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Highway 8 Ribbon Cutting



Chairman Brooks Boyd Sr. cutting the ribbon alongside Executive Council members and Gov. Tony Evers.

by Amber Haseman

A brisk fall afternoon welcomed Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community members, employees, tribal leaders, state officials, and local agencies for a celebration marking the completion of the U.S. Highway 8 Reconstruction and Pathway to Wellness Project. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place on October 16 at 2:30 p.m. near the intersection of Kwe da kik Lane and U.S. Highway 8.

As guests arrived, an eagle was spotted soaring above the ceremony site – a powerful and symbolic presence. The Crandon Rescue Squad, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Forest County Sheriff's Department also joined the celebration to ensure the continued importance of safety within

the community.

Special guest Gov. Tony Evers and his representatives joined as the ceremony commenced. Fire Nation opened with a Veteran's song for the posting of colors. FCP Chairman Brooks Boyd Sr. welcomed attendees and introduced former FCP Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. who offered opening remarks and a prayer.

Daniels expressed gratitude to council members, workers, and the community, recognizing Gov. Evers and reflecting on how the project got its start. He shared that a little over a decade ago, it was announced that there should be a project like this, something to protect the people. Daniels said, "The project began with a prayer." Permission was asked, a fire was built, and permission continued to allow them to dig this ground, to move some rocks and dirt. He shares that this project is more than just a road. It includes a walking trail, biking trail, and an ATV trail. "This has been a decade of prayers," he concluded.

Chairman Boyd followed with remarks on the importance of infrastructure in the Northwoods. "Living in the Northwoods, we all know how important it is to have a reliable transportation network." He continues to share, "This transformative infrastructure project will continue to improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity to the entire community."

He then introduced Gov. Evers,

who shared his appreciation for the partnership with the FCP community. He states, "This project has been years in the making, and I'm honored to be celebrating this milestone." He highlighted his administration's efforts strengthening relationships with tribal nations, including the executive orders signed in 2019 to respect tribal sovereignty and formally recognizing Indigenous People's Day. He also mentioned the dual language sign program and emphasized the importance of safer and more reliable travel in the state of Wisconsin. He said, "Together, we've also worked to fix the darn roads. Projects like this are helping build stronger communities across Wisconsin and their partnerships show the benefit of strong relationships between the state of Wisconsin and native nations."

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Assistant Deputy Secretary Joel Nilsestuen spoke next, sharing the work that has been completed. He shares, "Safety is our agency's top priority. Over the last several months, crews have rebuilt the highway from the ground up. They've moved over 300,000 cubic meters of dirt, removed part of a hill to improve visibility, reconfigured travel lanes, repaved about 11 miles between HWY 55 and HWY 32 South, and improved the storm water drainage in the area."

Forest County Board Chair Ron Skallerud also shared a few words

stating, "This marks an exciting milestone for all of the Forest County community, our tribal partners, our townships, and the county as a whole. This achievement was only possible through true partnership with agencies such as WisDOT, the Forest County Potawatomi community, the governor and his office, and all other state agencies. He states, "The collaboration is a shining example of what we can accomplish when we come together with a shared purpose."

The ceremony concluded with a ribbon cutting ceremony led by Chairman Boyd, Executive Council Members Destinee Alloway and Herb Daniels Jr., Gov. Evers, and Secretary Alex McCorkle. The veterans retired the color guard, and guests were invited to walk the new trail system and explore the tunnels.

The trail welcomed visitors with fall colors and a beautifully etched tunnel entrance featuring a tree design. Inside, the walls display animal carvings bordered by appliqué and labeled with dual-language names, reflecting the culture and language of the FCP community. These tunnels now offer a safe and scenic crossing point for walkers and bikers, while motorists benefit from improved safety, visibility, and traffic flow along Highway 8. This historic milestone paves the way for a safer, more connected future and will continue to serve generations to come.

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FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Haseman

Young Warriors Hunting Camps: FCP youth ages 12 and older are welcome to join with their families for Young Warriors Hunting Camps, which will be held November 1-2, 7-9, and 14-16. Participants must have a Hunter's Safety certificate. Activities include: fishing, hunting, outdoor survival skills, canoeing, Bodewadmi Ndaw teachings, Bodewadmimowin lessons, storytelling, talking circles, and drumming. Contact Lawrence Mann at (715) 889-9816 for more information.

Natural Plants & Teas Seminar: Everyone is invited to discuss plants and natural teas with Dr. Foster and Richard Gougé on November 10 at 6 p.m. The seminar will be held at the lower level of the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum. For more information, call Richard Gougé at (715) 478-4162.

Campus Closure: Campus will be closed on November 11 in honor of Veterans' Day.

Coffee Talk: FCP Tribal Elders are invited to Coffee Talk on November 12 and 24 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Potawatomi Community Center. Meals are provided. Please contact Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Taylor Saari at (715) 478-4341 with any questions.

Elders Day Trips: FCP Elders are invited to join for Elders Day Trips. Limited spots are available. To sign up or for more information, contact Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Taylor Saari at (715)

478-4341. The days are November 18 - Movies at Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander. Depart fireside MARKET in Stone Lake at 3 p.m., December 9 - Christmas Lights Tour at Rondele Ranch in Harshaw, and Hodag Park Christmas Lights in Rhinelander. Depart fireside MARKET in Stone Lake at 4:30 p.m., and on December 11, take a shopping trip in Rhinelander, visiting various stores and shops. Depart fireside MARKET in Stone Lake at 9 a.m.

Shisibe! (BINGO!): FCP tribal members, descendants, and their families are invited to join the Language crew for Shisibe! Stop by the Potawatomi Community Center on November 20 at 5 p.m. There will be food, games, and prizes. For more information, contact Language and Culture Advisor Pwagen Frank at (715) 478-7374 or pwagen.frank@fcp-nsn.gov.

Campus Closure: Campus will be closed on November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving day.

Holiday Craft Fair: The 4th annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on November 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Potawatomi Community Center. Bring a non-perishable food item or a donation for general admission. There will be local vendors, crafters, baked goods, jewelry, home décor, holiday gifts, and more. If you're interested in being a vendor, register at <https://forms.office.com/r/qyG7vQmszQ>. Contact (715) 889-6893 with any questions.

ETC Program for Tribal Members



by Val Niehaus

The Enhanced Tribal Card Program (ETC) is a U.S. federal-tribal effort to provide eligible Native Americans with a secure tribal identification card that can also serve as a travel document for certain border crossings.

Its benefits include:

Border Crossing: ETC holders can use it (instead of a U.S. passport or enhanced driver's license) when entering the U.S. by land or sea from contiguous territories. U.S. Customs and Border Protection. *2U.S. Customs and Border Protection+2*

Tribal Membership Verification: It serves both as proof of tribal membership and U.S./Canadian citizenship. *Hydaburg Cooperative Association+2U.S. Customs and Border Protection+2*

Security Features: To meet CBP standards, the card incorporates tamper-resistant security elements, machine-readable zones, and, in some cases, RFID technology. *U.S. Customs*

and Border Protection+2U.S. Customs and Border Protection+2

On Nov. 9, 2023, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) signed an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to accept the FCP ETC for border crossing under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). *(cited from ETC brochure)*

On Oct. 7, 2025, two representatives from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Tucson, Ariz., visited the FCP Enrollment Department to participate in a training session with staff and review the procedures for developing and utilizing the new card.

The ETC is an exciting development designed to simplify travel and identity verification for Native Americans.

Keep an eye out for more information about getting your ETC, or if you have questions, call the Enrollment Department at (715) 478-4915.



Swearing Ins



by Val Niehaus

Oct. 8, 2025, Associate Judge Angela Moe swore in both Oliver Shawano and Carlton Stealer for another

term of serving on the FCP Gaming Commission. Congratulations to you both for be re-appointed.



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...Ribbon Cutting continued



Former Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. greeting Gov. Evers



Fire Nation concluding the ceremony with an honor song



Veteran's posting of the color guard



County Board Chair Ron Skallerud speaking on behalf of the Forest County Board of Supervisors



Everyone gathering to check out the tunnels

Hunter VanZile Featured in PBS' "The Ways"



submitted by Ryan Hendricks, PBS Wisconsin

PBS Wisconsin Education has rebooted "The Ways", a series of multimedia language and culture stories from Native communities around the central Great Lakes that explores connections between traditional ways and those of today.

Off-Road Racing: Support Through Community features Hunter VanZile, a member of the Forest County Potawatomi who was introduced to off-road racing at an early age. His family, friends, and members of the

Forest County Potawatomi supported his dreams from the very beginning. Learn how Hunter used that support to foster a promising career in professional off-road racing and how he gives back in and around the community.

"The Ways" is available to stream on pbs.org and the free PBS App. The video can be found at <https://www.pbs.org/video/off-road-racing-support-through-community-wxgozl>.

Save THE Date

NOV. 21-23 2025

woodland Indian Art show & market

ECHOES OF THE FOREST – ART INSPIRED BY NATURE

The voices call to us. They beckon us to invoke the powerful messages so eloquently expressed to us as we give thanks to our symbiotic relationship with creation. As we forage for the resources Creation provides, we do so in a way to live in harmony with it, to reciprocate the inspiration it provides by bringing into existence the art forms that not only reverberate the Forest but also, provide profound messages that resonates within each of us. The Woodland Indian Art Board seeks your creativity that will symbolize and enhance our deep-rooted connection with the Forest, with nature.

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
Keeper of the Fire

MEETING STIPEND
You are required to bring your Tribal ID

ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, November 8, 2025

POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY CENTER

5471 Thayék Éthë Dnëkmëgzëk Myéw • Crandon, Wisconsin

Lunch served @ Noon • Meeting begins @ 1pm

FCP DIVISION BOOTHS AVAILABLE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS: 11am - 3pm

Farm to Table Class



(l-r) Shelby Howell, Food Preservation Specialist Wenona Siggelkow, Oopie Shepard, and Brenda Shopodock

by Amber Haseman

The 2025 Farm to Table Cooking Class season has officially come to a close with its final classes held on October 7 and 9 at Bodwéwadmī Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm). Participants gathered at 5:30 p.m. to join Food Preservation Specialist Wenona Siggelkow and prepare a flavorful take-home meal featuring maple sage chicken and Brussels sprouts gratin.

The class began with preparing the marinade for their chicken. Using recipe cards, they gathered and mixed all the ingredients into a mixing bowl, and poured the marinade into bags with the halved chicken breasts to sit overnight. With the chicken prepped, the group headed outside to harvest fresh Brussels sprouts from the garden. They left them to soak in water while taking a break to enjoy farm-fresh-made pizzas for dinner.

Once returning to the kitchen, the class prepared their Brussels sprouts, cutting the ends, peeling a few leaves, halving them, and par-cooking them

until partially cooked. The sprouts were then transferred to a baking dish and tossed with red pepper flakes, garlic salt, and pepper. The dish was layered with heavy cream, mozzarella cheese, breadcrumbs, and butter, ready to be baked the following night.

Each class throughout the season welcomed a unique group of individuals with different experience levels. Participants shared stories, laughter, cooking tips and tricks, and traditional knowledge, making the class more than just a cooking lesson. The 2025 season taught techniques for making meals to freeze and enjoy later, and featured kale salad, kohlrabi fries, and a turkey skillet with biscuits.

Although the Farm to Table Cooking Class season has ended, the learning continues. Canning classes are just around the corner, offering the opportunity to preserve foods and expand kitchen skills. Stay tuned for upcoming winter sessions and more hands-on experience at the farm.

Fall Fun at the Farm



Visiting the bison on the tractor ride

by Amber Haseman

Fall is in full swing, and the festivities have officially begun. Bodwéwadmī Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm) welcomed the public for its annual Fall Fun at the Farm weekly event, held on October 11, 18, and 25. This year, the farm offered many new and returning activities for visitors of all ages.

Families kicked off the season with a tractor ride around the farm. They enjoyed a variety of competitive games such as pumpkin bowling, ring toss, basketball, and life-sized board games. Guests raced in the giant hamster wheels, explored the corn maze, launched apples, participated in duck races, visited the animal exhibit, slid down the hay slide, and tackled the obstacle course.

Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Land & Natural Resources (LNR) department displayed an educational booth focusing on milkweed plants, highlighting their cultural significance to Indigenous communities and early settlers, sharing their historical uses,

and their impact on the monarch butterfly population. The display featured milkweed's historical uses in medicine, fiber, and food. It also stated how the milkweed's buds and flowers were used to thicken meat soups. LNR has been collecting milkweed seeds to dry and distribute to those interested in planting them, helping restore their habitats.

After exploring the farm and all the activities, visitors gathered to enjoy a wide array of concession items. The menu featured brats, burgers, cheesy broccoli soup, loaded baked potatoes, and seasonal favorites such as baked goods, nachos, chips, chili, apple cider, coffee, and hot cocoa - perfect for those crisp autumn days.

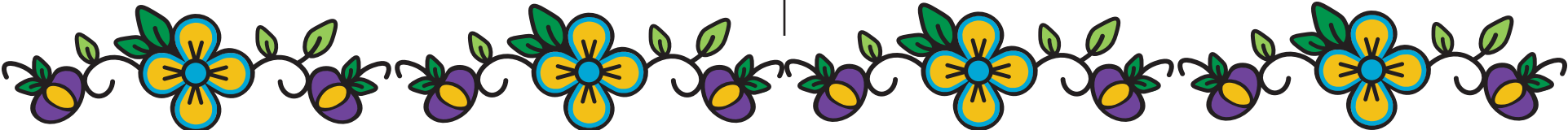
Fall Fun at the Farm is a great way to welcome the changing season, connect with the farm's beauty, and create lasting memories with family and friends.



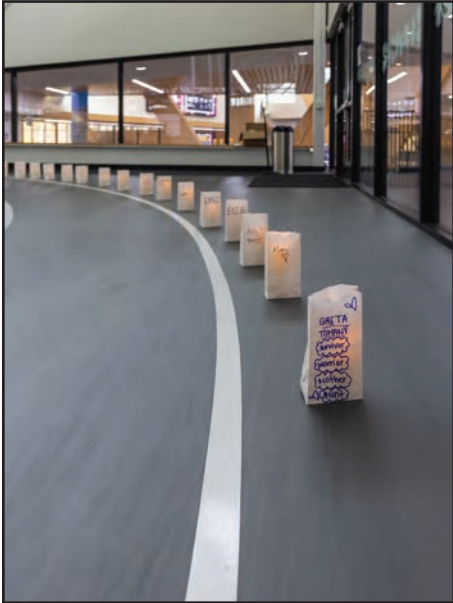
Photos submitted by Food Preservation Specialist Wenona Siggelkow



Competition at the duck races



Women's Wellness Warrior Event



by Val Niehaus

The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Community Health and Occupational Wellness departments hosted a Women's Wellness Warrior event on Oct. 15, 2025, aimed at empowering women in the community through wellness, strength, and cancer awareness.

Held at the Potawatomi Community Center, the event saw a great turnout from both FCP community

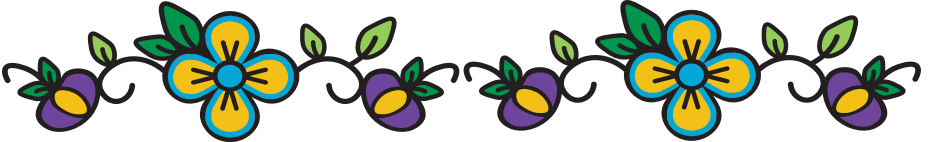
members and government workers. Attendees were greeted by friendly faces offering opportunities to enter various raffles, alongside a goodie bag and t-shirt. Visitors could walk the track in honor of those who have fought, are currently fighting, or have lost their battle with cancer. Additionally, there was the option to place a candle-lit bag with a name on it to honor loved ones.

After completing their walk, participants enjoyed a delicious and nutritious lunch featuring a strawberry spinach salad, paired with a home-made pink drink reminiscent of those found at a local coffee shop. Women could also drop in to one of the workout rooms to participate in a pop-in mobility and stretching session.

With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it's a good remind-

er to schedule your annual mammogram to help prevent health issues in the future. To make an appointment with the imaging team at the FCP Health & Wellness Center, please call 715-478-4339.

The Women's Wellness Warrior event provided an excellent opportunity for women to come together, share their stories, and inspire one another with love and support.





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I SEE YOU.
I ACKNOWLEDGE YOU.
I AM HERE FOR YOU.
I AM YOU.





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Heather VanZile

Forest County Potawatomi

Chairwoman

"Focused on Our Future!"



November 1st, 2025

8am - 7pm



IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY, THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION THANKS ALL UNITED STATES VETERANS. THE FOLLOWING LIST INCLUDES THOSE IN THE FCP COMMUNITY WHO SERVED.



George Alloway
U.S. Army 1962-65



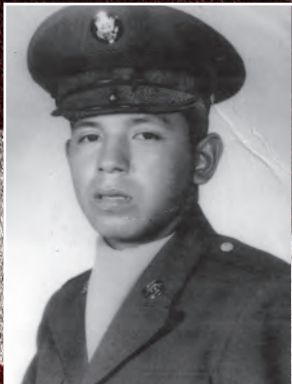
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William Alloway
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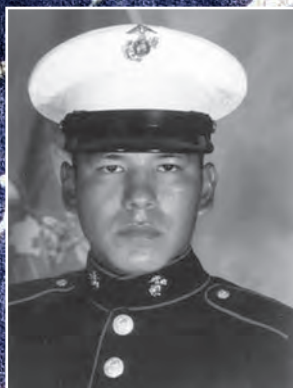
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Jordan Biddell
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Jesse Cook
U.S. Army



Gary Crawford
U.S. Army 1971-74



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Billy Daniels Jr.
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U.S. Army 1962-65



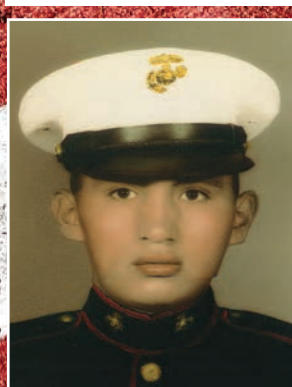
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U.S. Army 1976-98



Steven J. Genett
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Warren D. Genett
U.S. Air Force 1977-81



Ken George Sr.
U.S. Marines 1965-72



Ken George Jr.
U.S. Marines 1988-92



John Gibbons
U.S. Army National Guard/
U.S. Air Force 1978-80



Donald Gilligan
U.S. Army



JR Holmes
U.S. Army 1967-69



Jayson Jackson
U.S. Army



John Jackson
U.S. Army



Jerry Jacobson
U.S. Army



Charlie Jim
U.S. Army



Kezick
U.S. Army 1944-46



Mike Konaha
U.S. Army 1973-77Max



Johnny Mann
U.S. Army 1962-65



Archie Nesaukee
U.S. Army 1967-70



Henry Pemma
U.S. Army Air Corps 1939-60



James Patterson
U.S. Army 1979-82/83-86



Judy Phillips
U.S. Navy 1989-92



Ruth Ritchie
U.S. Army



Eugene Shawano Jr.
U.S. National Guard 1986-93



Hartford Shegonee
U.S. Air Force



Julia (Nashanany) Reeves
U.S. Army 1942-45/51-52



Fred E. Ritchie
U.S. Navy 1924-28



Anthony Shepard
U.S. Army 1980-86



Bruce J. Shepard
U.S. Army 1980-86



Frank A. Shepard Sr.
U.S. Army 1952-54



Louis A. Shepard Sr.
U.S. 20th Army Air Force
1944-46



Louis E. Shepard
U.S. Army 1966-69



Brenda Shopodock
U.S. Army



Ryan Siggelkow
U.S. Air Force 2010-18



Daniel "DJ" Smith
U.S. Navy 1973-76



Alan Sparks
U.S. Army National Guard



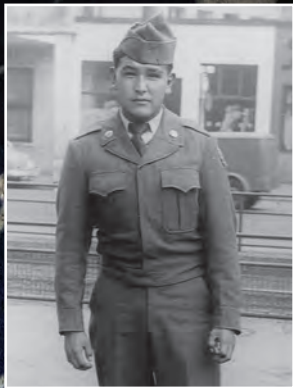
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Charlie Thunder
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George Thunder
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James "Duke" Thunder
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Jim Thunder
U.S. Army 1955-58



Louie Thunder
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Nelson Thunder
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Tom Thunder
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Norman Tribbett
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Harvey "Buck" Tucker
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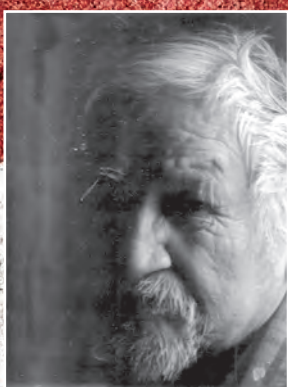
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Raymond Wewasson
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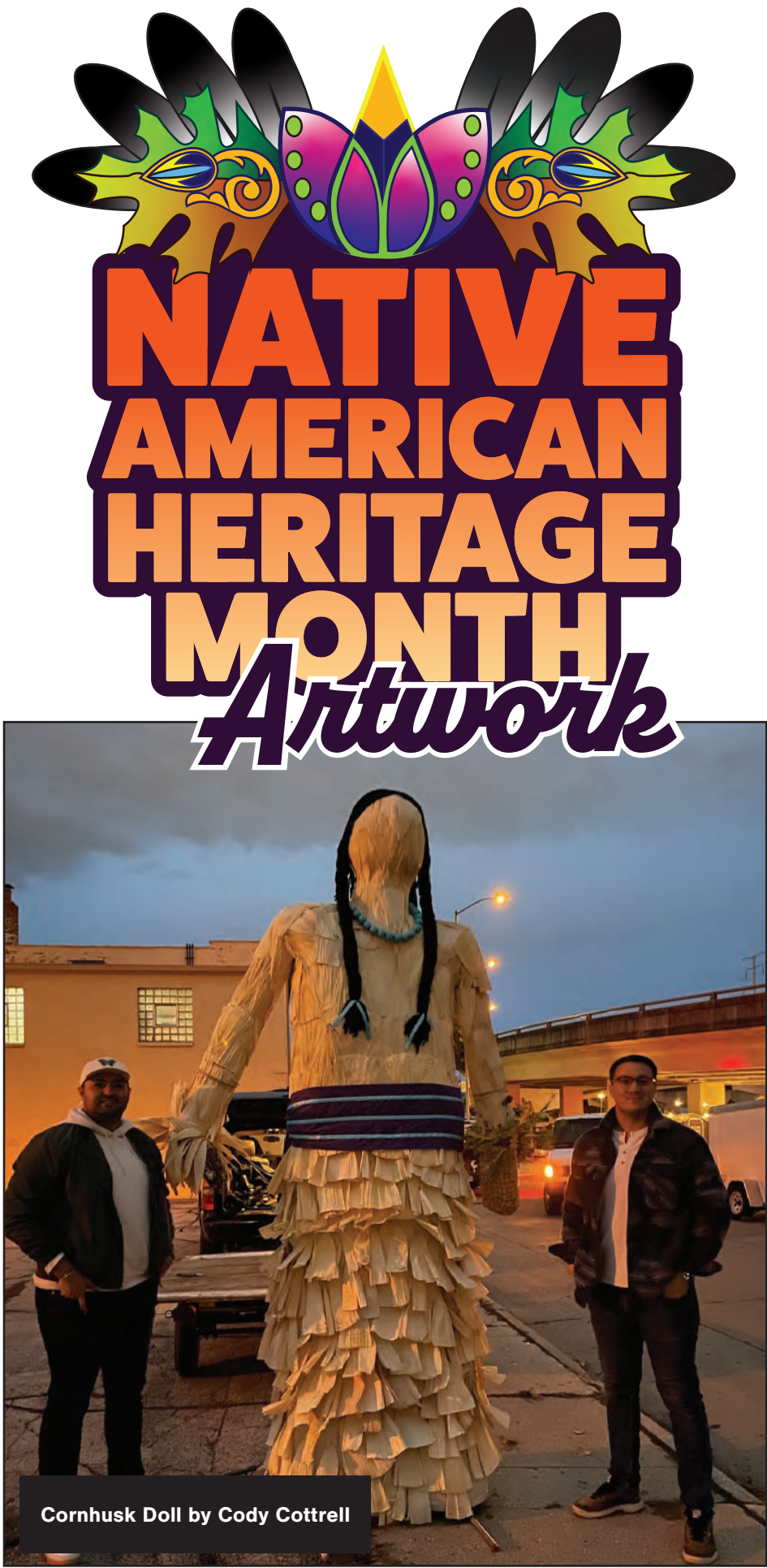
Harvey White III



Johnny Williams
U.S. Army



Ray Williams
U.S. Navy 1965-68



Cody Cottrell

Hummingbird Art & Design

"I am an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation and also descend from Stockbridge and Pequot. I created the cornhusk doll because I was commissioned to create a large-scale colossal puppet to help promote the unhinged art exhibition that took place at the Weidner center in Green Bay, Wis., in 2022. I created it because I really thought it'd be a an amazing thing to see as an Indigenous person. Something at that scale walking through crowds in public spaces I thought would bring a lot of pride seeing something so positively represented from our cultures.

"As for the stained glass turtle, I wanted to create something epic for the Wisconsin historical Society, who chose my design to be placed in their new facility opening in 2027 in the Indigenous part of their exhibit and Wisconsin history.

"It took me 30 years to finally feel connected to my Indigenous heritage. It is something that I've always felt missing from myself, and I sought out wisdom in education from Oneida, faith keepers in overtime, adopted into the Wolff clan, and I finally received my Oneida name which has given me a new spark of creative and cultural passion. I feel I'm doing what I am meant to do, along with being a father."

Check out his website at: www.hummingbirdartdesign.com.



FCP STUDENTS IN GRADES 4K-12 / ALL SCHOOLS

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

LET US KNOW WHAT ACTIVITIES YOU'RE INVOLVED IN, SUCH AS:

- Sports
- Art/Band/Drama/Forensics
- Performances
- Student Organizations
- Clubs
- Cultural Activities

WE'D LOVE TO HIGHLIGHT YOU IN OUR NEWSPAPER & SOCIAL MEDIA!

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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

CONTACT: times@fcp-nsn.gov / 715-478-7437

October's Town Hall- Living Our Values

Congratulations to our amazing employees who were celebrated at October's Town Hall for truly living our core values.

Genuinely Kind: We are trustworthy and sincere in all our actions. We embrace collaboration and support others. We do not pass judgment – we listen and respond with compassion. We are honest and treat everyone with respect, regardless of our differences.

Boldly Courageous: It is our responsibility to defend the right solution and best course of action, keeping integrity at the center. We use our voices to challenge the status quo. We are not fearful of failure – we embrace

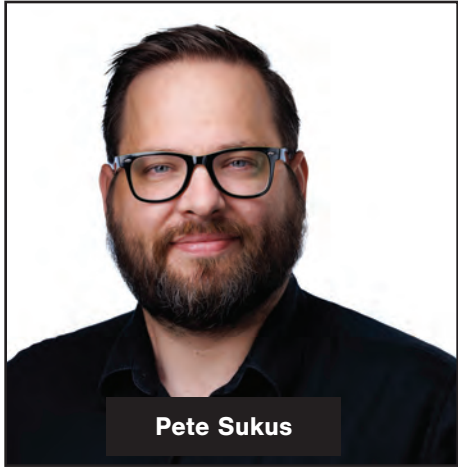
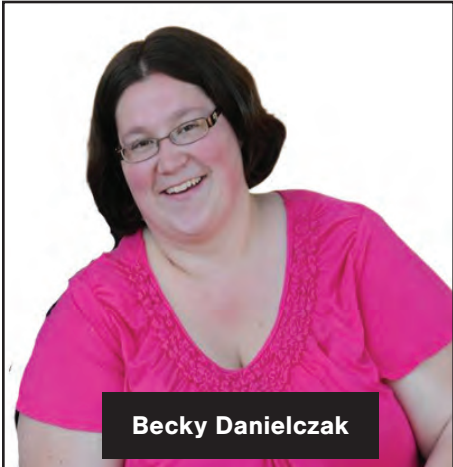
it and use it as an opportunity to grow.

Consistently Resilient: We push forward through adversity. We stay focused – we are resolute. We maintain a positive attitude. We use energy and enthusiasm to navigate and overcome obstacles. We respond with determination.

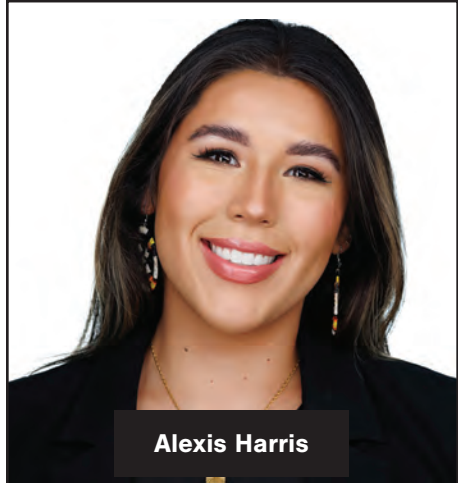
Profoundly Visionary: We see beyond the common and ordinary—we are innovative. We are committed to transforming potential into reality. We are tenacious trailblazers and entrepreneurs. We are ambitious and persistent in all we do to achieve prosperity for future generations.

Genuinely Kind

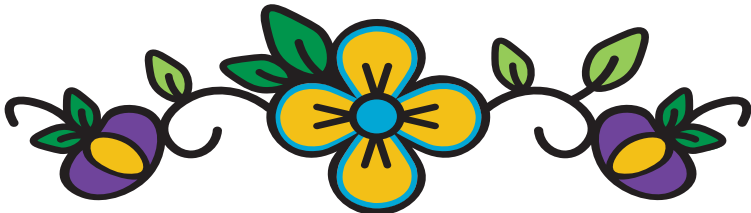
Boldly Courageous



Profoundly Visionary



Consistently Resilient



It's SOUP and CHILI Season



Watch for daily specials

Carter • Stone Lake

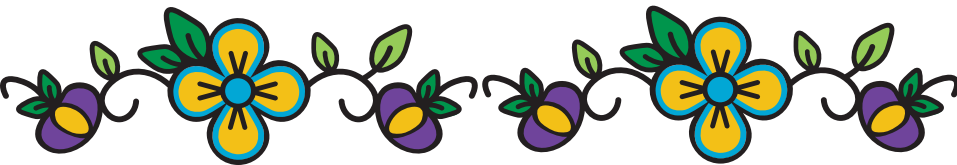


PV Fall Internship



Potawatomi Ventures welcomes Autry Johnson as its fall intern. Johnson spent the last month working with lobbyists at Schreiber Group in Madison, Wis., and will support Emerging Technologies for the next four weeks. Johnson’s background is in global affairs/international relations, where he has attended world forums, including the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the World Bank, and several others focused on advancing sovereignty, economic self-sufficiency, and governmentalism for Indigenous peoples. Johnson holds undergraduate

degrees in International Relations and Comparative Cultures in Politics from Michigan State University’s James Madison College with a minor in European Studies. He also recently earned a Master’s degree in Global Affairs from the University of Toronto’s Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. During his master’s program, he was awarded the ‘Global North’ fellowship with Dejusticia — a world-leading NGO — for collaboration on global Indigenous issues involving sovereignty restoration and economic development with people from the Global North and South. Johnson is an enrolled Forest County Potawatomi community member who grew up on the reservation, which significantly influenced his academic and professional interests. Outside of work, Johnson enjoys physical exercise and loves to travel - he has visited over 40 countries and speaks multiple languages. Johnson also supports Indigenous initiatives for cultural restoration, invests time learning about his traditions, and volunteers in civil society initiatives.



AISES National Conference in Minneapolis



The annual AISES National Conference is a unique, three-day event focusing on educational, professional, and workforce development for Indigenous peoples in North America and the Pacific Islands in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) studies and careers. This conference is open to anyone who wishes to participate and learn. This year, Potawatomi Ventures COO Jeff Johnson, participated as a panelist, Advancing Workforce

Sovereignty through STEM. Tribal Nations are uniquely positioned to lead innovation and sustainability in their communities — but persistent STEM workforce disparities challenge achieving full economic self-determination. This panel convenes visionary tribal business and economic development leaders to address current gaps, identify emerging trends, and share strategies that support the growth of a strong, culturally rooted Indigenous workforce.

Potawatomi Ventures at Indigenous Biz Con 2025

Potawatomi Ventures (PV) attended Indigenous Biz Con 2025, held by the Indigenous Business Group at the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino. This year’s theme, “Rising Tides: Building Economies, Empowering Generations,” highlighted Indigenous leaders and entrepreneurs shaping a future of shared prosperity. Indigenous Biz Con creates opportunities for tribal leaders and Native entrepreneurs to collaborate through meaningful conversations and programming. PV was proud to sponsor the event as a Gold Sponsor alongside a subsidiary of PV, Greenfire Management Services. PV CEO Kip Ritchie, introduced keynote speaker President of the National Center for American Indian

Enterprise Development Chris James. COO Jeff Johnson joined a panel discussing growing Indigenous circular economies and regional investments. Innovation Center Director Alexis Harris moderated a dynamic session on identity-driven business models and legacy building. Ritchie returned to the stage for the closing session, joining leaders to discuss integrating tribal member-owned businesses with tribal governments and enterprises. PV, PV Board Members, and Forest County Potawatomi Executive Council made strong connections throughout Indigenous Biz Con 2025. The event reinforced our commitment to fostering collaboration across Indian Country.



Gte Ga Nēs Visits Crandon Fire Station



submitted by Early Childhood Program Director Deb Tetting

On Oct. 8, 2025, the children from Gte Ga Nēs Preschool visited the Crandon Fire Department. The fire fighters explained to the children how they fight fires. They demonstrated how fast they put on their boots and suspender coveralls all at one time, then the jacket. They showed them how they look and sound with their masks and oxygen tank on. They turned on the tank to let them hear how it sounds. The children got to see them putting on their gear so they won't be afraid of them, should they ever have to be rescued from a burning building. The children also got to see the fire trucks and walk through one of them, sit on the seats and see where the hoses and other equipment are kept. Each child was given a fire fighter helmet of their own and some stickers to decorate them with.

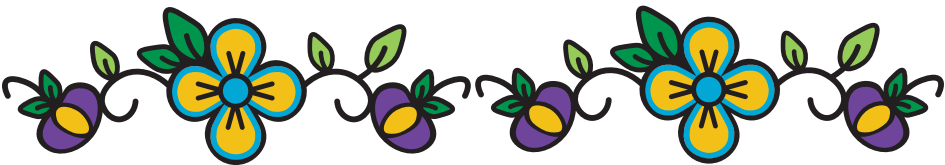


Gte Ga Nēs Visits Bodwēwadmi Ktēgan



submitted by Early Childhood Program Director Deb Tetting

The children from Gte Ga Nēs were able to visit the Bodwēwadmi Ktēgan farm and take in some fun fall activities. They were able to go on a wagon ride, visit the animals and collected eggs. It was a fun day for all.



HEART
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POTAWATOMI CASINO | HOTEL

submitted by PCH Sr. Public Relations Manager Jay Saunders

Milwaukee, Wis. – Potawatomi Casino Hotel (PCH) is proud to announce the kickoff of the 2025 Heart of Canal Street campaign. This is the 31st year of Potawatomi's signature charity giving program which benefits children's charities in southeast Wisconsin.

Thirty children's charities will benefit from this year's fundraising efforts, which culminate with a finale celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Since its debut its 1994, Heart of Canal Street has helped more than 350 children's charities with a fundraising total of more than \$21 million.

During the finale, twenty-five charities will be chosen at random to receive funding. Four organizations have already been selected by Potawatomi media partners, and this year, Potawatomi team members will get to help choose one lucky winner.

Charities that wish to apply for the random drawing can do so starting October 15.

PCH invites everyone to share their heart by helping raise money in fun and creative ways. The largest source of support comes from a special Heart of Canal Street bingo game played during every bingo session at Potawatomi.

This year guests can also enjoy two cool drink specials, with one dollar from each drink going to the fundraising total. Cream City Coffee Company offers the "Cup of Heart Refresher" and guests can enjoy a "Fruity Pebbles" Milkshake (colors inspired by the Heart of Canal Street logo) at the Potawatomi Marketplace.

To learn more about the 2025 Heart of Canal Street celebration go to potawatomi.com/heart.

4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY Craft Fair



Saturday, November 29, 2025
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY CENTER
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**LOCAL VENDORS & CRAFTERS • BAKED GOODS • JEWELRY
HOME DECOR • HOLIDAY GIFTS • & MUCH MORE!**

GENERAL ADMISSION:
Please bring a non-perishable food item or donation for local food pantries.



**Interested in
being a vendor?**
Scan this QR Code to register!



Don't miss the Deadline!



Tribal Members

Open Enrollment for the Non-Tribal Dependent Health Plan

You have from November 1st, 2025 until December 15th, 2025 to enroll your Non-Tribal Member spouse and/or dependents up to the age of 26.

Please contact the Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department at 715-478-4455 or email us at FCPIDeligibility@fcp-nsn.gov for details or to get an application.

**** A note from the Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department ****
The Non-Tribal Dependent Health Plan has recognition as Minimum Essential coverage (MEC) from the Department of Health & Human Services.

Elder Meal Route Menu November 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3 Creamy chicken wild rice soup, Side salad, dinner roll, fruit, cottage cheese	4 Beef stroganoff w/ egg noodles, carrot, broccoli, cauliflower blend, fruit delight cup, milk	5 Pork chop, cranberry wild rice stuffing, green beans, mixed berries, milk	6 Meatball sub, roasted potatoes, veggies w/ dip, yogurt cup, milk	7 Grilled chicken salad, cottage cheese w/ fruit, dinner roll, dressing, milk	8	9
10 Ham & scalloped potatoes, green beans, zucchini muffin, orange, milk	11 Veteran's Day - Tribal Offices are closed - meal will handed out Monday 10th.	12 Loaded potato soup, small salad, grilled cheese, brownie w/ berries, milk	13 Baked breaded cod, sweet potato wedges, fruit salad, coleslaw, rye bread, milk	14 Egg salad sandwich, chips, fruit, cottage cheese, milk	15	16
17 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, wg dinner roll, jello cup w/ fruit, milk	18 Baked chicken w/ rice pilaf, roasted carrots, broccoli, zucchini, yogurt, fruit, milk	19 Chili w/ noodles, cornbread, side salad, fruit, milk	20 Pork roast w/ sauerkraut, boiled potatoes, marble rye, cottage cheese w/ berries, milk	21 Italian sub (hard salami, ham, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion w/ Italian dressing) creamy cucumbers, mixed berries, milk	22	23
24 Cheeseburger Mac, veggies w/ dip, fruit, milk	25 Lemon pepper cod, wild rice w/ onions & mushrooms, coleslaw, mixed berries, milk	26 Roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, apple crisp, milk	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28 Cobb Salad, fruit, baked chips, milk Sub sandwich, fruit cup, cottage cheese, veggies w/ dip, milk	29	30

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BEYOND OUR
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THANK YOU FOR
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**- FCP
SUSTAINABLE
FOOD SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

Community Events

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH	Recurring Weekly Events					1 Tribal Elections Chair & Council Members Halloween Party 4pm - 9pm Adam Trask Band Free Entertainment Carter Casino 7pm – 11pm
	Mondays: NA Meetings RRC - 10am Powwow Club 4:30pm - 5:30pm	Tuesdays: After School Language Program Crandon & Laona	Wednesdays: Language Class 10am - 12pm After School Language Program Wabeno Pick Up Games 6pm - 9pm	Thursdays: Support Group PCC Commons 12pm – 1pm	Fridays: Men's Smudge Talk RRC - 9am Alcoholics Anonymous RRC - 2pm	
2	3 Swearing-In Tribal Court 9am	4	5	6 Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution 12pm	7	8 General Council Meeting 1pm Communications Exhibit 11am - 3pm Information Booths 11am - 3pm
9	10 Natural Plants & Tea Seminar Museum Lower Level 6pm	11 Veterans Day Honoring Those Who Served Campus Closed	COFFEE TALK w/ Elders @ PCC 12pm - 2pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 Elders Day Trips Rouman Cinema Movie - 12pm Healthier Holiday Workshop 6pm - 7:30pm	19 Nutrition Taste Test H&W Test Kitchen 11am - 1pm CC Teaching Kitchen 11:30am - 1pm COMMUNITY SOBRIETY FEAST Museum Lower Level 6pm	20 Diabetes Luncheon H&W Large Conference Room 12pm – 1:30pm Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution 12pm SHISHIBET BINGO PCC - 5pm	21 Moonshiners Band Free Entertainment Carter Casino 7pm – 11pm	22 Deer Hunters Breakfast Buffet Carter - The Springs 5am Moonshiners Band Free Entertainment Carter Casino 7pm – 11pm
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● POWWOW GROUNDS

● BODWÉWADMI KTĒGAN

● HEALTH & WELLNESS

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● LOCAL SCHOOLS

10/21/2025

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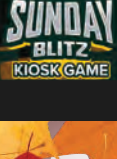
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NOVEMBER 2025

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Fall Into

Winter Winnings

SATURDAY
DEC. 27

DRAWINGS 6-9 P.M.
ONE WINNER
EACH HOUR

FOUR \$5,000 CASH WINNERS

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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FOOD drive

SUNDAY-TUESDAY
IN NOVEMBER

Food Drive

Autumn Action

\$29K
IN CASH PRIZES

SELECT FRIDAYS
IN NOVEMBER

DRAWINGS 5-8 P.M.
ONE WINNER EACH HOUR