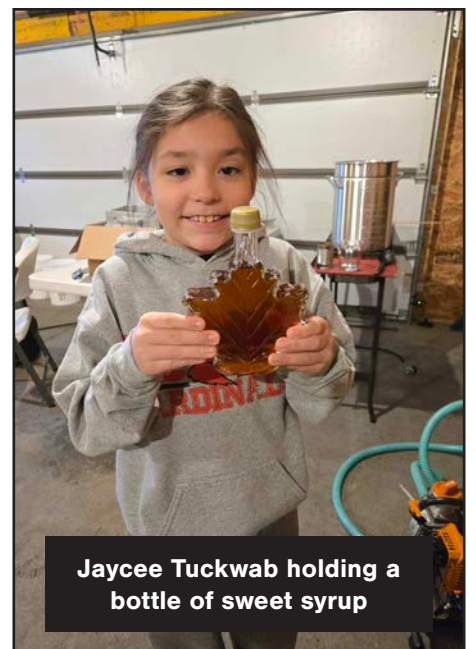
knowing how great of a season it was.

The days were filled with storytelling, teachings, laughter, and memories of what Sugar Camp used to be in the past, but now there are new memories made at Sugar Camp thanks to Jamie, Monique, and everyone else who took part in this venture. Many thanks to all those who helped, including: FCP Executive Council, Cultural Preservation Division Administrator Sam Alloway, Cultural Department employees, and all the friends and family who were able to stop out and make this a community-involved process, which was special to see again. Daniels would be happy and proud to see his community reuniting during this special time of year.

Stay tuned for word of a pancake breakfast happening again shortly, too!

If any FCP Elders are interested in getting some syrup, contact the Cultural Department at (715) 478-4463.

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Jaycee Tuckwab holding a bottle of sweet syrup

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# FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Haseman

**Elders Prom:** The FCP Elders Prom – A Night to Remember will be held at the Potawatomi Casino & Hotel in Carter, Wis., on May 3. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Enjoy live music by Lovin’ Country from 5:15 – 10 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a sweet treat from Jennifer Sue’s cupcakes. Raffles will be drawn throughout the evening. If you’ve already RSVP’d and would like to book a hotel room, call to book under FCP GUEST ROOMS – Group ID: 6851.

**ATV Safety Course:** Are you looking to get your ATV safety certificate? Join for a 2-day course to learn the essentials of safe riding. Classes will be held at FCP Land & Natural Resources May 5-6 from 5-8 p.m. The course is open to everyone ages 12+. To receive your certificate, you must attend both days of class. Students must be 12 years old by June 1 to register. Register now at [gowild.com](http://gowild.com) or call FCP Outreach and Engagement Manager Tyler Lorenz at (715)478-4507. Have your Wisconsin DNR Customer ID number ready.

**Lap Quilt Workshop:** Join the FCP Cultural Preservation Division for a 3-day Easy Lap Quilt Workshop. The workshop will be held on May 9, 10, and 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the museum’s lower level. Participants will learn how to craft a lap quilt from scratch. The workshop is open to FCP tribal members, descendants,

their families, and FCP government employees. There are only eight spots available. Register today by calling (715) 478-7478.

**Walk for Recovery:** In honor of National Prevention Week, the annual Walk For Recovery will occur on May 16. It will honor those affected by addiction, those in recovery or going through recovery, and their support groups of family and friends. The starting location will be the Potawatomi Community Center, and the ending location will be the Mole Lake Recreation Building. Registration is open from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The walk will begin shortly after registration closes. Sacred pipes will lead the walk. Once everyone arrives, a sacred fire will be lit to focus on recovery. Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch afterward. Everyone is welcome; an adult must accompany children 12 and under. For more information, please contact Angela Jacobson at (715) 478-4978.

**Campus Closures:** Campus will be closed on May 19 in observance of Chief Simon Day and May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

**Brunch for Elders:** FCP Elders are invited to join the FCP museum staff at the museum’s lower level to socialize and enjoy brunch. Join May 22 and June 19 from 10 a.m. until noon. For more information, call (715) 478-7478.



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## NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

### NOMINATION MEETING

May 5, 2025

7:00PM

Tribal Executive Building Auditorium

**\*\*\*AGENDA\*\*\***

1. Call to Order
2. Nominations for
  - a. CHAIRMAN
3. Appointment of Election Board
  - a. Judge (1)
  - b. Ballot Clerks (3)
  - c. Alternate (1)
4. Adjournment

Ken George Jr.  
Tribal Vice-Chairman  
Forest County Potawatomi

**Special Election**  
May 10, 2025, General Council Meeting  
Community Center  
Voting: 8am-7pm.

POSTED: APRIL 22, 2025

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**Walk for Recovery 2025**

**Friday May 16**

**STARTING LOCATION:**  
Potawatomi Community Center  
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**ENDING LOCATION:**  
Mole Lake Recreation Building  
3051 Sand Lake Road  
Crandon, Wisconsin

**7:30-9am**  
Registration

Walk to begin shortly after registration closes.

Honoring those affected by addiction, in recovery or going through recovery, and their support groups (family and friends). This walk will be led by sacred pipes. After everyone arrives a sacred fire will be lit focused around recovery. Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch afterwards!

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**  
Children 12 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**HAVE QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:**  
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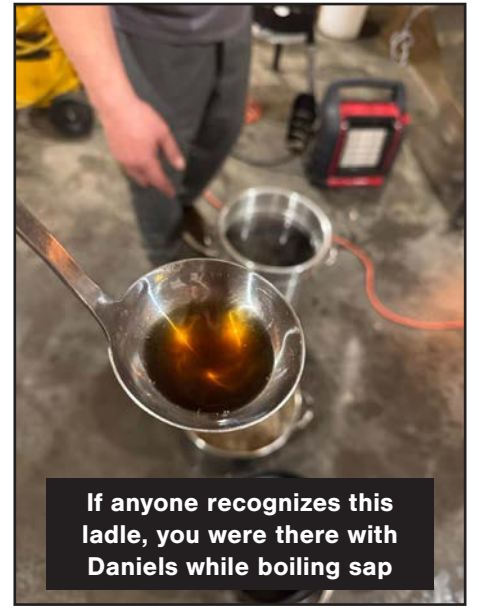
...Sugar Camp continued



Sam Alloway showing the children the not-so-modern way of tapping a tree with a hand drill



Jeff Keeble showing off some syrup



If anyone recognizes this ladle, you were there with Daniels while boiling sap



Fletcher Tuckwab helping collect the sap



Juanita Alloway carefully bottling hot syrup



Gte Ga Nēs children out learning the tradition

# Community Easter Party

The annual FCP Community Easter party happened on April 18, 2025, at the Potawatomi Community Center. The event started with a ham lunch with all the fixings prepared by the center's kitchen staff. Before everyone dug into the meal, Council Member Brooks Boyd welcomed everyone to the party and then had Jeffery Cisneros say a prayer before eating.

Once everyone finished eating, it was time for photos with the Easter bunny himself, and the kids' games started. There were the hay sack races, carry the egg on the spoon and a few others that many children and adults participated in. Once the games wrapped up, it was time for the egg

hunts, which are always entertaining to watch.

The big finale everyone looks forward to is the 'egg smash' contest. Many elders, adults, and children enjoy participating in this tradition during the party — many leave with egg-covered hair and lots of smiles. Once the egg mess was cleaned up, the party ended with the traditional bike raffle, with the winners leaving happy with their new bikes.

Many thanks to the kitchen staff for cooking, the Recreation Department staff and everyone else involved in the day for making the children and families enjoy some of their Easter traditions as a tribal community.



"I have the egg!!!"



Nick was happy with his bike



Poor Sonny! Peggy and Jacki weren't too upset



Destinee got a bit sneaky on Chairman Crawford



# Colleen Stealer



Colleen Stealer is age 12 and attends Wabeno school. She plays softball, volleyball and basketball. She is a wrestler and helped teach dance lessons at the Potawatomi Community Center.

# Raymond Stealer



Raymond Stealer is age 10 and attends Wabeno school. He plays baseball for White Lake, basketball and wrestling.

# Ralph Stealer



Ralph Stealer attends Wabeno school and is 6 years old. He plays baseball for White Lake and wrestles.

# Congratulations to Wynter Montgomery!



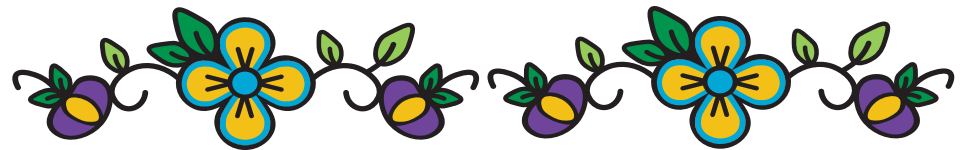
**Submitted by Laona School District**

Ten new sophomore students have been accepted into the program as our first cohort of UW-Green Bay Rising Phoenix students gets ready to walk the graduation stage next month.

These 10 students will all have the opportunity to graduate from UWGB with their Associate's Degree about a

month before they graduate from high school — congratulations!

**Pictured (l-r)** Braelyn Matuszewski, Brooke VanderVelde, Aubrey Tinsman, Faith Novak, Brody Hoffman, Wynter Montgomery, Brynn Yaeger, Hailey Connor, Reese Connor, and Ryder Cronauer.



**FCP STUDENTS IN GRADES 4K-12 / ALL SCHOOLS WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

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- Performances
- Student Organizations
- Clubs
- Cultural Activities

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**FCP SENIOR Spotlight**

*Class of 2024*  
**ALLISIA TUCKWAB**  
**WABENO HIGH SCHOOL**

*Class of 2024*  
**OMAR BAILEY GISES**  
**CRANDON HIGH SCHOOL**

**WE WANT TO HONOR ALL FCP HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE SENIORS** by including them in the **May 1 & 15, and June 1, 2025**, issues of *Potawatomi Times Newspaper*.

A **banner** featuring the Senior will be located at the Potawatomi Community Center (banners above from 2024).

Please **scan the QR Code** for questionnaire & to upload a photo, or contact us at **715-478-7461 / times@fcp-nsn.gov** for a paper form.

**NEWSPAPER & BANNER DEADLINE: MAY 21**

Contact us with questions about uploading photos.

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# Clothesline Project

by Amber Haseman

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It is a time to honor and support survivors, their loved ones, and community members by coming together, raising awareness, and openly discussing sexual violence with others. In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, FCP Community Advocacy introduced their Clothesline Project event. The event welcomed the public to join every Thursday throughout April for Denim Day. Those who joined designed jeans and shared messages of resilience, healing, and hope for individuals and communities impacted by sexual assault.

The Denim Day campaign was established in 1999 and began after a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court to overturn a rape conviction because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must've helped that person who raped her remove them, thereby complying consent. What started as a local event to raise awareness of victim blaming has become a worldwide movement. This year's celebration of Denim Day falls on April 30.

Community Advocacy's Clothesline Project event began on April 10 in the lower level of the FCP Cultural Center, Library, & Museum, welcoming community members and inviting visitors to sign in and register for the raffle drawings. They presented an introduction featuring statistics on sexual assault, how it affects victims and their families, who is affected, how they cope, and more. "Indigenous people are roughly 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault compared to other races. Those who have been sexually assaulted on a reservation are often unable to access necessary resources due to many issues, such as child abuse, colonization, and complex jurisdictional issues. On average, Native Americans ages 12 and older experience 5,900 sexual assaults per year."

With this in mind, Community Advocacy hopes to raise awareness within the community that they are always available when and if something like this occurs. They shared that they have a 24/7 hotline, can assist with rides if needed, and support victims by lending a listening ear and offering a judgment-free zone. The Clothesline Project was a great opportunity to raise this awareness and offer those who are affected by sexual assault a voice and a means to express their stories.

Students from local school districts also attended the event on April 17.



This year's design by one of the students

It is important that they are informed and aware of sexual violence, to better help them understand that there is support available if they ever should need it. Community Advocacy welcomed the students and began discussing teen dating violence, which is a pattern of behaviors used to establish power and control over the other partner. Facts were shared about teen dating violence, such as "Up to 29 percent of teens experience dating violence, 1.5 million teenagers in the U.S. say they have experienced abusive behavior in a relationship, and approximately 26 million teenagers experience some form of dating violence before graduating high school." While the students continued to design their jeans, they participated in interactive questions, choosing the best response in each scenario.

Outside the family services building, a clothesline displayed a variety of jeans for those who wished to share their creations. The jeans, decorated in colorful designs, displayed meaningful and powerful messages of artwork and words, honoring those impacted by sexual violence. While there weren't as many participants as hoped for this year, it was a great opportunity for the team to get the word out to the community, raise awareness, and share messages of resilience for individuals and communities near and far.



First group hard at work

# Family Movie Night

photos submitted by Senior Social Media Specialist Justin Piontek



by Amber Haseman

In honor of Family Strengthening Month, FCP Family Services and Indian Child Welfare (ICW) hosted a Family Movie Night at the Potawatomi Community Center Turf Fieldhouse on April 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event welcomed everyone to raise awareness within the community of ways families can build safe and nurturing environments for children and support family well-being. Those who attended were encouraged to wear blue to support Family Strengthening Month.



Over 50 people joined for the event. There were activities and snacks for everyone, including children's toys, popcorn, Rice Krispies Treats, and more. Families enjoyed the Pixar Animation Studios family/adventure film *Inside Out 2*. Fun prizes, including bags of toys, craft items, blankets, and more, were drawn throughout the evening. It was an enjoyable evening for families to spend time together, support other families, and strengthen families so every child has a bright future.



Designs in progress



The group of students who joined April 17



# Murdered & Missing Indigenous Persons Day

submitted by **Community Advocate & Resource Specialist Amber Koplien**

Murdered & Missing Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Day is May 05, 2025. Former President Joe Biden signed a proclamation making May 5 “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day.”

## What is the significance of May 5?

May 5 is the birthday of Hanna Harris. Hanna Harris was born on May 05, 1992, and is a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. Hanna left on July 4, 2013, to go to nearby Lame Deer, Mont., to watch the Independence Day fireworks. She never returned home. On July 5, 2013, Hanna’s family reported her missing, and her body was found five days later. Hanna was raped and murdered. In honor of Hanna Harris and the thousands of other missing and murdered Native American people, Hanna’s birthday is the date used to honor and remember her and all those who have been stolen from us.

## Why a red handprint?

Every handprint tells a story. The red hand emerges as a beacon of hope, a symbol of resilience and remembrance for the Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people who have been stolen from their families and communities. This symbol carries the weight of their stories, demanding attention to the epidemic of MMIP.

The red hand serves as a reminder of the countless Indigenous women,

girls, and two-spirit people who have vanished without a trace, their stories often overlooked, and their families left in anguish. The red hand is a stark symbol of the blood spilled, the lives cut short, and the enduring pain that reverberates through Native communities.

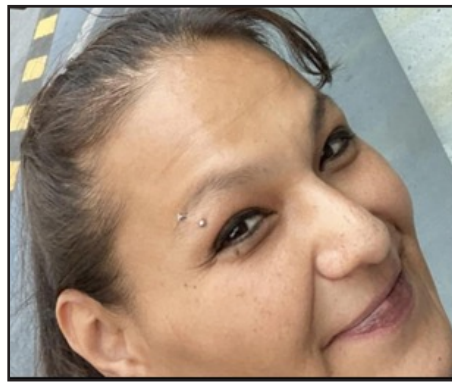
The red hand stands as a testament to the resilience of Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people. It symbolizes their strength in the face of adversity, their refusal to be forgotten, and their unwavering hope for a future where they can live safely and freely.

## Statistics:

- Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people are 84.3 percent more likely to experience violence than their Caucasian counterparts
- 55.5 percent have been physically abused by their intimate partner
- AI/AK make up 40 percent of sex-trafficking victims
- 56.1 percent of Indigenous women experience sexual violence
- 48.8 percent of Indigenous women have been stalked
- Murder is the third leading cause of death for Indigenous women, 10 times higher than all other ethnicities
- Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people are two times more likely to be raped and three times more likely to be murdered than Caucasian women

## Local Awareness

On March 17, 2025, Melissa



Beson, a Lac du Flambeau tribal member, vanished. She was last seen near Indian Village Road and Chequamegon Forest Trail in Lac du Flambeau. Melissa is 37 years old, 5’7”, has brown hair and eyes, and is of medium build. She was last seen wearing red sweatpants, a black shirt, and a gray sweatshirt. Beson is still missed by her mother who has not heard from her in over a month. Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police and the Vilas County Sheriff’s Department have used drones to fly above the area and into the water on Bear River. They did not find her. She is still missing.



The Forest County Potawatomi community has suffered its own loss with the torture and murder of Tess M.M. White in 2016. Tess White was last seen on May 4, 2016, in West Allis, Wis. Her body was found in a field in South Dakota on May 17, 2016. Tess White was 10 weeks pregnant. Let’s remember these women on May 5 and every day.

Come join FCP Community Advocacy on May 5, 2025, at the Potawatomi Community Center at 12 p.m. for our annual MMIP event. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We can be reached at [communityadvocacy@fcp-nsn.gov](mailto:communityadvocacy@fcp-nsn.gov) or 715-478-4433.



Lac du Flambeau has a grim reminder of another woman, Susan Poupert. There is a large billboard with a picture of her as you enter Lac du Flambeau. Susan went missing on May 20, 1990. Her remains were found six months later in the nearby Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest by two hunters on Thanksgiving Day. No one has ever been charged, and her family lacks closure.

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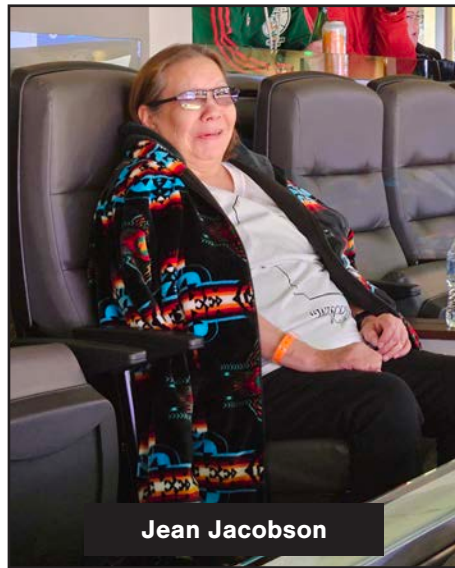


# Elders Attend Bucks Game

photos submitted by Elder Services Coordinator Jenna Paradies



(l-r) Suzanne Kozlowski, Heather Kozlowski, Mike Konaha, Peggy Konaha, Carla White, Curtis White, Oopie Shepard, Elizabeth Spotted Elk, Curtis Spotted Elk, Brook Bauer, Colin Soman, Doug Crawford, Lori Crawford, Brenda Northern, Karen Blakslee



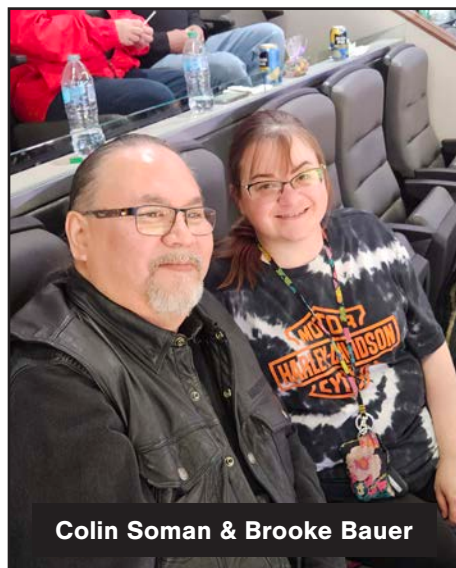
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Bucks Win!



## MAY 2025 ELDER MEAL ROUTE

<p><b>THURSDAY, MAY 1</b> Brat with a bun, baked beans, yogurt parfait</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, MAY 2</b> Italian sub, trail mix, pickle, fruit</p> <p><b>MONDAY, MAY 5</b> Sloppy joes, potato wedges, baked beans, fruit</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, MAY 6</b> BBQ chicken wings, mashed potatoes, fruit cup, dinner roll</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 7</b> Chef salad, cottage cheese, dinner roll, fruit</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, MAY 8</b> Wild rice &amp; hominy soup w/ venison, dinner roll, fruit</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, MAY 9</b> Tuna pasta salad w/ pickle, yogurt, parfait</p> <p><b>MONDAY, MAY 12</b> Ham sub, pasta salad, fruit</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, MAY 13</b> Walking tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cowboy caviar, fresh fruit</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 14</b> Pepperoni pizza, veggie &amp; dill tray, pasta salad, Jello w/ fruit</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, MAY 15</b> Bison roast w/ wild rice, dinner roll, fruit</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, MAY 16</b> Cold cut sandwich, chips, pickles, pepper strips</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, MAY 19</b> Chief Simon Day - Tribal offices are closed. Frozen meal sent Wednesday, May 14.</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, MAY 20</b> Wild rice casserole, yogurt parfait, dinner roll</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 21</b> Pork chop stuffing, veggie &amp; dip, fruit cup</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, MAY 22</b> Spaghetti &amp; meatballs, mixed veggies, garlic bread</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, MAY 23</b> Chicken salad sandwiches, peanut butter crackers, cottage cheese</p> <p><b>MONDAY, MAY 26</b> Memorial Day - Tribal offices are closed. Frozen meal sent Wednesday, May 21.</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, MAY 27</b> Shepard's pie, dinner roll, fruit cup</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 28</b> Chili w/ venison, dinner roll, pasta salad</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, MAY 29</b> Chicken noodle soup, yogurt parfait, crackers</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, MAY 30</b> Bologna sandwich w/ cottage cheese, peaches, veggie dill dip</p>
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**\*DISCLAIMER:** If the FCP campus is closed due to inclement weather, please plan accordingly as there will be no meal route delivery those days.



# Fireside Market Progress In Slinger, Wis.

Exciting construction progress is taking place in Slinger, Wis. and we invite you to experience this progress as you wish with live feed at your fingertips with our attached QR code to the right.



# People on the Move - Milwaukee Journal



Potawatomi Ventures (PV) is pleased to welcome Rafael Rios as a Systems Engineer. He has brought over 10 years of experience across multiple engineering roles in the MSP industry. In his new role, he will focus on enhancing and refining IT systems across the organization to drive innovation and efficiency, ensuring the continued delivery of top-notch solutions. His ability will be key in modernizing the systems at PV.



Potawatomi Ventures (PV) is pleased to announce JeMeatrice Fears-Madison has joined the IT team as Helpdesk Analyst. Fears-Madison will join the first level IT support team, working as one of the main points of contact for end-user requests and incidents. He plays a pivotal role in problem-solving and driving exceptional resolutions, bringing nine years of IT-related experience. Fears-Madison's dedication to providing outstanding support makes him an asset to PV.

# Career Exploration Expo - Milwaukee

Potawatomi Ventures, FCP Government, Potawatomi Casino | Hotel, and FCP Higher Education's annual Career Exploration Expo is June 11-13, 2025. We are excited to meet the tribal members and descendants who are interested in familiarizing themselves with the different careers that could potentially be of interest as you pursue your educational goals.

Scan the QR Code below to give us input about the Potawatomi Times Newspaper. Migwéthth!



photos: Clarissa Friday

# FCP CAREER EXPLORATION 2025 EVENT

## June 11-13, 2025 in Milwaukee, WI

You are invited to the FCP Career Exploration Fair. Sponsored by Potawatomi Ventures, in partnership with FCPC Government, Potawatomi Casino | Hotel, and FCP Higher Education, this three-day event will highlight career opportunities within FCP entities and help tribal members prepare for future careers.

Please RSVP by May 10, 2025

Accommodations will be provided.

This event is for tribal members and descendants who are seeking higher education past High School.

Must be 18+ to apply.

Scan to register  
potawatomi ventures.com/  
career-exploration-event





# Guest House Volunteer Event

Guest House is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been leading the community in ending the cycle of poverty for more than 40 years. Potawatomi Ventures (PV) volunteered to combat food insecurity by making 1,161 sandwiches to have an immediate impact on the neighborhood. This experience was uplifting and fun for

all PV employees and could not have been done without team collaboration.

PV CEO Kip Ritchie said, "I am so grateful for our team's willingness to serve our community. The acts of compassion that our team members showed reflect the values that we work hard to uphold as an organization."



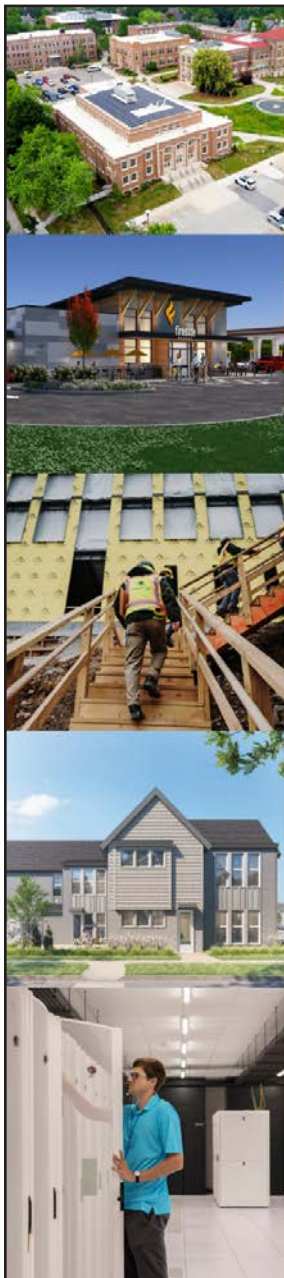
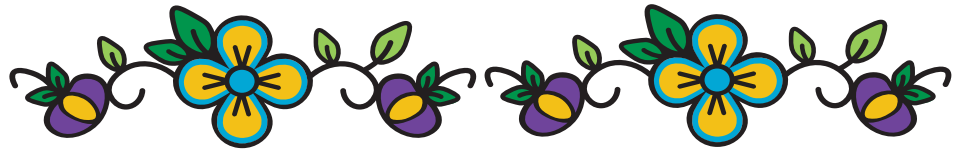
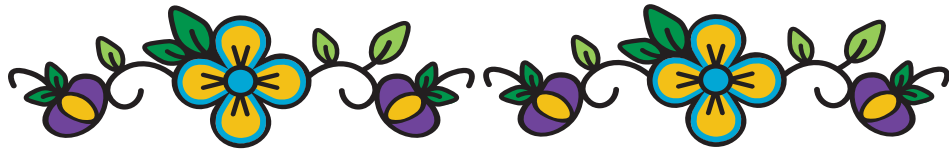
# Potawatomi Ventures Appoints Shelby Daniels to the Board of Directors




We are delighted to welcome Shelby Daniels to our Board of Directors. As an enrolled FCP tribal member, Daniels has over five years

of experience working with business financials, having founded and operated her own successful company. In addition, Daniels has worked across multiple departments within the FCP tribal government. She is currently the Behavioral Health Manager at the FCP Health & Wellness Center.

Shelby received an associate's degree in substance abuse counseling from Nicolet College and is currently pursuing an associate's degree in human services from Nicolet College and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the UW-Superior, both of which are expected this year. We look forward to the innovative ideas and strategic insight she will bring to Potawatomi Ventures.





## BUSINESS EXPO: BRIGHTER TOGETHER

May 7-8, 2025 at the FCP Community Center


Please join us for the upcoming **Potawatomi Ventures Expo: Brighter Together** hosted at the **FCP Community Center**. This event will showcase the businesses and provide breakout sessions to highlight key topics across the organization. We are greatly honored to have this opportunity to answer tribal members' questions. We are **brighter together!**


**Wednesday, May 7**


- 9-10 am Breakout session
- 11-1 pm Business Expo & lunch
- 2-3 pm Breakout session
- 5-7 pm Business Expo & Dinner


**Thursday, May 8**


- 9-10 am Breakout session
- 11-1 pm Business Expo & lunch
- 2-3 pm Breakout session














## ATTEND THE EXPO FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THESE RAFFLE PRIZES!



**BREWERS GAME PACKAGE FOR 2**

This package includes two Brewer game tickets, a one-night hotel stay (one room) and some cool Brewer swag.



**WISCONSIN DELLS PACKAGE FOR 4**

This package includes four day passes to a waterpark in the Dells, a one-night hotel stay (one room) and some cool summer themed prizes.



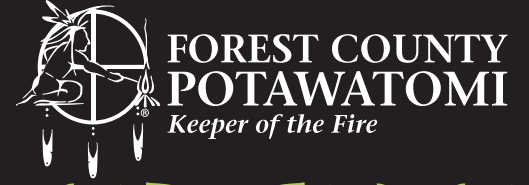
**SUMMER BEACH SET**



**BLACKSTONE GRILL SET**



# Community Events MAY 2025



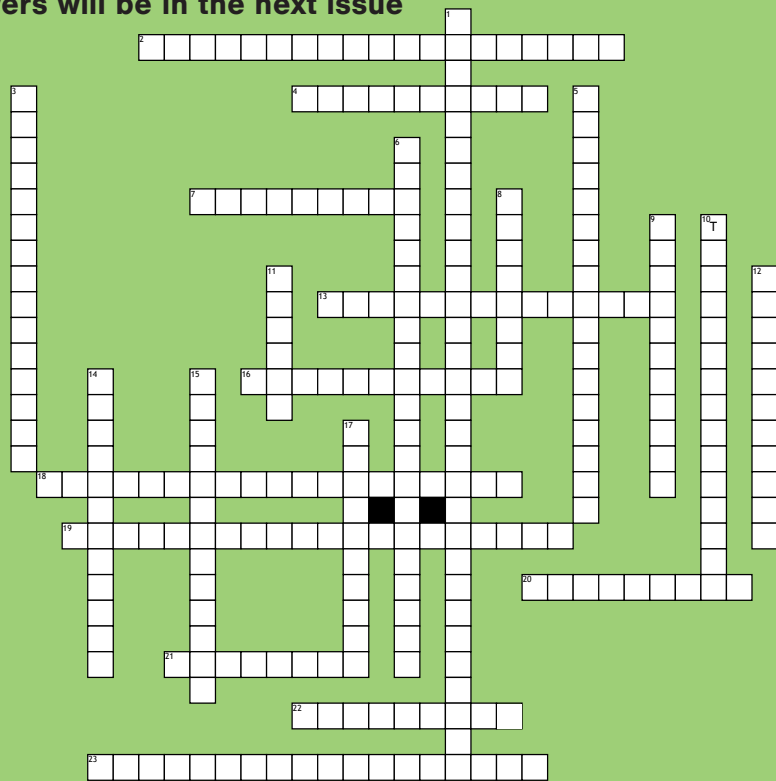
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Recurring Weekly Events				1	2	3
	<b>Tuesdays</b> <b>Powwow Club</b> 4:30pm - 5:30pm	<b>Wednesdays</b> <b>Public Walking Tours</b> 1pm (starts May 21)	<b>Wednesdays</b> <b>Language Class</b> 10am - 12pm	<b>Thursdays</b> <b>Support Group</b> Parenting Journey 12 pm – 1 pm		<b>Elder's Prom</b> Carter Casino 5:15pm
4	5 <b>Nomination Meeting</b> Executive Auditorium 7pm <b>MMIP Event &amp; Walk</b> 12pm <b>The Three Amigos</b> Live Entertainment Springs Restaurant 12pm - 2pm Rock & Brews 4pm - 6pm	6	7 <b>Potawatomi Ventures Trade Show</b> Community Center 9am - 3pm	8 <b>Potawatomi Ventures Trade Show</b> Community Center 9am - 3pm	9 <b>Lovin' Country</b> Live Entertainment Carter Casino 7pm - 11pm	10 <b>General Council Meeting/Special Election</b> (Voting 8am - 7pm) GCM at 1 pm <b>Lovin' Country</b> Live Entertainment Carter Casino 7pm - 11pm
11 	12 <b>Kickball w/Cops</b> Argonne Ball Field 4pm	13 <b>Rejuvenating Tribal Communities</b> Oneida Casino Hotel	14 <b>Rejuvenating Tribal Communities</b> Oneida Casino Hotel	15 <b>Family Fun Night</b> Community Center 5pm - 8pm <b>Gte Ga Nes Graduation</b> Community Center 11am <b>Rejuvenating Tribal Communities</b> Oneida Casino Hotel	16 <b>Recovery Walk</b> Community Center 7:30am	17
National Prevention Week						
18	 <b>Chief Simon Day</b> Campus Closed	20 <b>Meet &amp; Greets</b> Facilities & Housing Departments 9am - 12pm	21 <b>Meet &amp; Greets</b> Solid Waste & Transportation 9am - 12pm <b>Hi/Vis Picture</b> Transportation Services and Water & Sewer 4pm	22 <b>Meet &amp; Greets</b> Roads & Water & Sewer 9am - 12pm <b>Parade</b> Community Center 4pm	23	24
National Public Works Week						
25	 <b>Memorial Day</b> Campus Closed	27	28 <b>Nutrition Taste Test</b> H&W Test Kitchen 11:00am - 1pm	29 <b>Diabetes Luncheon</b> H&W Large Conference Room 12 pm – 1:30 pm	30 <b>The Moonlighters</b> Live Entertainment Rock & Brews 8pm - 12am	31 <b>The Moonlighters</b> Live Entertainment Rock & Brews 8pm - 12am





# Days and events FCP recognizes

Answers will be in the next issue



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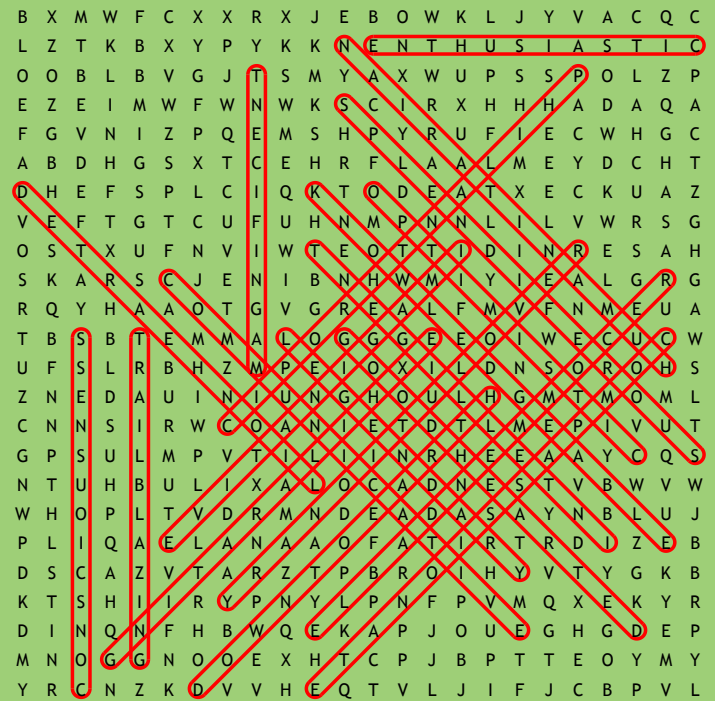
- 2. This is the birthday of a FCP leader back in history.
- 4. This day is to recognize our male parent.
- 7. This day children dress up in costumes and go trick or treating.
- 13. This day is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- 16. This day is to recognize, mourn, and honor its deceased service men and women.
- 18. This event is when all FCP bands coming together once a year.
- 19. This day is a Holiday in united states that celebrates and honors the first nation of people.
- 20. Native American Indigenous men leaders of tribes throughout history.

- 21. This day is commemoration workers contribution to national strength, propensity and well-being.
  - 22. This holiday has a green tree decorated with presents piled under neither it.
  - 23. This man is a leader of Civil Rights Movement.
- Down**
- 1. What does the MMIW stand for?
  - 3. This holiday has fireworks, and a lot of red, white and blue colors.
  - 5. This month is devoted to recognizing female of the past.
  - 6. This is a cultural event held in August outside in a dance arena.
  - 8. This day demonstrates support for environmental protection of our plant.
  - 9. First day of the year.

- 10. This day is for celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year.
- 11. A holiday that involves boiled eggs, chocolate rabbits and baskets.
- 12. This day is for Honoring military veterans and of the United States Armed Forces.
- 14. This day is celebrated on February 14 every year.
- 15. This day to commemorate the end of slavery
- 17. This day is to celebrate the female parent.

Answers from previous issue

## Positive words



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|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Philanthropic | Optimistic    | Magnificent   | Lion hearted  |
| Legendary     | Knowledgeable | Recommendable | Revolutionary |
| Splendiferous | Trail blazing | Communicative | Intelligent   |
| Imaginative   | Humanitarian  | Good hearted  | Exhilarating  |
| Enthusiastic  | Down to earth | Consciousness | Compassionate |

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More info to come!

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# CINCO DE MAYO Buffet

MONDAY, MAY 5 | 11 A.M.–7 P.M.

**\$19<sup>95</sup>**

PER PERSON

**\$9<sup>95</sup>**

KIDS 5-11

**LIVE  
MARIACHI  
BAND!**

**¡VIVE! ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT!**



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# Mother's Day BRUNCH BUFFET

SUNDAY, MAY 11 | 10 A.M.–3 P.M.

**\$35**

PER PERSON

**\$15**

KIDS 5-11

**FREE ROSE  
FOR MOMS**



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# Cinco de Mayo \$5 ROCKN' HOUSE MARGS ALL DAY



*\$5 Rockin' Margaritas available at participating locations on Monday, May 5, 2025 only.*

# Memorial Day Buffet

MONDAY, MAY 26 | 11 A.M.–7 P.M.

**\$21<sup>95</sup>**

PER PERSON

**\$15<sup>95</sup>**

KIDS 5-11

Featuring: BBQ pork spareribs, grilled chicken breast, BBQ pulled pork, pressure fried chicken, cornbread, brats n' kraut, hot German potato salad, asst. desserts soup & salad bar and much more...

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