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Third Annual Birch Bark Canoe Gathering



by Val Niehaus

The third annual Neshnabék Wigwas Thimanké Mawtheshnëmen (Birch Bark Canoe Gathering) came together Sept. 26, 2026, at Devil's Lake on the Stone Lake Reservation.

The event brought together members of Neshnabék nations to celebrate birch bark canoe traditions and strengthen connections among communities. The gathering's theme, "Gmawtheshnëmen Bikwa Shna Ga Zhë Mawtheshnëwen Nêko" (We all come together just like they did long ago), reflected the day's emphasis on bringing people and traditions together on a beautiful fall day.

This year's gathering brought together 11 birch bark canoes and one voyager. The Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Department said its goal is to continue growing the event into the world's largest annual

Neshnabék canoe gathering while uniting nations through a shared cultural tradition.

Several Neshnabék wigwas thimankéwnënë, or canoe builders, were invited to participate in this year's gathering, including Lawrence Mann, Bodwëwadmi; Wayne Valliere, Ojibwe; Daniel Hinmon, Odawa; Leon Valliere, Ojibwe; Marvin DeFoe, Ojibwe; Kieth Newago, Red Cliff; and Ned Daniels Jr., Potawatomi. The canoe builders were joined by their families and community members, further reflecting the gathering's focus on bringing generations and communities together.

A birch bark canoe race was among the day's activities, along with opportunities for participants to celebrate Neshnabék identity through traditional clothing, arts, and music.

A fashion designer's challenge encouraged participants to "rock your mocs" and showcase their style, with



prizes awarded in categories such as ribbon shirts and dresses, vests and yokes, moccasins, medallions, hats and turbans, earrings, hair attire, and bandolier bags.

The gathering also featured hand drum contests for adults and youth, including group and individual competitions, as well as categories recognizing female singers.

As another year of the Neshnabék Wigwas Thimanké Mawtheshnëmen came to a close, the gathering reflected the strength of traditions that continue to bring Neshnabék people together. With each canoe, song, race, and shared moment, participants carried those traditions forward while creating new memories for the generations to come. Organizers hope to build on that momentum next year, welcoming even more canoes, families, and communities as the gathering continues to grow.



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Boelter Retires



by Val Niehaus

On Sept 23, 2026, the FCP Health Division, along with community members, gathered to celebrate Health Division Administrator Tom Boelter's retirement and to wish him well in his future endeavors. Boelter's final day with the organization was on Sept. 30, 2026.

Boelter has held numerous positions within his tribe, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP), throughout his more than 20 years of service. His career has included roles with the FCP Foundation, FCP Executive

Council, and FCP Education Department as Director. He also served on the board of the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, now known as Potawatomi Ventures, until 2025.

In 2020, as the global COVID-19 pandemic began, Boelter stepped into the role of Health Division Administrator, where he has continued to serve the community through his retirement.

Special guests shared their appreciation for Boelter and reflected on memories of working closely with him throughout his years of service. Those in attendance included Chairman Brooks Boyd, Treasurer Joseph Daniels Sr., former Chairman Phil Shopodock, former Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., and former Vice Chairwoman Brenda Shopodock.

We congratulate Boelter on his many accomplishments and thank him for his years of dedication and service to the Forest County Potawatomi community. We wish him all the best in retirement and hope he enjoys this next chapter surrounded by family and friends. Chi Migwéth, Tom!



FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Chitko

Self-Care Sundays: Join FCP Health & Wellness Center Prevention for Self-Care Sundays. Join every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Recovery Resource Center, 5460 Kak Yot Lane, in Crandon. Everyone is welcome. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes. Get up and moving to explore methods of self-care. Youth ages 16 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend. For more information, contact Sammi S. at (715) 889-5780 or the Recovery Resource Center at (715) 478-4350.

Bodwéwadmimwen: After-school language will be available to Laona and Crandon students on Tuesdays at the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum lower level, and available to Wabeno students on Wednesdays at the We Care Building. Transportation will be provided before and after class. Staff will pick up students from their school and transport them to their designated class location. The last class is on April 28, 2027. For more information, contact Language Program Manager Owen Shepard at (715) 478-7329 or owen.shepard@fcp-nsn.gov.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Wear purple on Tuesdays in October to support domestic violence awareness. FCP Community Advocacy will be hosting pop-up events every Tuesday in October from 1-5 p.m. at the Potawatomi Community Center. Everyone is welcome. On Oct. 27, 2026, they will be handing out hope bags on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Community Advocate & Resource Specialist Laura Godin at (715) 478-4539 or laural.godin@fcp-nsn.gov.

Fall Fun at the Farm: Visit Bodwéwadmí Ktëgan on Saturdays and Sundays in October from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Fall Fun at the Farm. There will be activities, games, hayrides, concessions, and Halloween Trick-or-Treating on Oct. 31, 2026,

from noon to 3 p.m. There will also be Climate Science and Art Adventures. Everyone is welcome. Entry fees are as follows: \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-12, and free for those 2 and under.

Crandon Mine Purchase Anniversary: The 23rd Anniversary of the Crandon Mine Purchase is Oct. 28, 2026. Everyone is welcome to join at the former mine property off of Sand Lake Rd. There will be a self-guided walking tour at 2:30 p.m., an opening ceremony at 3 p.m., open discussions at 3:30 p.m., and a meal at 4 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Potawatomi Community Center.

Haunted Hollywood: The FCP Community Halloween Party is Oct. 30, 2026, and will be held at the Potawatomi Community Center. FCP tribal members, descendants, and their families are welcome to join. There will be games, prizes, a DJ, a photo booth, a red-carpet costume runway, and costume contests. The costume contest will have categories for children, teens, adults, and group costumes. This year, there will be a "Best of Show" award for the best overall costume. Also, be sure to decorate a pumpkin at home and bring it in for the Decorated Pumpkin Contest. Join from 4-5 p.m. for trunk-or-treat, 5-6 p.m. for the feast, 6-7 p.m. for the costume contest, and 7-8 p.m. for the Halloween dance.

Holiday Craft Fair: Mark your calendars. The fifth annual holiday craft fair is Nov. 28, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Potawatomi Community Center. Enjoy local vendors and crafters, baked goods, jewelry, home décor, holiday gifts, and more. Please bring a non-perishable food item or donation for general admission to help local food pantries. If you're interested in being a vendor, visit <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/HWEJSnHK2p> to register.



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Chief Judge Daniels' Farewell Celebration

by Amber Chitko

Chief Judge Christian Daniels was surprised on Sept. 24, 2026, by a room full of family, friends, coworkers, and fellow court relations who gathered to celebrate his service as the Forest County Potawatomi Community's Chief Judge. Daniels has decided not to seek re-election, marking the end of his tenure on the bench. As he stated during the celebration, he is too young to retire and will eventually return to work.

During the celebration, Daniels thanked those who played a role in the court's work and helped reach the best possible outcomes. While there have been disagreements and challenges along the way, he emphasized the importance of understanding each other's perspectives, which strengthens matters in the courtroom and helps bring everything together in the end.

Afterward, Judge Daniels was joined by Secretary Alex McCorkle, along with Executive Council Members Destinee Alloway and Herb Daniels Jr., who shared a few words honoring Judge Daniels' leadership.

Council Member Herb Daniels Jr. spoke about the importance of mentorship, directing the audience's atten-

tion to a photograph in the courtroom of the late Judge Eugene Whitefish, who mentored Judge Daniels. Whitefish told Daniels, "If you're watching me do something, you better do it better than me." Guiding him on his journey, Chief Judge Christian Daniels served the community for 12 years and did just that. Herb Daniels Jr. expressed his appreciation for all that he did for the tribe, noting that he made a way for many people and positively impacted lives in this courtroom.

Judge Daniels was presented with a Pendleton blanket in recognition of his dedicated service to the community. Receiving this blanket brought him back to a core memory of when his grandmother gave him a blanket at Christmas. She gifted him this blanket not only to keep him warm but also as a prayer for him, to protect him whenever he needed it. He's reminded of that any time he sees someone receiving a blanket.

Migweth, Judge Daniels, for your years of service to the Forest County Potawatomi Community. We wish you all the best as you navigate this next chapter of your journey.



New Chief Judge Sworn In



Chief Judge Daniels swearing in the new Chief Judge Patrick J. Daniels Sr.

by Val Niehaus

Forest County Potawatomi community gathered at the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Courtroom for the swearing-in of new Chief Judge Patrick J. Daniels Sr. on Sept. 27, 2026.

In attendance were Daniels' family and friends, along with FCP Executive Council Secretary Alex McCorkle and Council Members Destinee Alloway and Herb Daniels Jr.

Outgoing Chief Judge Christian Daniels had the special honor of

swearing in his younger brother for this significant role. The occasion marked a historic moment for the FCP Tribal Court, as it was the first time in its history that a Chief Judge had the opportunity to swear in his brother as his successor.

FCP congratulates and welcomes Chief Judge Patrick J. Daniels Sr. as he steps into his new role serving the Forest County Potawatomi community.



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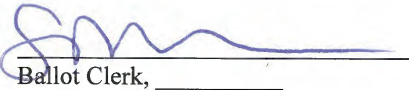
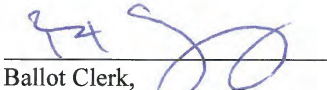
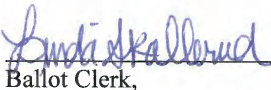
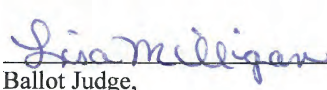
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Judicial General Election, September 26, 2026:

TRIBAL JUDGE:

Patrick Daniels, Sr.	94	votes
Donna VanZile	93	votes

This 26 day of September, 2026 Attest:

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Travis Thelen Competes for Trifecta Medal

photo courtesy of Sportograf

by Amber Chitko

Travis Thelen, a member of the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) community and assistant fitness manager at the Potawatomi Community Center (PCC), has been chasing a dream since competing in his first Spartan Race.

For those unfamiliar, a Spartan Race is an obstacle course competition designed to test physical fitness, mental toughness, and resilience through trail running, mud, and challenging obstacles. Thelen first discovered the race on social media and was drawn to its challenging, adventurous nature.

“I thought it looked fun, challenging, and adventurous,” Thelen said. As someone who enjoys running and challenging himself beyond his comfort zone, competing in a Spartan Race was something he knew he had to try.

Thelen has competed in Spartan Races for four consecutive years, starting with his first race on Nov. 6, 2022. Each event offers different challenges and experiences.

To train for races, Thelen works with PCC Youth Athletic Coach Eric Dixon. In addition to their training

sessions, Thelen trains for the type of terrain of upcoming races. His routine includes running two to three times a week over distances of 3 to 6 miles. He also dedicates a day to training as if he’s competing, featuring circuit or strength training focused on obstacles that may come up in a race. Depending on the race distance, there are generally 20-30 obstacles.

While training for competitions, Thelen shares the importance of training your mind and body, and knowing when to use the right hormones. “You must learn to ‘clap on’ and ‘clap off’ the emotions,” he states. For Thelen, running long distances is a mindful practice to calm his mind, similar to Tai chi or yoga.

His Spartan journey has taken him throughout the Midwest and beyond. He has competed in Wisconsin, Montana, Illinois, Texas, Indiana, Ohio, and upper and lower Michigan. In addition to the Spartan series, he’s participated in the Green Bay Half Marathon 5K, FCP’s Color Me Crazy 5K, a Spartan 10K trail run, and several Woodland Relay races.

Most recently, Thelen set a goal

of earning a Spartan Trifecta medal, awarded to athletes who compete in all three Spartan race distances, Sprint, Super, and Beast, within a single calendar year. Within seven months, Thelen successfully completed a 5K Sprint in Montana on May 10, 2026, a 10K Super in Upper Michigan on July 18, 2026, and a 21K Beast in Indiana on Sept. 29, 2026, earning his Trifecta medal.

Competing in the 35-39 age division, Thelen placed fourth out of 19 competitors. In his first-ever 21K race, he finished 13th overall among 177 competitors with an impressive completion time of 2:36:20. Along with his Trifecta medal, Thelen received a 21K completion medal, a T-shirt, and, of course, bragging rights.

Throughout this experience, his favorite part of participating in Spartan races has been the camaraderie. “There are thousands of people who do this race all over the world,” he said. You get to meet all kinds of people and watch them compete. He also enjoys the adventure and accomplishment that come with each competition. Over the years, he has earned several

top-three podium finishes, making the experience even more rewarding.

For Thelen, competition is about more than winning. “I love the idea of a healthy competition, he said. “It’s a way to express yourself through movement, whether it’s dancing, running, or boxing.” It reflects the hard work you’ve put in and gives you a chance to perform to the best of your ability.

He especially enjoys pushing himself beyond what he’s capable of and takes pride in knowing he can run several miles and still feel great afterward.

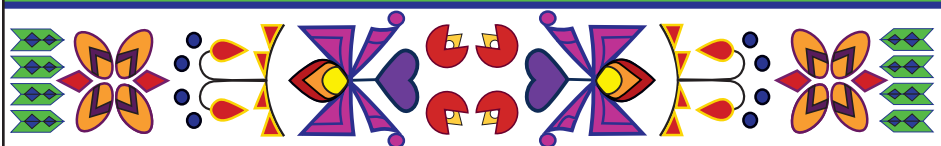
Looking ahead, Thelen’s next goal is to earn a 3x Trifecta medal and join Spartan’s Elite Category, the organization’s professional category, where competitors race for prizes beyond medals and recognition. He also hopes to bring a Spartan race closer to the FCP community for others to experience the challenge and excitement.

Congratulations, Travis, on your incredible accomplishments. Your dedication, perseverance, and competitive nature make the FCP community proud!



NOVEMBER 2026

FCP TRIBAL ELECTION DEADLINES



OCTOBER 5:

Nomination Meeting

Executive Building Auditorium

7 pm Sharp

OCTOBER 12:

Campaign Material Deadline

FCP Communications

OCTOBER 20:

Special Election Newspaper Deadline

Potawatomi Times

5 pm Sharp

NOVEMBER 7:

Tribal Elections

Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary



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Native American Heritage Month

ARTWORK

In honor of November as Native American Heritage Month, Potawatomi Traveling Times would like to feature artwork showing what your Native American heritage means to you, including drawings, paintings, beadwork, sculpture, or any type of media. Artwork will be featured in the November 15 issue and on Facebook.

DEADLINE: Nov. 15 issue — Oct. 28, 2026

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Swine, Dine & Dash

by Amber Chitko

It was a crisp, frosty Saturday morning as participants geared up for this year's Swine, Dine, and Dash event. The Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Health Division, Occupational Wellness, and Land & Natural Resources welcomed FCP tribal members, descendants, employees, and their families to the annual event on Oct. 3, 2026.

Guests were greeted by music from Rose Rhythm Entertainment's Stephanie Byers as they arrived at Bodwéwadmī Ktēgan (Potawatomi Farm). After checking in, participants received a shirt and hat, and had the opportunity to sign up for raffle prizes.

The raffle baskets featured something for everyone, including spices and fish batter from the farm, blankets, tea towels, mugs, household items, and much more. FCP Community Health also displayed a booth recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month, offering educational materials, pamphlets, coloring books, and anxiety-relief activity books for both children and adults. Bananas, granola bars, and water were available to help participants fuel up before the dash.

Around 10 a.m., participants lined up to choose between a one-mile lap around the farm or two laps, which is comparable to a 5K. Within 20 to 25 minutes, runners and walkers began crossing the finish line, while others

continued on for their second lap.

As participants completed the course, they enjoyed a variety of farm activities while waiting for lunch. Families enjoyed a wagon ride, apple throwing, duck races, racing on the hamster wheels, sliding down the hay slide, and visiting the animal exhibit featuring two cows and a pig.

Meanwhile, Food Preservation and Production Specialist Wenona Sigelkow prepared a hearty feast for all to enjoy. Guests enjoyed pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, soup, and dessert, along with a warm cup of coffee, which was essential for a brisk fall day.

While enjoying lunch, Byers announced that Lala Daniels was celebrating an eighth birthday. The crowd joined together to sing "Happy Birthday" in celebration of her special day.

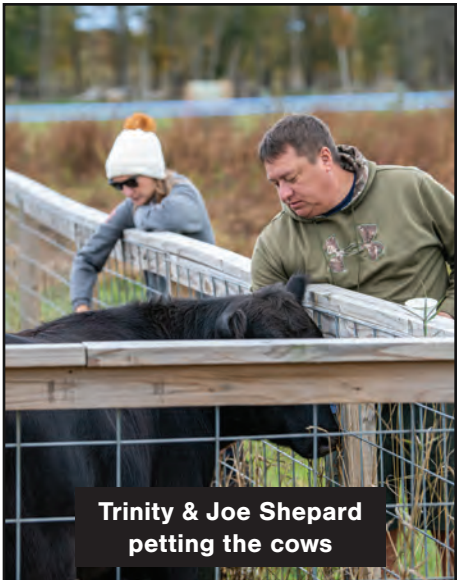
Although the weather was much colder than last year's event, it didn't stop participants from getting outside to enjoy the day. The annual event encouraged physical activity while providing an opportunity for community members to connect with one another. The day was filled with laughter, conversation, a delicious, hearty meal, and even a special birthday celebration, making for another successful year of Swine, Dine, & Dash.



And the dash begins



Enjoying the fall colors



Trinity & Joe Shepard petting the cows



Heading for the finish line



A very happy 8th birthday to Lala Daniels

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THANK YOU VETERANS

If you are a **FCP VETERAN**, we'd like to recognize you in the *Potawatomi Traveling Times* November 1, 2026 issue.

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Johnson Completes Summer Internship



Potawatomi Ventures (PV) would like to thank Joey Johnson for his time with us as an intern. Throughout the summer, Johnson worked with PV IT Department, Finance Department,

and Data Holdings Data Center, a subsidiary of PV. "During his internship, he consistently brought a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and a willingness to take on new challenges. He embraced every opportunity to grow and continuously looked for ways to improve. We are grateful for his impact and excited to see what he accomplishes next," shared PV Support Operations Manager Alex Hardy. We all wish Joey the best of luck as he starts his freshmen year at the University of Washington – Seattle, where he plans to pursue a degree in the physical sciences.

Greenfire - Irgens Breaks Ground into Multi-Family



Irgens has broken ground on Viridia Apartments, its first multi-family development and the final component of its 14-acre redevelopment in Milwaukee County Research Park. Greenfire is managing the construction for the 204-unit project at the bustling corridor of Mayfair Rd. and Wisconsin Ave. in Wauwatosa, Wis. Viridia adds the 273,000 square foot housing project to its continued redevelopment of the Milwaukee County Research Park, which features over 1.4 million square feet of Class A office, retail, and medical spaces. The four-story apartment building will include studio, one, two, and three-bedroom homes. Planned amenities include a pool and sun deck, underground heated parking, a club room, fitness center, yoga studio, co-working spaces, and a pet run. Walking trails and a public park connect residents with outdoor space in the Research Park district. Greenfire brings its extensive multi-family construction experience to Viridia, with a portfolio spanning more than 5,000 units. The team coordinates the project's budgets, schedule,

site work, building systems, and trade partners through an open-book process that provides the owner with cost visibility and supports decision-making throughout construction. This experience helps Greenfire coordinate the delivery of multi-family housing as part of a larger mixed-use development. The project also extends Greenfire's relationship with Irgens. Their work together includes commercial projects, The Shoppes at the Corridor, Urology Associates, and Emler Swim School. Greenfire's experience across both multi-family and commercial construction supports Irgens' broader development work. The project team includes EUA as architect, Sigma Group as civil engineer, and Harmoniq Residential for leasing and property management. Viridia will add 204 homes near the offices, medical services, retail, and public spaces of Milwaukee County Research Park. The project completes the residential component of Irgens' redevelopment plan for the Wauwatosa site.

Greenfire - Building More in Northeast Wisconsin

At InDevelopment in Oshkosh, Greenfire joined conversations about how we build more across Northeast Wisconsin — from multi-family housing and mixed-use development to commercial spaces and renovations. Presented by Insight Publications in partnership with New North, InDevelopment brings together developers, business leaders, municipal representatives, investors, and industry professionals. Keynotes, panels, and networking focus on the trends, challenges, partnerships, and resources that help move projects from concept to completion. Greenfire was the reception sponsor at the event, which created space for conversations about what communities need, how projects are moving forward, and where partnerships can support future investment. At Greenfire's table, attendees were invited to check out what else is in our toolbox, showing the range of project experience beyond multi-family. The UW-Oshkosh setting connected the program to Greenfire's work in Oshkosh. Greenfire managed the construction of the mechanical upgrades at UW-Oshkosh. Across the Fox Valley, Greenfire's projects include

the Brio Building, a mixed-use development with Oshkosh Food Co-op; Residences at Zuelke; and Solhaven Grand Chute, where apartment construction is nearing completion. These projects span housing, mixed-use development, commercial space, and campus modernization. That range matters to owners and developers evaluating a construction management partner. Each project brings its own requirements, stakeholders, and decisions. Greenfire collaborates with clients throughout pre-construction and construction, providing cost information, coordination, and project communication to support decision-making. InDevelopment offers a place to compare perspectives and build connections across the region. Greenfire's participation reflects its involvement in Fox Valley communities and experience helping clients advance projects across sectors. Whether a project involves new housing, a mixed-use destination, or upgrades to an existing building, Greenfire brings construction management experience to the conversations shaping Northeast Wisconsin.





NEW REWARDS PROGRAM

coming 10/26

Beginning 10/26, fireside MARKET Stone Lake and Carter will transition from Shell-branded fuel to fireside MARKET fuel. As part of this change, the stores will also move from Shell Fuel Rewards Network (FRN) to fireside MARKET Rewards.
FCP Tribal Member fuel benefits are not changing.

WHAT'S CHANGING

Shell Fuel Rewards Network will no longer be available at Stone Lake and Carter after 10/26.

fireside MARKET Rewards will become the rewards program at both stores.

Shell gift cards will no longer be accepted. Please use any remaining FRN rewards or Shell gift cards before 10/26.

TRIBAL MEMBER & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS REMAIN THE SAME

FCP tribal members will continue to receive existing benefits through the current processes, including:

- FCP fuel tax rebate program
- Tribal sales tax exemption for enrolled members of any tribe with proof of enrollment
- FCPC and Casino employee fuel discounts



members receive:

More ways to earn!

With fireside MARKET Rewards, you can get cents off fuel and earn points on your everyday purchases, including groceries, beverages and food.

- 5¢ off every gallon, every day*
- 20 points per \$1 spent on eligible-in-store purchases
- 40 points per \$1 spent on eligible hot food items
- 2000 Welcome Bonus points, birthday rewards, and digital drink clubs
- Use points like cash in store or redeem for additional fuel discounts

*Limited to 35 gallons; one vehicle per transaction



What you need to do:

Before October 26: Use any remaining FRN rewards or Shell gift cards at Stone Lake or Carter.
Beginning October 26: Sign up for fireside MARKET Rewards and start earning. See stores for details.

SAME FIRESIDE MARKET. MORE WAYS TO EARN.

We're bringing rewards together under one fireside MARKET program, giving you more ways to earn and use rewards while keeping existing tribal member and employee benefits in place.

FCP Family Services Recognizes Orange Shirt Day



FCP employees and community members gathered at 4 p.m. to show their support for the day

by Val Niehaus

Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Family Services opened its doors to the community on Sept. 30. 2026, in recognition of Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, a day dedicated to remembering the Indigenous children who were taken from their families and forced into boarding schools.

The open house invited community

members to learn more about the history behind the Every Child Matters movement and why remembering the children — those who survived and those who never returned home — remains so important today. Free orange shirts were provided, along with snacks and giveaways.

For generations, Indigenous children across the U.S. and Canada were separated from their parents, families,

and communities and placed in government- and church-operated boarding schools. The schools were created as part of assimilation policies intended to strip children of their Indigenous languages, cultures, and identities.

Wisconsin was home to 14 boarding schools operated by religious organizations and the federal government from the late 19th century into the 1970s. One was the government-run school in Lac du Flambeau, which was established to assimilate Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa children. Conditions in many boarding schools were harsh, and children experienced abuse, neglect, and punishment for practicing their cultures or speaking their languages.

Orange Shirt Day grew from the experience of residential school survivor Phyllis Webstad. At six years old, Webstad arrived at a residential school wearing a new orange shirt her grand-

mother had purchased for her. The shirt was taken from her when she arrived and was never returned. Webstad later shared how the experience made her feel as though she did not matter. Her story helped inspire the message “Every Child Matters” and the use of orange shirts as a symbol of remembrance, recognition, and healing.

September 30th is formally recognized in Canada as the “National Day for Truth & Reconciliation”. Although it is not a federally-recognized observance in the U.S., Indigenous communities and others across the country observe Orange Shirt Day in solidarity with survivors and in remembrance of the children and families harmed by boarding school policies.

Remembering the children is also about acknowledging those who never had the opportunity to return home. It means honoring survivors who carried their experiences with them throughout their lives and recognizing families whose children were taken from them.

Gte Ga Nēs and Orange Shirt Day



2026

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Saturdays & Sundays in

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Activities | Hayrides | Games | Concessions

Halloween Trick or Treating: Oct. 31, Noon-3pm

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON PREMISES

CLIMATE SCIENCE & ART ADVENTURES

Elders Enjoy a Trip to the Windy City

submitted by Elder Activities Aide Taylor Saari



Elder Meal Route Menu - October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Beef pepper steak, baked potato, carrots, garlic cheddar biscuit, fruit salad	2 Sub Sandwich	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
4	5 Ham & cheese quiche, hashbrowns, asparagus, melon	6 Chicken broccoli rice, salad, dinner roll, apple cobbler	7 Pork roast, roasted potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit salad	8 Chili, cornbread, crackers & cheese, brownie	9 Chef Salad	
11 12th meal will go out on the 8 th with Friday's meal	12 Tribal Offices Closed - Indigenous People's Day	13 Chicken Dumpling Soup, Slider sandwich, crackers, pudding cup	14 Pork chop, mashed potatoes & gravy, brussel sprouts, roll, cake	15 Lemon pepper fish, cheesy hashbrowns, coleslaw, roll, jello	16 Chicken salad wrap	
18	19 Ham & potato au gratin, mixed veggies, roll, fruit	20 Taco bake, salad, chips, lemon bar	21 Savory roasted veggie soup, grilled cheese, crackers, yogurt parfait	22 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, corn, garlic toast pumpkin bar	23 Spinach salad w/ chicken	
25	26 Baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, roasted veggies, roll	27 Shredded beef on bun, pasta salad, tomato & cuke salad, chocolate chip cookie	28 Pork roast w/ cabbage, baby red potatoes, roll, cranberry relish	29 Chicken wild rice soup, roll, side salad, fruit	30 Sub Sandwich	
						31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Community Events
OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAYMONDAYTUESDAYWEDNESDAYTHURSDAYFRIDAYSATURDAY

Recurring Weekly Events

Mondays:
10am - NA Meeting at Recovery Resource Center

Tuesdays:
4pm - After School Language Program (Crandon & Laona)

Wednesdays:
10am - 12pm - Language Class at Museum
10:30am - 11:30am - Walking the Spectrum Support Group at PCC
4pm - After School Language Program (Wabeno)

Thursdays:
10am - Cradled Connections at PCC
12pm - 1pm - Support Group at PCC
4:30pm - 5:30pm - Powwow Club at PCC

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

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9am - 2pm

Wisconsin Native
Vote Powwow
1pm - 6pm

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11am - 3pm

New!

Meets Every Sunday
Recovery Resource
Center - 10am - 12pm

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Elders Coffee Talk
Turtle House
12pm - 2pm

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

Caucus Meeting
Executive Auditorium
7pm Sharp

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Elders Day Trip
Fall Color
Chair Lift Ride
Granite Peak

Parent & Child
Playshop
4pm - 5pm

7

Diva Dance
First Class
Hip Hop 1: 5:15pm - 6pm
Hip Hop 2: 6pm - 6:50pm

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Tribal Elder Food
Box Distribution
12pm

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11am - 3pm

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11am - 3pm

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INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES DAY

Campus Closed

Campaign Materials Deadline

13

Community Advocacy
Pop-up Booth
1pm - 3pm

Parent & Child
Playshop
4pm - 5pm

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11:30am - 1:30pm

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Domestic Violence
Support Circle
Waseya Lounge
Every 3rd Tuesday at 11am

Parent & Child
Playshop
4pm - 5pm

Special Election
Newspaper Deadline
5pm SHARP

21

Ready, Set, Grow!
Rising Sun Daycare
3pm - 6pm

Sobriety Feast
Museum Lower Level - 6pm

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Domestic Violence
Awareness Walk
Crandon Courthouse
1pm - 3pm

Tribal Elder Food
Box Distribution
12pm

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11am - 3pm

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11am - 3pm

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Elders Coffee Talk
Turtle House
12pm - 2pm

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Elders Day Trip
Bond Falls &
Casino

Parent & Child
Playshop
4pm - 5pm

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Nutrition Taste Test
H&W Test Kitchen
10am - 11:30am

Crandon Mine
Purchase
Anniversary
2:30pm - 5pm

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Diabetes Luncheon
H&W Lower Conference
12pm - 1:30pm

Museum Lower Level
5pm - 7pm

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FCP Community
Halloween Party
4pm - 8pm

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11am - 3pm

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10/6/2026

Voting Has A Long-Lasting Effect On Our Future

submitted by Anne Egan-Waukau, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Native Vote Communications Manager and Tribal Organizer

Throughout the year, the Wisconsin Native Vote team has been talking with community members across the state to promote voting in the Tues., November 3 election and have heard the same message: “Voting is vital to the survival of our cultures.”

Our tribal organizers work to educate, motivate, and register Indigenous people to vote. You may have seen us at powwows, round dances, and community events around Wisconsin.

We talk with first time voters, long time voters, and everyone in between, but the conversations circle back to why our votes truly make an impact on our people: the people we elect have the power to make decisions that impact our tribal nations and our daily lives. When we vote, we choose our leaders and we have a say in our future.

Voting is key to ensuring we maintain our sovereignty, cultural ways, and protect our wild rice beds. In fact, our rice beds are beginning to flourish after years of shrinking due to climate change, motorboats, and other destructive practices impacting our waterways.

Another key issue for our Indigenous people is the need for funding to combat the devastation caused by opioid use among our people. The result has been the loss of lives, livelihood, and broken families on our reserva-

tions and Natives living in urban areas.

It’s important, now more than ever, to uplift one another’s voices and encourage our people to vote. Our votes have a long-lasting effect on our future generations. When we go to our polling places to cast our ballots, we think of those who came before us and remember that it is a way of protecting our seventh generation and our sovereignty.

In the same way that we work to maintain traditions within our family, we encourage people to make voting one of those traditions. In our communities, traditions survive because we practice them repeatedly. Casting your ballot is the same way. When we show up collectively, our voices and communities are stronger.

Make sure to use your voice and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 – and encourage your friends and relatives to join you.

Find all the voting information you need on our website at www.conserva-tionvoices.org/vote, such as where your polling place is. You can register in-person when you vote with a proof of residence document. To vote, make sure to bring a valid photo ID, such as a Tribal ID or a Wisconsin driver’s license. Together, we can protect our voices in our democracy, our culture, and our sovereignty on Nov. 3, 2026.



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NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER 5, 2026, NOMINATION RESULTS

Nominations for Vice-Chairman

- Lawrence Mann nominates Ned Daniels Jr. – Accepts
- Nate Gilpin Jr. nominates Kenneth George Jr. – Accepts (Incumbent)
- Linda Skallerud nominates Cheryl Frank – Accepts

Nominations for Treasurer

- Jennifer Daniels nominates Joseph P. Daniels Sr. – Accepts (Incumbent)
- Sam Alloway nominates Ira Frank – Accepts
- Anthony “Sonny” Shepard nominates Heather Pauliot – Accepts

Nominations for Secretary

- Amanda Daniels nominates Alexandria McCorkle – Accepts (Incumbent)
- Mabel Schingeck nominates Lisa Milligan – Accepts

Election Board

- Lisa Milligan nominates Mabel Schingeck – Judge - Accepts
- Amanda Daniels nominates Sonya Daniels – Clerk - Accepts
- Sonya Daniels nominates Heather Milligan – Clerk - Accepts
- Cheryl Frank nominates Aiyana VanZile – Clerk - Accepts
- Chairman Boyd appoints Linda Skallerud – Alternate - Accepts

Elections will take place:
November 7, 2026
Executive Building
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Alexandria McCorkle
Tribal Secretary
Forest County Potawatomi

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for the seventh generation

November 3



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conservationvoices.org/vote



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