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FCP Recovery Open House



Everyone gathered around Fire Nation for the honor song

by Amber Haseman

Behind the cloudy skies, sunshine peeked through, welcoming light for a beautiful afternoon for the Recovery Resource Center Open House on September 18 from 3 to 8 p.m. Fire Nation welcomed visitors with the rhythmic sound of their drum. Attendees gathered to connect, share stories, and enjoy each other's company.

Council Member Herb Daniels Jr. shared a heartfelt speech, welcoming everyone and thanking Prevention & Recovery Program Director Angela Jacobson for organizing the event. He shared that her efforts do not go unnoticed. He continued to thank the recovery coaches and those who have dedicated their time to be part of this. He shared his story of being in recovery and said, "If you can keep your

promises to the people you love, it'll bring you pride. You made a clear path for their future." He acknowledged those who have walked the path of recovery and now help others, and recognized those who are just beginning their journey. He spoke of overcoming the challenges through culture, identity, and song, ending with a powerful message for all to take home: "Stay strong as hard as you can." He then offered a prayer.

Behavioral Health Manager Shelby Daniels shared that the team has wanted their own building for about 10 years. Over the years, they have expanded their services and opportunities, and they've fought hard to get this building that is already full and thriving.

Angela Jacobson introduced herself and reflected on her journey from working in utilities to where she is now. She expressed how great it is to see how the buildings are being used

for good. She introduced the team and highlighted programs offered, including the Adult Program, youth coaching (focused on preventative use), and daily meetings. She also shared plans to expand offerings beyond meetings, such as art, book clubs, life skills, and promoting the message that sobriety is something to be proud of.

Upcoming opportunities include:

- Harm Reduction Program: providing clean supplies, referrals, and support.
- Mobile unit: providing an opportunity for those unable to access campus or the facility.
- Expansion: extending services beyond the local area as growth continues.

Assistant Clinical Services Administrator Briana Davies spoke about the clinic, describing this moment as "full-circle" for her – seeing tribal members, community members, and staff together to make this all possible.

Community Prevention Coordinator Jorge Cisneros Sr. shared a few words before Fire Nation performed the honor song.

Guests were invited to tour the building, visit each room, complete their punch cards, and enter to win raffle prizes such as an air fryer, drone, aroma diffuser, Fire HD tablet, Amazon Echo, and more. Dinner was served, featuring a menu of BBQ items including hot dogs, brats, burgers, corn on the cob, summer salads, fruit, watermelon, cookies, brownies, and chips. Guests also enjoyed fun competitions and tournaments, bringing out everyone's competitive side, offering prizes for first, second, and third place in each contest. The event welcomed a community of support and resilience, offering a chance to learn more about the programs, answer any questions, and bring home helpful resources.

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Guest speaker Council Member Herb Daniels Jr.



Checking out the art displays

FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Haseaman

Fall Fun at the Farm: The public is welcome to join on Saturdays during October for Fall Fun at the Farm. The remaining dates are October 18 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The entry fee is \$8 for adults, \$5 for 3-12 years old, and those two and under are free. Enjoy a corn maze, hayride, games, concessions, and activities for the whole family. This year is bigger and better with several new attractions. Sponsored in part by NATOW.

Sourdough Bread-making Basics: Join a hands-on and beginner-friendly class to learn the Sourdough Breadmaking Basics on October 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The class is hosted by The Flour Pot and includes all ingredients, instructions, a warm loaf, live starter, a recipe to take home, and a Benneton proofing bowl for future creations. The fee is \$50 for Potawatomi Center members, \$75 for non-members, and free for tribal members and descendants with a \$25 deposit. For more information, contact Wellness Coordinator Ashley Thompson at (715) 478-6532 or ashley.thompson@fcp-nsn.gov.

Halloween at the Farm: Trick-or-treat with witches and goblins at the Potawatomi Farm on October 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome. Come dressed in costume to receive \$1 off admission. The

entry fee is \$7 for adults, \$5 for 5-18 years old, and those five and under are free. There will be Halloween-themed concessions, games, activities, and crafts. Sponsored in part by NATOW.

Coffee Talk: FCP Elders are invited to join FCP Elder Services for Coffee Talk at the Potawatomi Community Center on October 28 from 12 to 2 p.m. Enjoy good conversation, connection, and lunch. For more information, contact Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Taylor Saari at (715) 478-4341.

Halloween Party: The FCP Community Halloween Party will be held on November 1 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Potawatomi Community Center. FCP tribal members, descendants, and their families are invited to wear their best costumes for the costume contest. There will be categories for kids, teens, adults, and group costumes. Decorate a pumpkin and bring it for the Decorated Pumpkin contest. There will be drawings, games, a DJ, and a coloring contest. Trunk-or-treat is from 4-5 p.m., the feast is at 5 p.m., and the costume contest is from 6-7 p.m. The Halloween dance begins at 6:30 p.m. and lasts until 9 p.m. For information, contact PCC Recreation Manager Michael Hill at (715) 902-1399 or Michael.hill@fcp-nsn.gov.





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NOTICE OF OCTOBER 6th, NOMINATION RESULTS

Nominations for Chairman

- Ira Frank nominated **Brooks Boyd Sr. - Accepts (Incumbent)**
 - Tiffany Miller nominated **Mark Daniels Sr.- Accepts**
 - Char White nominated **Stacey White- Accepts**
 - Virginia Jacobson nominated Nate Gilpin- Not Present.
- Elayne "Oopie" Shepard nominated **Heather VanZile- Accepts**

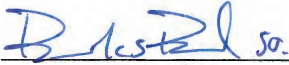
Nominations for Council Members

- Yance Mann nominated **Herb Daniels Jr.- Accepts (Incumbent)**
 - Scott Daniels nominated **Richard Gouge- Accepts**
 - Cheryl Frank nominated **Mabel Schingeck- Accepts**
 - Lisa Milligan nominated **Nickolas Shepard Sr.- Accepts**
 - Patrick Daniels nominated **Aiyana VanZile- Accepts**
- Stephanie Barea nominated **Destinee Alloway- Accepts (Incumbent)**
 - Gordy Tuckwab nominated **Jamie Tuckwab- Accepts.**

Election Board

- Mabel Schingeck nominated **Cheryl Frank- Judge- Accepts**
- Virginia Jacobson nominated **Jeryl Perenich- Clerk- Accepts**
- Cheryl Frank nominated **Heather Milligan- Clerk- Accepts**
- Peggy Victor nominated Theresa Johnson- Alternate- **Declines**
- Jeryl Perenich nominated Lisa Milligan- Alternate- **Conflict**
 - Peggy Victor nominated Mary Shegonee- **Conflict**
- Mabel Schingeck nominated **Stephany Daniels- Clerk -Accepts**
- Aiyana VanZile nominated **Patrick "PJ" Daniels- Alternate -Accepts**
- Peggy Victor nominated **Virginia Jacobson- Alternate- Accepts.**

Elections will take place:
November 1, 2025
Executive Building
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Brooks Boyd, Sr.
Tribal Chairman
Forest County Potawatomi



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ELECTIONS

CHAIRMAN, 2 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Saturday, November 1, 2025

EXECUTIVE BUILDING AUDITORIUM

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8am - 7pm



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Native American Heritage Month ARTWORK

In honor of November as Native American Heritage Month, Potawatomi Times would like to feature artwork showing what your Native American heritage means to you, including drawings, paintings, beadwork, sculpture, or any type of media. Artwork will be featured in one of the November issues and on Facebook.

DEADLINES: Nov. 1 issue — Oct. 15, 2025 / Nov. 15 issue — Oct. 29, 2025
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UPDATES

Chairman Meets Congresswoman Moore



Chairman Brooks Boyd Sr. and Congresswoman Gwen Moore



Chairman Brooks Boyd Sr. on the steps of the Capital

submitted by Executive Assistant to Chair and Vice Chair Aiyana VanZile

Forest County Potawatomi Chairman Brooks Boyd, Sr. met with U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore in Washington, D.C., reaffirming the strong friendship and ongoing collaboration between the tribe and Milwaukee.

A Visit to Washington, D.C.



(l-r) Council Member Destinee Alloway, Secretary Alex McCorkle, Council Member Herb Daniels

submitted by President of Thunderbird Strategic, LLC, Kevin Allis

This September, three members of our Executive Council, Secretary Alex McCorkle, Council Member Destinee Alloway, and Council Member Herb Daniels, joined by senior executives from Potawatomi Ventures, traveled to Washington, D.C., to represent all of us, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community. They walked the halls of Congress, met face-to-face with lawmakers and their staff, and carried our stories, concerns, and hopes right into the heart of the federal government.

For a week, they spoke about the issues that matter most to us: keeping our people healthy, protecting our sovereignty, and ensuring that our businesses have a fair chance to compete.

When they talked about the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, they didn't just talk about funding, they told the story of our elders who rely on screenings, our children who are learning healthier traditions, and the families who have seen lives changed because of the program. They made clear that this isn't just another government line item. It's about saving lives and honoring our way of life.

They also explained how our IHS Compact allows us to run our own health system on our own terms, blending modern medicine with traditional practices in a way that truly serves our people. They reminded Congress that "health is sovereignty," and that when tribes are given the resources to care for their own, communities thrive. And when it came to the economic future of our people, our leaders stood firm, explaining that new federal contracting rules must not push tribal businesses aside. Every

Vice Chairman at MTERA



Vice Chairman Ken George Jr. speaking on the panel

submitted by Executive Assistant to Chair and Vice Chair Aiyana VanZile

The Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) hosted its annual summit, bringing together tribal leaders, energy coordinators and partners to share updates

on renewable energy projects, workforce development, and strategies for energy independence. Forest County Potawatomi Vice Chairman Ken George Jr. attended the event and served on a panel discussion highlighting emerging technologies and their role in advancing tribal energy goals. The summit emphasized collaboration, capacity building and supporting tribal energy champions across the Midwest. For more information, please visit <https://www.mtera.org/initiatives/mtera-summit>



contract won by a Potawatomi business means jobs for our members, revenue for our community, and another step toward long-term self-reliance.

Equally important, they spoke about government contracting, the business side of sovereignty. Our leaders explained that new federal contracting rules could make it harder for tribal businesses to compete, favoring only the largest corporations. They made it clear that every contract matters: when a Potawatomi business works with the federal government, it creates good-paying jobs for our members, builds skills for our young people, and brings revenue back to our community. Protecting our fair access to these opportunities is about more than business, it's about securing our future independence.

Perhaps most important, they heard something back from Congress that should make us all proud: staff in both the House and the Senate told our leaders to keep coming. They said our voices matter, that Indian Country needs to be visible in Washington, and that if we are not there, decisions will

be made without us. That encouragement was not just for our leaders, it was for all of us. It was a recognition that the FCP community is respected, that when we speak, people listen, and that our presence in Washington is vital to protecting our future.

As our leaders returned home, they brought with them not just policy updates and next steps, but a renewed reminder of who we are. We are a sovereign Nation whose voice carries weight in the halls of Congress. We are a people who care deeply for our health, our elders, and our future generations. And we are building a future where our children and grandchildren can grow up strong, proud, and knowing that their leaders will always stand up for them, whether in Crandon or in the capitol.



(l-r) President of Thunderbird Strategic Kevin Allis, Council Member Destinee Alloway, Secretary Alex McCorkle, PV CEO Kip Ritchie, PV CFO Paul Hoesly

Raptor Education



Bart Kotarba with Tommi the red-tailed hawk

by Amber Haseman

Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Education Division and FCP Outreach & Engagement welcomed the Northwoods Wildlife Center for a live Educational Raptor Program, held October 1 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the

Potawatomi Community Center. The event invited the community to learn about birds of prey, their role in the environment, and the steps to ensure they live their best natural lives. The Northwoods Wildlife Center, based in Minocqua, Wis., has rescued and rehabilitated wildlife since 1979. Its mission is “creating a future where people and wildlife thrive through rescue, rehabilitation, and education.” Serving approximately 25 percent of the state, the center’s rehabilitators are licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They care for over 100 species of wildlife and provide rescue, rehabilitation, and release services. During the hour-long program, Wildlife Educator Bart Kotarba introduced the audience to raptors - birds of prey such as owls, hawks, and eagles. He explained how the center helps sick and injured wildlife and

releases them back into the wild once they are ready. Offering a hands-on educational experience, attendees examined real or replica raptor talons, skulls, and wings. Kotarba shared his knowledge of raptors and the significance of talons, a key feature allowing raptors to catch and kill their prey. The audience could even compare their own grip strength using measuring tools. The highlight of the event was Tommi’s live appearance, a red-tailed hawk and longtime resident of Northwoods Wildlife Center. Before her reveal, Kotarba played her call and asked the audience to guess what kind of bird was in the box. Many guesses ranged from an eagle to a hawk. Tommi’s story shared how she became a member of the Northwoods Wildlife Center. She arrived at the center in August 2016 after being found injured near the road, likely hit by a car. Her left eye was swollen shut,

and her left wing was severely broken. After a thorough examination, it was determined she would not survive in the wild. Through her treatments, her calm demeanor gave them an idea of keeping her safe at the center. Patients with her injuries would otherwise be euthanized, as it would be difficult to find homes for them. She proved to be a good candidate for the center. Now at nine years old, Tommi could live up to 25 to 30 years. Though her life in the wild was cut short, she continues to serve an important purpose, inspiring and educating the public. The program left the audience with a better understanding of raptors and the commitment to protecting local wildlife. For those who encounter injured wildlife or want to learn more, the Northwoods Wildlife Center can be reached at (715) 356-7400 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Messages can also be left after hours.



Checking out the raptor talons



Sharing the difference between hawk and owl wings



Tommi in all her beauty

Indigenous People's Day

by Amber Haseman

Indigenous Peoples’ Day is a federally recognized holiday throughout the U.S. and will be observed this year on Oct. 13, 2025. The holiday honors the strength and resilience of Indigenous communities and celebrates the cultures, traditions, and contributions of Native nations today. While other states adopted Indigenous Peoples’ Day years earlier, Wisconsin didn’t formally recognize the holiday until more recently. In 2019, Gov. Tony Evers and then Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes signed Executive Order #50 during a visit to Franklin, Wis., officially declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day. This year marks the seventh consecutive year of honoring Indigenous People in Wisconsin. Wisconsin is home to 12 native

nations, with 11 having federal recognition, including the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi (FCP), Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Nation, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Stockbridge Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, and Brothertown Indian Nation which is not federally recognized. Referring back to *Potawatomi Traveling Times (PTT)* Volume 25, Issue 9, Article: Executive Order Declaring In-

digenous Peoples’ Day Signed, former FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. spoke on behalf of the FCP Community, introducing Gov. Evers. In the executive order, Gov. Evers recognized the native nations’ importance to Wisconsin and the significance of Native Nations’ sovereignty, culture, and history. Gov. Evers states, “Through this executive order, we recognize and appreciate our tribal nations and Indigenous people and their resilience, wisdom, and the contributions they make to our state. Native Americans in Wisconsin and throughout our country have suffered unjust treatment, often at the hands of our government, and today is about recognizing that Wisconsin would not be all that it is without Indigenous people.” Lt. Gov. Barnes follows with his

statement, “Today we seek to recognize and honor our state Indigenous communities while moving beyond a dated practice that perpetrates inaccurate teachings and honors genocide.” The article concludes with remarks from former FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., “For generations, the Potawatomi lived right where we are standing today. Our people hunted and fished these lands and raised their children. This was home. And our historic roots in this area can still be seen today. Sadly, many people are unaware of the strong ties and history of the Potawatomi in Wisconsin. This story is all too familiar for each of Wisconsin’s tribes. This executive order is a positive step forward in recognizing and celebrating the shared history and culture of Wisconsin tribes.”

Swine, Dine & Dash

by Val Niehaus

The Swine, Dine & Dash event took place on Oct. 4, 2025, at the Bodwéwadmī Ktëgan in Blackwell, Wis., under beautiful and record-breaking weather conditions. Despite being early October, the day reached a high of 84 degrees and was sunny all day long, providing a stunning backdrop of fall colors.

Families and friends gathered to enjoy the beautiful fall season, filled with movement and socializing. Greg Tallier emceed the event, energizing the crowd with lively music that kept participants moving during the run/walk event. The dash began around

10:30 a.m., with participants choosing to run or walk along the marked trail.

After completing the race, attendees were treated to a delicious meal of pulled pork and all the fixings, prepared by Food Preservation and Production Specialist Wenona Siggelkow, which left many feeling great after their workout. There were also games for the children and giveaways for those in attendance.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible and to all who joined in the festivities.



A quick selfie by the Frank family



Riding a Spiderman bike is always suggested



The Siggelkow girls enjoying the duck race



And they're off!

Jim Elam Retires



submitted by FCP Facilities

The FCP Facilities Department would like to thank Jim Elam for his 18 years of service and wish him well in his retirement. Jim's last day with FCP was Sept. 30, 2025. He will surely be missed.



It's SOUP and CHILI Season



Watch for daily specials

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WE WANT TO HONOR YOU!



THANK YOU VETERANS

If you are a **FCP VETERAN**, we'd like to recognize you in the *Potawatomi Times* November 1, 2025 issue.

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National Day for Truth & Reconciliation-Orange Shirt Day



On Sept. 30, 2025, Potawatomi Ventures (PV) and Greenfire recognized National Remembrance Day to honor the children who lost their

lives in the U.S. and Canada boarding schools, acknowledging the pain caused by forced assimilation, and support survivors, their families, and communities. PV and Greenfire participated by wearing orange and ‘You are not forgotten wristbands’ to honor the memory of those who were lost, recognize the resilience of survivors, and stand with Indigenous communities in their ongoing healing.

Greenfire-Building a Foundation for Wellness



Construction is underway on the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC) Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center in Bowler, Wis. Greenfire has completed site excavation and utility installation and is now pouring footings and foundations.

Greenfire is managing construction through an open-book process that emphasizes transparency, communication, and alignment with GLITC’s priorities. The project team is coordinating with multiple stakeholders to navigate the unique challenges of an inter-tribal project and to ensure compliance with specialized State licensing codes. Weekly coordination meetings, clear documentation, and disciplined pre-construction practices keep scope, cost, and schedule aligned as the project advances.

The new facility will be a one-story, 36-bed residential center designed to support Native American youth ages 13 to 17 who are struggling with substance use disorder and mental health conditions. This facility will feature resident pods with bedrooms and showers, a kitchen and dining

area, family and living spaces, and classrooms. Courtyards and daylit common areas are integrated into the design to create environments that support healing and wellness. The Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center were developed in response to critical needs identified by GLITC and its 12-member tribes, which include the Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk Nation, Oneida Nation, and others across Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Founded in 1965, GLITC provides services and advocacy in areas such as health, education, aging, and economic development. The center directly addresses GLITC’s priority focus on behavioral health and the drug crisis, challenges that have



been amplified by historical trauma, and the opioid epidemic. With construction underway, Greenfire is proud to support GLITC’s mission by delivering a facility that expands access to culturally relevant treatment and strengthens community health across tribal nations.

Greenfire-Past Forward Welcomes Fire Nation



Greenfire was proud to sponsor Fire Nation, the Forest County Potawatomi community drum circle, at the Opening Plenary Session of the Past Forward 2025 Conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Tribal member Nick Shepard opened the session with a land acknowledgment, recognizing the ancestral lands of the Potawatomi people. Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson welcomed attendees and issued an official proclamation marking the occasion. The Opening Plenary took place at the Warner Grand Theater, now home to the Bradley Symphony Center of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. The session featured author Clint Smith, whose book *How the Word is Passed* is a #1 *New York Times* best-seller. Smith spoke on how slavery has shaped the nation’s collective history and participated in a conversation with National Trust President and CEO Carol Quillen on building a national commemorative landscape that tells the full American story. Past Forward 2025 was held in Milwaukee Sept. 16–18, 2025, the first time in the National Trust’s 75-year

history that its annual conference has convened in the city. More than 800 preservationists, architects, planners, developers, historians, and community leaders gathered for 35 educational sessions, 100 speakers, and field studies to significant historic sites including Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesin, the Domes, and the Milwaukee Soldiers Home. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress in 1949. For more than 75 years, it has worked to protect historic places, tell the full American story, and use preservation to strengthen communities. Past Forward serves as its annual convening to share knowledge and strategies for preservation at the national level. As a tribally- owned construction management firm, Greenfire connects preservation to its ownership and its work. Greenfire manages historic renovations throughout Milwaukee and Wisconsin, bringing experience in renovating and re-purposing historic structures, creating new uses that serve communities today and into the future.



Fireside MARKET Opens in Southern Wisconsin- Ribbon Cutting



Slinger, Wis, Oct. 2, 2025 – Fireside MARKET, a new food-forward, modern market prioritizing meeting the needs of the community, officially opened its doors today in Slinger. The inaugural location for southeastern Wisconsin, fireside MARKET serves as the gateway to the larger Merchant Village development and as a welcoming hub for families, travelers, and the greater Slinger community.

“As a new concept in Wisconsin, this is not your typical convenience stop,” said executive vice president of fireside MARKET David Loveras. “Fireside MARKET was designed to meet the needs of real people — from busy parents, to hungry travelers, to seniors, looking for a friendly place to gather. We’re excited to bring this community-first experience to Slinger.”

This location is the first in the region and serves as the gateway to the Merchant Village development in Slinger, Wis. Developed by Sagewind Development and built by Greenfire Management Services, this project re-

flects our shared mission to give back to the Forest County Potawatomi community to achieve prosperity for future generations.

“The Potawatomi are known as the ‘keepers of the fire’ and to acknowledge the deep history of this community, we warmly invite everyone who visits fireside MARKET to gather around our indoor fireplace and experience the community we hope to build here,” said CEO of Potawatomi Ventures Kip Ritchie. “We’re looking forward to growing meaningful connections and creating something special together.”

“The Village of Slinger is thrilled to welcome the first fireside MARKET,” said Village President of Slinger Scott Stortz. “This modern market reflects the community-centered values of our region, and we’re proud to showcase it as the cornerstone of Merchant Village.”

The ribbon cutting symbolizes communities coming together and it was a great day to enjoy.



Milwaukee Magazine: Potawatomi Ventures Is Building A Future For ‘Seven Generations’



Through investment and economic development, Potawatomi Ventures (PV) is creating new businesses and prosperity.

For 22 years, PV, the economic development portfolio company of the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP), has forged a path for growth.

With nearly 750 employees, the tribally-owned organization, headquartered in Milwaukee, invests in

businesses and ventures across Wisconsin. Most recently, it launched a new business, fireside MARKET, offering fresh, made-to-order food, convenience items, and fuel.

PV CEO Kip Ritchie and enrolled FCP member, has dedicated his entire career to the Potawatomi tribe and has led the evolution of PV. He credits a strong team, harmonious workplace culture, and deep-rooted mission

as strong drivers of the company’s success.

“It’s a reflection of our ownership, a reminder of what our mission and vision is and what we’re really trying to accomplish for the tribe,” says Ritchie. “Because it’s not just one individual owner or a large corporation – it really is supporting an entire community. Not only for where we are today, but for the next seven generations.”

The “seven generations” philosophy that orients PV is a foundational Indigenous concept that urges consideration of how today’s actions will affect descendants over the next seven generations, or roughly 150 years.

The new fireside MARKET is one of PV’s most exciting recent efforts. The ribbon-cutting for the market’s first location in Slinger happened this month. The idea for the convenience store, gas station and fresh food retailer was sparked about four years ago, when PV began operating two convenience stores in Forest County, in northern Wisconsin.

“We saw a gap in the market,” says

Ritchie. “If we’re going to do this, let’s build our own brand that can thrive.”

The market specializes in fresh, made-to-order foods, including rotisserie proteins like brisket and fish, with the convenience of a drive-thru and special features like EV charging stations. “Our biggest strength is good, fast, made-to-order food,” Ritchie says. “Where else can you get a fresh salmon sandwich? You can’t. It just doesn’t exist.”

The PV team plans to build new fireside MARKET locations in the future – with a Brown Deer location slated next – and to establish a trusted brand across Wisconsin.

“There was a time when political leaders stood outside our bingo hall and opposed our expansion,” says Ritchie. “And now, today, we have a mayor holding the scissors at ribbon cuttings. We’ve come full circle. That’s a testament to what the tribe has accomplished.”

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Mural by artist Christopher Sweet

Tribal Business Certificate

Certificate Overview

The **Tribal Business Certificate** is a four-part virtual program designed to help participants build respectful, effective, and informed business relationships with Wisconsin's Tribal Nations.

Through a combination of expert presentations, panel discussions, and interactive activities, attendees will explore tribal history, sovereignty, economic systems, entrepreneurship, and access to capital.

This program is ideal for professionals seeking to bridge cultures, create opportunity, and do business better through authentic partnership and deeper understanding.

Special Offer!

FREE 1-year American Indian Chamber of Commerce Membership upon completion of the certificate (A \$100 Individual Membership Value).

Package Deals Available for businesses with multiple registrations: August 1-October 1, 2025.

\$325 - Professional

\$299 - Non-Profit/UWSP Faculty & Staff



Meet The Facilitators



Becky Albert-Breed
Becky is an enrolled tribal member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. She holds a bachelor degree in accounting from UW-Milwaukee and a MBA from Cardinal Stritch University.



Kevin Chesnik
An Oneida Enrolled Tribal member, Mr. Chesnik has more than forty years of experience in business development, transportation engineering, transit, and public policy analysis.



William Cornelius
William Cornelius is a Director at Baker Tilly. William is an enrolled citizen of Oneida Nation. William has worked with tribal governments since 2004. William's experience includes practicing regulatory gaming law for tribal gaming commissions.



Rubina Martini
Rubina "Rue" Martini is a multidisciplinary creative director and entrepreneur in Central Wisconsin. Her work spans various disciplines including community engagement, event planning, curation and storytelling, with a strong emphasis on sustainability and identity.



Amanda L. White Eagle
Amanda L. White Eagle, with nearly twenty years of tribal law experience, provided advice and counsel to the Ho-Chunk Nation government. She previously served as a judicial officer (an Interim Chief Judge and Associate Judge), as well as the tribe's Attorney General and Executive Director for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice.



Crystal Chevalier
Crystal Chevalier has been with the Wolf River Development Company since June 2022 in the role of Chief Executive Officer.

Questions? Contact Continuing Education at uwspceweb@uwsp.edu or 715-346-3838



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FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (OCTOBER), COMMUNITY ADVOCACY IS OFFERING "BACKPACKS FOR HOPE." THESE BACKPACKS ARE PACKED WITH ITEMS A PERSON MAY NEED WHEN LEAVING A VIOLENT SITUATION IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THEY ARE SET UP FOR CONVENIENCE WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF HYGIENE ITEMS AND HELPFUL RESOURCES. THESE HOPE BAGS ALSO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO PROTECT THEIR VALUABLES AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WHILE EVACUATING. BACKPACKS ARE NOT GENDER-SPECIFIC.

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FALL FUN

at The Farm



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2025 SATURDAYS
October 11, 18, 25
9am-3pm

ADULTS = \$8 | 3-12 YEARS OLD = \$5 | 2 & UNDER = FREE

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BIGGER & BETTER, WITH SEVERAL NEW ATTRACTIONS THIS YEAR!



HALLOWEEN - ON THE FARM

Trick-or-treat with the witches and goblins. Come in costume & receive

\$1 OFF ADMISSION

Saturday Oct. 25 2025
9am - 3pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ADULTS - \$7
5-18 YEARS OLD - \$5
5 & UNDER - FREE

HALLOWEEN-THEMED CONCESSIONS / GAMES / ACTIVITIES / CRAFTS



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Greenfire-Impact Seven Breaks Ground



Impact Seven held a ground-breaking for Forest Grove Cottages on Odanah Road in Hurley, Wis., a new housing community supported by Low-Income Housing Credits (LIHTC) and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). Impact Seven — a Community Development Financial Institution and Wisconsin’s only state-wide Certified Housing Development Organization — is leading the development to expand affordable rental housing.

The Forest Grove Cottages are part of the Housing Opportunity and Mobile Education Solutions (HOMES) Initiative, a regional effort backed by

WHEDA, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Workforce Development, and private partners. Northwood Technical College joined the initiative to strengthen ties between housing and workforce training opportunities across the district. In Hurley, where the last major rental development was built three decades ago, Forest Grove Cottages will provide safe, affordable homes that address a long-standing community need.

Greenfire is managing construction through an open-book approach, weekly Owner – Architect – Contractor coordination, and disciplined pre-construction to align scope, bud-

get, and schedule requirements common to LIHTC projects. Greenfire representatives at the event included President Jeb Meier, VP of Construction Paul Hackbarth, Project Manager Alex Hoffman and Superintendent Tim Koch.

The development includes seven town home-style buildings totaling 62,800 square feet with 40 affordable units in one-, two- and three-bedroom layouts, and each home has a dedicated garage space. A 3,550 square foot clubhouse will feature a leasing office, fitness room, dog wash, community room, and classroom. Site improvements include 28 parking stalls at the clubhouse, 18 visitor stalls, a new ac-

cess road, utilities, sidewalks, stormwater retention basins, and landscaping.

Project partners include Dimension IV Madison Design Group as architect, Coleman Engineering Company for civil engineering, C&S Design & Engineering, Inc. for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing design, and MP-Squared for structural engineering. Together with Greenfire, the team coordinates design and construction requirements for efficient delivery of the project.

Forest Grove Cottages will add 40 affordable homes to Hurley, expanding access to housing while reinforcing the HOMES Initiative’s commitment to investing in rural communities.



2025
OCTOBER

THE DAILY MENU IS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE
WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE
DUE, TO INCLEMENT
WEATHER CONDITIONS,
FACILITY CLOSURES AND
OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR
UNDERSTANDING AND
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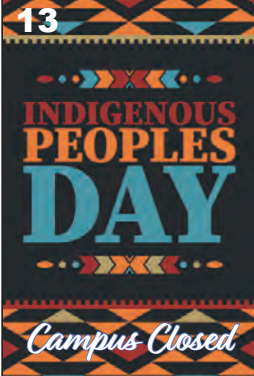
- FCP SUSTAINABLE FOOD
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tuna Melt, Fruit, Cucumber Salad, Milk	2 Pork chops, sweet potato, fruit, milk, cottage cheese	3 Taco salad, tortilla chips, fruit, milk	4 
5	6 Lasagna (beef, peas, carrots), side salad, fruit, milk	7 Venison roast w/ carrots & onion, wild rice pilaf, fruit, milk	8 Baked cod, baked beans, coleslaw, rye bread, fruit, milk	9 Cheeseburger soup, fresh bread, bell peppers + dip, fruit, milk	10 Craisin, pecan & chicken salad, cottage cheese, fruit, baked chips, milk	11
12	13 Sloppy joes, carrots & peppers w/ dip, fruit, milk, cookie	14 Drop biscuit chicken pot pie, side salad, fruit, milk	15 Shrimp alfredo pasta, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk, yogurt	16 Bison tips, mashed potatoes & gravy, dinner roll, fruit, milk	17 Sub sandwich w/ lto, kidney bean salad, fruit, milk, cottage cheese	18 
19	20 Baked chicken breast, roasted zucchini, dinner roll, fruit, milk	21 Stuffed pepper casserole, corn & peas, fruit, milk , cottage cheese	22 Chili, cornbread, side salad, fruit, milk	23 Pork stir fry, rice, fruit, milk, yogurt	24 Chicken chopped salad, fruit, potato wedges, biscuit, milk	25
	27 Egg salad sandwiches, peas, fruit, milk, baked chip	28 Chicken + wild rice casserole , side salad, fruit, milk, pumpkin bar	29 Tomato soup, grilled ham & cheese, veggie + dip, fruit, milk	30 Pot roast, potatoes, carrots, onions, roll, fruit, milk	31 Club salad, breadstick, fruit, milk, yogurt	

Community Events
OCTOBER 2025



FOREST COUNTY
POTAWATOMI
Keeper of the Fire

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Recurring Weekly Events Mondays: NA Meetings Recovery Resource Center 10am Mondays: Powwow Club 4:30pm - 5:30pm Tuesdays: After School Language Programing Crandon & Laona Wednesdays: After School Language Programing Wabeno Wednesdays: Language Class 10am - 12pm Thursdays: Support Group Parenting Journey 12pm - 1pm Fridays: Men's Smudge Talk Recovery Resource Center 9am Alcoholics Anonymous Recovery Resource Center 2pm			1 School Expenditures Reimbursement Deadline Raptor Education Program 4pm - 5pm Child Minding Closed Until 12:30pm	2 Backpacks for Hope Family Services 11am - 4pm Rising Sun Daycare Closing at 2:30pm Slinger fireside MARKET Ribbon Cutting 2pm - 3pm	3 Granite Peak Fall Lift Ride FCP Elders +1 guest 11am	4  Swine, Dine & Dash 9am
Gym, Combative Room & Exercise Room - Closed						
5	6 Nomination Meeting Executive Auditorium 7pm Sharp	7 Farm to Table 5:30pm	8 Bringing the Lost Home Crandon School 3:30pm - 6:30pm	9 Blood Drive PCC Gym 10am - 4pm FCP Wills Event (Estate Planning) 9am - 5pm Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution 12pm Farm to Table 5:30pm	10	11  9am - 3pm
12	13 	14 Coffee Talk with Elders 12pm - 2pm Special Election Issue & Campaign Materials Deadline 5pm Sharp	15  11:30am - 1:30pm Sobriety Feast Museum Lower Level 6pm	16 Backpacks for Hope Family Services 11am - 4pm Highway Ribbon Cutting Kwe da Kik & Hwy 8 Intersection 2pm	17 	18 Fall Fun at the Farm 9am - 3pm 
19 	20	21 Child Minding Closed All Day	22 Child Minding Closed Until 12:30pm Tribal Court Law Day 9am - 12pm Nutrition Taste Test H&W Test Kitchen 11am - 1pm CC Teaching Kitchen 11:30am - 1pm Teen Drivers 101 Parents Guide 1pm - 3pm	23 Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution 12pm	24	25 Sourdough Breadmaking Basics 1pm - 3:30pm CC Kitchen 
26	27	28 Coffee Talk with Elders 12pm - 2pm	29	30 Backpacks for Hope Family Services 11am - 4pm Diabetes Luncheon H&W Large Conference Room 12pm - 1:30pm	31 Trick or Treating Forest County 4pm - 6pm	1  Halloween Party Community Center 4pm - 9pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMUNITY CENTER

POWWOW GROUNDS

BODWÉWADMI KTĒGAN

HEALTH & WELLNESS

MUSEUM

LOCAL SCHOOLS

09/30/2025



2025

HUNTING MOON POW WOW

GI WSE GISES

DANCE . SING . COMPETE

FREE ADMISSION

OCTOBER 17-19

Baird Center, Milwaukee

Host Drum
Blackstone

Co-Host
Lil Soldier

Tribal Drum
Fire Nation

Masters of Ceremonies
Jackson Rollingthunder Tahuka,
Michael Medawis

Arena Directors
Chaske La Blanc, Dakota Schrock

Head Male Dance Judge
Darrell Hill

Head Female Dance Judge
Grace Hill

Head Drum Judges
Marcus Denny, Pwagen Frank

Head Male Dancer
Richard Gougè

Head Female Dancer
Sarah Jane Gougè

Head Veteran
Walker Stonefish

Tabulator
C&T Tabulating

Sound
Hokah Sound

More information and event/vendor contact form at

HuntingMoonPowWow.com

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COSTUME CONTEST
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
REGISTER AT GUEST SERVICES: 5-9 P.M.
WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 10 P.M.
1st \$1,500 • 2nd \$1,000
3rd \$750 • 4th \$500 • 5th \$250



WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$20,000 CASH
CASH -O'- LANTERNS
FRIDAYS IN OCTOBER
DRAWINGS 5-9 P.M.
TWO \$100-\$700 CASH WINNERS EACH HOUR



JACKPOT BONUS
TUESDAYS
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OCTOBER-DECEMBER
OCTOBER 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 11 A.M.-7 P.M.
YOUR JACKPOT JUST GOT BIGGER!
Every Tuesday, hit a jackpot of \$1,200 or more and receive \$200 in Reward Play!
NO DRAWINGS. NO WAITING.
JUST WIN AND PLAY MORE.



SUNDAYS
OCTOBER-DECEMBER
EARN 500 SAME-DAY TIER CREDITS TO PLAY AND WIN REWARD PLAY!
SUNDAY BLITZ KIOSK GAME



SATURDAY
Homestyle Buffet
SATURDAYS 4-9 P.M. **\$25** | **\$11**
per person kids 5-11
THE SPRINGS
RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

