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State of the Tribes Address



Chairwoman of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Nicole Boyd



The start of the event around the state capitol

by Val Niehaus

Members of the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Executive Council and community members made the journey down to the state capitol in Madison, Wis., on Feb. 10, 2026, to attend the 22nd Annual State of the Tribes Address.

Once a year, the capitol comes alive with the colors, songs, and voices of Wisconsin's 11 federally-recognized tribes during the State of the Tribes Address. This gathering is more than a formal event — it's a celebration of Indigenous resilience and unity. Tribal leaders, families, and friends fill the halls, sharing powerful stories, honoring traditions, and highlighting the hopes and challenges facing their communities.

Every year, anticipation builds as

one chairperson from the 11 tribes is chosen to address the Assembly Chamber attendees. This year, the honor went to Chairwoman Nicole Boyd of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, who emerged as the inspiring front-runner.

Boyd captivated the audience and legislators with her poise, determination, and pride. Her speech was about powerful stories of family, heritage, and community triumphs, while courageously highlighting ongoing needs. She advocated education, transformative policies, and federal relations, celebrating cultural empowerment and honoring the vital roles of water and women in Indigenous life. Her inspiring words drew repeated standing ovations throughout the chamber.

She thanked Gov. Evers for all that he has done in the Indigenous communities throughout Wisconsin and said, "One thing we are proud of is that tribal nations are blessed to have a governor heroic enough to acknowledge missing and murdered Indigenous relatives." Boyd boasted of his non-stop support in education stating, "Governor Evers, your legacy of public education support will never be forgotten. Tribal nations will talk about your collaboration and advocacy for many generations, and you should be extremely proud to have built life-long relationships with so many. Our lives are sincerely touched

— because we know you. On behalf of the Wisconsin tribal nations, our members past, present, and future, we thank you for your work, your commitment, and just being the jazzy, chill, intelligent guy that you are." Evers received a standing ovation for the work he has done within these communities.

The day was not only about honoring progress but also about reaffirming commitments to culture, sovereignty, and future generations. As the address ended, the strength and unity of Wisconsin's tribal nations were felt throughout the chamber. The annual event once again served as a powerful reminder that collaboration, respect, and shared purpose can move communities forward. We are already looking forward to next year's address.



FCP Executive Council Members - Chairman Boyd Sr., Secretary McCorkle, Council Member Daniels



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FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Haseman

Buddy Up – Step Together for Health: Find a buddy and collaboratively walk the virtual distance to Door County, of 150 miles. Each buddy who completes this challenge from March 2 through April 12, 2026, receives a gift certificate and is entered to win the grand prize. To participate, join the FCPCC app under ‘challenges’ or in person at the fitness center desk. The registration deadline is March 8, 2026. You must have an active PCC membership to earn prizes. For more information, contact Desiree Marten at (715) 478-6512 or desiree.marten@fcp-nsn.gov.

Recovery Bingo Night: Join FCP Prevention for Recovery Bingo Night on March 5, 2026, from 5-7 p.m. at the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum lower level. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Consuela Alloway at (715) 889-6216 or consuela.alloway@fcp-nsn.gov with any questions.

Round Dance: Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Round Dance on March 6, 2026, from 5 p.m. to midnight. This year’s round dance will be held at the Potawatomi Community Center. The feast will be at 5 p.m., the hand drum contest at 5:30 p.m., the round dance at 6:30 p.m., and a late-night snack at 11 p.m. There will be 50/50 raffles and contests for adult and youth hand drum. For more information, contact Pwagen Frank at (715) 889-7374 or Richard Gouge at (715) 889-1514.

Winter Family Camp & Ice Fishing Contest: FCP tribal members, descendants, and their families are invited to join for a day of fishing, food, games, activities, and time together on the ice. Join the fun at Bug Lake on March 7, 2026. Registration is at 7-7:30 a.m., breakfast to follow at 8 a.m., ice fishing contest from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m., with winners and drawings to follow. Lunch will be provided while supplies last. For more information, contact Tyler Lorenz at (715) 889-2341 or tyler.lorenz@fcp-nsn.gov.

Coffee Talk: FCP elders are welcome to join Elder Services for Coffee Talk on March 17, 2026, from 12-2 p.m. at the Turtle House. Lunch will be provided.

Bowling & Lunch: FCP elders and one guest 13+ are invited to join for Bowling and Lunch at Northstar Lanes in Antigo on March 22, 2026, at 12 p.m. Top scores for a two-person team win. First prize is a \$100 gift card, second place gets a \$50 gift card, and third place receives a \$25 gift card. There will be a drawing for prizes throughout the event. Limited transportation will be available. To sign up, call Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Taylor Saari at (715) 478-4341.

Potawatomi Gathering: Save the date for the 2026 Potawatomi Gathering, hosted this year by Forest County Potawatomi. This year’s event will be held July 27 through Aug. 1, 2026, on Stone Lake campus and Carter grounds.

OBITUARY

Hazel Ann George

Hazel Ann George, age 79, passed on Feb. 4, 2026. She was born on Jan. 20, 1947, in Hayward, Wis., to her parents Mabel (Alloway) and Joseph George.

Hazel enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family, which brought her great joy throughout her life. She was proudly sober for 45 years, a testament to her strength, perseverance, and commitment. Hazel was deeply respected and loved by others, and was known for her kindness, compassion, and genuine care for everyone she met.

She is survived by her daughters: Lynn (Andres) Alamilla, Patricia Pete, Joette (David) Pete-Baldwin, and Collette Pete; bonus children: Charles “Chaz” McGeshick, John Guth, and Sheila Hiserman; her sister, Carole (Harvey) White; and her grandchildren: David Baldwin III, Ericka (Justin) Tokarczyk, Joette (Christopher Fox) Baldwin, Nicolasa “Kiki” (Mathew Hanna) Alamilla, Craig (Veronica) McGeshick, Damen Baldwin, Mindy McPherson, Bethany Baldwin,



Kaitlyn (Nick) McGeshick, Elijah (Ashleigh Davis) Baldwin, Trent McGeshick, Maureen McGeshick, Genevieve Jackson, Joscelin, Brynlee, Kaylee, Brandi, Carter, Shay, Mila, Charlotte, Journey, Violet, and Nehemiah.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Mabel and Joseph George; siblings: Jeanette George, James George, Gerald George and Joann Blonion; grandson Alex McGeshick; and life partner Jerome Biddell.

Native American Services were held on Feb. 7, 2025, with Mr. Joe Daniels presiding.

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Bass Blendz Barber Shop Opens in Crandon



by Val Niehaus

FCP descendant Elias Glinski has done something big and powerful for this community in the past few weeks. He has opened the doors to his newly-established barber shop in Crandon, Wis., called Bass Blendz Barber Shop.

After discovering he had a natural talent for cutting hair (after realizing his friends kept coming back for more), Glinski leveled up. He earned his Barber Technologist diploma from Mid-State Technical College and turned raw skill into a profession. Now he's bringing precision,

creativity, and fresh energy back to Crandon and the surrounding area.

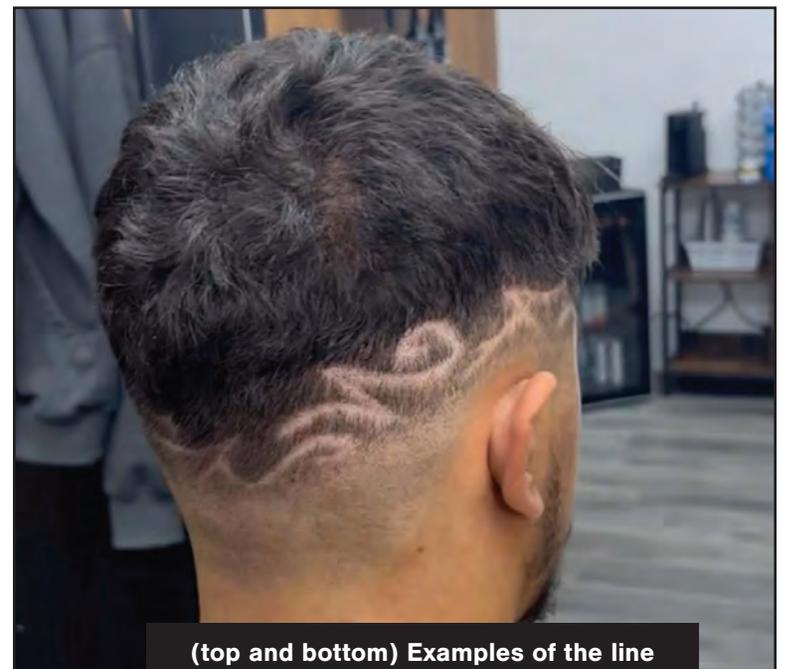
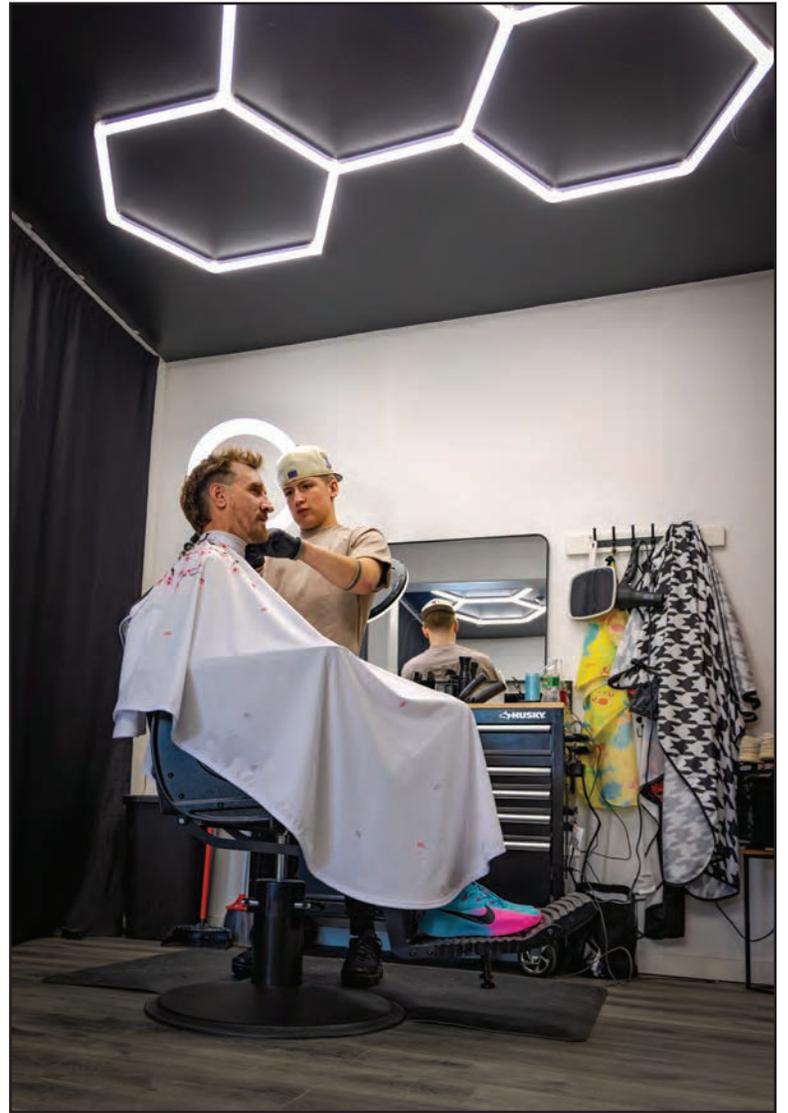
Barber shops, once a thing of the past, are quickly becoming more mainstream again. Thankfully, Glinski has brought the barber shop atmosphere back to Forest County after it had been gone for a number of years.

When you walk into Glinski's shop, you feel an edgy and upbeat vibe. Special lighting makes sure every shadow is filled with light. The sound of local talk about the other night's basketball game fills the air. You feel like

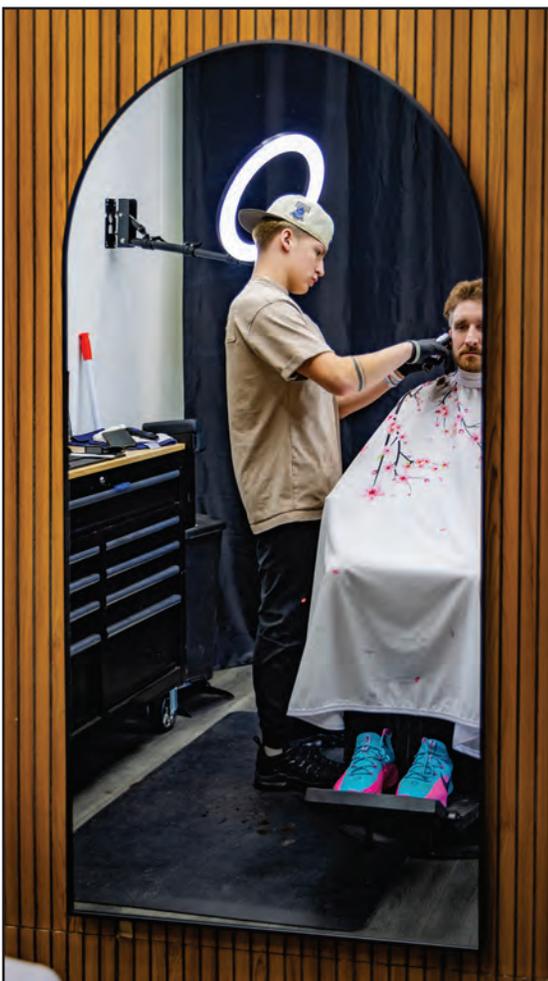
one of the "bros" coming into this establishment.

Services offered are: specialty fade, classic cut, kids cut, and shears trim. Add-ons include: beard fades or line-ups, brow grooming, and design work, all popular today.

Walk-ins are welcome at Bass Blendz Tues.– Fri. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For appointments, the shop is open Mon.– Fri. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book at vagaroo.com/bassblendzbarbershop or call 715-784-1324.



(top and bottom) Examples of the line work Glinski can do. submitted photos




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Design	\$10-\$15
3 or more kids	\$ 15 off total



ALC Round Dance Held at CHS

by Val Niehaus

The Crandon Anishnaabe Leadership Club (ALC) held an Honoring Community Education Valentine's Day Round Dance on Feb. 13, 2026. The school gymnasium was packed with middle and high school students excited to learn about Round Dances and their cultural significance during this time of year. The event served not only as a celebration, but also as an opportunity for education and community connection.

The Master of Ceremonies (MC) was Shane Webster, an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, but born and raised in Menominee, Wis. Webster is widely recognized throughout Indian Country for his contribu-

tions to traditional and contemporary songs and lyrics. Beyond his musical talents, he has built a strong social media presence by capturing the spirit of powwows while traveling with his family across the state and country. The Anishnaabe Club and the district were grateful he took time out of his schedule to help lead this event.

The program began with Crandon District Administrator Jason Bertrand welcoming students, staff, and guests. He shared background on why the round dance was being hosted at Crandon, emphasizing its educational purpose. The goal was to help students feel comfortable learning about traditional practices directly from their

peers and community members — and most importantly, to encourage everyone to participate, as this round dance was open to all.

ALC Chairperson Cadence Phillips then addressed the crowd. She explained that she wanted to organize the round dance to educate her fellow students about her culture, to highlight why dancing is especially meaningful for Indigenous youth, and to create a welcoming space where everyone felt safe stepping onto the floor. As she reminded the crowd, "Everyone is welcome to dance!"

Following the introductions, the singing and dancing began. Carriers of hand drums from local communities

and neighboring reservations were invited to participate, and the center table was filled with singers holding hand drums. The powerful rhythms and united voices brought the gym to life, drawing students, staff, and community members together in a shared circle.

Overall, the Honoring Community Education Valentine's Day Round Dance was more than just an event — it was a meaningful celebration of culture, education, and unity. Through music, movement, and community participation, students gained a deeper understanding of Indigenous traditions that day.



Dancing together



ALC Chairperson Cadence Phillips



MC Shane Webster



Granddaughter and Grandmother dancing together



Meno Keno Ma Gē Wen Jr. Princess - Natiyah (Nimkii Kwe) LaBarge



A jamming family



Nick Shepard



William Alloway



Mashen Daniels



Great seeing these young men singing together

Schingeck Qualifies for WIAA State Wrestling



submitted by PCC Media/Event Coordinator Leah Palubicki

As February comes to a close, high school wrestlers across the state are preparing for the WIAA State Wrestling Championships. Among those qualifying for the tournament is Forest County Potawatomi wrestler Ryker Schingeck of the Wabeno/Laona/Three Lakes wrestling team, who continues to make his mark on the mat.

Schingeck, a sophomore, earned his spot at state after placing first at the WIAA Sectional Tournament held Feb. 14, 2026, in Peshtigo, Wis. With the sectional title, he officially qualified for the state tournament for the second consecutive year, after advancing

as a freshman last season.

The sectional victory also marked a major milestone in Schingeck's career, as he secured his 100th high school win with a pin in the finals match. He enters the state tournament with an impressive 53-1 record this season, highlighting his hard work and consistency throughout the year.

Schingeck and other area wrestlers will compete at the WIAA State Wrestling Championships on Feb. 26-28, 2026, at the Kohl Center in Madison. Congratulations to Schingeck on his outstanding accomplishments, and best wishes as he continues his journey at the state level.



100 Career Wins for Ryker Schingeck

photos submitted by Bryan Schingeck



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<p>LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT Quarter 2: 2025-2026</p> <p>High Honor Roll (3.5-3.99) 11th Precious DeVerney Wynter Montgomery 9th Molly VanZile 7th Brittney VanZile</p> <p>Honor Roll (3.0-3.49) 12th Hunter VanZile Lovey VanZile Precious VanZile Zoey Weso 11th Jonathan Farr 10th Levi Shepard 9th Amiracle Alloway Jessabella Farr 8th Waylon Frank 6th Jackson Frank Ava Kroening</p>	<p>CRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT Semester 1: 2025-2026</p> <p>Top Honors (4.0) 10th Makenna Robinson</p> <p>High Honor Roll (3.5-3.99) 12th Nevaeh Alloway 11th Aviyannah Alloway Elyssa Bailey Deegan Kircher 8th Aryanna Frank Unique Jackson 7th Nadiyah Labarge Jayden Tuckwab 6th Antonio Mendez Danica Robinson</p> <p>Honors (3.0-3.49) 12th Takota Daniels 11th Edward Alloway III 10th Hailey Brown Scarlett Johnson 9th Elizabetha Shepard 8th Pesh Kno Alloway Ned Daniels IV 7th Sacjwegises Alloway Katrina Nixon Cattleya Soman Josiah Wahsquonaikeshik 6th Tayah Bird Genevieve Daniels Elianna Jackson</p>
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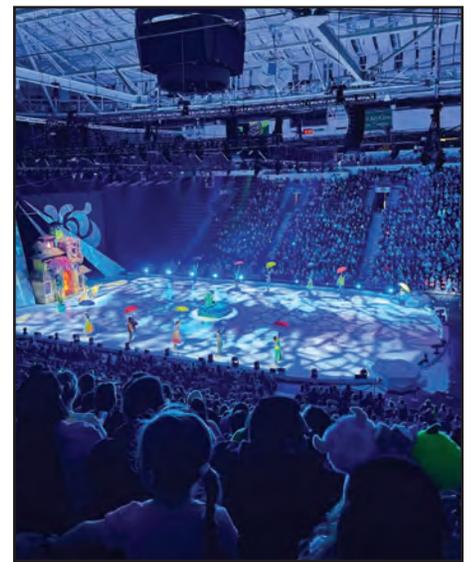
Congratulations students!

Disney On Ice

photos submitted by Senior Social Media Specialist Justin Piontek



FCP community members enjoyed a fun day seeing Disney On Ice at the Resch Center in Green Bay, Wis., on Feb. 20, 2026, during the Potawatomi Community Center's annual trip.



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PV Attends the State of the Tribe's Reception

Potawatomi Ventures (PV) was honored to take part in the 2026 State of the Tribes Reception on Feb. 9, 2026. Our presence at the important gathering reflects our continued commitment to advancing economic sovereignty, deepening inter-tribal collaboration, and building a sustainable future for the next seven generations

of the FCP community.

This year's convening reinforced the collective strength that comes from working together. As we look ahead, PV remains dedicated to creating new opportunities, fostering meaningful partnerships, and supporting initiatives that uplift tribal communities across Wisconsin and beyond.



Potawatomi Ventures – Tribal Relations Communication Corner

by Heather VanZile, Director of Tribal Relations

Bosho! February may have been a short month, but it was filled with meaningful conversations, renewed connections, and collaborative efforts across our FCP community. I am grateful for every opportunity we had to learn from one another and deepen our collective efforts within the FCP community.

Community Engagement

- February 13 - Tribal Member Lunch: Opportunity to share updates and hear directly from membership.
- February 14 - FCP General Council Meeting: Engaged with members and shared upcoming initiatives.

Collaboration & Partnerships

- February 12: Quarterly Strategy Meeting with Executive Council.

Looking Ahead

- Potawatomi Ventures (PV) will be hosting our Potawatomi Economic Summit at the Reservation Economic

Summit in Las Vegas, Nev. As our tribe has the honor of hosting our Potawatomi Gathering, our business arm also has the privilege of coordinating our Economic Summits. We look forward to continued collaboration with our sister Potawatomi bands.

- The Communication & Engagement Survey has begun circulating and was mailed to all tribal members aged 18 and older. I encourage you to take a few minutes to complete this short survey by March 31, 2026, as your feedback directly guides how we serve our membership.

Closing

Migweth to everyone who attended the PV lunch and stopped by our booth at General Council. Your engagement strengthens our connections as a community, and I look forward to continuing these conversations in the months ahead.

Data Holdings: Sustainable Infrastructure with Long-Term Vision

by Ryan Brooks, CTO & General Manager, Data Holdings

As Wisconsin attracts growing attention for new hyperscale data centers driven by AI, it's worth taking a closer look at the infrastructure that's already here — and, more importantly, who had the foresight to build it.

More than a decade ago, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community deliberately invested in modern digital infrastructure. At the time, data centers were not drawing headlines in Wisconsin, and AI wasn't a daily topic in the news. But the tribe saw an opportunity to build something that would last — something designed for long-term value, responsibility, and resilience.

That investment was Data Holdings, a purpose-built data center located on Potawatomi's Wgema Campus in the near west side of Milwaukee. Founded in 2013, Data Holdings supports critical data and applications for customers ranging from tribal and state governments to nonprofits, as well as large and small companies. While my role is to operate and serve as a steward of the facility, the credit for its existence — and the decisions that make it unique — belongs to the FCP community.

Built With Intention from the Start

Data centers are often associated with heavy energy use and environmental strain. From the beginning, the FCP took a different view. The tribe understood that if they were going to invest in this type of infrastructure, it needed to reflect longstanding values around stewardship, sustainability, and planning for future generations.

One of the clearest examples is how the building was designed to be cooled. Data Holdings does not use municipal drinking water to cool its systems — a decision made at the design stage, well before water use became a national concern for the industry. Instead, the facility relies on a closed-loop cooling system, meaning no water is consumed for cooling. The only water used in the building is for basic needs, such as sinks and toilets. This choice required greater upfront investment and long-term thinking. It was not the easiest path, but it was the right one — and it reflects the tribe's belief that short-term convenience should never outweigh long-term responsibility.

The tribe also recognized Wisconsin's climate as an asset. The facility was designed to take advantage of free cooling during cold weather, reducing reliance on energy-intensive mechan-

ical systems. Combined with these efficiencies, the tribe also invested in on-site solar infrastructure, helping offset energy use and support renewable power generation in an urban setting.

Taken together, these decisions helped make Data Holdings the only LEED Gold-certified collocation data center in Wisconsin. That certification is not about a single feature; it represents an overall philosophy rooted in how the tribe approaches investment: thoughtfully, deliberately, and with future generations in mind.

Why This Matters Within PV

Data Holdings is an important part of the broader PV portfolio, which exists to create long-term, sustainable economic growth for the FCP community. The organization's role is not to chase trends, but to build a diversified company that can endure economic cycles and support the tribe well into the future.

Digital infrastructure fits squarely within that mission. Secure data, reliable systems, and uninterrupted access are now essential to nearly every sector of the economy. By investing early in a data center built to remarkably high standards — both technically and environmentally, the tribe positioned

itself ahead of the curve.

These decisions were made long before they were popular. The sustainability features at Data Holdings are not retrofits or responses to public pressure. They are the result of early, values-driven leadership by the FCP, who understood that true sustainability is about planning ahead, not catching up.

A Quiet Reflection of Tribal Leadership

Data centers are not flashy, and Data Holdings was never meant to be. Its success is measured in uptime, trust, and reliability. We are proud to say that we have 100 percent uptime, meaning the facility has never lost power or cooling, the most important thing to customers.

Data Holdings exists because the FCP saw an opportunity to build something for the future. The Data Holdings team is proud to operate the facility, but its success rests on a foundation built by the tribe's leadership and long-term vision.

In a world that runs on data, sustainable infrastructure matters. Data Holdings stands as proof of what is possible when the FCP invest with patience, values, and a commitment to building for generations to come.

PBDC Federal Group Launches Tribal Member Development Program, Appoints Daniels as General Manager



Potawatomi Ventures (PV) announced the launch of a new Tribal Member Development Program designed to prepare the next generation of tribal leaders to support long-term economic growth and future prosperity through federal business development. As part of the inaugural program, M'ko Daniels has joined PBDC Federal Group as General Manager, reporting to Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Greg Kolean.

In his role, Daniels will support subsidiary-wide strategy and operations while gaining firsthand experience in federal business development and advocacy. His responsibilities include strategic and budget planning, identifying and capturing new federal opportunities, and supporting political advocacy related to federal regulations. He will also contribute to initiatives that strengthen profitability, reinforce organizational culture, and drive continuous improvement across key performance areas, while collaborating with leadership and professional managers across the organization.

“Preparing tribal members to understand, navigate, and lead within the federal business landscape is essential to our long-term success,” said Kolean. “This program is designed to provide real-world exposure to strategy, operations, and advocacy while building leadership capacity from within. M'ko brings both a strong educational background and a deep personal commitment to his tribe, making him an excellent fit for this role.”

Daniels is an enrolled Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) tribal member who grew up on the Reser-

vation in Crandon, Wis. He has spent several years building experience with tribal enterprises, including serving as a Finance Intern with PBDC, an Intern with the FCP Gaming Commission, and most recently as Vice Chairman of the PV Board of Directors.

Growing up on the reservation provided Daniels with a strong understanding of the tribe's culture, history, and political landscape, shaping his passion for ensuring that tribal businesses continue to support today's needs while strengthening opportunities for future generations.

“I'm honored to step into this role and grateful for the opportunity to learn from experienced leaders while contributing to work that supports our tribe's long-term success,” said Daniels. “I am deeply committed to using the skills I've gained to support the tribe and help ensure our businesses remain strong for generations to come.”

Daniels holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and management from the University of Nevada – Las Vegas and a Master of Legal Studies from the University of Oklahoma, where he specialized in Indigenous Peoples Law. As part of his role, he will continue his professional development through required government contracting and corporate training while working closely with PBDC Federal Group's executive leadership.

“This program reflects our responsibility to invest in the next generation of tribal leaders,” said CEO of PV Kip Ritchie. “By developing talent from within and providing meaningful leadership and advocacy experience, we are building the foundation for long-term prosperity and ensuring our businesses remain a source of strength for the community.”

The Tribal Member Development Program is expected to expand over time, creating additional opportunities for tribal members to gain experience in federal operations, advocacy, and executive leadership.

fireside MARKET - 2026 Best Store Design Awards



We are proud to announce that fireside MARKET's Slinger, Wisconsin store, has been recognized with a 2026 Best Store Design Award from C-Store Decisions, celebrating a location that re-imagines convenience through cultural authenticity and delivers a multi-sensory guest experience.

The C-Store Decisions 2026 Best Store Design Award recognizes retail locations that set a new standard for how convenience stores look, feel, and function — evaluated on architectural innovation, guest experience, operational efficiency, and the ability to emotionally connect with customers. Earning this award means the store is not just visually appealing but intentionally designed to elevate convenience into a hospitality-driven, experience-forward environment that reflects both brand purpose and community values. Recognition is important because it positions the store as a national industry benchmark, signaling to consumers, partners, and peers that thoughtful design can drive

loyalty, differentiation, and long-term relevance in an increasingly competitive convenience landscape.

“Winning the C-Store Decisions Best Store Design Award is incredibly meaningful for fireside MARKET because it validates our belief that convenience can be re-imagined through intentional design, hospitality, and experience,” said EVP of fireside MARKET David Lloveras. “This recognition reflects the heart and purpose behind our Slinger store — creating a warm, elevated environment that puts guests first while pushing the boundaries of what a modern convenience store can be. It is a proud moment for our team and reinforces our commitment to raising the bar for the industry.”

With its next location slated for Brown Deer, Wis., fireside MARKET is excited to continue growing in Southeast Wisconsin. Groundbreaking for the Brown Deer location will be announced at a later date.



Greenfire: Aquaponics Expansion Keeps Food Growing



Frigid winters in Wisconsin do not pause food production at the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community's aquaponics facility. Inside the greenhouse at Bodwéwadmí Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm), controlled growing conditions support year-round, consistent harvests, providing fresh greens and fish regardless of the season.

FCP community continues to advance food sovereignty through investments that strengthen local production and distribution. As demand increased, the tribe partnered with Greenfire to expand its existing aquaponics operation with infrastructure designed for durability, efficiency, and long-term use.

The project included a 3,340 square foot greenhouse addition that expanded the farm's aquaponic growing capacity. Greenfire completed site preparation, earthwork excavation, and concrete footings and foundations to support a 30' x 100' design-build passive solar greenhouse, designed

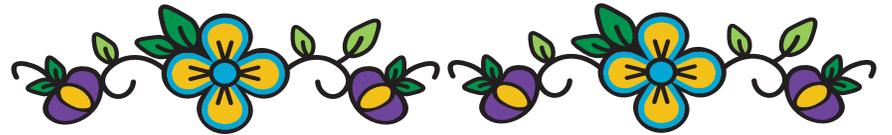
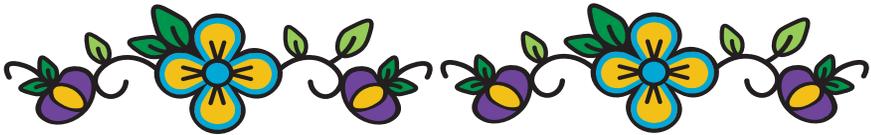
by Ceres Greenhouse Solutions. The structure was framed with heavy-gauge steel to withstand northern Wisconsin conditions and support year-round operations.

Performance-driven building systems were central to the design. Polycarbonate wall glazing on the south-facing elevation maximizes solar exposure, while a ground-to-air heat transfer system — often described as a climate battery — uses stored heat from the sun and soil to regulate interior temperatures. This system reduces reliance on traditional HVAC systems while maintaining stable growing conditions year-round.

With the expansion complete, the facility now produces fish and greens continuously for tribal members, local schools, and regional markets. The aquaponics expansion highlights Greenfire's experience delivering a diverse range of project types, including agricultural and sustainability-foc-

used facilities that support community goals through practical, buildable solutions.

Article from Greenfire's February 2026 Spark newsletter. More news here: News-Greenfire Management - Builders of the Future



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Community Events MARCH 2026

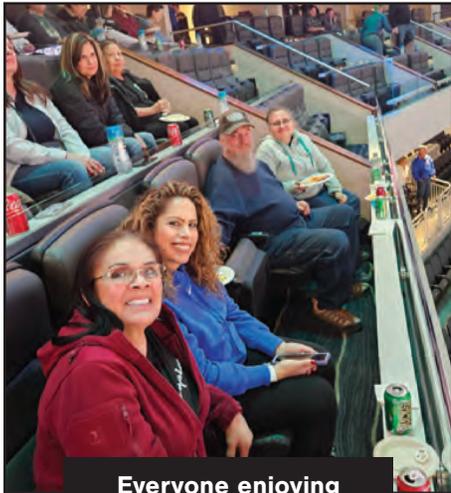


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Veterans Post 1 (VP1) Monthly Meeting Open to all Tribal Veterans Old Tribal Hall - 3pm	3 COFFEE TALK w/ Elders @ Turtle Building 12pm - 2pm	4	5 Recovery Night Bingo Lower Level 5pm - 7pm	6 Gamblers Hockey GAMBLERS VS TEAM USA Resch Center Leaving PCC at 3:30pm Round DANCE 2026 6pm - Midnight	7 Winter Camp & Fisheree (Bug Lake) 7am - 1pm Diva Dance Showcase 3pm - 8pm
8 Spring Forward Day Light Savings Time	9	10	11 Spring FCP Scholarship Night Education Building 3pm - 6pm	12	13 Brian James Live Entertainment Carter Casino 7pm - 11pm (Free)	14 Brian James Live Entertainment Carter Casino 7pm - 11pm (Free)
15	16	17 COFFEE TALK w/ Elders @ Turtle Building 12pm - 2pm	18 COMMUNITY SOBRIETY FEAST Museum Lower Level 6pm	19	20	21 WINTER'S END Forest County Potawatomi POWOW Grand Entry 1pm & 7pm
22 WINTER'S END Forest County Potawatomi POWOW Grand Entry 12pm Elders Bowling & Lunch Northstar Lanes - 12pm	23	24	25 Nutrition Taste Test H&W Test Kitchen: 11am - 1pm PCC Teaching Kitchen: 11:30am - 1pm	26 Family Night We Care 5pm - 7pm	27 Happy Hour Heroes Live Entertainment Carter Casino 7pm - 11pm (Free)	28 Happy Hour Heroes Live Entertainment Carter Casino 7pm - 11pm (Free)
29	30	31	Recurring Weekly Events			
			Mondays: 10am - NA Meeting at Recovery Resource Center 12pm to 3pm - Social Club Museum Lower Level 4:30pm to 5:30pm - Powwow Club		Wednesdays Continued: 10:30am to 11:30am - Walking the Spectrum Support Group at PCC (Starting March 18) 4pm - After School Language Program (Wabeno)	
			Tuesdays: 4pm - After School Language Program (Crandon & Laona) 4pm - After School Cooking Club at PCC		Thursdays: 12pm to 1pm - Support Group at PCC 4pm - After School Cooking Club at We Care	
			Wednesdays: 10am to 12pm - Language Class		Fridays: 9am - Mens Smudge Talk at Recovery Resource Center 2pm - AA Meeting at Recovery Resource Center	



Bucks Game

photos submitted by Elder Services Coordinator Jenna Paradies



Everyone enjoying the game



Photo op with Ryan and Josh



Oopie Shepard with Josh Glessing



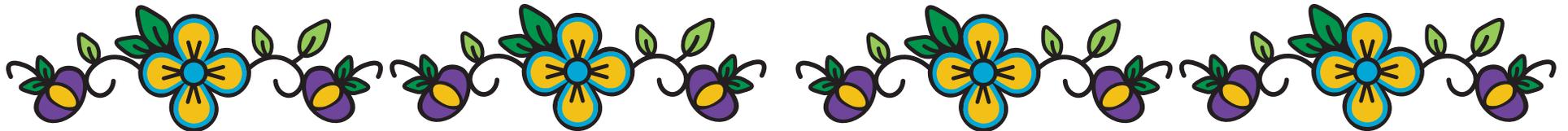
by Amber Haseman

The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Elders joined Elder Services for an unforgettable night at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee on Feb. 4, 2026, enjoying an exciting matchup between the Milwaukee Bucks and the New Orleans Pelicans. The Bucks impressed fans with a hard-fought victory, taking the win 141-137.

Adding to the excitement, Milwaukee Bucks Partnership Development Manager Ryan Hooser and President of the Milwaukee Bucks John Glessing joined the group in their suite for a special meet-and-greet and photo opportunity. It was a memorable moment for all who attended.



One more with Ryan Hooser



ELDER MEAL ROUTE MENU - MARCH 2026

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY					
1	SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, CORN, GARLIC BREAD, FRESH FRUIT OPTION	2	BREAKFAST BURRITO W/ SPINACH & SAUSAGE, FRESH FRUIT OPTION	3	BEER BATTERED FISH SANDWICH, POTATO WEDGES, SIDE SALAD, FRESH FRUIT, DESSERT	4	CHEESEBURGER MAC, DINNER ROLL, VEGGIE & DIP CUP, FRESH FRUIT	5	EGG SANDWICHES WITH LETTUCE, CHIPS & PICKLES, YOGURT PARFAIT	6	7
8	TURKEY BACON RANCH WRAP, PICKLES, CHEEZ ITS, FRUIT CUP	9	WALKING TACO, LETTUCE, TOMATOES, RICE & BEANS, FRESH FRUIT	10	OPEN FACED TURKEY SANDWICH, STUFFING, MIXED VEGGIES, JELLO CUP W/ FRUIT	11	CHILI & CORN BREAD, YOGURT PARFAIT	12	FROZEN SOUP, 3 BEAN SALAD, FRESH FRUIT	13	14
15	BLT, PASTA SALAD, PEARS, COOKIE	16	CHICKEN THIGHS, RED POTATOES, SPINACH SALAD FRUIT	17	PULLED CHICKEN BBQ SLIDERS, PARSLEY POTATOES, SIDE SALAD, FRUIT OPTION, DESSERT	18	SAUSAGE TORTELLINI SOUP W/ SPINACH & KALE, BOLOGNA SANDWICH, FRESH FRUIT OPTION	19	COBB SALAD, WHOLE GRAIN DINNER ROLL, YOGURT PARFAIT	20	21
22	COLD CUT SUBS, SIDE SALAD, PICKLE, FRESH FRUIT OPTION	23	ROASTED CHICKEN W/ GRAVY & STUFFING, MIXED VEGGIES, FRESH FRUIT OPTION	24	OPEN FACED ROASTED BEEF OVER MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT OPTION, CARROT CAKE	25	CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS, BAKED BEANS, VEGGIE & DIP, FRESH FRUIT OPTION	26	CHICKEN SALAD ON CROISSANT, HUMMUS & CHIPS, FRESH FRUIT OPTION	27	28
29	MEATLOAF, BAKED POTATO, MIXED VEGGIES, FRUIT	30	TACO PASTA BAKE, SALAD W/ DRESSING, JELLO, FRUIT CUP	31							31

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1 Break the Bank Kiosk Game	2 5X POINTS MAX YOUR PLAY	3 Let's Eat	4 CLUB 50	5 Spin & Win	6 Opal Anniversary	7
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29 Break the Bank Kiosk Game	30 5X POINTS MAX YOUR PLAY	31 Let's Eat	Senior Day Buffet WEDNESDAYS 11 A.M.-7 P.M. THE SPRINGS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE			

Opal Anniversary

FRIDAYS IN MARCH
 FRIDAY DRAWINGS: 6 & 8 P.M.
 SAT. FINALE DRAWING: MARCH 28 AT 3 P.M.

Win Your Share of \$54,500

St. Patrick's Day

TUESDAY MARCH 17

This St. Patrick's Day, earn 500 same-day tier credits to play the luckiest kiosk game for a chance at up to **\$1,000 Reward Play!**

34th ANNIVERSARY CASH BASH

FOUR WINNERS \$5,000 CASH EACH

SATURDAY | MARCH 28
 DRAWINGS 6-9 P.M. | ONE WINNER EACH HOUR

Corned Beef Dinner

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 | 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Includes:
 Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots and Baby Red Potatoes.

\$15

THE SPRINGS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE