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30th Anniversary of the Potawatomi Times

by Val Niehaus

The *Potawatomi Times* (PT), aka *Potawatomi Traveling Times*, newspaper was first published on July 1, 1995, by FCP tribal member Kim Wensaut. Alongside Wensaut, who served as the editor, the team included Desktop Publisher Timothy A. Alloway, Sales & Distribution Manager John "Archie" Edwards, Editorial Assistant Aiyana VanZile, Newspaper Designer Catherine Whipple, and Artwork by Timothy A. Alloway. An advisory board and contributing writers from the community also supported the publication.

In the first issue, Wensaut explained, "I was told that the idea for a tribal publication was born several years ago at a General Council meeting. The people recognized that as the tribe was in a period of rapid growth, they needed a vehicle of communication to inform, educate, and unify. Since that time, efforts have been underway that have brought us to this point."

The July 1, 1995, issue announced that PT would be published monthly. The publication aimed to inform the community and educate neighbors about important matters, cover community events, and serve as a strong voice on Native issues in the northwoods and Great Lakes region.

Over the years, PT has addressed various events, topics, community celebrations, and initiatives. While it's impossible to list everything, a few highlights include the coverage of

the buying out of the Crandon Mine project, featured in the Nov. 15, 2003, issue. This issue included the memorable photo of FCP tribal member Dennis Shepard nailing the "SOLD" sign over the Nicolet Minerals Company. The purchase of the mine was a significant victory for the FCP and the Sokaogon Chippewa communities.

Another notable story included the FCP Class I Air re-designation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on May 29, 2008, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a non-federal Class I area under the Clean Air Act's Prevention of Significant Deterioration program. This designation aims to preserve and protect air quality in the region, particularly in areas with cultural and environmental significance for the tribe. It marked an essential development for both the tribe and the land surrounding the reservation.

Other significant events covered by PT have included the North American Indigenous Games, Potawatomi gatherings, community holiday parties, and the swearing-in of various elected officials, such as executive council members, judges, and committee members. The construction of the FCP Health & Wellness Center, Potawatomi Casino Hotel (PCH), and succeeding hotel wing expansions were notable developments. Groundbreaking ceremonies of specific projects were also covered in Forest County and the Milwaukee area.

Culturally, PT has reported on regional powwows, cultural teachings, sugar camps, storytelling, and language classes held over the years, particularly those led by the late Billy Daniels Jr. and Jim Thunder.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, PT transitioned from newsprint to digital publications to keep the community connected. The first digital issue was released on April 1, 2020. PT returned to its original printing format with the Aug. 1, 2023, issue, during which the layout and colors

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were updated, and the name changed from *Potawatomi Traveling Times* to *Potawatomi Times*.

Today, PT strives to serve the FCP community by keeping tribal members, descendants, their families, and surrounding communities informed about the tribe's positive initiatives and actions. With up-to-date information and a focus on positivity, the paper aims to remain a beacon for

those seeking information at their fingertips.

Join the FCP Communications team and PT in celebrating this momentous occasion on July 17, 2025, at the communications building from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be food, speakers, and giveaways. This event is open to the public. We hope to see you there!

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(right) A historic photo pulled from the PTT archives of FCP tribal member Dennis Shepard hanging the SOLD sign onto Nicolet Minerals Co.



OBITUARY

Gage Alan Tallier

Gage Alan Tallier, age 27, of Wabeno, Wis., passed away unexpectedly at his home on June 16, 2025.

Born on Oct. 4, 1997, in Rhinelander to Shandon Tallier and Angel Mexico, Gage was a proud graduate of Laona High School, Class of 2016. He was a man of the outdoors who found great joy in hunting, fishing, camping, and attending music concerts.

Gage had a big heart and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He was known for his kindness, loyalty, and the deep love he had for his family — especially his daughter, Sadi, who was the light of his life. Gage shared an inseparable bond with his brother Trevor; they were not only brothers but best friends who did everything together.

On February 22, 2024, Gage married the love of his life, Jenna Piontek.

He is survived by his loving wife Jenna; beloved daughter Sadi; parents Shandon Tallier and Angel

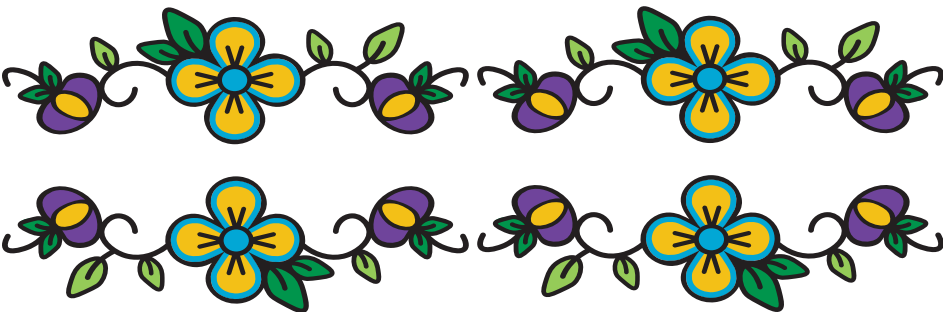


Mexico; siblings Trevor, Trenton, Shandon Jr., Bryan, and Raelee.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers Winslow Mexico and Ron Marvin, and his great-grandparents John and Patricia Tallier.

Native American services were held on June 19, 2025, at the We Care Learning Center in Carter, officiated by Mr. Richard Gougé.

Gage will be remembered for his generous spirit, his deep devotion to those he loved, and the joyful energy he brought to every room. His absence leaves a hole in the hearts of many, but his memory will forever live on.






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FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Haseman

Summer Day Camp: Enjoy an unforgettable summer packed with fun, friends, and adventure. Summer Day Camp runs Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through August 14. It is open to youth ages 7-13. Activities include recreational group activities, lake days, hiking and biking, excursions, weekly trips, and more. Register at the Potawatomi Community Center front desk or call (715) 478-6500 for more information.

Outdoor Group Walks: Join FCP Occupational Wellness every Wednesday until August 27 at 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at the Potawatomi Community Center main entrance to take a break, get outside, and move your body with free outdoor group walks all summer. PCC members, FCP government employees, and FCP tribal members and descendants are invited to join. Registration is required. For more information, call Fitness & Wellness Manager Desiree Marten at (715) 478-6512.

UTC Northwoods Basketball: The Ultimate Team Camps (UTC) Northwoods Basketball Camp is coming to the northwoods on July 7-8 at the Potawatomi Community Center. The camp is open to boys and girls of all skill levels. Grades 3-7 will be from 2:30-4 p.m., and grades 8-12 from 4:15-5:45 p.m. Build your skills, compete, and have fun. Register now by visiting <https://ultimateteamcamps.com/forest-county-basketball/>. For more information, email utcbullis@gmail.com.

Elder Day Trips: On July 8, join for a shopping trip in Antigo. Depart from Stone Lake Fireside Market at 9 a.m. If shopping isn't your thing, join on August 12 for a trip to the movies in Rhinelander at the Rouman Cinema. Depart Stone

Lake Fireside Market at 3 p.m. Elder Day Trips are open to FCP Elders and one guest 18+ years of age. There are limited spots available. Must be registered to attend. Contact Jenna Paradies with questions or to register today at (715) 478-4892.

Volunteer with LNR: Help remove invasive species and enjoy nature walks with FCP Land & Natural Resources. Join LNR on July 10 in the lot across from Fireside Market to assist with Purple Loosestrife removal. According to www.des.nh.gov (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services), Purple Loosestrife negatively affects wildlife and agriculture by displacing and replacing native flora and fauna, eliminating food, nesting, and shelter for wildlife. Join LNR for nature walks on July 16. Please meet at the FCP Emergency Management parking lot at 2 p.m. Be sure to join on August 7 and 13 at 2 p.m. at the Potawatomi Farm.

Color Me Crazy: This year's Color Me Crazy 5k Run/Walk will be held on July 12 at Silver Lake Beach in Laona. Check-in is at 8 a.m., and the run begins at 9 a.m. Join for blasts of color and fun in honor of Alzheimer's Awareness. The event is open to all ages. Free shirts and color packets will be provided while supplies last. Enjoy a kids' color dash, music, games, and more. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/4kPfbcg>.

PTT 30th Anniversary: Join the Communications Division for the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Potawatomi Times (PT), aka, Potawatomi Traveling Times on July 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Communications/Property Management building. Enjoy an afternoon celebrating culture, community, and connection. Speakers, food, and giveaways will be available as we celebrate three decades of the PT. Everyone is welcome.



ATTENTION

Aquatic Center will be Closed July 7-13

for cleaning and maintenance

The pool will be drained, cleaned, inspected, and refilled.



Safety Bingo

by Amber Haseman

In recognition of National Safety Month, the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Compliance and Process Improvement Division hosted a variety of trainings and activities throughout June, in collaboration with other FCP divisions. A highlight for the month featured the Safety Bingo event held on June 10 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Caring Place.

The event, organized in partnership with the Caring Place, promoted safety awareness in a fun, engaging manner. Residents, FCP employees, and guests gathered late in the morning for awareness and entertainment.

Interim Compliance Director Michelle Matuszewski welcomed everyone and expressed her appreciation to the Caring Place for their collaboration and support in promoting safety awareness within the community.

The Bingo event included three themed rounds. First Aid Bingo

and Safety Sign Bingo were the first two rounds. Each round, 20 winners received gold tokens to redeem for first-aid and safety items and reflective gear. The final round, Turtle Bingo, helped raise awareness about turtle safety during nesting season. Participants were reminded of the importance of helping turtles cross roads safely, when it's safe to do so, and continuing them in their original direction.

The event concluded with a raffle drawing featuring a variety of safety-themed prizes, including a fire blanket, roadside guardian kit, solar phone charger, first-aid kits, and more. This collaborative effort was a great way to kick off National Safety Month, bringing in education, community engagement, and a touch of fun to highlight the importance of everyday safety.

Go Green Day

photos submitted by Compliance and Process Improvement Executive Assistant Keshia Morris

by Amber Haseman

Forest County Potawatomi employees joined the Compliance and Process Improvement team to celebrate #GoGreenForSafety Month by wearing green on June 11, showing their commitment to a safe and

healthy workplace. Gte Ga Nēs Preschool students also participated in Road Safety Week by coloring traffic lights and stop signs, spreading awareness of the importance of safety in everything the tribe does.



Everyone enjoying some fun games of Bingo



Business Office wearing green for Safety Week



Mrs. Donna & Mrs. Beth's Classroom



Compliance Team



HWC Imaging Department



Safety Symposium

by Val Niehaus

FCP Compliance & Process Improvement hosted a Safety Symposium on June 18, 2025, at the Executive Building Auditorium. This event was open to tribal members and government employees, aiming to promote safety in the workplace and discuss necessary improvements in working conditions.

Compliance & Process Improvement Director Michelle Matuszewski opened the event by introducing herself and outlining the topics to be addressed during the session, which included stress management, situational awareness, roadway safety, and more.

Next to speak was FCP Chairman Brooks Boyd, who stated, “I am happy to see everyone in attendance here today. Compliance & Process has made significant strides over the past year to enhance the safety of our government employees, and that’s a great achievement. It is important to keep you all safe and aware.”

Among the speakers at the symposium was FCP Behavioral Health Dual Diagnosis Counselor/Therapist

Amy Booher, who focused on stress management. She provided statistics, tips, and tricks for managing stress, along with various mindfulness techniques that individuals can use to cope with everyday stress.

Senior Risk Consultant at Travelers Insurance, Natalie Lucas, addressed situational awareness, presenting videos that illustrated potential workplace hazards and how to address them effectively.

Other speakers included Senior Risk Control Specialist at Gallagher Matt Mowry, who discussed slips, trips, and falls, and FCP Traffic Safety Coordinator Kyle O’Kimosh, who spoke about roadway safety — an especially relevant topic given the construction occurring on Hwy. 8.

These symposiums serve as excellent resources for employees to understand the available safety measures in the workplace. By attending, participants not only enhance their own safety and knowledge but also position themselves to assist coworkers in maintaining a safe environment.



Michelle Matuszewski opening up the symposium



FCP Chairman Brooks Boyd speaking to attendees



Brandi Frank and Olivia Nunway checking out the safety knife vendor



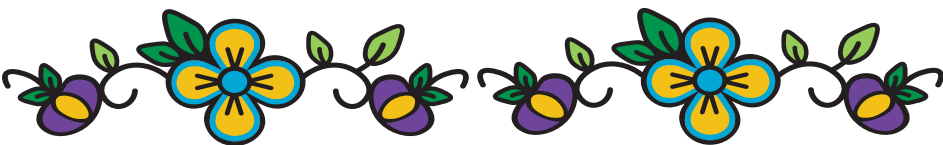
New Turn One Sign for Crandon Brush Run



submitted by Krystal Stalezny

The brand-new Turn One sign made its debut at Crandon International Raceway’s 32nd Annual Forest County Potawatomi Crandon Brush Run on June 20-22, 2025. The

sign was created by the Forest County Potawatomi Communication Division and was funded by a grant from the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin.

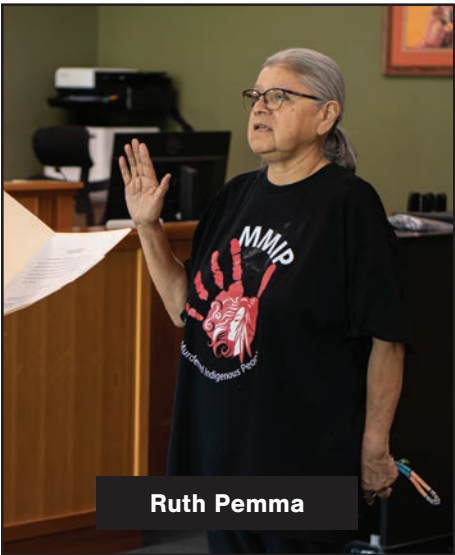


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Opinion: “One Beautiful Bill” Would Be a Tragic Setback for Indian Country

submitted by Kevin Allis, Tribal Member Forest County Potawatomi

The name “One Beautiful Bill” might sound harmless, charming, even, but for Indian Country, its passage would be nothing short of a policy earthquake. Behind the rhetoric of fiscal responsibility and government streamlining lies a sweeping assault on the foundational programs that uphold tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and the bare minimum of equitable federal support that Native Nations have fought to establish over generations.

Modeled on recent proposals that promote anti-Diversity, Equity, Inclusion measures, budget austerity, and bureaucratic consolidation, this bill threatens to gut critical federal programs that support Native communities. It is a direct challenge to the federal trust and treaty obligations owed to tribes, a responsibility that predates the founding of the United States and has been reaffirmed repeatedly in federal law.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education, already chronically underfunded, are squarely in the crosshairs. The bill targets Tribal Priority Allocations, flexible funding used for core government services like law enforcement, social services, and road maintenance. The Housing Improvement Program, which assists

Native families in dire housing need, is viewed as duplicative and dispensable. BIE programs for early childhood education and tribal colleges, which struggle under current funding levels, could be further diminished or eliminated altogether.

The assault extends far beyond the Department of the Interior. The Indian Health Service (IHS), the most direct manifestation of the federal trust responsibility in healthcare, faces cuts to vital services like Purchased/Referred Care, the Community Health Aide Program, and urban Indian health initiatives. Worse still, advance appropriations that protect IHS from government shutdowns could be reversed, once again jeopardizing lives with every budget crisis.

The bill’s impact on tribal housing and economic self-sufficiency would be devastating. It threatens the elimination or downsizing of the Indian Housing Block Grant and the Indian Community Development Block Grant, cornerstones of housing infrastructure across Native communities. Programs that support Native entrepreneurship through the SBA 8(a) program and the Office of Indian Economic Development could be slashed or rationalized out of existence.

Education, language revitalization, and cultural preservation efforts face a similar fate. The Office of Indian Education and its work funding tribal education departments and Native language programs could be framed as “non-core” and eliminated. Food security programs like the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, critical to many rural and remote tribal communities, are also at risk, dismissed as duplicative of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program without any understanding of their unique implementation in Indian Country.

Environmental protections, transportation equity, justice programs, and the very infrastructure for federal-tribal financial relations, every one of these areas would suffer under “One Beautiful Bill.” The Department of Justice’s tribal set-asides, tribal transportation funding formulas, Environmental Protection Agency’s General Assistance Program, and even the Treasury’s Tribal Office and Advanced Research Projects Agency oversight functions are all on the chopping block. These aren’t luxuries, they’re necessities for self-governance, public health, and environmental and cultural survival.

The common thread among targeted programs is telling: they

are discretionary, equity-based, and uniquely tribal. They are not “wasteful government spending”, they are the instruments through which tribal governments serve their citizens and exercise the rights promised to them by treaty and law.

Make no mistake: if passed, this bill would not just cut programs, it would unravel the framework of modern tribal self-determination, a framework built over the past 50 years with bipartisan support. It would erase decades of hard-won progress with the stroke of a pen, pushing Indian Country back into the era of dependency and neglect.

For those who believe in tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, and a government that honors its word, this bill must be a wake-up call. Tribal leaders, allies, and advocates must stand united, raise their voices, and demand that Congress reject any proposal that treats Native communities as expendable line items on a budget spreadsheet.

There is nothing beautiful about a bill that balances its ambitions on the backs of the most historically underserved communities in America. Let’s call it what it is: a betrayal.

Fishing Net With Summer Day Camp Youth



by Bryson Daniels

At the Potawatomi Community Center on June 18, 2025, the summer day camp children got to go outside. They were greeted by Cultural Programming Coordinator Lawrence Mann who talked about cordage.



Cordage is made by wet oak tree bark. This cordage is currently being used to make a fishing net. The summer day camp kids got to make bracelets. Once they finished, they played in the water.

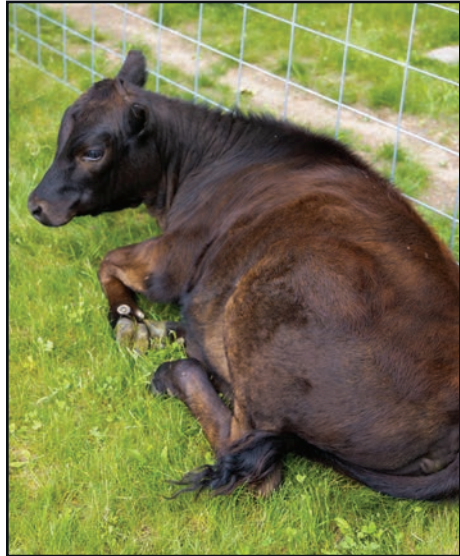
Child Minding Host Farm Day



by Val Niehaus

Child Minding hosted a Farm Day on June 18, 2025, at the Potawatomi Community Center. Drop-In Day Care Supervisor Una Ross wanted to create a special day for the children who frequent the center, featuring some furry friends.

She stated, “Some of these little ones have never been close to animals like this, and some didn’t even know what certain animals look like. I



thought it would be fun to teach them about the differences between animals and their lives.”

The event featured baby chickens, a pony, a calf, ducks, bunnies, and more. Each child had the opportunity to engage with adults about what the animals eat and how they survive. It was a wonderful hands-on educational experience for the children.



Second Annual Career Exploration Event

submitted by PV Intern Ava Johnson

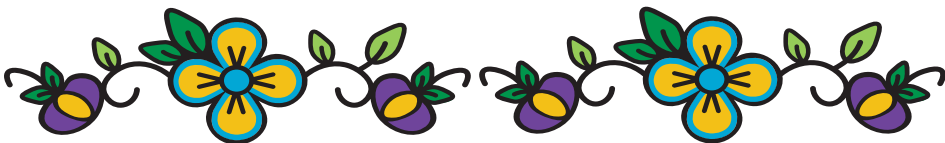
Potawatomi Ventures’ (PV) annual career exploration, held from June 11-13, 2025, was a success! Like last year, PV welcomed tribal members and descendants to attend this event, extending career opportunities and the ability to network. PV, casino, hotel employees, and subsidiary employees highlighted the various locations that PV owns or works with. PV also went on a boat tour and held a leadership Q&A session, providing the participants with crucial, yet few, networking windows.

However, this year’s itinerary was adjusted with reviews from last year’s event. Instead of packing all these activities into two short days, the event was stretched over three days. This allowed for a more relaxed schedule and for PV to incorporate more opportunities to gain experience, network, and explore. Dinner at Rock & Brews, goodie bags from the casino bakery, an incredibly in-depth tour of Greenfire (a subsidiary of PV), and an in-person tour of the fireside MARKET construction site in Slinger were all included. Networking was also taken to another level. Ice breakers, games, and small group discussions with leadership and various teams were scheduled between tours. On Thursday, dinner

and a boat tour also served as a terrific way to meet employees and leadership of the company and its subsidiaries.

“I enjoyed and appreciated visiting all the subsidiaries related to the tribe. The conference was wonderful from start to finish, to tour the offices and network with various employees from each group. It allowed me to understand what PV, Green Fire, Fireside Market, and the Casino do and learn their leadership. The experience is something I would absolutely recommend to students in both high school and higher education, and I hope to see it come back next year,” says Kalluyatatsyes Rice-John, one of the seven who attended this year. Rice-John, a Junior at UW-Green Bay studying First Nations Studies, was particularly interested in the various internships that PV and its subsidiaries provide for tribal members and descendants. She will be a fantastic addition to the PV community with her knowledge in the field.

This year has surely set a high bar for the future of PV Career Exploration. Not only has it provided the community with important relationships, it’s planted seeds of hope in the hearts of our participants for a brighter future.



Potawatomi Ventures Welcomes New Hires



Potawatomi Ventures (PV) is pleased to welcome Anthony Bartolotta, CPA, as Accounting Manager in the finance department. With over 15 years of experience, Bartolotta brings a wealth of financial expertise and leadership to the team. In his new role, he will oversee key financial operations, support strategic planning, and ensure compliance with financial regulations. His deep knowledge and commitment to excellence make him a valuable addition to Potawatomi Ventures.



fireside MARKET, a subsidiary of PV, welcomes Peter Juzenas as Director of Operations. With over 14 years of experience in customer engagement, strategic marketing, and operational leadership, Juzenas brings a well-rounded approach to the role. He will lead efforts to streamline processes, elevate customer experiences, and drive performance across multiple locations. His focus on operational excellence and strategic growth will be key to fireside MARKET’s success.



fireside MARKET is pleased to welcome Jonni Piccione as Training Manager. With over 12 years of experience in the quick service restaurant industry, Piccione brings a strong background in operations and training. She will support kitchen operations and lead the training program to ensure exceptional guest experiences. Her enthusiasm and expertise will play a key role in supporting fireside MARKET’s business objectives.



fireside MARKET welcomes Blake Wallin as Corporate Chef. Wallin brings over seven years of experience in the food industry and a passion for culinary excellence. In his new role, he will lead menu development and culinary innovation across the organization, ensuring high standards of quality and consistency. His creativity and dedication to delivering memorable dining experiences will be a driving force behind fireside MARKET’s culinary scene.

Leadership Transition on Board of Directors

Potawatomi Ventures announces a leadership transition within its Board of Directors. Tom Boelter, who has served with distinction as Chair for the past five years, has stepped down from his role. He will continue to serve on the board until the conclusion of his term in November 2025.

The Board has unanimously appointed Crystal Deschinny as the new chairwoman. Deschinny brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to advancing Potawatomi Ventures' mission and strategic vision. With a background in finance, Deschinny is passionate about supporting future generations of the tribe. Joining her in leadership is M'ko Daniels, who has been named Vice Chair.

"We are grateful to Tom for his steady leadership and dedicated service to Potawatomi Ventures since 2017," said CEO of Potawatomi Ventures Kip Ritchie. "His guidance and passion have been instrumental in shaping the direction of our organization. I am excited to welcome Crystal and M'ko into their new roles as we look to the future. Their combined expertise and vision will be invaluable as we continue to grow and innovate."

"I'm honored to step into this role and build on the strong foundation Tom and the board have laid," said Deschinny. "Potawatomi Ventures is at a pivotal moment, and I look forward to working with the board and leadership team to drive meaningful progress for the Forest County Potawatomi community."

Potawatomi Ventures remains committed to its vision of nurturing new paths to shared prosperity; this leadership transition marks a new chapter in its continued evolution.



Potawatomi Ventures Leaders Cook Breakfast for Employees

We believe that our success is a direct result of the talent and commitment of our employees! This morning Potawatomi Venture employees had a delicious breakfast prepared by leaders to show their appreciation to the team.

Because of all the wonderful people working at Potawatomi Ventures, we are truly brighter together!



Potawatomi Ventures Announces a Promotion



Potawatomi Ventures would like to announce that Heather Batchelor, VP of Human Resources, has been promoted to Chief Human Resources Officer ("CHRO"), effective immediately.

Since joining Potawatomi Ventures (PV) two years ago, Batchelor has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership, strategic insight, and a deep commitment to our team. Batchelor has co-authored our updated mission, vision, values, and leadership competencies. Under her guidance,

we have strengthened our strategic workforce planning, performance management, employee engagement, and overall HR operational excellence.

As CHRO, Batchelor will continue to lead our Human Resources strategy, with an even greater focus and commitment to aligning our PV team with our long-term business goals. The CHRO is responsible for crafting and implementing an organizational talent strategy to enable our overall strategic goals, specifically in succession planning, talent and change management, strategic acquisition integration, employee development, and compensation.

Batchelor will also lead and continue developing an HR team to be strategic business partners and trusted advisors to her C-Suite peers and the PV Board of Directors. This promotion reflects not only her exceptional contributions to date but also our confidence in Batchelor's continued impact as we grow and evolve for the next seven generations and beyond.

Congratulations, Batchelor!

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Dr. Bhalla grew up in New Delhi, India, and graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery from India in 2008. She then moved to the U.S. to pursue advanced dental education in endodontics at the University of California Los Angeles. After training in L.A., she further advanced her educational portfolio and joined the University of California San Francisco and graduated with Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 2014. She moved to Minnesota in 2014 to be with her husband who is a practicing physician. Dr. Bhalla is been committed to working in rural locations and has worked as a dentist in Minnesota and Wisconsin since 2014.

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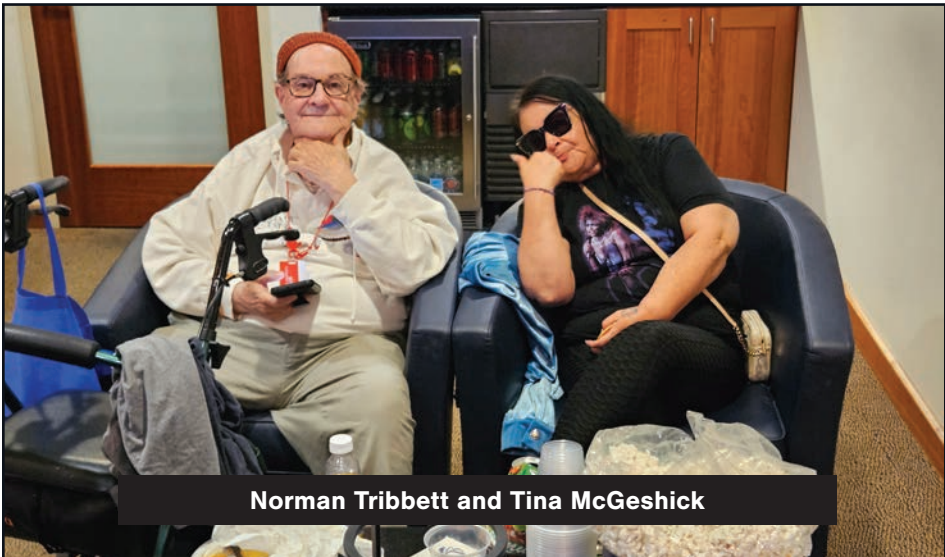
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Elders Enjoy the Brewers, June 12



(l-r) Joann Jackson, Jean Jacobson, Rosealeen Cooper, Laurae Meydam, Suzanne Kozlowski, Bruce Meydam



Norman Tribbett and Tina McGeshick



Richard Brzezinski giving his caught a foul ball and to Dexter McCorkle, grandson of Peggy Konaha



The group having a great time together

ELDER MEAL ROUTE MENU

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Stuffed sweet potatoes, fruit, sf pudding, milk	2 Chicken, zucchini, summer squash kabobs, wild rice pilaf (water chestnuts), fruit, milk	3 Beer battered fish, baked beans, carrot sticks, fruit, cottage cheese, milk	4 Chicken caesar salad, fruit, wg roll, yogurt parfait	5 Happy 4th of July
6 Tribal Offices closed Thursday July 3rd.	7 Brat on a WG bun, fruit, cucumber salad, cowboy caviar, milk	8 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fruit, dinner roll	9 Stuffed pepper, fruit & sf pudding, milk, cottage cheese	10 Fish sandwich, fruit, green beans, coleslaw, milk	11 Chicken chopped salad, fruit, milk, yogurt parfait, pretzels	12
13 July 3 rd & 4 th meals will be passed out Wednesday July 2.	14 Grilled veggie wrap w/ chicken, fruit, cottage cheese, milk	15 Spaghetti & meatballs, broccoli & cauliflower, fruit, milk, jello	16 Grilled porkchops, sweet corn, dinner roll, fruit, milk	17 Grilled salmon, roasted potato wedges, garden salad, fruit, milk	18 Chicken salad sandwich, veggie sticks, fruit, baked chips, yogurt parfait, milk	
20	21 Burger bowl, homemade fries, fruit, cottage cheese, milk	22 Venison, zucchini, yellow squash kabobs, berry wild rice, SMALL fry bread, milk	23 Tacos, corn & bean salad, fruit, milk	24 Tuna melt, carrots & celery, fruit, milk	25 Egg salad on croissant, fruit, yogurt parfait, spinach salad, milk	
27	28 Philly cheesesteak, fruit, peas, milk, cottage cheese	29 Chicken and broccoli alfredo, fruit, salad, milk	30 Beef roast, potatoes & carrots, fruit, WG roll, milk	31 Baked fish, fruit, baked beans, coleslaw, milk		

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

Community Events
JULY 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Recurring Weekly Events

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

Thursdays
Support Group
Parenting Journey
12pm – 1pm

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POTAWATOMI
GATHERING
2025

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Recurring Weekly Events

Wednesdays
Public Farm
Walking Tour
1pm

Wednesdays
Language Class
10am - 12pm

Aquatic Center Closed for Maintenance July 7th - 13th

Korean Cultural Exchange & Shark Week

Potawatomi Gathering July 27th - July 2nd

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMUNITY CENTER

POWWOW GROUNDS

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

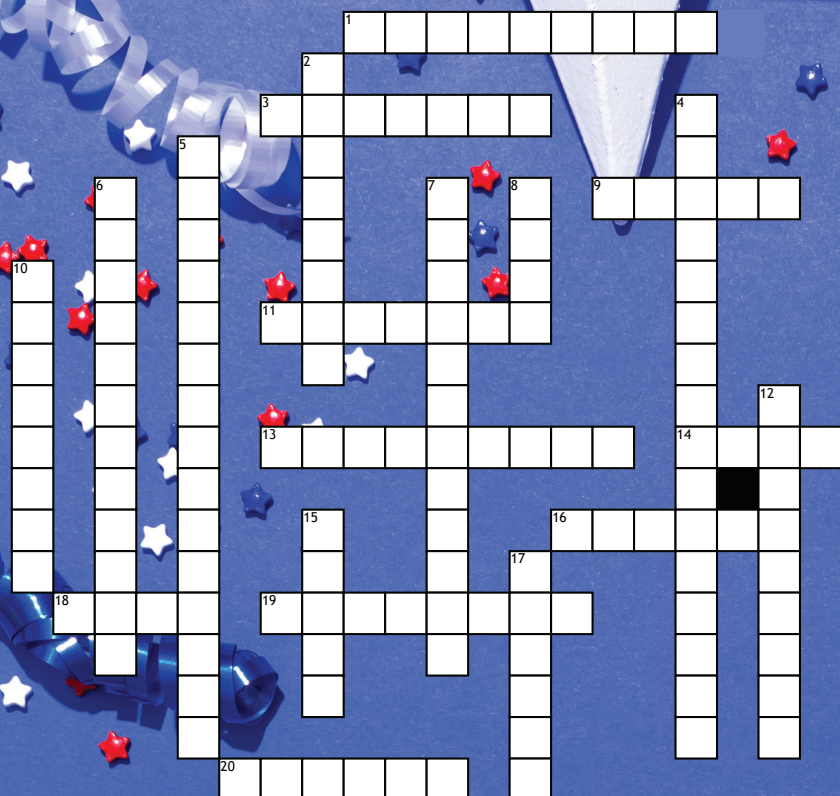
MUSEUM

LOCAL SCHOOLS

06/23/2025

All Things 4th of July

Answers will be in the next issue



ACROSS

1. This fruit is picked, and its name is a part of its color.
3. July 4th became a _____ holiday in 1776.
9. These sweets are tossed out on the street for children during a parade.
11. Individuals outside in a tent cooking with open fire.
13. An amusement facility built around water with slides and pools for children and adults.
14. An event for children with rides, food, games and entertainment.
16. Marching bands and floats travel down main street with crowds who watch.
18. Taking a long walk outside in nature on trails, hills or mountains.
19. Cooking meat outside on open fire, specifically ribs.
20. A meal packed in a basket to be eaten outside on a table or blanket on the ground.

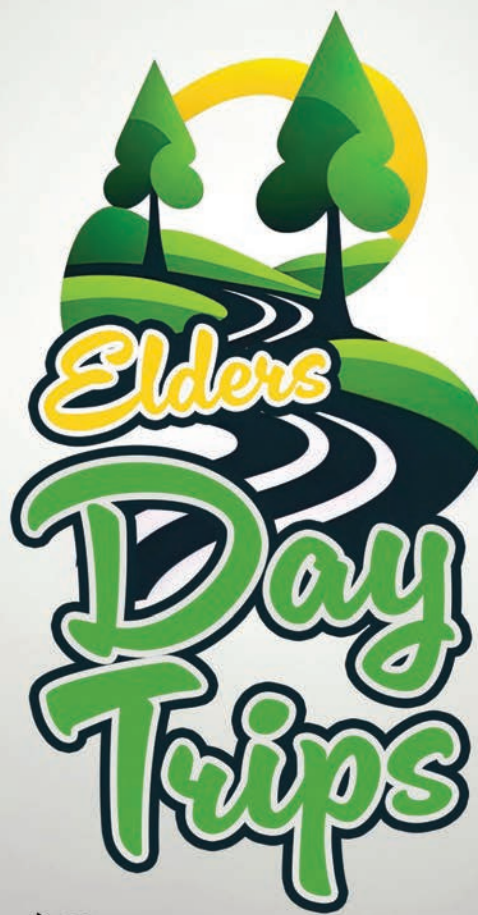
DOWN

2. Annual or anniversary celebration with food, drinks, music, concerts, plays, movies, etc.
4. On July 1, 1847, the first postage stamps were issued. Whose image was on the five cent one?
5. What is the 4th July holiday called?
6. July 4th United States celebrates its independence from _____.
7. In 1953 July 5th, a famous singer and actor made his first ever recording. "My Happiness". Who was it?
8. This is flown on a pole and has red, white and blue colors.

10. This sport is usually played with two teams, bat and white ball.
12. Noisy, smokey, loud spectacle that involves gun powder.
15. These are on the side of a body of water. Individuals sit in the sunshine to tan on it.
17. A facility built to store historical literature and archives items, open to the public for tours.

Answers from previous issue

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ELDER SERVICES

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Jenna Paradies @ 715-478-4892

**YOU ARE NOT SIGNED UP UNLESS
YOU HAVE A CONFIRMATION NUMBER!**

**Tuesday,
June 17
CASINO TRIP**

Northstar Casino in Bowler

Depart Stone Lake Fireside Market @ 9am
Open to FCP Elder & One Guest 21+
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

**Tuesday,
July 8
SHOPPING TRIP**

Antigo

Depart Stone Lake Fireside Market @ 9am
Open to FCP Elder & One Guest 18+
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

**Tuesday,
August 12
MOVIES**

Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander

Depart Stone Lake Fireside Market @ 3pm
Open to FCP Elder & One Guest 18+
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

**Nē Mnobmadzēwen
Myéwés** (Pathway to Wellness) Mural Project

The mural project is a way to bring the community together and is intended to be designed and informed by the FCP Community.

FCP is one of five recipients of the GM on Main Street Grant! Powered by General Motors and Main Street America, the program awarded five grants to nonprofit organizations and municipal government entities near GM facilities and the FCP tribal community, within the Main Street network, was awarded to implement innovative transportation initiatives in their local districts.

The grant will support the installation of the **Nē Mnobmadzēwen Myéwés** (Pathway to Wellness) Mural Project, which aims to beautify the FCP's Pathway to Wellness, a new bicycle and pedestrian trail set to be constructed in Forest County, Wisconsin.

This project is supported by the GM on Main Street Grant Program, presented by General Motors and Main Street America.

If you are interested in participating in the design or painting of the mural, please contact Michelle Berdan, Capital Projects Division, @ michelle.berdan@fcp-nsn.gov or 715-889-0186.



FOREST COUNTY
POTAWATOMI
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PROJECTS

2025 JUL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 MORE FOR YOUR PLAY. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE DETAILS:		1 	2 	3 	4 	5
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FRIDAYS IN JULY
JULY 4, 11, 18 & 25

Win your share of
\$20,000 CASH

6-10 P.M. DRAWINGS TWO \$100-\$1,000 WINNERS EACH HOUR

TUESDAY, JULY 15

LIVE MUSIC
LOVIN' COUNTRY
1-5 P.M.

FREE T-SHIRT
GUEST SERVICES
9 A.M.-10 P.M.

SPECIALS AT THE SPRINGS & ROCK & BREWS RESTAURANT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Join us to celebrate our anniversary with prize drawings, live music & cake!

LIVE MUSIC:
IAN SEAHOLM & THE NIGHT THIEVES | 1-3 P.M. & 8-10 P.M.

DRAWINGS 11 A.M.-5 P.M. Win a Rock & Brews hotel suite package at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., or \$125 Reward Play from 12-4 p.m. Four winners each hour win Reward Play.

PLAY BALL GIVEAWAY

WIN MILWAUKEE BASEBALL TICKETS + PRIZE PACKAGE VALUED AT \$400!

HOW TO WIN: Receive one entry for each \$3 bottle of Miller Lite purchased starting July 1 until 2:50 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30.

DRAWING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 AT 3 P.M.

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