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Graduation Banquet



2026 High School Graduates with their Pendleton blankets



Hartford Shegonee sharing a few words



Joe Daniels and Ned Daniels Jr. accepting their parents' award

by Amber Haseman, photos by FCP K-12 Tutor Kyla Beauprey

After nearly a month-long wait, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Education Graduation Banquet welcomed students, their parents, and family members on June 25, 2026, at noon at the Potawatomi Community Center to celebrate their students' greatest achievements.

This year's banquet honored 132 students for their dedication and hard work, whether they earned their place on the honor roll, graduated from high school, completed their GED/HSED, completed a one-year program, or

earned a college degree.

To begin the ceremony, Art Skeandore offered an opening prayer. Division Administrator of Education and Community Eugene Shawano Jr. followed with a welcome, expressing appreciation to everyone who contributed to the day, from Fire Nation and the Veterans Post 1 to the Education Committee, school district administrators, education staff, and most importantly, parents, families, and students for reaching their goals. Fire Nation performed an honor and flag song while the Veterans' posted their color guard.

Youth Education Services Liaison Myra VanZile took the stage to announce the students who maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher throughout the school year and were awarded silver medals. Lead Tutor Frankie Bath followed, acknowledging this year's fifth-grade graduates before recognizing the high school graduates, who received Pendleton blankets.

Vocational Career Coach Matt Deleeuw introduced a new program they've been doing, recognizing Nolan Milham for completing the Vocational Career Course. Higher Education Director Mary Doane then announced higher education graduates, beginning with GED/HSED graduates, then one-year programs, and college grad-

uates who earned associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees. Doane also shared that they've upgraded the master's gift to a beautiful stole designed by Michelle Reed.

Potawatomi Ventures (PV) Tribal Relations Director Heather VanZile presented the PV Next Generation of Excellence award. She began by congratulating graduates on this honorable moment in their lives and reflected on the community's pride in their accomplishments. When PV held their career exploration event and hosted internships, they wanted to take a moment to give back to those who took the opportunity. This year's award and scholarship recipient, Kenedy VanZile, was recognized for demonstrating a strong work ethic, a willingness to take on new challenges, a commitment to continuous learning, and the ability to collaborate.

The ceremony continued with the Platinum Award recipients, who were recognized for their lasting impact through dedication, leadership, and service. Education Committee Vice Chair Angela Maisonet introduced the first Platinum Award recipient, Hartford Shegonee. Shegonnee joined the stage to share a few words: "It's always been my belief that education is going to take us, all of us, to better places." He reflected on his own

educational journey, sharing that he has two associate's degrees in business, a two-year diploma in auto mechanics, has attended numerous gaming seminars, and has nearly 30 years of experience working for the tribe, primarily in gaming.

Nick Shepard then announced the next Platinum Award recipients, Josephine and Ned Daniels Sr. Both individuals were honored for their significant contributions to promoting education and helping the community during a time when resources were limited. Their sons, Ned Daniels Jr. and Joe Daniels, accepted the award on their behalf and shared remarks in their honor.

To close the ceremony, Fire Nation performed a final honor song for the retiring of the flags. The afternoon was full of pride, recognition, and celebration of the students' hard work, dedication, success, and bright futures ahead.

Congratulations to this year's recipients. The Forest County Potawatomi community is proud of your accomplishment.

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FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Haseman

Hunter Safety Course: Do you need your Hunter's Safety Certification? Land & Natural Resources is hosting a 3-day Hunter Safety Course open to everyone ages 12+. The course will be held Aug. 24-26, 2026, at the LNR building at 5320 Wensaut Lane in Crandon from 1-4:30 p.m. Please register at gowild.wi.gov or call Tyler Lorenz at (715) 478-4507. Make sure to have your WI DNR Customer ID number ready.

Coffee Talk: FCP tribal elders are invited to join FCP Elder Services for Coffee Talk. Available days are August 10 and 25, 2026, from 12-2 p.m. at the Turtle House. For more information, contact Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Taylor Saari at (715) 478-4341.

Cultural Exchange Week: Everyone is welcome to visit the Community Center on July 22, 2026, for the 7th Annual Korean Cultural Exchange Night. Visitors will enjoy Korean food, dancing, performances, and more. For more information, stop by the front desk or call (715) 478-6500.

PCC Closure: The Potawatomi Community Center (PCC) will be closed to the public on July 26 through August 1 for the Potawatomi Gathering. The facility will be open only for scheduled gathering activities. PCC understands this may affect memberships and is willing to work with its members. Please call the front desk with any questions at (715) 478-6500.

OBITUARY

Amanda Rose House

Amanda Rose House, lovingly known by her Potawatomi name Wemkwemik-we, meaning Ice Woman, was born on Dec. 3, 1991, in Rhinelander, to Lorna Shawano and the late Preston House Jr. She passed away on July 3, 2026, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Amanda was a 2009 graduate of Crandon High School, where she proudly played volleyball. She was an avid Green Bay Packers fan and enjoyed cheering on her team whenever she could.

Above all, Amanda was a devoted and loving mother to her children, Eli Enders and Lincoln VanZile, who were the center of her life. She cherished time spent with them and embraced every adventure together.

Amanda enjoyed DIY home projects, organic living, golfing, family bowling, attending flea markets, road trips, and cooking. Spending time with her family brought her the greatest joy and comfort.

She is survived by her beloved children, Eli and Lincoln; her mother, Lorna Shawano; and her sisters, Jessica Jackson and Sierra House, along with extended family and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Preston House Jr.; her maternal grandmother, Eleanor Shawano; and her paternal grandparents, Preston Sr. and Donna House.

A visitation was held on July 6, 2026, at Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel. A short Vigil service was held in the evening.

Funeral services were held July 7, 2026, at the church, with Rev. Micah Dewing officiating. Burial will follow at the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery.

Amanda will be deeply missed and forever remembered for her love, strength, and the joy she brought to all who knew her.





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Past FCP Chairman Chats - Ned Daniels Jr.



by Amber Haseman

In honor of Chief's Day on Feb. 16, 2026, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Communications team sat down with former chairmen to capture their stories, accomplishments, and leadership experiences. On Feb. 3, 2026, the team welcomed former tribal Chairman Ned Daniels Jr. to the studio to reflect on his years in office from 2018 to 2023 and the experiences that prepared him for leadership.

Daniels, son of Josephine and Ned Daniels Sr., attended Crandon High School before continuing his education in welding and auto mechanics. Growing up, his grandfather, William Sr., told him he would become a leader for his people. According to Daniels, his grandfather could see it in the way he took the lead when all the children were around.

Over the years, Daniels became involved in many different community activities and events. During his interview, he emphasized the importance of staying true to his Indian ways and beliefs, such as being connected to the water and air, and staying strong and fighting for them. He emphasized the importance of protecting the water and air quality and reflected on the fight against the proposed Crandon Mine, sharing what a scary time it was.

"The mining companies had come here and did some tests and wanted to dig up our land, to create an open pit mine," Daniels recalled visiting with elders and listening to a conversation about the mine, and saw an elder in tears, which touched his heart. "I don't like seeing elderly people cry," he said, which led him to think, "What can I do?" And he thought to himself, "I can

run them out of here and protect our land."

"In all things in life, if you're going to tackle them, first study them. Know everything about them." He immersed himself in learning about the mine, gathered information on similar projects, and obtained photos of the land.

While working with Land & Natural Resources, he collaborated with a team including an attorney to determine their next steps. Their focus shifted to saving the water and the air. "We launched what they call an air project and water study," Daniels explained. Their effort reached the courts, where their attorney successfully protected a 250-mile area extending into Michigan.

Even after the initial mining proposal was defeated, the fight was far from over. Daniels shares how the company changed its name and resumed the fight, since they couldn't fight under the same company name. Despite the challenges, Daniels reflects on how beautiful it was to see the support shown by communities throughout Northern Wisconsin. "It was great to see everyone come together," he said. "When I saw that, I prayed to the creator and thanked him for watching over my people."

He was proud to see his elder's smile. While some did not live to see the end of the fight, Daniels said he assured them he would continue the fight and would get it accomplished. "What they wanted was what all Indians wanted back then – a better future for their children and grandchildren," he said. "Their job was to make a better world for them."

As things began to settle, Daniels continued his service to the tribe. He

was appointed by the elders to serve as a council member and served on the Tribal Gaming Commission. In February 2018, following the retirement of Chairman Harold "Gus" Frank, Daniels was elected Tribal Chairman. He was re-elected in November 2019 and served until 2023.

As Chairman, he worked on addressing the opioids within the community, as there were many people dying. One core memory he shares was being approached and reminded of a request he made years earlier, to be informed when the reservation had gone around the sun one time without an opioid-related death. A paper was placed on his desk confirming that 12 months had passed without an opioid death on the reservation. "I felt so good," Daniels shared. "I felt like we did our job."

On Feb. 18, 2020, Daniels had the opportunity to deliver the State of the Tribes Address in Madison, Wis. During his speech, he highlighted things many people were unaware of, including the impact of opioid addiction.

Shortly after, the COVID-19 pandemic brought challenges no one expected. In March 2020, many tribal operations, including the casinos, had been shut down. "It was a bad time for the U.S. and for a lot of tribes, for us. It was a bad time that we couldn't go see each other." Non-essential employees were sent home, while essential operations continued with a skeleton crew. Despite the uncertainty, they ensured employees continued receiving paychecks and supported those who were home. He shared the importance of helping everyone get through, and, with council's help, they were able to take care of everyone, assist all communities, and develop relationships with everyone.

Daniels states that he had a strong team of planners and experts, had a massive sit-down week, and developed a comprehensive response plan. They went door-to-door delivering food and water to elders and individuals in need. Vaccines were offered to the surrounding communities. They began providing free vaccinations, prioritizing veterans, law enforcement, and other essential workers. Daniels also helped distribute masks, hand sanitizer, and other supplies to help stop the disease. "We extended our hand to everybody," he said.

During his efforts to address the

opioid epidemic, he and his team conducted an analysis that led them to find that children didn't have a place to learn or play. Their solution was to build the Potawatomi Community Center, which celebrated its soft opening on Sept. 18, 2021.

Their plan was to provide a safe environment where children could do their homework after school, eat a meal, and play. Daniels states that the kids can't wait to get off the bus, do their schoolwork, grab a plate to eat, play, head home, go to sleep, wake up, and do it all over again.

Another significant achievement during his administration was the negotiations over the gaming compact. After becoming Chairman in 2018, Daniels traveled to Washington, D.C., to discuss the ongoing litigation related to the gaming compact. Fast forward to 2022, Gov. Tony Evers and Chairman Daniels signed a historic compact amendment allowing casinos and affiliate locations in Wisconsin to offer event wagering on sports and non-sporting events. "I couldn't believe that day came," Daniels said, expressing his gratitude for the accomplishment.

As the interview concluded, Daniels shared advice for current leaders, future leaders, youth, and community members. He emphasized the importance of leading in a good direction, not for personal gain. "If I could make it any way I could, I would make it so all my people would have a brain that thought of the future generations instead of look what I got, you ain't got one, and living in what I call a 'now.'"

He shares the importance of thinking of those who are not here. "That's the Indian way," he said. "When they look at all our warriors fighting all them wars, they weren't fighting for themselves." He continues, "You're working for the people, not just the people that you can see. You're working for the unborn, the generations to come." He concluded by emphasizing the importance of understanding the past before moving forward. "You don't have to be the one with all the knowledge or all the answers," Daniels said, and "You must work for the people."

Reflecting on his years of service, Daniels emphasized that leadership is not about personal recognition but about serving others, honoring those who came before him, and preparing for those who will come after.



Elder/Veteran JR Holmes: Service and Community



by Val Niehuas

Respected elder, veteran, and long-time community member JR Holmes shared stories spanning his 80 years, reflecting on family, service, and identity with the FCP Communications department.

Holmes spoke of his childhood, helping his grandfather sharpen axes, which led to his receiving his Indian name. Raised in a close-knit family on County Road C, he remembered a childhood marked by simplicity, resilience, and the warmth of extended family, despite the hardships of poverty.

He spoke about being bused to Lincoln School in Wabeno in his early years. When he reached third grade, they took him to Winnebago

Indian School. He recalls not being able to come back home, and the time in between seeing his grandfather, grandmother, and Mom was very long. He spoke about how he went down to Neillsville, south of Marshfield, where he attended a group home. He recalls falling in love with basketball during his time there. He was able to work at the Indian school, teaching some of the kids using and sharing his gift of art. He did end up graduating and tried to apply to numerous schools, but the Vietnam draft was happening, and Holmes went into the service.

He described his boot camp experience, the challenges of military life, the bonds he formed with fellow soldiers, and the difficult transition back to civilian life. “It was worse living over

here than over there; you always had to watch your back when back in the States,” he recalled. Holmes emphasized the importance of camaraderie, saying, “You defend your brother next to you, and you defend your country.”

Returning home, Holmes devoted himself to social work and tribal service. He described how his experiences shaped his commitment to helping others, from working in social services to coordinating housing and education programs for tribal youth. Holmes credited the tribe for supporting him in difficult times, noting, “If it wasn’t for the tribe, I really don’t know where I would have been.”

His career included nearly 25 to 30 years in tribal gaming — a role he began after a stint as a smoke shop manager. Holmes reflected on the opportunities gaming provided, both for himself and the tribe, and on the doors it opened for him to meet Native leaders from across the country.

Family and mentors played a key role in Holmes’ life. He spoke fondly of his grandma, whom he called “one of the greatest persons in my life,” and of community members like Kenny George Sr., who acted as a big brother and role model. Holmes also recalled the pain of losing loved ones and the challenges of navigating the foster care and group home systems as a child.

Throughout the interview, Holmes highlighted the importance of remembering one’s roots, giving back to the community, and teaching the next generation. “Remember who you are, how you feel about who you are when you’re with your people,” he advised. Holmes encouraged youth to embrace tribal art, culture, and learning, and to pursue activities that keep them connected and healthy — like sports, which have been a lifelong passion for him.

Holmes also spoke candidly about mental health challenges in the community, especially among youth. Drawing on personal experience with his grandson, he advocated for better understanding, patience, and more responsive health services. “We need to push a little bit more, re-evaluate our departments and what they should look at and follow through more,” he urged.

At nearly 81, Holmes remains active on the veterans committee, serves as a flag carrier for the tribe, and enjoys time on the golf course and riding his motorcycle. His message to youth and community members is one of perseverance, self-discovery, and service: “As long as you’re doing well and you feel good, you’ll be here until you’re ready to go. That’s what I feel in the future.”

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Foundation Scholarship Awards Luncheon



submitted by Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Kristina Misegan

On June 17, 2026, in the Community Gathering Room on the Wgema Campus in Milwaukee, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Foundation hosted the 9th Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Thirty-six scholarships were awarded this year to outstanding students that will be attending Wisconsin's technical colleges or an accredited Wisconsin university/college.

We celebrated this year's scholarship recipients and recognized the great impact that the FCP community continually makes. These scholarships are awarded in proud recognition of Chief Simon Kahquados, Delores Pemma, and Lois Crowe, the inspirations behind our scholarship program.

The Foundation is very grateful for the opportunity to help these students thrive and continue to help their communities on behalf of the FCP community.



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Kids Summer Safety Event



by Val Niehaus

Families from the FCP community attended the Kids Summer Safety Event at the Emergency Management building on June 23, 2026. This event helps the community stay focused on safety and, most importantly, keeping their children safe during the summer months.

Emergency Management Director Bobbie Irocky and Administrative Assistant II Lindsey Retzlaff were available at the Emergency Management building from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., handing out “Kids at Play” signs and kids’ eye protection for the summer months ahead. There was also a chance for community members to enter a raffle to win a generator, with Donna Cornell and Mariya Tuckwab each winning one.

Traffic Safety Coordinator Dennie Shepard also had a booth set up to inform people about distracted driving. Her main focus was on texting while

driving, and she highlighted different facts such as nine people in the U.S. die daily while texting and driving, and how teens/youth ages 15-20 years old are seven percent of fatal accidents. When it comes down to it, that text can wait until you are in a safe place and not driving. She also touched on how hot a vehicle can get in the summer and emphasized that your kids or animals should never be left in a vehicle, even for a quick run into a store. It was great to know some of these safety tips and information.

The next event Emergency Management will host will be on July 15, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., focusing on the In-Home Shelter Severe Weather Preparedness Event. There will be a chance to win a generator again, along with other items, and FCP tribal members & descendants can pick up items for severe weather emergencies.

July Vegetable of the Month: Corn

submitted by HWC Community Health Dietitian Sarah Hoffman

Nutrition Fun Facts

- Fresh corn is in season during the summer; however, it can be found in canned or frozen form all year.
- A good ear of corn is one that has fresh, green husks and compact rows of kernels.
- Fresh corn should be stored un-husked in the refrigerator and is best if it is used within 1-2 days of purchase.
- Corn can be used in a variety of

- dishes, including stews, casseroles, soups and salads.
- Corn is full of nutrients, including fiber, B vitamins, and many trace minerals.
 - In 1 medium ear of corn, there are about 88 calories, 19 grams of carbohydrates and 2 grabs of fiber.
- Recipe Source: <https://www.family-foodonthetable.com/healthy-chicken-zucchini-skillet-corn-low-carb/>

Recipe: Chicken, Zucchini & Corn Skillet



Ingredients:

For the Chicken

- 1½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons taco seasoning

For the Vegetables

- 2 medium zucchini, sliced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ½ teaspoons taco seasoning
- 2 Tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2- 3 Tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 2-3 Tablespoons cotija cheese, crumbled

Directions

1. In a serving bowl, combine the prepared mango, bell pepper, onion, cilantro, and jalapeno. Drizzle with the juice of one lime.
2. Using a large spoon, stir the ingredients together. Season to taste with salt, stir again. For the best flavor, let the salsa rest for 10 minutes or longer.
3. Enjoy mango salsa with pita chips, on top of fish tacos, over grilled meat or as an addition to a salad or grain bowl.

Water Tower Floral Design

submitted by FCP Public Works

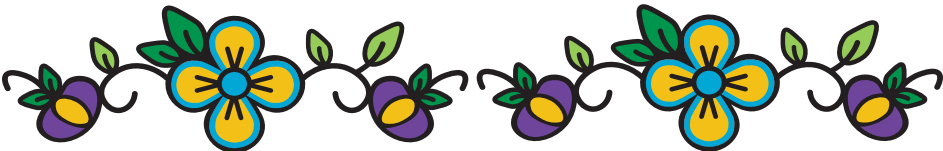
Public Works is inviting elders to provide input on new floral designs being considered for placement on the community’s water towers.

The effort is intended to gather feedback and ensure the final designs reflect community values, cultural meaning, and the perspectives of our Elders. Your input will help guide decisions on the appearance and layout of the floral artwork before the designs are finalized.

Public Works encourages elders to share their thoughts, suggestions, and preferences during this planning process. The feedback received will help support a design that represents the



community in a meaningful and respectful way. For additional information or to submit a floral submission, contact the Water and Sewer Department at 715-478-7398/ Jennifer.Spencer@fcp-nsn.gov.



Elder Craft Day

photos submitted by Elders Activities Aide Taylor Saari



A little lunch and crafts

All the elders hard at work creating their prayer wheels for the Gathering giving table



ELDER MEAL ROUTE MENU JULY 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Philly steak & cheese on bun, french fries, tossed salad, fresh fruit	2 Sausage pepperoni pizza, pasta salad, fruit & cottage cheese, brownie	3 cold sub sandwich, chips, pickle, fruit	4 Happy 4th of July
5 2 nd & 3 rd meals will be delivered July 1 st	6 Salisbury steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner roll, fruit cobbler	7 Chicken fajitas, spanish rice, refried beans, gelatin fruit cup w/ whip topping	8 Glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, veggies, dinner roll, fresh fruit, cranberry sauce	9 Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato slices, coleslaw, potato wedges, fresh fruit	10 Spinach salad w/ chicken & strawberries, cottage cheese, crackers, cookie	11 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
12	13 Chicken cordon bleu, buttered potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, frosted banana cake	14 Cheeseburger w/ lto, broccoli cauliflower salad, baked beans, fruit cup	15 Pork roast w/ gravy, dumplings, corn, biscuit, cranberry bars	16 Meatball sub on bun, wedges, peas, fruit parfait	17 Turkey bacon wrap, chips, pickle, pudding cup	
19	20 BBQ chicken breast, hashbrown casserole, grean beans, cornbread, fresh fruit	21 Beef stroganoff w/ egg noodles, carrots, california blend, dinner roll, fruit delight cup	22 Cabbage roll casserole, tossed salad w/ dressing, dinner roll, fruit cup	23 Shrimp alfredo pasta, steamed broccoli, garlic bread, cake	24 Craisin pecan chicken salad w/ greens, dinner roll, parfait cup	
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Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Members Complete Tribal Business & Economic Development Education Series



The economic future of the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community is strong — and growing. As part of Potawatomi Ventures (PV) long-term strategic planning, tribal members

were invited to participate in the Tribal Business & Economic Development Education Series to help shape the next generation of opportunity for PV. This spring, tribal members took part

in a comprehensive assessment and long-term planning initiative that will help guide how PV invests, grows, and creates prosperity for generations to come.

This initiative is part of a long-term, intergenerational vision to strengthen our tribe’s economic foundation and ensure our businesses reflect our shared values. The program was led by PV CEO Kip Ritchie, PV Board Chair Crystal Deschinny, PV Board Member Ryan Dyer, and Tribal Financial Advisors, a leading investment consultant in Indian Country.

The cohort brought together tribal members from diverse backgrounds who share an interest in economic development, tribal governance and policy, leadership, and cultural preservation.

“I enjoyed being able to learn from

our leadership team. Their unwavering desire to help educate tribal membership on economic development is inspiring. I continue to remain optimistic about the future of PV and thought the cohort was great exposure to understanding the portfolio,” said PV HR Business Partner Chelsie Bath an enrolled FCP tribal member.

Tribal members completed the program in June 2026 with a graduation ceremony at Potawatomi Casino Hotel in Milwaukee, Wis.

“Completing the Tribal Business & Economic Development Education Series was more than a milestone, it was a heartfelt reminder of who we are, who we serve, and the future we carry forward together,” said PV Tribal Relations Director Heather VanZile an enrolled FCP tribal member.



Potawatomi Ventures Presents VanZile with the First Next Generation Excellence Award



Potawatomi Ventures (PV) is honored to celebrate the first Next Generation Excellence Award recipient. This award is presented to a Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) tribal member and honors the members’ commitment to professional growth and personal achievement, through continued efforts of higher education.

With great pride, PV recognizes Kenedy VanZile, former PV Marketing Intern and Greenfire Management Services Marketing and Business Development Intern, an enrolled member of the Sokaogon Chippewa Mole Lake Band and descendant of the FCP community. VanZile has shown exemplary development

through her internships and participation in the PV Career Exploration events. Her ongoing efforts to support the mission of the tribe, and in alignment with PV values showcases her dedication to personal and professional growth.

On behalf of PV, Tribal Relations Director Heather VanZile and enrolled FCP tribal member presented the award at the FCP Education Graduation Banquet in Crandon, Wis.

“What truly sets her apart is her ability to embrace opportunities with enthusiasm, tackle unfamiliar tasks with confidence, and grow both technically and interpersonally along the way,” said VanZile. “She represents the

kind of growth, curiosity, and leadership that this award is designed to recognize.”

Throughout her internships, VanZile showed a commitment to continuous learning and personal growth. In addition to the award, PV is honored to present VanZile with a scholarship to progress her knowledge and skills.

“It wasn’t just another internship; Potawatomi Ventures gave me confidence, mentorship, and a supportive environment. The time, effort, and care the organization poured into my professional development have shaped me in ways I’m still growing into,” shared VanZile.



KRISPY KRUNCHY CHICKEN

is back!

A collection of various food items including fried chicken pieces, wings, a box of Krispy Krunchy Chicken, a bowl of macaroni and cheese, a bowl of chili, a bowl of rice, and a bowl of salad.

Try the fan favorite at fireside MARKET Stone Lake

KITCHEN OPEN MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00AM - 2:00PM

The logo for fireside MARKET, featuring a stylized orange flame icon to the left of the text "fireside" in a bold, sans-serif font, with "MARKET" in a smaller, all-caps font below it.

Community Events
JULY 2026

SUNDAYMONDAYTUESDAYWEDNESDAYTHURSDAYFRIDAYSATURDAY

Recurring Weekly Events

Mondays:
10am - NA Meeting at Recovery Resource Center
12pm - 3pm - Social Club at Museum Lower Level

Tuesdays:
4:30pm - 5:30pm - Powwow Club at PCC

Wednesdays:
10am to 12pm - Language Class at Museum Lower Level
10:30am - 11:30am - Walking the Spectrum Support Group at PCC
1pm - Farm Walking Tour

Thursdays:
10am - Cradled Connections at PCC

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Boom Lake - 10am

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Campus Closed
in Observance of
Independence Day

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PCC Closed
Forest County
Festival

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PCC Closed
Independence Day
Forest County
Festival

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Forest County
Festival

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Elders Craft Day
Turtle House
10am - 2pm

Veterans Post 1 (VP1)
Monthly Meeting
Open to all
Tribal Veterans
Old Tribal Hall - 3pm

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Elders Coffee Talk
Turtle House
12pm - 2pm

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Community
Blood Drive
10am - 4pm

Tribal Elder Food
Box Distribution
12pm

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fireside Market
Parking Lot - 8am

Duelling Pianos
Live Entertainment
Carter Casino
Willow Room
7pm - 9pm

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Community
Advocacy Pop-up
Booth
1pm - 3pm

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Tribal Nations Toolbox Tour
Carter Casino 8:30am - 11:45am

In-Home Shelter/Severe
Weather Preparedness Event
Emergency Management
9am - 3pm

Rabies Vaccine Clinic
We Care & LNR
10am - 12pm, 2pm - 4pm

Many Faces of Autism
Lower Conference Room
2:30pm - 5pm

Community Sobriety Feast
Museum Lower Level - 6pm

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JULY 20-24

Korean Cultural
Exchange Week
June 20th - 24th

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ELDERS
BINGOIZE
Turtle House
10am - 2pm

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Korean Cultural
Exchange Night
6pm

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Tribal Elder Food
Box Distribution
12pm

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Campus &
PCC Closed for
Gathering Activities
July 27th - August 2nd

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Visit FCPC Facebook
or Website for
Gathering Events
gathering.fcpotawatomi.com

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Royalty Contest
1pm - 3pm

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Recurring Weekly Events

Thursday Continued:
12pm - 1pm - Support Group
at PCC
4:30pm - 5:30pm - Powwow
Club at PCC

Fridays:
9am - Mens Smudge Talk at
Recovery Resource Center
2pm - AA Meeting at Recovery
Resource Center

2026 Bodéwadmi Gathering July 26th - August 1st

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMUNITY CENTER

POWOW GROUNDS

BODWÉWADMI KTĒGAN

HEALTH & WELLNESS

MUSEUM

06/23/2026

HUNTER SAFETY



3-DAY CERTIFICATION

COURSE

2026 AUGUST 24, 25, & 26 1-4:30PM

FCP LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES
5320 WENSAUT LANE • CRANDON, WISC.

Need Hunter's Safety Certification?

Register at gowild.wi.gov
or call **Tyler Lorenz** at **715.478.4507**

Have your WI DNR Customer ID Number ready.

Must attend all three days to receive certificate.
*Student must be 12 years old by June 1, 2026 to register.



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ELDERS BINGOCIZE



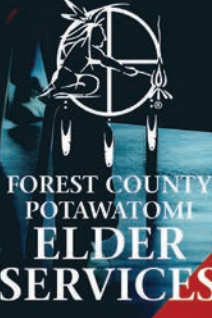
12-2pm
July 20, August 12 & 26

The Turtle House
5450 Kak Yot Lane
Crandon, Wisc.

BINGOcize® combines exercise with the game of BINGO, and is a fun way to get moving and socializing! Sessions usually last approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

MEAL PROVIDED

For more info contact Jenna Paradies @ 715-478-4892
or Taylor Saari @ 715-478-4341



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Do you want to learn new skills, make new friends, and have a blast while doing it?

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- Confidence Building
- Learning Teamwork, Discipline, Leadership, & Sportsmanship
- Staying Healthy & Fit
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SOCCER • SOFTBALL • SWIMMING
VOLLEYBALL • WRESTLING

7TH ANNUAL

Cultural Exchange

2026



JULY 20-24

Daily Activities

SPORTS • GAMES • ENTERTAINMENT
ARTS & CRAFTS • KOREAN COOKING

Cultural Exchange Night
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026
KOREAN FOOD • DANCING
PERFORMANCES • & MORE!

#Open2Everyone

For more information stop by the front desk or call 715-478-6500



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(The Place Where Everyone Plays Road)
Crandon, Wisconsin

2026 POTAWATOMI CARTER

ALL-IN
SUMMER
SERIES

\$35
WEEKEND
PASS

BRITISH
ROCK WEEKEND

\$15
DAY
PASS

AUGUST 13–16, 2026

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

CRAZY TRAIN

AMERICA'S OZZY TRIBUTE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

PYROMANIA

THE DEF LEPPARD EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

MICK ADAMS AND THE STONES

THE ROLLING STONES TRIBUTE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

THE KINGS OF QUEEN

THE NATION'S TOP QUEEN TRIBUTE

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WINPLOSION

FRIDAYS IN JULY

\$31,000

IN CASH PRIZES

DRAWINGS: 5-9 P.M.

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Sizzling
SUMMER
HOT SEATS

THURSDAYS

DRAWINGS: 3-7 P.M.

WIN \$50 REWARD PLAY

BACKYARD BBQ
KIOSK GAME

WIN UP TO
\$1,000 IN
REWARD
PLAY

SUNDAYS | JULY-SEPT.

To unlock the Sunday Kiosk game, earn
800 same-day tier credits playing from
9 a.m.–11:59 p.m. Reward Play from the kiosk
game is valid for 24 hours after redemption.

Play Ball
Giveaway

WIN MILWAUKEE BASEBALL
TICKETS + PRIZE PACKAGE
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DRAWING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 3 P.M.

