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Native Vote Pow Wow



FCP Veterans Post 1



Nick Shepard delivering his invocation



Head Dancer Sarah Gougé

by Amber Chitko

A chilly fall afternoon brought nations together from across the state to the Potawatomi Community Center on Oct. 3, 2026, for the first annual Wisconsin Native Vote Pow Wow.

Wisconsin Native Vote (WNV) is a nonpartisan program of Wisconsin Conservation Voices that encourages Indigenous people to use their vote in the upcoming election. The organization neither supports nor opposes candidates. This year, WNV took a new approach by bringing individuals from all tribal communities in Wisconsin together to celebrate diversity, shared history, culture, and the right to vote.

Upon arrival, attendees stopped by vendor booths in the Turf Fieldhouse to browse displays of jewelry, regalia, accessories, blankets, engraved tumblers, handcrafted items, and other unique pieces. A video presentation featured individuals discussing the importance of voting, why it matters to them, and sharing stories about sovereignty, land, and culture, as well as the impact voting has on future generations.

As guests entered the gym, they were greeted by WNV representatives and volunteers who directed spectators, veterans, media outlets, dancers, and those seeking voter information. Registration booths provided opportunities for dancers to register and for community members to register to vote, locate their polling locations, learn about the impact of voting on tribal communities, complete pledge-to-vote cards, and gather information.

The grand entry began around 1:15 p.m., led by the veterans, followed by head dancers Joseph Rainey of Lac du Flambeau and Sarah Gougé of Forest County Potawatomi (FCP), royalty, and the remaining dancers.

Nick Shepard delivered the invocation. He reflected on the work Native Vote has done over the years, including many years encouraging voter participation in Congress, Senate, local, state, and federal elections. He spoke about volunteers going door-to-door to help community members register.

"It's up to us, young and old, to spread the message of getting out and voting," Shepard said. "What was taught to me was that we need to leave something for our children, whether it be hunting rights, wild rice gathering, powwows such as this, and our language."

"I want to encourage each and every one of you to register yourselves, spread the message, get out and vote on November 3, as it's a big day for the midterms," he continues. He went on to discuss the importance of leaving something for the children, such as a world where there's peace, freedom of speech, freedom of trade, and the freedom to walk in the woods, harvest medicines – "Our everyday life," as he states.

Following the recognition of flag carriers, posting of the colors, the Veteran's Song, and royalty introductions, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and Native Vote Tribal Organizer Gloria Waabigwan Wiggins shared a few words.

Alongside the WNV team, they helped organize the powwow to encourage people to vote. "It's crucial in this election that we go out in numbers to prove that we can make a difference," Wiggins stated. She also expressed her appreciation to everyone who attended the event.

The gathering welcomed culture, community, and healing while encouraging excitement for voting in the Nov. 3, 2026, election and future elections.

"It is more important than ever before that the voices of Indigenous people are heard – our language, our wild rice, and our sovereignty depend on it. Decisions are made in every election that will impact the course of history, the course of our history. Make sure your voice is heard by voting. Vote for the future of our children. Vote for the future of our planet. Vote for the Seventh Generation." – Wisconsin Conservation Voices



Gloria Waabigwan Wiggins sharing a few words



Visiting the voter information booth

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FCP Up & Coming

by Amber Chitko

Elders Day Trips: Join FCP Elder Services on Nov. 8, 2026, for BINGO at North Star Casino in Bowler, Wis. Depart fireside MARKET in Stone Lake at 10 a.m. Doors open at 12 p.m. Early birds at 1:30 p.m., and the regular session begins at 2 p.m. The trip includes a standard BINGO package with machine and lunch. Enjoy a Christmas Lights Driving Tour at Hodag Park and Rondele Ranch on Dec. 8, 2026/ Depart fireside MARKET in Stone Lake at 5 p.m. Enjoy a movie on Dec. 14, 2026, at Tri City Cinema in Quinnesec, Mich. Depart fireside MARKET in Stone Lake at 2:30 p.m. All trips have limited spots available. To sign up or for more information, contact Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Taylor Saari at (715) 478-4341. You are not signed up without a confirmation number. All guests must be accompanied by an FCP elder in order to attend. If you need assistance, you must bring a caregiver.

Campus Closures: Campus will be closed in observance of Veterans Day (gété zhëmagneshi gizhêk) on Nov. 11, 2026, and Thanksgiving Day (mawtheshno gizhêk) on Nov. 26, 2026.

Scholarship Night: Calling all FCP high school seniors and parents. Join Nov. 18, 2026, from 3-6 p.m. at the FCP Education Building for Scholarship Night. FCP tribal members and descendants are welcome to join. Students have the opportunity to sign up for tribal scholarships, including Tribal Members Enhanced or the Lois Crowe Descendant Scholarship, if eligible. Students aged 17 must have a parent or guardian present to complete an application. Seniors and parents, please bring your tribal ID. FCP descendants, please bring a copy of your birth certificate. Signing up for scholarships now allows the Education Division the opportunity to honor seniors at their schools' senior awards. Pizza will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Doane at (715) 478-4153 or mary.doane@fcp-nsn.gov.

Parent Support Group: Join the FCP Family Services Division for the Parent Support Group, held on Thursdays from 12-1 p.m. at the Potawatomi Community Center commons area, now through May 6, 2027. Everyone is welcome. No sign-up is required. Support parents or caregivers in their parenting journey. Weekly topics will be discussed, and resources will be provided. For more information, contact Mary Thornton at (715) 889-2051 or marye.thornton@fcp-nsn.gov.

5th Annual Holiday Craft Fair: Everyone is welcome to join for the annual holiday craft fair, held at the Potawatomi Community Center on Nov. 28, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be local vendors and crafters, baked goods, jewelry, home décor, holiday gifts, and much more. Please bring a non-perishable food item or donation for local food pantries for general admission.

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Dear Tribal Members and Descendants,

The Forest County Potawatomi Executive Council would like to inform Tribal Members and descendants of a motion approved by the Executive Council regarding eligibility for receiving a Christmas gift card or Christmas present at the Forest County Potawatomi Annual Christmas Party.

Under the approved motion, only Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Members and first-line Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Descendants are eligible to receive a Christmas gift card or Christmas present at the Annual Christmas Party.

To establish eligibility, all first-line descendants must complete and submit a **Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Descendant Verification Form** no later than the **close of the meeting**, on the day of the Annual General Council Meeting, **November 14, 2026**.

Please note the following eligibility requirements:

- Only first-line Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Descendants are eligible to receive a Christmas gift card or Christmas present.
- Eligible first-line descendants who do not submit the required verification form by the established deadline will not be eligible to receive a Christmas gift card or Christmas present for that year's Annual Christmas Party.
- **Tribal Members must be prepared to present a valid Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Identification Card when claiming a Christmas gift card or Christmas present at the Annual Christmas Party.**
- Eligibility must be verified before a gift card or Christmas present will be distributed.

The Executive Council has established these requirements to ensure eligibility is determined consistently, fairly, and in accordance with the approved motion. Eligible first-line descendants are encouraged to submit their verification forms as early as possible to avoid any issues related to the submission deadline.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping ensure the fair, consistent, and responsible administration of Annual Christmas Party benefits for eligible Tribal Members and descendants.

Sincerely,
Signed by:
Brooks Boyd Sr.
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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

NEW DATE – OCTOBER 31:
Tribal Elections
Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary

Scan for electronic candidate questionnaire

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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
CONTACT: times@fcp-nsn.gov / 715-478-7437

Pink Pumpkin Women's Wellness Event

by Amber Chitko

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Occupational Wellness, Health & Wellness Center (HWC) Community Health, and the Potawatomi Community Center (PCC) hosted a Pink Pumpkin Women's Wellness Event at the PCC on Oct. 14, 2026, to raise awareness, provide support, and educate the community about breast cancer.

Upon arrival, guests were greeted by staff and invited to sign in, receiving either a tumbler or a T-shirt. They also had the opportunity to complete a survey for a chance to win one of two beautifully hand-beaded pieces donated in honor of Birdie Pemma and created by Gutierrez Creations.

Heading downstairs to the commons area, visitors found booths featuring informational resources, take-home items, raffle drawings, and more. The Community Center challenged guests to spin the wheel for a chance at a fitness challenge, wellness trivia, a mystery gift, a one-day PCC pass, and other prizes. At another booth, the HWC team featured a "Growing Your Wellness" display that encouraged guests to identify an area of their lives they would like to improve, whether it be managing stress, improving nutrition, building connections, increasing movement, or something else. Based on their selection, guests received wellness tips, information, and resources to help support their goals.

After visiting the booths, guests stopped by the pumpkin craft station to gather supplies and paint a pumpkin to take home. While painting their pumpkins, a video presentation played on the big screens featuring Chief Medical Officer Bonnie Samuelson and Imaging Director Julie Bart. The presentation addressed the importance of regular screenings, check-ups, and follow-up testing when needed; facts and myths of mammography; what patients can expect during an exam; and the support available throughout the process.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the HWC team is seeking community members who have been diagnosed with cancer, are currently undergoing treatment, or are cancer survivors to share their stories to help educate, inspire, and support others facing similar experiences or those with loved ones going through it. Select stories may be featured during the 2027 Women's Wellness Event. Scan the QR code to the right to share your cancer journey.

Throughout the afternoon, guests had the opportunity to learn more about breast cancer, prevention, early detection, and ways to support their overall wellness. The event brought together education, connection, and encouragement, reminding everyone of the importance of awareness, support, and regular screenings, and the difference they can make.



Visitors registering and signing up for the raffle prizes



Beautiful hand-beaded pieces donated in honor of Birdie Pemma

Scan the QR Code to share your Cancer Journey



Community Health making delicious pink drinks









Painting pumpkins for a good cause



Tribal Leaders Discuss WHEDA Opportunities



Submitted by Capital Projects Planner Michelle Berdan

On Oct. 15, 2026, Tribal leaders met with representatives from Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) to discuss opportunities and services that can help to support the housing needs of the community.

Migweth Elmer Moore, Jr, (Chief Executive Officer WHEDA) , Erica Steele, (Strategic Market and Tribal Liaison WHEDA) and Lydia Van Thiel (Community and Economic Development Officer) for visiting the Forest County Potawatomi Community and sharing resources to expand access to safe, affordable, housing for our community.

History of the Forest County Potawatomi

History from the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum

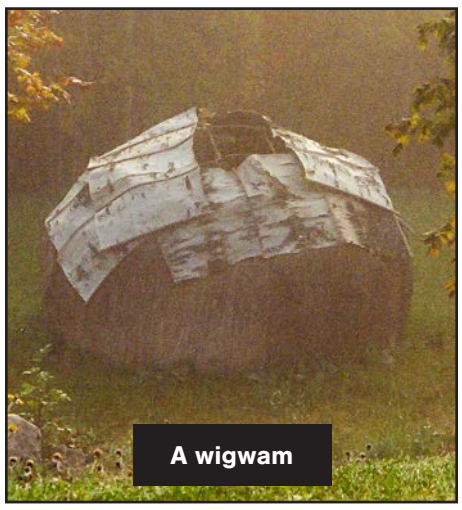
November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate and honor the histories, cultures, and contributions of Native peoples. To mark this occasion, we are sharing the story of the Forest County Potawatomi Community and their journey through generations of perseverance and cultural preservation.

The Potawatomi are an Indigenous North American tribe and considered part of the Algonquian language family.

In the centuries before European contact, the Potawatomi lived north and east of lakes Huron, Erie, and Ontario. They prospered through hunting, fishing, and gathering. One estimate states that there were as many as 10 to 15 thousand Potawatomi occupying and controlling 30 million acres in the Great Lakes area.

Before the arrival of the first Europeans in the late 1500s and early 1600s, many Potawatomi had begun to move further inland to the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. It was there that the first French fur traders and Jesuits began to write about these people known as "the people of the place of fire."

The gradual movement west began because of rivalry among many of the Algonquian tribes, such as the Potawatomi and the Iroquois. The



A wigwam

Iroquois occupied the area of what is now the state of New York, and many of their enemies chose to move further west because of conflicts.

According to oral history, the Potawatomi are culturally and historically connected to the Ojibwe and Odawa. This three tribe alliance is known as the Council of the Three Fires or the Three Fires Confederacy. Within this alliance, the Potawatomi are known as the "Keepers of the Sacred Fire."

The three tribes are said to have split near the Straits of the Mackinac (Sault Ste. Marie) in the early 16th century.

Early Years

By the time of the first encounters with the French, the Potawatomi stood strong. Their clans were organized patrilineally as they settled in hundreds of villages in what are now Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.



Firekeeper statue at fireside MARKET Carter

Early 1600s

In Wisconsin, the prevalence of Potawatomi occupation is seen in dozens of town and city names. Milwaukee was known as "me na nen," (meaning "to take away") Mequon was "mi kwen" (meaning "feather") and Wauwatosa was "wa wa te si," (meaning "firefly"). Other Potawatomi settlements centered on today's cities such as Waukesha, Kenosha, Oconomowoc, Mukwonago, Kewaunee, Mishicot, Manitowoc and others, all derived from the Potawatomi language.

Although still hunters, fishermen and gatherers, the Potawatomi began farming the rich soils, growing crops such as beans, corn, squash, and other grains. Adept at trapping, the Potawatomi were trusted by the French and soon became the "middlemen," collecting fur pelts from many neighboring tribes to be taken to Montreal.

This pattern changed in the mid-1600s as the French began to establish fur trading outposts in Michigan and Wisconsin. These pelts were "as good as gold" with tribes beginning to take part in the valuable fur trade to receive European goods of all kinds.

By 1695, southeastern Wisconsin had become home for many tribes, and the area around Milwaukee, with its three rivers, became a new center of farming and fur trading. Soon, the French would set up another fur trading post in what is today downtown Milwaukee.

The 1700s

The eighteenth century proved to be a time of growing problems. Disease, specifically smallpox, began to take a larger toll on the Potawatomi as did a series of disastrous wars.

The Potawatomi had sided with the British against the Americans in the American Revolutionary War. The Treaty of Paris, in 1783, which ended the American Revolutionary War, did not recognize Native American land rights. The British ceded Native American lands east of the Mississippi to the U.S. The treaty opened the floodgate to U.S. expansion in the 1800s.

The 1800s

Following the defeat at the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1795, a series of treaties between 1801 and 1805 forced many tribes to cede all of Ohio




Chief Charles Keshick


Charles Keshick, wife and sister-in-law: Potawatomi, Chief's house

to the Americans. Pushing farther westward after these defeats, many more Potawatomi came to Wisconsin, although their total numbers were diminishing.

A major stand against European encroachment occurred in 1811, when Tecumseh organized an alliance to attack settlers and forts in Michigan and Indiana; many of the Potawatomi joined but were defeated at the Battle of Tippecanoe Creek in 1811 under the leadership of General William Henry Harrison. This battle preceded the War of 1812, when the British were forced to withdraw from the Midwest, leaving the Potawatomi and other tribes in the hands of the Americans, who simply wanted their land.

This defeat began a chain of bad treaties, land cessions, and removals that would continue throughout the 1800s.

One of these forced removals was in 1838 of the St. Joseph River Band of Potawatomi in Indiana. This band was led by Indiana Potawatomi Chief Menominee who refused to move. Eight hundred fifty-nine Potawatomi were put in chains, some crammed into wagons, and forcibly marched from Plymouth, Indiana to Osawatomi, Kansas, approximately 660 miles. Of the 859 who began the journey, 42 died along the way, half of them were children. This removal is known as the Potawatomi Trail of Death.

Late 1800s to 1900s

As the removal period began, some Potawatomi from the Milwaukee and Sheboygan areas decided to remain rather than move west of the Mississippi River. Many of today's Forest County Potawatomi Community members descended from the Potawatomi who broke off from the main tribe during the removal period and refused to leave their homeland.

An Act of Congress, approved June 30, 1913, authorized land to be acquired by the U.S. in trust for the Forest County Potawatomi, from funds due to the tribe from the Chicago Treaty of 1833. The acquired lands consisted of large tracts that had been ravaged and cut over by logging companies. The Act of 1913 required that the bodies of land not be larger than one section, and that such bodies of land not adjoin each other. These lands are located near Crandon and Wabeno, Wisconsin, in Forest County, with some additional land in Marinette and Oconto counties. Today, the tribe's land holdings consist of approximately 17,000 acres in several counties within Wisconsin.

There were also a number of Potawatomi people living in the Wabeno area on homestead lands prior to the land acquisition through the efforts of Rev. Erik Olsen Morstad.

In 1894, Rev. Erik O. Morstad of the Evangelical Lutheran church mission, for many years missionary to the Wisconsin Potawatomi, wrote that he and his family "moved with the band led by Chief Charles Keshick (spring of 1894) from the vicinity of Wittenberg, to take up homesteads under the special Indian Homestead Act of July 4, 1884.

A few Potawatomi families moved with them. They settled on scattered forties, mostly in Forest County, but also along Peshtigo River in Marinette County and some few in Oconto County. Chief Keshick settled on two forties on the Peshtigo River, in Marinette County. In a short time, there were about 30 such homesteads taken by members of the tribe. They had before been living at different places in this timbered north land, without title to the land though they had log huts in villages, made clearings, raised hay for their ponies, and raised Indian corn, beans and potatoes.

20th Century to Present

Throughout the 20th century, the community strengthened its governance, preserved cultural traditions, and pursued economic development. Investments such as the Potawatomi Casino Hotel in Milwaukee and other enterprises have supported health services, education, environmental stewardship, and cultural revitalization programs.

Today, the Forest County Potawatomi are known for:

- Strong environmental protection efforts.
- Language and cultural preservation.
- Sustainable resource management of reservation lands.
- Active involvement in tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

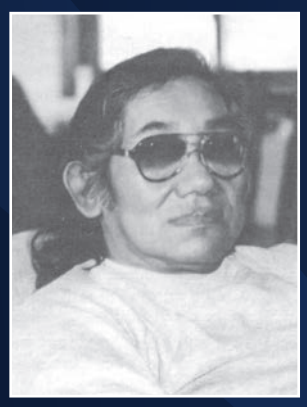


Crandon Mine purchase by Forest County Potawatomi and Sokaogon Chippewa

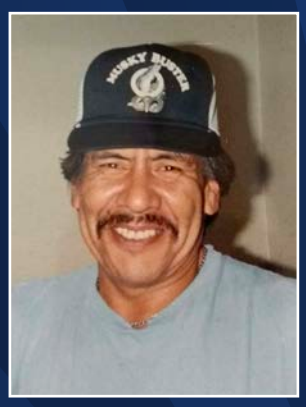

Gmawtheshnëmen Bikwa Shna Ga Zhë Mawtheshnëwat Nëko —
"We all come together just like they did long ago"


Fire Nation

IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY, FCP COMMUNICATIONS THANKS ALL U.S. VETERANS. THE FOLLOWING LIST INCLUDES THOSE IN THE FCP COMMUNITY WHO SERVED.



George Alloway Sr.
U.S. Army 1962-65



John Alloway
U.S. Army 1958



William Alloway
U.S. Army



John Anwash Sr.
U.S. Army 1980-85



Michael Armstrong
U.S. Navy



Archie Biddell
U.S. Army



Fredrick Biddell
U.S. Army



Joel Biddell
U.S. Marines



Jordan Biddell
U.S. Marines



Otis Biddell
U.S. Army



Richard Brzezinski



Jesse Cook
U.S. Army



Gary Crawford
U.S. Army 1971-74



Howard Crawford



Billy Daniels Jr.
U.S. Marines 1953



Clarence Daniels
U.S. Army



Frank Daniels
U.S. Marines 1964-70



Lawrence Daniels
U.S. Army



Harold Frank
U.S. Army 1962-65



Harry Frank
U.S. Army



Darrell Genett
U.S. Army 1976-98



Steven Genett
U.S. Navy 1987-93



Warren Genett
U.S. Air Force 1977-81



Kenneth George Jr.
U.S. Marines 1988-92



Kenneth George Sr.
U.S. Marines 1965-72

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U.S. Army



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U.S. Army 1967-69



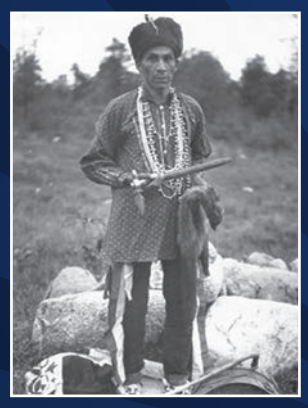
Jayson Jackson
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John Jackson
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Gerald Jacobson Sr.
U.S. Army



Charlie Jim
U.S. Army



Walter Johnson
U.S. Navy 1957-1961



Rommel Kaquatosh



Max Kezick
U.S. Army 1944-46



Elena Kuenzi
U.S. Army



Mike Konaha
U.S. Army 1973-77



Ronald Lemieux
U.S. Marines



Nichole Leonard
U.S. Marines 2003-2010



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U.S. Army 1962-65



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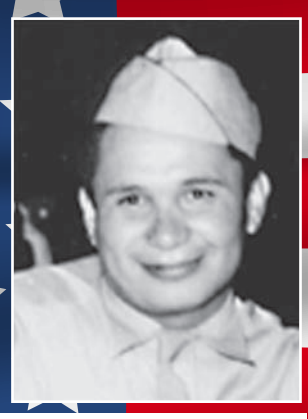
Archie Nesaukee
U.S. Army 1967-70



James Patterson
U.S. Army 1979-82/83-86



Ruth Patterson
U.S. Navy 1945



Henry Pemma
U.S. Army Air Corps 1939-60



Judy Phillips
U.S. Navy 1989-92



Julia Reeves
U.S. Army 1942-45/51-52

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U.S. Army



Eugene Shawano Jr.
U.S. Nat'l. Guard 1986-93



Hartford Shegonee
U.S. Air Force



Anthony Shepard Sr.
U.S. Army 1980-86



Bruce Shepard
U.S. Army 1980-86



Dennis Shepard
U.S. Marines



Frank Shepard
U.S. Army 1952-54



Louis E. Shepard
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Louis Shepard Sr. - U.S.
20th Army Air Force 1944-46



Walter Shepard
U.S. Air Force



Brenda Shopodock
U.S. Army



Ryan Siggelkow
U.S. Air Force 2010-18



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U.S. Navy 1973-76



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U.S. Army National Guard



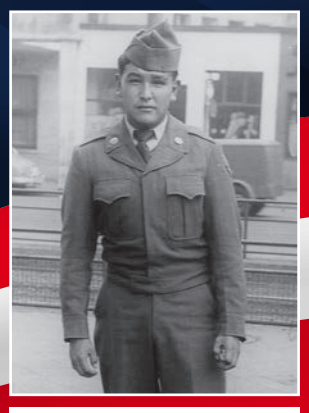
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U.S. Army



Charlie Thunder
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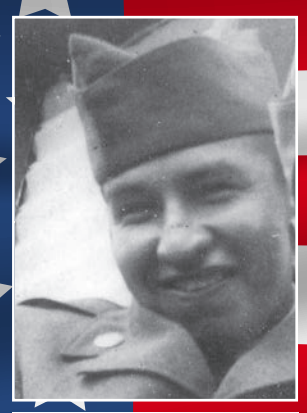
George Thunder
U.S. Army



James Thunder Jr.
U.S. Army



James Thunder Sr.
U.S. Army 1955-58



Louis Thunder
U.S. Army



Nelson Thunder
U.S. Army



Thomas Thunder
U.S. Army

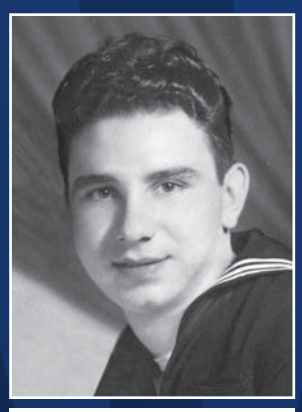
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Bernie Tucker



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U.S. Navy 1944-51



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U.S. Army 1966-68



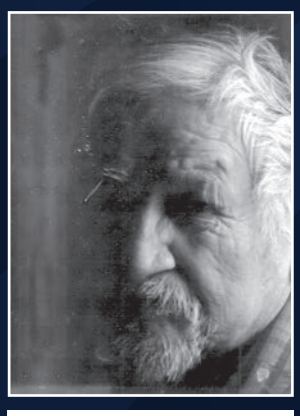
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Alvin Weso Sr.
U.S. Army 1950-51



Michael Weso
U.S. Army



Joe Wewasson



Raymond Wewasson
U.S. Army



Harvey White III



Anthony Williams



John Williams
U.S. Army



Raymond Williams Sr.
U.S. Navy 1965-68

Thank You VETERANS

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE MISSING FROM THIS LIST, OR IF YOU HAVE MISSING INFO/PHOTOS FOR ANYONE LISTED.

PV Participates in Indigenous Biz Con

Potawatomi Ventures (PV) recently attended Indigenous Biz Con V, hosted by Indigenous Business Group in Milwaukee. The conference brought together Indigenous leaders, entrepreneurs, business professionals, and organizations for educational sessions and meaningful conversations centered on Indigenous business, entrepreneurship, leadership, and economic sovereignty.

PV attended alongside members of the Forest County Potawatomi Executive Council, PV Board of Directors, Greenfire Management Services, Data Holdings, and Bwadwét Innovation Community. The gathering provided an important opportunity to strengthen relationships, exchange ideas, and celebrate the continued growth of Indigenous businesses and leaders.

Our leadership team was also honored to participate in dynamic discussions throughout the conference. Representing PV, Greenfire Management Services, and Bwadwét Innovation Community were Kip Ritchie, Jeff Johnson, Andrew Bryne, Jep Meier, Michael Moe, and Alexis Harris, who shared valuable insights and perspectives with attendees.

A special highlight of the conference was the recognition of Director of Bwadwét Innovation Community Alexis Harris, who received an Emerging Business Leader Award at Indigenous Biz Con V.

The award recognizes the next generation of Indigenous leadership and individuals who are already making a meaningful impact on the people, businesses, and opportunities around them. Harris' recognition reflects the importance of developing Indigenous leaders who are helping create new opportunities while contributing to stronger communities and a more sustainable economic future.

PV congratulates Harris on this well-deserved recognition and is proud to have joined our tribal leadership, board members, business units, and partners at Indigenous Biz Con V. Opportunities like this allow us to learn from one another, strengthen relationships, and continue advancing Indigenous entrepreneurship and economic sovereignty.















Greenfire Project Spotlight: GLITC

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC) Adolescent Recovery & Wellness Center in Bowler, Wis., brings together healthcare, residential programming and the needs of tribal communities in one facility. Greenfire is managing construction of the 36-bed center, which will provide substance use disorder and mental health treatment for Native American youth ages 13 to 17.

What is an Adolescent Recovery & Wellness Center composed of? The one-story facility is organized around residential treatment and wellness. Resident pods include bedrooms and showers, supported by a kitchen and dining area, family and living spaces, classrooms, courtyards and daylit common areas.

The project responds to needs identified by GLITC and its 12 member tribes across Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Those members include the Forest County Potawatomi Community, Greenfire's owner, connecting the project to Greenfire's experience working with Tribal Nations and organizations. Oneida ESC Group is acting as the owner's representative.

GLITC hosted tribal health directors and leaders for a jobsite tour to see construction progress, learn more about the facility and discuss the resource being developed for the communities they serve.

The project builds on Greenfire's experience across healthcare, behavioral health, residential and tribal construction. For owners managing projects with specialized requirements and multiple stakeholders, early construction involvement helps identify constraints, evaluate options and coordinate decisions. When complete, the center will provide GLITC's member tribes with a dedicated setting for culturally relevant treatment and support for Native youth.







Greenfire Management Services Gives Back to Milwaukee Community

Greenfire Management Services, LLC, recently showed how something as simple as a sandwich can make a meaningful difference.

Team Greenfire rolled up their sleeves and came together to prepare 200 sandwiches for Guest House of Milwaukee, helping provide meals, encouragement, and a reminder to those in need that the community cares.

Guest House provides approximately 300 to 400 sandwiches each day to shelter guests and others in need throughout the Milwaukee community, with the goal of having sandwiches available every day of the year.

For Greenfire, the effort was about more than preparing food. It was an opportunity for employees to work together in support of an organization providing essential care and assistance to neighbors in the Milwaukee area.

Greenfire Management Services is proud to support Guest House and the important work it does to provide meals, care, and hope within the community.







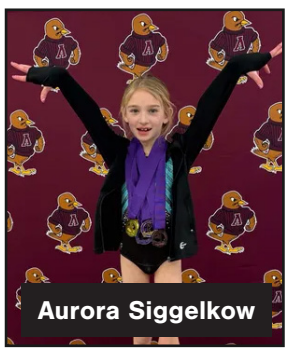
Sports Recap

submitted by PCC Media Content Specialist Lyric LaRock

The Laona/Wabeno Rebels varsity football team finished their regular season with nine wins and just one loss, securing a number one playoff seed for the first time in program history. Levi Shepard, a junior at Laona High School, contributed 15 receptions, 236 total yards, and 4.5 sacks throughout the season. Freshman Negon Pemma and Kegan Pizano also made valuable contributions to the team's success as the Rebels prepare for postseason play.

On September 17, the Laona/Wabeno Rebels varsity volleyball team dominated the Goodman/Pembine Patriots with a sweep, 25-5, 25-7, and 25-8. Wynter Montgomery, a senior at Laona High School, was one of three players tied for the team with six digs, helping the Rebels close out the victory.

Eighth graders Saj Alloway and Landon Shawano, along with seventh graders Nathan LaBarge and Cashton Morris, participated in Crandon Middle School football this fall. Despite facing a challenging season, they continued to work hard and gained valuable experience for future play.


Aurora Siggelkow

Aurora Siggelkow placed 1st in the all-around Bronze Division at her gymnastics meet in Antigo. Her strongest event was the bars, where she posted her highest score of the competition. Thanks to her outstanding performance, Siggelkow has advanced to the Silver Division. She also helped her team secure a first-place finish at the meet, making it a success for both her and her teammates.

Jasmine Pamonicutt, a sophomore at Crandon High School, helped the JV2 Cardinals earn points with her serving but ultimately came up short in a two-set match against the Laona/Wabeno Rebels on October 5. Despite the loss, Pamonicutt continued to work hard on the court throughout the match.

Wabeno sophomore Everleigh Shepard helped the Rebels JV2 team cruise to a two-set sweep against the Crandon Cardinals on October 5. Shepard and the Rebels showcased strong teamwork throughout the match to secure the victory.

On October 6, the Crandon Cardinals hosted the Laona/Wabeno Rebels in a thrilling seventh-grade volleyball matchup. Crandon's Katrina Nixon and Laona's Ava Kroening battled through three close sets, with the Cardinals taking the first set before the Rebels railed back to win the next two and claim a 2-1 victory.

The eighth-grade Crandon Cardinals faced a tough challenge against the Laona/Wabeno Rebels on October 6. However, Natiyah LaBarge and Jayden Tuckwab played with strong effort on both sides of the court.

The eighth-grade Laona/Wabeno Rebels volleyball team earned a dominant two-set sweep over the Crandon Cardinals on October 6. Gabrielle Boyd, Colleen Stealer, and Brittney Vanzile played key roles in the Rebels' impressive victory.

Crandon junior Hailey Brown was part of the Cardinals JV volleyball team in a matchup against the Florence Bobcats. Crandon ultimately came up short, but Brown made the most of her opportunities on the court throughout the match.

Elyssa Bailey, a senior setter for the Crandon Cardinals, worked to keep the offense moving in a tough varsity matchup against the Laona/Wabeno Rebels. Although Crandon came up short, Bailey continued to work to set up her teammates for attacks.

The Laona/Wabeno sixth-grade volleyball team competed in a tournament that gave them an opportunity to showcase their skills. The young Rebels played well and gained valuable learning experiences. Several tribal youths represented the team, including Athena Begay, Marianna Doud, Jayla Frank, Alli Kroenig, Karsyn McCorkle, Rosabella Shepard, and Olivia Shepard.

For the Laona/Wabeno Rebels middle school cross country team, Wylder Shepard is averaging a 13.24 pace in his two-mile races. His fastest time so far this season came at the Antigo Spring Brook Invitational, where he ran a 12:06.2 and placed fourth overall. His best finish to date was a second-place finish at the Crandon Invitational.

On the girls' side, Karsyn McCorkle is averaging a 14:49 pace in her two-mile races. She set her personal best of 13:24.2 at the Rosholt Middle School Invite. She earned a second-place finish at the Crandon Invitational, her best placement of the season so far.

The Laona/Wabeno Rebels middle school football team wrapped up their season on October 12 in Three Lakes. While the season didn't end the way the Rebels had hoped, the team played with determination all season long. Tribal youth David Boyd, Wesley Shepard, Raymond Stealer, and George Walton were among the young athletes who gained valuable playing experience.


#75 Nathan LaBarge


l-r: Wylder Shepard & Karsyn McCorkle


Wynter Montgomery


Brittney VanZile


Laona/Wabeno 6th Grade Volleyball team

Coming up at PCC

submitted by Events & Media Assistant Holly Palubicki

Looking for a way to beat the winter blues? The Potawatomi Community Center has you covered. Enjoy daily access to our pool and hot tub, walk or jog on the indoor walking track, participate in upcoming events and activities, and relax at the Waséya Wellness Lounge.

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for our 5th Annual Holiday Craft Fair!

Upcoming Events: Don't miss these exciting events at PCC! Our first-ever PCC Bounce Bash featuring the giant inflatable obstacle course takes place November 20-22 and is open to all ages (wristbands required). Then, kick off your holiday shopping at our 5th Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring local vendors and one-of-a-kind holiday gifts.

Save the Date: The FCP Community Christmas Party is on Friday, December 18, and is open to Forest County Potawatomi tribal members, descendants, and their families. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you!

Waséya Wellness Lounge: As the temperatures drop, take time to warm up and unwind. Enjoy Red Light Therapy, Infrared Sauna, Halotherapy, PEMF Therapy, and our Sound Lounge experience. Give the gift of wellness this holiday season or treat yourself to some much-needed self-care.

For more information on programs and events, visit fcplinks.com/cctr or follow the Potawatomi Community Center on social media.

• Inflatable Obstacle Course – November 20-22

Children Participate in Fire Prevention Month

by Val Niehaus

October is National Fire Prevention Month, and in observance, GteGaNēs Preschool took a mini field trip to the Crandon Fire Department on Oct. 7, 2026. The children toured the fire station and learned about fire safety from Lt. Leelyn VanZile and firefighter Andrew VanZile.

The firefighters showed the children their uniforms and the equipment they wear when responding to a fire. They also demonstrated what firefighters sound like while wearing their air tanks and explained the alarms and whistles children might hear during an emergency. The demonstration helped familiarize the children with the sights and sounds of a firefighter in full gear so they would know what to expect if a firefighter ever needed to rescue them.

The children especially enjoyed taking turns wearing an air tank on their backs and seeing who could stay upright the longest.

Following the visit to the fire station, the two firefighters traveled to Rising Sun Daycare, where they gave the children an up-close look at the fire trucks and the equipment firefighters use in emergencies.

GteGaNēs Preschool and Rising Sun Daycare would like to thank Lt. Leelyn VanZile and firefighter Andrew VanZile, as well as the Crandon Fire Department, for taking the time to teach the children about fire safety. Their hands-on demonstrations gave the children an opportunity to learn important safety lessons and be comfortable with the firefighters and equipment they may encounter during an emergency.







Elder Meal Route Menu November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Beef barley soup, cheddar biscuit, fruit parfait	3 Meatloaf, red potatoes, cauliflower w/ cheese, roll, pudding cup	4 Sweet & sour chicken, rice, broccoli & carrot blend, egg roll, pineapple	5 Biscuits & sausage gravy, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, fruit cup	6 Chicken salad croissant sandwich	7
8 **The 11th meal will go out on Tuesday 10th route**	9 Open faced turkey w/ mashed potatoes, toast, peas, apple bar	10 Loaded potato soup, turkey sandwich, fruit	11 **Tribal Offices Closed - Veteran's Day**	12 Baked cod, sweet potato wedges, coleslaw, fruit salad	13 Italian sub, chips, veggies & dip, cookie	14
15	16 Cheeseburger mac, green beans, roll, fruit	17 Ham & scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots, dinner roll, dessert bar	18 Meatballs w/ gravy, parslied buttered noodles, broccoli, roll, fruit salad	19 Pork roast, baby reds, zucchini, dinner roll, banana pudding dessert	20 Soup & salad	21
22 **26th & 27th meals will go out 25th route**	23 Hot roast beef sub, hashbrowns, corn, fruit	24 Tomato rice soup, grilled cheese, cottage cheese, fruit	25 Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin bar	26 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**	27 Sub sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert	28
29	30 Cheeseburger (lto), tator tots, baked beans, fruit					

Notes

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

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NOVEMBER 2026



FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI *Keeper of the Fire*

nëm'é gizhêk SUNDAY	ngot gizhêk MONDAY	nish gizhêk TUESDAY	aptë gizhêk WEDNESDAY	nyéw gizhêk THURSDAY	nyano gizhêk FRIDAY	odanké gizhêk SATURDAY
1	2 Veterans Post 1 (VP1) Monthly Meeting Open to all Tribal Veterans Old Tribal Hall 3:00pm	3 Book Club (until 1/5) Museum Conference 11:00am - 12:00pm	4	5 Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan 12:00pm	6 WÉD A SÉTHÊK YOUTH ARCHERY HUNT Depart PCC 4:00pm Depart Carter 4:30pm	7 WÉD A SÉTHÊK YOUTH ARCHERY HUNT
8 Elders Day Trip Northstar Casino 10:00am WÉD A SÉTHÊK YOUTH ARCHERY HUNT	9 Elders Coffee Talk Turtle House 12:00pm - 2:00pm	10	11 gété zhëmagneshi gizhêk Veteran's Day *Campus Closed*	12	13 Hardly Hollywood Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter 7:00pm-11:00pm	14 Annual General Council Meeting PCC 1:00pm Hardly Hollywood Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter 7:00pm-11:00pm
15	16 MEDI CARE *Lunch & Learn* Museum Lower Level 10:00am - 1:00pm	17 Walk Your Way to Wellness PCC 11:30am - 1:30pm	18 Taste Test HWC Kitchen 10:00am - 11:30am Fall Scholarship Night Education 3:00pm GIS Day PCC 3:00pm - 6:00pm	19 Tribal Elder Food Box Distribution Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan 12:00pm	20 Bounce Bash PCC 12:00pm	21 Bounce Bash PCC 12:00pm
22 Bounce Bash PCC 12:00pm	23	24 Auntie's Big Earring Contest Museum Lower Level 11:00am - 12:00pm	25 Fall Feast PCC 1:00pm	26 mawtheshno gizhêk Thanksgiving *Campus Closed*	27 Bad Habitz Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter 7:00pm-11:00pm	28 HOLIDAY Craft Fair PCC 9:00am-3:00pm Bad Habitz Potawatomi Casino Hotel Carter 7:00pm-11:00pm
			Fall Break			
29	30 Elders Coffee Talk Turtle House 12:00pm - 2:00pm					

RECURRING EVENTS

Mondays
Recovery Book Club
Recovery Resource Center (RRC)
11:00am - 12:00pm

Wellbriety
Recovery Resource Center (RRC)
6:00pm

Tuesdays
InspirationStation
Transitional Living Lower Level
9:00am - 11:00am

After School Language Program
Museum Lower Level (Crandon/Laona)
3:30pm

NA Meeting
Recovery Resource Center (RRC)
6:00pm

Wednesdays
Walking the Spectrum Support Group
Potawatomi Community Center (PCC)
10:30am - 11:30am

Community Language Class
Museum Conference
10:00am - 12:00pm

After School Language Program
We Care (Wabeno)
3:30pm

Red Road Youth Group
Potawatomi Community Center (PCC)
4:00pm

All Recovery
Recovery Resource Center (RRC)
5:30pm

Thursdays
Cradled Connections
Potawatomi Community Center (PCC)
10:00am

Support Group
Potawatomi Community Center (PCC)
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Beads of Hope
Recovery Resource Center (RRC)
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Sundays
Self Care Sundays
Recovery Resource Center (RRC)
10:00am - 12:00pm

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Scholarship

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI EDUCATION

[SCHOLARSHIP] NIGHT

Nov 18, 2026 / 3-6 pm

FCP Education Building
209 E. Elm Street • Crandon, Wisconsin

FOR FCP HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & PARENTS

[OPEN TO FCP TRIBAL MEMBERS & FCP DESCENDANTS]

STUDENTS CAN SIGN UP FOR THE TRIBE'S SCHOLARSHIP THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR:
TRIBAL MEMBERS ENHANCED *OR* LOIS CROWE DESCENDANT SCHOLARSHIP

STUDENTS 17 YEARS OLD MUST HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN PRESENT TO COMPLETE APPLICATION.

SENIORS AND PARENTS: BRING YOUR TRIBAL ID

FCP DESCENDANTS: BRING A COPY OF YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE

SIGNING UP FOR SCHOLARSHIP NOW WILL ALLOW FCP EDUCATION TO HONOR SENIORS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS THAT HAVE SENIOR AWARDS

Pizza will be provided!

Questions? Contact Mary Doane:
715-478-4153 or Mary.Doane@fcp-nsn.gov

5TH ANNUAL

HOLIDAY Craft Fair

Saturday, November 28, 2026

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY CENTER
5471 Thayék Ethë Dnêkmëgzêk Myéw • Crandon, Wisconsin

GENERAL ADMISSION: Please bring a non-perishable food item or donation for local food pantries.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 MONSTER SCRATCH KIOSK GAME	2 Let's Eat	3 $5 HANDS TUES. & WED.	4 CLUB 50	5 5X POINTS	6 HOWLIN' WINS	7 Play LET EM ROLL
8 MONSTER SCRATCH KIOSK GAME	9 Let's Eat	10 $5 HANDS TUES. & WED.	11 VETERAN'S DAY Spin & Win	12 5X POINTS	13 HOWLIN' WINS	14 HARDLY HOLLYWOOD FRI. & SAT. 7–11 P.M.
15 MONSTER SCRATCH KIOSK GAME	16 Let's Eat	17 $5 HANDS TUES. & WED.	18 CLUB 50	19 5X POINTS	20 HOWLIN' WINS	21 BAGS & BUCKS
22 MONSTER SCRATCH KIOSK GAME	23 Let's Eat	24 $5 HANDS TUES. & WED.	25 CLUB 50	26 ThanksGiving Kiosk Game	27 HOWLIN' WINS	28 BAD HABITZ FRI. & SAT. 7–11 P.M.
29 MONSTER SCRATCH KIOSK GAME	30 TOUCH DOWN GIVEAWAY					

FOOD drive
SUNDAY–TUESDAY
10 A.M.–8 P.M.
Donate & receive Reward Play!

ROCK & BREWS RESTAURANT
HARDLY HOLLYWOOD
NOV. 13 & 14 | 7–11 P.M.
BAD HABITZ
NOV. 27 & 28 | 7–11 P.M.











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