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Pathway to Wellness Mural Celebration



Artist Alana Keeble with FCP Capital Projects Planner Michelle Berdan

by Amber Haseman

In early summer, Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Capital Projects invited local artists to submit design ideas for the Nē Mnobmadzēwen Myéwés (Pathway to Wellness) Mural Project. Eight beautiful designs were presented and voted on during the August General Council Meeting. On September 24, the winning design was announced: Alana Keeble.

Over the next month, Keeble turned her vision into reality in a short period of time. She scaled her design to fit the mural, selected the paint colors, and gathered the necessary supplies. She then began to prepare

the heavy-duty metal panels by sanding and priming them, arranging them to match the wall layout, and then hand-stenciling the design. To ensure precision, she taped off sections before the community painting days began.

FCP community members were invited to help bring the mural to life. Starting with brown tones, they moved on to silhouettes and vibrant blue water, followed by yellows, oranges, and reds. “With each new color, the image came to life,” FCP Account Coordinator and volunteer Tesia Shepard shares. Over 40 community members contributed to the mural, learning painting techniques and safety protocols from Keeble, while also sharing stories. After seeing the finished product, volunteers were amazed at what they had accomplished.

In honor of these efforts, Capital Projects hosted a Pathway to Wellness Mural Project Celebration on November 13 in the Executive Building Auditorium. Chairman Brooks Boyd warmly welcomed guests, thanked the Keebles for all their dedication, and expressed his appreciation to Capital Projects Planner Michelle Berdan and her team for bringing the community together. Chairman shares that there’s a lot of room for growth in areas within the tribal government, such as cultural identity and art.

Berdan highlighted that the mural

was made possible through the General Motors on Main Street Grant Program, which awarded FCP as one of five recipients nationwide. This program helps prioritize pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, design, and sustainable mobility within the community. It supported the installation of the mural, which is displayed along the newly-constructed pathway along U.S. Highway 8. “The mural really was a way to bring the community together in a good way – to celebrate and promote the uniqueness of the community and the culture,” Berdan said.

The selected design, titled “Our Relatives and Family,” reflects wellness through connection. Keeble explained that, regardless of the past, present, or future, staying connected to creation

and homeland grounds the people in who they are. With 12 years of experience in interior and exterior commercial construction, this project allowed her to incorporate her creativity and design work. Her design features lakes symbolizing natural beauty, a sunset sky reminding us of air quality, and clan families representing identity and teachings.

The celebration concluded with a video showcasing the mural’s progress, followed by food, refreshments, and a ceremonial ribbon-cutting. The beautiful 800-square-foot mural now welcomes visitors with its eye-catching colors and deep meaning. The Pathway to Wellness Mural is a lasting testament to community, culture, and collaboration.

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Ribbon cutting ceremony with Executive Council

FCP Up & Coming

Coffee Talk: FCP Elders are invited to join FCP Elder Services for Coffee Talk on December 16 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. Enjoy good company, activities, and lunch. Join January 6 and January 20 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Turtle House on 5450 Kak Yot Ln in Crandon. For any questions or more information, contact Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Taylor Saari at (715) 478-4341.

Group Training: Are you a parent, caregiver, educator, or community member interested in learning more about autism? Join for a group viewing and discussion of 'The Many Faces of Autism' – a free online training designed to help understand characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder, learn strategies to support individuals with autism, and build empathy and awareness across all ages and abilities. The training will be held in the lower conference room of the Health & Wellness Center. Sessions available are December 10 from 3 to 5 p.m., January 22, or February 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. Register by contacting Case Manager Deanna Collins at (715) 478-4160 or dean-nam.collins@fcp-nsn.gov, or Community Health Representative Travis Mullins at (715) 478-4161 or travis.mullins@fcp-nsn.gov.

Elder Day Trips: Elders and one guest 18+ years are welcome to join in all the fun of Elder Day Trips. Contact Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Taylor Saari at (715) 478-4341 to register. On December 9, gather for a Christmas Lights Tour at Rondele Ranch in Harshaw, Wis., and finish off the evening at Hodag Park Christmas Lights in Rhinelander. Depart fireside MARKET in Stone Lake at 4:30 p.m. On December 11, take a shopping trip to Rhinelander, Wis., to visit a variety of stores and shop. On January 11, join for bingo at Mole Lake Casino. Attendees will be provided with a standard bingo package, including machine and lunch. Early bird starts at 3 p.m. Depart fireside MARKET at 2 p.m.

Diabetes Luncheon: FCP tribal members with diabetes and a guest are invited to join for a Diabetes Luncheon on December 18 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Health & Wellness Center's lower conference room, to discuss fat, salt, and healthy eating away from home. Enjoy lunch, education, and prize drawings. RSVP's are appreciated. Please call (715) 478-4355 to register.

Family Night: FCP tribal members, descendants, and their families are invited to hang out with the language crew for Family Night. There will be activities, food, games, and prizes. Join December 19 at the We Care Building from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Language and Culture Advisor Pwagen Frank at (715) 478-7374 or pwagen.frank@fcp-nsn.gov.

Campus Closures: Campus will be closed on December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas. Campus will also be closed on January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

OBITUARIES

Cynthia Lea Miller

Cynthia "Cindy" Lea Miller – Shi sha wen – of Carter, Wis., passed away peacefully on Nov. 8, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Laona, Wis., on Sept. 14, 1956, Cindy lived a life defined by kindness, strength, and deep cultural commitment.

Cindy was a gentle soul whose love radiated to everyone she met. Her laugh was contagious, and her heart was always open. She found joy in helping others and was especially devoted to attending ceremony and supporting her community in any way she could. Her home was a welcoming space for all, often opening her home to traditional seasonal camps that brought family together in celebration and learning.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, auntie, and friend, Cindy's greatest joy was spending time with her family. She was a hard worker and a strong woman, deeply loved and profoundly missed.

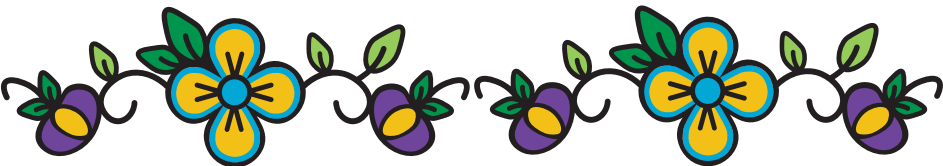
Cindy is survived by her husband, Greg Miller; children, Tiffany Miller and Jessica Jacobson (Lawrence Mann Sr.); grandchildren, Sarah Jane Gougé, Brock Gougé,



Amira Tuckwab, Emma Gougé, Jake Tuckwab, Lawrence Mann Jr. and Myah Mann; and siblings, Gerald Jacobson, Brenda (Phil) Shopodock, Lori (Jerry) Jacobson, Benji Jacobson, Jesse Jacobson, and Joe "Sweed" Wakua.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse Jacobson Sr. and Emily Jacobson; and sisters, Pamela Jacobson and Brenda Lea Jacobson.

Cindy's spirit will continue to guide those she loved, and her memory will be cherished always.



Leo Clarence Bildeau Jr.

Leo Clarence Bildeau Jr., of Siren, Wis., passed away on Nov. 8, 2025. He was born in Laona, Wis., to the late Leo Bildeau Sr. and Mavis Shegonee on April 8, 1964. He was 61 years old.

Leo was a friendly, fun-loving man who could light up any room. Known as the life of the party, he was always quick with a smile and ready to lend a helping hand. He worked for many years as a logger and took great pride in his hard work and connection to the land. Leo enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially fishing and being with his family, who meant the world to him.

He is survived by his children, Amellia McGeshick, Amanda Bildeau, Jessica Bildeau, and Joseph McGeshick; and his brothers, Hartford Shegonee and James Shepard.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Stephanie



Bildeau; his son, Nicholas Bildeau; his brothers, Jerome Biddell, Fredrick Biddell, and Frankie Jack; and his sisters, Karita Shegonee and Agnes Shegonee.

Native American Services were held Nov. 11, 2025, at Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center. Visitation was Nov. 10. Burial followed at the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Blackwell, Wis.

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Community Halloween Party

by Val Niehaus

The annual community Halloween Party took place on Nov. 1, 2025, at the Potawatomi Community Center and welcomed tribal members, descendants, and their families.

This year, for the first time, a Trunk-or-Treat event was held before the main festivities, utilizing the community center’s parking spaces. FCP departments decorated their vehicles and handed out treats to all the ghouls and goblins in attendance.

After enjoying Trunk-or-Treat, guests headed inside for a dinner catered by Dewing’s Catering, followed

by games, coloring contests, and prize drawings.

The highlight of the night is always the costume contest, which was held after everyone finished their meals, with age categories ranging from 0-3 to adult. The amount of time, effort, patience, and materials used to create some of these costumes is truly unbelievable.

The community Halloween party is an annual event everyone looks forward to, and it’s wonderful to see the talent and joy it brings to this festive night.



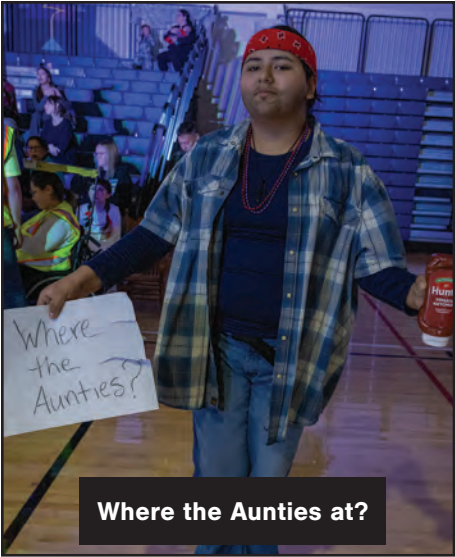
Age group 10-13: (l-r) 3rd - Frankie Daniels, 1st - Jayden Tuckwab, 2nd - Karsyn McCorkle



Age group 18+: (l-r) 3rd - Alyza and Caleb Leach, 1st - Catherine Stealer, 2nd - Gordy Mexico



Consquela Alloway helping during Trunk - or - Treat



Where the Aunties at?

Gte Ga Nēs Trick-Or-Treating

by Amber Haseman

On October 30 at 10 a.m., Gte Ga Nēs Pre-School made a special Halloween visit to the Caring Place, dressed in their fun costumes. Elders and employees dressed in construction gear and orange cone outfits, ready to greet the students. The children arrived as policemen, Spiderman, Disney princesses and characters, SpongeBob SquarePants, a devil, and Batman, making their rounds to collect sweet treats from all the residents. The fun continued with a candy scavenger hunt in the woods behind the school.



Caring Place group portrait with the staff



Gte Ga Nēs students visiting the elders and collecting all the sweet treats they can



photo submitted by Early Childhood Program Director Debra Tetting

Clarissa Friday Featured in Milwaukee Art Museum

by Amber Haseman
photos submitted by Communications
Director Stacey White

The Milwaukee Art Museum recently hosted Homelands: Conversations About Native Art and Museums, a two-day symposium held on November 13 and 14, that honored the impact of Indigenous makers and the role museums play in representing their work. The gathering featured workshops and panels with artists and curators, a fashion show, and offered a space for healing, discussion, and reflection.

The symposium opened on November 13 with Free Day and Celebration: Homelands at the Milwaukee Art Museum from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The evening featured keynote speaker Monica Rickert-Bolter, Co-founder and Chief Operations Officer of the Center for Native Futures (Black and Potawatomi), who spoke from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

On November 14, the symposium continued at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) Student Union, where attendees engaged in panels, art workshops, and a fashion show. The Potawatomi Casino Hotel, a proud partner of the Milwaukee Art Museum, served as the supporting sponsor for the Free Day and Celebration and Symposium, creating opportunities for Indigenous artists to share their work.

One of those artists was Clarissa Friday, a Forest County Potawatomi photographer and founder of Native Clarity Photography. Friday presented a portrait pop-up exhibit featuring 10 large 20x30" portraits and approximately 20 12x18" prints from her collection. She also led a Storytelling Through a Photo Essay workshop, guiding participants in creating photo stories and printing their images on-site to share their stories.

Friday's journey with photography

goes back more than a decade. Before starting the photography program at Milwaukee Area Technical College, she enjoyed capturing family moments – a passion inspired by her mother. Friday shares, "There is a black and white, tattered and torn 3x5" photo I have of her. She told me it was a self-portrait taken during a photo class at Milwaukee Area Technical College." Her mother often took pictures of her and her siblings, and now she finds herself doing the same.

Over the years, Friday became more serious about her photography, deepening her business knowledge through online classes. The pandemic helped her take the necessary steps and build confidence in her work. Displaying her photos at the symposium is one of her greatest accomplishments. While she never set out to display her images in an art museum, she sees the opportunity to share photos that reflect Indigenous people as a shared accomplishment.

Though portrait photography is her passion, Friday says her greatest priority in life is her children. Photography serves as a way to connect them to their culture and community. She also enjoys the people she gets to meet, acknowledging the courage it takes to step into new spaces and introduce herself.

Looking ahead, Friday hopes to continue expanding her work with communities across Wisconsin and beyond. Some of her long-term goals include collaborating with other creatives, such as videographers and graphic designers, and fulfilling her dream of owning a space to house multiple digitally focused entrepreneurs.

Contact Native Clarity Photography for all your portrait photography needs at (262) 721-6287 or www.nativeclarity.com.



Swearing-In



Pwagen Frank was sworn in to the Powwow Committee on November 24.

Class starts February 2nd, 2026

Qualifications:

- Be 18 years of age
- Must have valid Driver License
- NO: OWI/DUI's within the last three years, excessive speeding (20 +MPH over), or Leaving the Scene
- Ability to pass a Drug Screen
- Ability to preform manual labor and physically demanding work
- Ability to pass general aptitude test at min. 6th grade level
- Willingness to travel statewide & work hard
- HS Diploma or GED/HSED Preferred

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OPEN HOUSE EVENT

January 20th, 10am-2pm

LOCATION:

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Crandon, WI 54520

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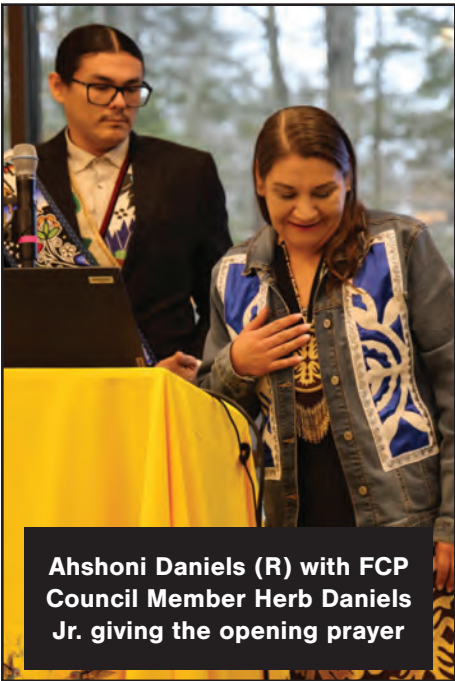
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FCP Attends Nicolet College Native American Heritage Month



President of Nicolet Tribal Students & Alumni Lisa Milligan's welcome speech



Ahshoni Daniels (R) with FCP Council Member Herb Daniels Jr. giving the opening prayer

by Communications Account Coordinator Tesia Shepard

Nicolet College students and alumni celebrated Native American Heritage Month by inviting attendees to learn from current Indigenous students and alumni. The event took place on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, at the Lakeside Center at the college in Rhinelander, Wis. The morning commenced at 9 a.m. with an opening prayer Herb Daniels Sr. and Ahshoni Daniels, invoking a day filled with positive teachings.

Following the prayer, President of Nicolet College Kate Ferrel provided an introduction, which was followed by inspiring remarks from President of the Nicolet Tribal Students & Alumni Lisa Milligan. They then introduced Native author Karen Sue Kiey, a Menominee Tribal descendant, who shared her journey toward becoming an author. Kiey recounted her initial disbelief in her writing aspirations and her lack of knowledge about the publishing process. This event marked the first public presentation of her book,

Ally and Sally, Cousins of Atrocity: They Started the Fire That Will Never Burn Out, which was published just a year prior.

Kiey spoke about the real-life events that inspired her book, detailing the efforts to uncover evidence supporting her brother's innocence, despite his wrongful conviction. Her narrative addressed systemic injustices and the elaborate scheme devised by her brother's ex-wife and her cousin against him. The audience was captivated by Kiey dedication to proving her brother's innocence while navigating the complexities of authorship.

As Kiey concluded her presentation, FCP Treasurer Joseph Daniels Sr. and his family arrived with a trailer filled with regalia, baskets, books, jewelry, and other cultural items. Attendees included members of the Crandon School District's Anishinaabe Leadership Club, a group of Indigenous youth who actively engaged in listening to the speakers and assisted the

Daniels family in setting up the tribal item display.

Nicolet alumni PJ Daniels and Monique Tuckwab shared their experiences at Nicolet College, offering inspirational and motivational insights. With Daniel's collection fully displayed, he explained the significance of family heirlooms, showcasing items dating back to the 1800s as part of a tribal artifact exhibit.

An Indigenous-owned food truck provided frybread tacos and other delectable offerings for lunch. Jessica Mann, a student at Nicolet College, led a presentation on the importance of safeguarding the Great Lakes and opposing pipelines, emphasizing the ongoing issues with existing ones that oil companies neglect to address.

Aissa Roberts, Ahshoni Daniels, and Ira Frank discussed various aspects of their personal regalia collections and the pieces they created for the Tribal Regalia Showcase. Lawrence Mann also contributed by discussing the crafting of snowshoes, fish nets, wild rice knockers, and the community wigas thiman, projects he has collaborated on with the cultural department over the years.

The all-women's hand drum group, Wiikweyang Nagamo Ikwewag, spanning all ages, provided healing drum songs and highlighted the significance of each performance. They expressed that their songs are played from the heart, and any perceived imperfections were intentional. A particularly



Ahshoni Daniels regalia

touching moment occurred when the youngest members opened the event with a prayer in Ojibwemowin, inspiring awe in the attendees.

Fire Nation performed several songs, contributing to a Native Cake Walk, an engaging activity where participants formed a circle around the drummers. Each participant had a numbered plate in front of them; when the music paused, a number was called, awarding prizes to those standing by the corresponding number. Delicious baked goods, cakes, and pies were among the prizes, ensuring all participants left with a reward. The afternoon concluded with a traveling song from Fire Nation.



FCP Treasurer Joseph Daniels Sr. speaking about his collection



Native author Karen Sue Kiey



Fire Nation with the Anishinaabe Leadership Club in background



Wiikweyang Nagamo Ikwewag

Crandon Fourth Grade Visits FCP Museum

by Val Niehaus

The Crandon fourth-grade class had the opportunity to experience hands-on history at the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum on Nov. 13, 2025, in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

Upon arrival, the students were divided into three separate groups and rotated between the different areas of the library and museum.

One group accompanied Museum Director Donald Keeble on a tour of the museum exhibit, where Keeble provided educational and factual information about the Confederacy of the Three Fires, the Forest County Potawatomi, and other Potawatomi bands spread throughout the U.S. and Canada. The students had the opportunity to interact with the museum through its various touch screens, buttons, and puzzles.

Another group joined Librarian Lois Frank, who had designed a special scavenger hunt to help them learn more about the library itself. They practiced finding books and searched for different animals and items within the library. After finishing the hunt, they received a special treat of hot

chocolate with marshmallows and, most importantly, mini fry breads made by Guest and Sales Coordinator Mavis Anwash. Migwétth, for taking the time to make this special treat for the children.

The last group would tag along with Community Prevention Coordinator Jorge Cisneros, who led the students and teachers into the teaching lodge that he and community members had built and currently maintain. In the lodge, the students had the opportunity to see a variety of medicines, furs, drums, regalia, pipes, and other items used for healing, ceremonies, and everyday life among the Potawatomi people in this community. It was very interactive and another highlight for the students, who had the opportunity to play the drums, flute, and even smudge themselves.

Each group rotated through all three stations and enjoyed a whole afternoon of discovery. It was a memorable experience for both students and teachers — an opportunity to connect with significant cultural and educational history right here at home.



Jorge Cisneros speaking with the students



Migwétth, Mavis!



Donald Keeble speaking about Potawatomi history

"Rock Your Mocs" at Crandon School

photos submitted by Crandon School District



Laona School District Honor Roll: Quarter 1

Congratulations to these FCP students for making the honor roll!

HIGH HONOR ROLL (3.5-3.99)
9th
Amiracle Alloway
Molly VanZile

HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49)
11th
Precious DeVerney
10th
Levi Shepard
8th
Waylon Frank
7th
Brittney VanZile

Mann Places at Woodland Indian Art Show



photo by Justin Piontek

FCP Cultural Programming Co-ordinator Lawrence Mann received 2nd place in the Theme category for his birch bark canoe at the Woodland Indian Art Show & Market on Nov. 22, 2025, at the Oneida Casino Hotel in Green Bay, Wis. Congratulations, Lawrence, on this achievement!



Christmas Cookie Decorating

Thursday
December 4
2025
5-7 pm

FCP Cultural Center,
Library & Museum
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December 11, 2025
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Largest Area-Based Minority-Owned Business

Potawatomi Ventures (PV) has been recently recognized as the third largest area-based minority-owned business by the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. The list, locally researched by the *Milwaukee Business Journal*, ranks ethnic minority-owned firms based in the Milwaukee seven-county area by revenue. PV has been ranked on this list since 2006.

PV serves as the economic development and income diversification for the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community. With an impressive revenue of \$363.28 million, PV proves to be not only a leader in the local business community but a proud representative of the tribe. The company employs 190 local staff and a total workforce of 821 employees, contributing to both local employment and economic vitality.

Greenfire Management Services Ranks #4

Greenfire Management Services, a subsidiary of PV, secured fourth spot on the same list. Greenfire is a

full-service construction management firm and has an impressive revenue of \$156 million. With 39 local staff and 46 total staff, Greenfire serves the community's needs and is committed to creating a legacy of excellence.

A Commitment to Community and Growth

Kip Ritchie, CEO of PV and a member of the FCP Tribe, shares pride in these achievements. "Being recognized as one of the largest minority-owned businesses in Milwaukee reflects not only our hard work but also our commitment to empowering our community. We are honored to represent the Forest County Potawatomi community and are dedicated to fostering economic growth in the area."

As we celebrate these milestones, we look forward to continuing our journey of growth and community engagement, striving to make a lasting impact in Milwaukee and for the FCP community.

Tribal Entrepreneurs Receive State Grant



Wisconsin tribes are taking bold steps to strengthen economic sovereignty through a new initiative that establishes small business hubs across the state. Backed by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Diverse Business Assistance program, each of Wisconsin's 11 federally-recognized tribes is eligible to receive \$90,000 to build entrepreneurial capacity and support Native-owned businesses. Six tribes on the panel received the \$90,000 grant.

At the forefront of this movement is Potawatomi Ventures, leading efforts to create culturally-grounded spaces for innovation and entrepreneurship. During a recent panel at the Wisconsin Indigenous Housing & Economic Development Corp. (WI-

HEDC) conference, Alexis Harris, Director of the Innovation Center at Potawatomi Ventures, shared the organization's vision for empowering Native entrepreneurs.

"Our vision is to invite Indigenous innovators into a community of resources, mentorship, and cultural grounding to help entrepreneurs take the next step," Harris explained.

This initiative addresses long-standing challenges faced by Native entrepreneurs, including limited access to dedicated business spaces and support networks. By creating hubs tailored to each tribe's unique needs, WIHEDC and its partners aim to strengthen tribal economies and promote self-sufficiency.

Veterans Hygiene Drive



Thank you all for your help in giving back to our community. In continuation of our appreciation for our Veterans, Greenfire partnered with the Center for Veterans Issues (CVI) to host our fourth annual Heroes Market Drive for Veterans. The Heroes Market Pantry opened its doors in March 2022, providing services to enhance the quality of life for all veterans and their families, as well as the communities in which they live and serve. CVI provides services for over 1,000 Veterans and has two facilities.

The neighboring facility (located on the corner of Wells & Milwaukee Street) has space for up to 81 male veterans, and its second location has space for six female veterans and children.

We are humbled by the participation from our team, and together

we were able to donate 16 full-size hygiene bathroom baskets filled with supplies, along with three boxes of additional supplies and a donation of \$1,500 to the Heroes Market, totaling \$2,129 in donations. It is our honor to support our veterans and give back to our community and neighborhood.

We want to thank our partners at Greenfire, Potawatomi Ventures, & Data Holdings, who joined us and helped make this year's drive a success!



Data Holdings 12th Anniversary



Potawatomi Ventures employees had the opportunity to tour Data Holdings. Built over 12 years ago by the Forest County Potawatomi Community, Data Holdings represents a bold investment in Wisconsin's future. Today, it supports hundreds of businesses locally and globally, with users ranging from Sri Lanka to Sweden — all of whom enjoy 100 percent uptime.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. Here's to continued growth, innovation, and pride in what we've built together.



Celebrating Native American Heritage Month at Potawatomi Ventures

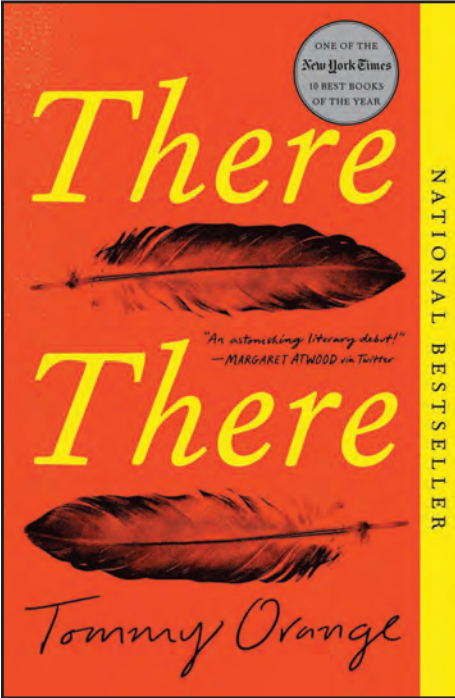


November marks Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor the rich traditions, history, and contributions of Native communities across the country. At Potawatomi Ventures (PV), we are proud to continue fostering awareness and appreciation for the

Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) and the other tribes within Wisconsin. Our commitment goes beyond celebration; it's about creating opportunities for employees to learn, engage, and connect with the cultures that shape our region. Our event included

a special lunch featuring Indian Tacos and freshly-squeezed lemonade that resembles the food served at our local powwows. A presentation where PV's intern, Autry Johnson, had the opportunity to share what it means for the FCP (Bodéwadmī) to be Keepers of the Fire through his eyes. Our employees also had the opportunity to participate in a workshop with Rachel Leigh Jeske, RL Neshnabé, a certified artisan and descendant of the Hannahville Indian Community, on creating traditional medicine bags. During November, PV hosted a Book Club featuring "There There" by Tommy Orange, which highlights a large cast of Native Americans who live in the Oakland and California area and contains several essays on Native American history and identity. PV aims to deepen understanding and strengthen relationships within our communities. This month, we invited everyone to explore the heritage of Wisconsin's

tribal nations, appreciate their resilience, and recognize their ongoing impact. Together, we can build a workplace that values diversity, respects traditions, and promotes inclusion.



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI TRIBAL COURT

IN THE MATTER OF
CHANGE OF NAME OF:

NOTICE OF HEARING

R. E. M. DOB: 08/25/2021

Case No. 25-NC-0071

J.R.M., Jr. DOB: 03/30/2023

Case No. 25-NC-0072

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-captioned matter shall be heard in the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court on the matter of the application of **R.E.M.** for permission to change her name and legal designation to **R.E.K.** and **J.R.M., Jr.** for permission to change his name and legal designation to **J.M.K.** and for the consideration and determination of any further relevant matters.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

WHEN: 1:00 pm on January 7, 2026

WHERE: Tribal Courtroom
2nd Floor, FCP Executive Building
5416 Everybody's Road, Crandon, Wisconsin

DATED THIS 29th DAY OF October 2025

Angela M. Moe

By the Court
Associate Judge Angela Moe
FCP Tribal Court

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FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI TRIBAL COURT

Community Events
DECEMBER 2025



FOREST COUNTY
POTAWATOMI
Keeper of the Fire

SUNDAYMONDAYTUESDAYWEDNESDAYTHURSDAYFRIDAYSATURDAY

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Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution
12pm

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Elders Christmas Party
Carter Casino
12pm

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Holiday Open House
11am - 1pm
The Third Wheels
Live Entertainment
Carter Casino
7pm - 11pm

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8

12 Days of Fitmas Challenge Begins

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Many Faces of Autism Training
H&W Lower Conference Room
3pm - 5pm

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Elder Day Trip
Shopping in Rhinelander - 9am
Health & Wellness 30th Anniversary
1pm - 5pm
Christmas Lights Event
6pm

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COFFEE TALK
w/ Elders @ PCC
12pm - 2pm

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Discover Wisconsin Premiere
Nutrition Taste Test
H&W Test Kitchen 11am - 1pm
CC Teaching Kitchen 11:30am - 1pm

18

Diabetes Luncheon
H&W Large Conference Room
12pm - 1:30pm
Family Night
We Care
5pm
Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution
12pm

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FCP COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS PARTY
5pm

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Gte Ga Nes Winter Break Begins

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Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Campus Closed

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Bad Habitz Live Entertainment
Carter Casino
7pm - 11pm

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Carter Casino
7pm - 11pm

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Lovin' Country Live Entertainment
Carter Casino
11am - 3pm
Sonic Circus Live Entertainment
Carter Casino
9pm - 1am
Sobriety Powwow

Recurring Weekly Events

Mondays:
NA Meetings
RRC - 10am
Powwow Club
4:30pm - 5:30pm

Tuesdays:
After School Language Program
Crandon & Laona
Wednesdays:
Language Class
10am - 12pm

Wednesdays:
After School Language Program
Wabeno
Thursdays:
Support Group
PCC Commons
12pm - 1pm

Fridays:
Men's Smudge Talk
RRC - 9am
Alcoholics Anonymous
RRC - 2pm

● GENERAL INFORMATION

● COMMUNITY CENTER

● POWWOW GROUNDS

● BODWÉWADMI KTĒGAN

● HEALTH & WELLNESS

● MUSEUM

● LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Please join us to celebrate



30TH




FOREST COUNTY
POTAWATOMI
HEALTH & WELLNESS
CENTER

OPEN TO
All community
members

ANNIVERSARY

Thursday
DEC 11, 2025
1-5 pm
Health & Wellness Center
8201 Mish ko swen Dr, Crandon, WI 54520

- DEPARTMENT TOURS
- HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
- HORS D'OEUVRES
- VISIT WITH SANTA
- LEARN ABOUT OUR HISTORY
- DOOR PRIZES



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 DECEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Herb baked chicken, candied Yams, steamed broccoli florets, dinner roll & apple bar	2 Pizza Pasta Casserole, Caesar Salad, Breadsticks, Pears	3 Open Faced Turkey Sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, glazed carrots, orange	4 Beef vegetable soup, grilled cheese, carrot cake w/ cream cheese frosting	5 Meal will be included with Thursday delivery	6
7	8 Chicken a la king, steamed rice, dinner roll, Jello fruit cup	9 Biscuits & sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, fruit cup	10 Stuffed shells w/ marina, Italian vegetable blend, breadstick	11 Beef stroganoff, noodles, green beans, dinner roll, fruit cup	12 Meal will be included with Thursday delivery	13
14	15 Spaghetti & meatballs, tossed salad, breadstick, cheesecake bar	16 Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baby potatoes, peas, dinner roll, frosted banana cake	17 Chicken dumpling soup, salad, dinner roll, fruit	18 Supreme pizza, Italian pasta salad, parfait cups	19 Meal will be included with Thursday delivery	20
21	22 Baked chicken, mac & cheese, broccoli, fruit	23 Bacon mushroom quiche, hashbrowns, fruit, bagel	24 Meal will be included with Monday delivery TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED. MERRY CHRISTMAS EVE!	25 Meal will be included in Tuesday delivery TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Meal will be included with Tuesday delivery	27
28	29 Pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, baked apples w/ cinnamon & sugar	30 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, dinner roll, fruit	31 Popcorn shrimp w/ lemon wedge & cocktail sauce, tator tots, fruit cup	THE DAILY MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE DUE, TO INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS, FACILITY CLOSURES AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. FCP SUSTAINABLE FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT		

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 JACKPOT BONUS TUESDAYS	3 CLUB 50	4 5X POINTS	5 Arctic Action	6
7 SUNDAY BLITZ KIOSK GAME	8	9 JACKPOT BONUS TUESDAYS	10 CLUB 50	11 5X POINTS	12 Arctic Action	13
14 SUNDAY BLITZ KIOSK GAME	15	16 JACKPOT BONUS TUESDAYS	17 CLUB 50	18 5X POINTS	19 Arctic Action	20
21 SUNDAY BLITZ KIOSK GAME	22 GREEN & GOLD GRIDIRON GIVEAWAY	23 JACKPOT BONUS TUESDAYS	24 Happy Holidays CLOSED	25 Happy Holidays CLOSED	26 Arctic Action	27 Fall Into Winter Winnings
28 SUNDAY BLITZ KIOSK GAME	29	30 JACKPOT BONUS TUESDAYS	31 NYC NYE 2026	New Year's Eve Buffet THE SPRINGS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE		

JOIN US FOR

NYC NYE 2026

RING IN THE NEW YEAR,
NEW YORK CITY STYLE WITH
YOUR SHARE OF OVER

\$20,000 CASH!

Live Music
Cash Drawings
Party Favors
Champagne Toasts

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Fall Into

Winter Winnings

SATURDAY | DEC. 27

FOUR \$5,000 CASH WINNERS

GREEN & GOLD

GRIDIRON GIVEAWAY

WIN THREE PASSES,
CORNHOLE SET &
LOUNGE CHAIR

Purchase a \$3 bottle of Miller Lite®
to receive one drawing entry.

DRAWING: MONDAY
DECEMBER 22 @ 3 P.M.

START EARNING ENTRIES DECEMBER 1

Arctic Action

FRIDAYS
IN DECEMBER

\$30K
IN CASH PRIZES