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# WINTER'S END POWWOW



Winter's End Royalty: (l-r) Jr. Princess Wayotsi Skenandore, Brave Sidney Daniels, Sr. Princess Zandra Daniels



FCP Royalty first dance

**by Val Niehaus**

This year's Winter's End Powwow brought a packed house with travelers from near and far to join in on some singing and dancing on March 22-23, 2025, at the Potawatomi Community Center.

Attending the Winter's End Powwow is an unforgettable experience. It is full of culture, tradition, and community spirit. If you've ever been to one, you know how powerful it is to hear the beat of the drum, see the vibrant regalia, and feel the energy of the dancers as they move. The registered number of dancers this year was 356.

The powwow marks the transition from the cold months into spring — a time of renewal and celebration. It's a gathering where Indigenous people from different nations come together to dance, sing, and honor traditions.


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Visitors, both Native and non-Native, are welcome to experience the culture firsthand.

Saturday, Grand Entry kicked off the powwow at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. after dinner. This year's host drum was Snake Island, and the co-host was Little Solider. The Head Veteran was Clarence Daniels, and the Head Male and Female Dancers were Burton and Cindy Warrington. The weekend's MCs were Joey Awonohopay, Dylan Prescott, and Arena Director Ron Goodeagle. Drums this year included Snake Island, Little Solider, Bad River, Wood Ticks, Suga Bush, Ribbon Town, Cinnamon Bear, Wind Eagle, Bear Heart, Smokey Town, Iron Gate and our very own Fire Nation.

This year's specials included a committee special, luck of the draw (three sessions), all teens and junior categories (boys and girls), a head female special, and outgoing royal specials by Sr. and Jr. Princesses and Brave.

Sunday, Grand Entry began at noon, and the powwow ended at around 3 p.m. — a tad earlier than expected because of the snowstorm that moved into the area. The powwow committee wanted to ensure those traveling could be on the road sooner before things got worse.

This year, vendors filled the turf area of the community center, selling everything from beading supplies, blankets, toys, clothing, furs, artwork, regalia items, and more! It was a fun weekend to shop if you had the means. Not only were there merchandise vendors, but food vendors as well, making sure everyone had all their favorite powwow goodies — there was enough fry bread and lemonade to go around.

Beyond the dancing and drumming, attending the Winter's End Powwow is about experiencing Indigenous resilience and tradition. It's a space where history is honored, and the next generation carries culture forward. Whether you go to support friends and family, learn, or be part of the atmosphere, you'll walk away with a deeper appreciation for Indigenous cultures and communities.

Chi Migwétth to those who helped make this year's powwow successful. From the powwow committee to the cooks, the maintenance crew, and anyone willing to lend a hand where needed, it couldn't have been done without you all.



Head dancers: Burton and Cindy Warrington



Veterans from all nations

# FCP Up & Coming

**by Amber Haseman**

**National Walking Day Event:** Join FCP Fitness & Wellness staff and FCP Occupational Wellness on April 2 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. for National Walking Day. Walk one mile to earn a t-shirt and promote physical activity. Snacks and give-aways will be available. Enter to win a fitness and wellness basket. The event is open to PCC Members, FCP Tribal Members and descendants, and FCP government employees. No registration is necessary. For more information, contact Fitness & Wellness Manager Desiree Marten at desiree.marten@fcp-nsn.gov or (715) 478-6512.

**Caregiver Class:** Learn skills to help care for elders, including, but not limited to lifting, ADLS, and medication management. Kim Spurgeon, UW Green Bay, will teach the class on April 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Potawatomi Casino & Hotel in Carter, Wis., and breakfast and lunch will be provided. The class is open to the public. There are only 50 spots available, so be sure to sign up today. Contact Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Molly Thornton at (715) 478-4968 to register. There will be giveaways for those who attend.

**Clothesline Project:** "Join us in this empowering event as we design jeans to share messages of resilience, healing, and hope for individuals and communities impacted by sexual assault." Jean-designing dates are every Thursday throughout April. Be sure to join April 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 1-4 p.m. in the lower level of the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum. The event is open to the public. Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan will provide snacks and refreshments. For more information, contact Community Advocacy at (715) 478-4890 or communityadvocacy@fcp-nsn.gov.

**Coffee Talk:** Calling all tribal elders. You're invited to Coffee Talk on behalf of FCP Elder Services. Join April 15 and April 22 from 12-2 p.m. at the Potawatomi Community Center for lunch, games, and socializing with other community members. Lunch will be provided. Questions? Please contact Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Sara Garrow at (715) 478-4992.

**Campus Closure:** Campus will be closed in observance of Easter on April 21.

**Elders Prom:** Mark your calendars for the FCP Elders Prom – A Night to Remember. The event will be held at the Potawatomi Casino & Hotel in Carter, Wis., on May 3. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. There will be live music by Lovin' Country from 5:15 – 10 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a sweet treat from Jennifer Sue's cupcakes. Raffles will be drawn throughout the night. Please RSVP by May 3, 2025, by calling Jenna Paradies at (715) 478-4892 or Sara Garrow at (715) 478-4992. Book under FCP GUEST ROOMS – Group ID: 6851 to book a hotel room.


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Walk for Recovery 2025

Refreshments Along the Way

Friday
**May 16**

STARTING LOCATION:
**Potawatomi Community Center**
5471 Thayék Éthë Dnêkmëgzêk Myéw
Crandon, Wisconsin

ENDING LOCATION:
**Mole Lake Recreation Building**
3051 Sand Lake Road
Crandon, Wisconsin

**7:30-9am**
Registration

Walk to begin shortly after registration closes.

Honoring those affected by addiction, in recovery or going through recovery, and their support groups (family and friends). This walk will be led by sacred pipes. After everyone arrives a sacred fire will be lit focused around recovery. Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch afterwards!

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**
Children 12 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**HAVE QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:**
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May 21 – June 11 (4 weeks)

**2. Fundamentals of Tribal Management**
(Section #1009)
Credits: 3
Wednesdays, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Blended
Nicolet College,
Tamarack Center 210
June 18 – August 6 (8 weeks)

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Grand Entry day one


Bgeshmokwé Doud peeking back from the rest

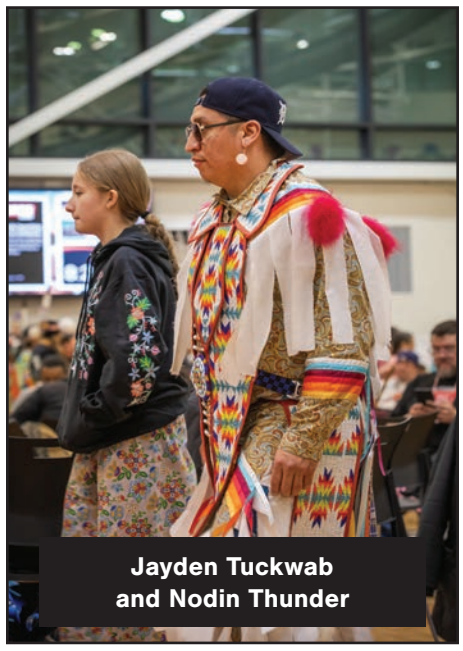

Juanita Alloway (left) and Camilla Frank (right)




Steve King and Daniel Prescott enjoying the weekend


The chicken dancers were a hit — (left) Jayla and Ira Frank (right)




Jayden Tuckwab
and Nodin Thunder


Lynda and JR Holmes


Val Nahbahkah and Marie Gilligan are
enjoying the powwow


A mother dancing with her children:
Nick, Rosemarie and Lisa

# Leon Keeble Medals at State Gymnastics





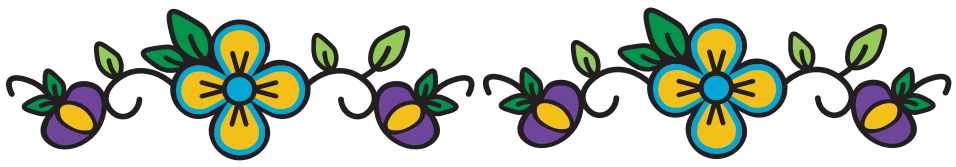

**submitted by Jeffrey Keeble Jr.**

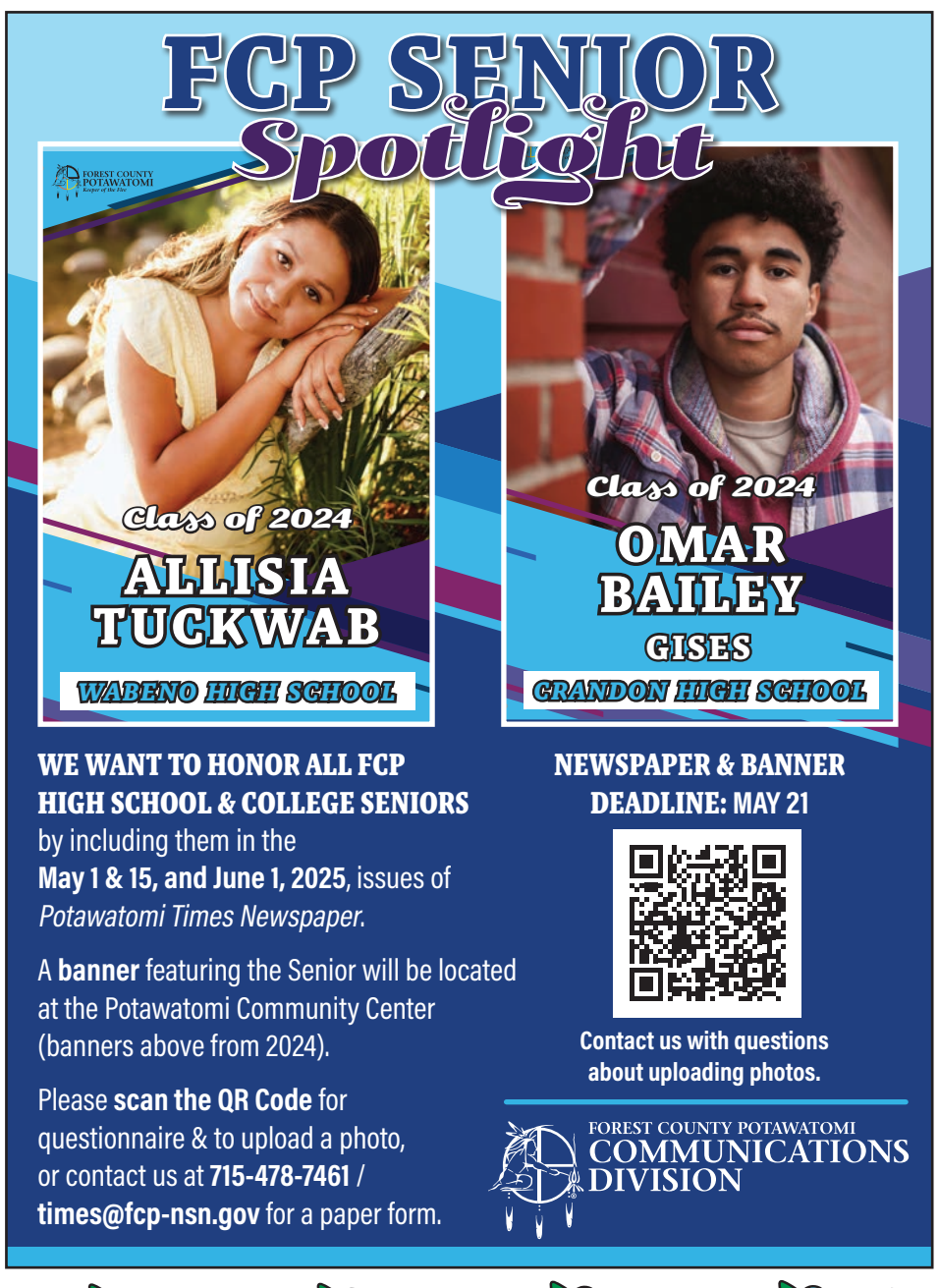
What an amazing day for Leon Keeble at the state gymnastics competition in Madison, Wis., the weekend of March 22-23. He received four medals in his respected classes and fourth place in his all around — a good way to end the state competition! It's all about enjoying the process and having fun. His club, Air Force Gymnastics Academy, also took first place team overall. Congratulations to Leon and his team!














# Technology in Farming



**by Melinda Carroll, FCP Farm Marketing and Sales Coordinator**

Gone are the days of traditional farming. The days of putting seeds in the ground and waiting for the sun to shine and rain to fall, hoping that those seeds will produce a bountiful harvest. The days of waiting for the ground to warm up in the spring and hustling to harvest crops before the weather turns colder again in the fall. The days of enjoying fresh fruits and vegetables in the summer and eating preserved or frozen foods in the winter.

Advancements in technology have touched every aspect of our lives, including how the food we eat is grown. Here at Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan (Potawatomi Farm), we have the amazing opportunity to apply some of these advancements to benefit the community in the food we provide.

The Farm's original aquaponics system was constructed in 2019 at a time that highlighted how real the struggle to get fresh foods was for many families in our area. Growing fresh, flavorful lettuce year-round benefited the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to be so now. Forest County is considered a food desert, where people have limited access to healthful and affordable food. We are proud that Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan can continuously provide fresh greens to support the public's health.

Construction is wrapping up on the addition of a second aquaponics facility at Bodwéwadmi Ktëgan. With our initial aquaponics system, we are able to grow approximately 900 heads of lettuce every two weeks. The addition of this second greenhouse will allow us to grow approximately 2,200 heads in the same time frame. There are also 40 new media buckets for growing tomatoes, peppers, and other produce year-round.

Both systems are operated by a computer or "main brain," which monitors water and air temperature, water levels, power failures, and other critical elements. Diagnostic alerts are sent to our aquaponics technicians to expedite corrections and limit crop and/or fish loss.

Another technological advancement we have taken advantage of is how and what we feed our grazing animals during winter. Traditionally, a pasture animal's only source of nutrition once the cold and snow came was hay. This hay was painstakingly grown on hundreds of acres of land, cut, dried, raked, baled, and stored in preparation for winter.

Last year, we implemented a new system that drastically changed our animals' winter diets. What looks like a typical semi-trailer in our garage is actually an advanced feeding or "fodder" unit. This trailer has been modified with growing racks, UV lights, and a watering system, allowing us to grow and feed fresh grass to our animals daily.

A mixture of pea and barley seeds is placed on a soil-less growing tray, put on a rack, and watered for six days. By this sixth day, the seeds will have produced a root mat, and the plant shoots approximately six inches tall. This mat of roots, non-germinated seeds, and greens is now ready to be fed to our animals. This growing system produces zero waste since all the contents of the tray become feed. Plus, the trays themselves are constructed out of heavy-duty, reusable plastic.

Fresh fodder offers several benefits to the animals versus traditional hay. It is more nutritious, as it contains all the plants' original vitamins and minerals; these nutrients are lost as the grass dries into hay. Also, fresh fodder is over 90 percent digestible for the animals, while hay is only 50 percent. Our animals receive more water in the fresh fodder compared to hay. Another huge benefit of growing fodder is that it is not dependent on weather. We can watch the snow fall as we feed the animals freshly grown, beautiful green grass in the winter and also know that our animals will be cared for even if the summer is hot and dry.

It is important to note that our fresh fodder only supplements the animals' diets. One trailer alone cannot produce enough fresh food to feed our cows, bison, pigs, and chickens.

Technology is ever-advancing, and we are fortunate enough to stay at the forefront of these changes. Food sovereignty and sustainability are our main goals here at the Farm, and we take pride in knowing that what we do today will benefit our community for generations to come.



# April is Family Strengthening Month

**submitted by FCP Family Services**

Family Strengthening Month is nationally recognized as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Every April, the importance of families and communities working together to support family well-being and prevent child maltreatment is highlighted. This awareness encourages families to build a safe and nurturing family environment.

FCP's Family Resource Coordinator Mary Thornton focuses community events around the 5 Protective Factors: 1) Resilience – How do you bounce back after adversity or hard time come? 2) Relationships – Do you have positive friends and family in your life? 3) Knowledge – Children do not come with a manual, each one is special and unique! Learning about physical health, developmental stages and attending parenting educational workshops on topics of concern or interest is a great way to keep your family strong. Find out as much as you can about a concern, so you're informed and can make good decisions. 4) Support – Everybody needs help sometimes; it is ok to ask for help. Often it takes a caring person in the community to help connect us to what we need, whether it is a job, transportation, food assistance, clothing, mental health and AODA services. 5) Communication- Learning to manage our emotions, express our feelings, and needs. This also allows us to get along with others and learn to resolve conflicts in a healthy safe way.

Thornton also shared that Parent Support Group is held on Thursday at noon at the Potawatomi Community Center (PCC). This group is a talking circle to share and support each other in our parenting journey. Parenting classes and Life skills are also available to help strengthen our families. To help celebrate our families, a special movie night is planned for April 9 at PCC "Inside Out 2" (see details to the right)! Please join us and wear blue to support healthy families.

FCP Family Services have several resources to assist families. Please reach out to us at 715-478-4433.




# April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

**submitted by FCP Community Advocate/Resource Specialist Amber Koplien**

Sexual assault is pervasive, affecting all genders and sexual orientations as well as all races. Particularly, Native Americans. Native American women in the U.S. who live on federal reservations are disproportionately more likely to be victims of sexual assault than other groups.

• More than half of Native American women experience sexual violence in their lifetime and one in three are raped.

• Indigenous People are roughly 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault compared to all other races.

• On average, Native Americans ages 12 and older experience 5,900 sexual assaults per year.

• Non-Indigenous perpetrators commit an estimated 86-96 percent of the sexual abuse on Native women and are rarely brought to justice.

Violence against and sexual abuse of Native American women was almost unheard of in traditional societies. Prior to colonization, Indigenous women were honored and were essential to maintaining tribal cultures. During European colonization, the rampant sexual abuse and murder of Native women constituted an integral strategy of conquest and genocide. Native American women are still experiencing the brutality of colonization.

**What can we do?**

• Empower community members to use their strength, particularly their cultural beliefs and traditions, to work against sexual violence and for the health of their tribe.

• Promote thinking in the community that sexual violence is not inevitable but preventable, that challenges can and will be overcome, and that when sexual violence occurs, there can be healing and justice for victims and community members.

• Advocate for optimal response to this problem by tribal and nontribal entities.

**How can we help?**

Please join us for the upcoming Clothesline Project scheduled for every Thursday in April from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the lower level of the FCP Cultural Center, Library & Museum. The Clothesline Project is a community display of jeans created for those affected by sexual assault. The Project is a means to show solidarity with those affected by sexual assault by recognizing Denim Day which is April 30, 2025. The movement started in 1999 after the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction based on the assertion that the victim's jeans were too tight and that she must have assisted with removing them thereby implying consent. We urge community members, elected officials, businesses and students to stand together and wear jeans on April 30 to show your support, and join us decorate your jeans which will be displayed outside the FCP Family Services Building.




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# BRUNCH for the Elders

**10am–Noon**

**MARCH 27 • APRIL 17 • MAY 22 • JUNE 19**

FCP Elders are invited to join us in the *Museum Lower Level* to socialize and enjoy a meal. Meals provided by Museum staff!

**OPEN TO FCP TRIBAL ELDERS ONLY**

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**715.478.7478**

# FCP ELDER'S Prom

## MAY 3, 2025

**POTAWATOMI CASINO HOTEL CARTER**
618 STATE HWY 32 • WABENO, WI 54566

**Doors Open**
5:15PM - 10PM

**Band**
LOVIN' COUNTRY

JENNIFER SUE'S CUPCAKES

**Dinner Served**
5:30PM

**Raffles**
THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

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If tax exempt, must provide exemption document.
A $50 incidental fee is required, refundable after check out less any charges that may occur.

**RSVP BY: April 3rd, 2025**
TO SIGN UP CALL: JENNA PARADIES @ 715-478-4892
OR SARA GARROW @ 715-478-4992
(NOT SIGNED UP WITHOUT A CONFIRMATION NUMBER)

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI ELDER SERVICES



# APRIL 2025 ELDER MEAL ROUTE

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1**
Chicago style hot dog, potato wedges, fruit cup

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2**
Chef salad, chicken noodle soup w/ crackers, fresh fruit, dessert

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**
Fish sandwich, crab pasta salad, fresh fruit, veggie with dill dip

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4**
Cold cut trio sandwich, chips, pickles, fruit cup

**MONDAY, APRIL 7**
Grilled cheese w/ ham, tomato soup, veggie cup w/ dill dip

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8**
Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, wild rice & berries, salad

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9**
Chicken wild rice soup, crackers, sweet peppers, dill dip, fresh fruit, dessert

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10**
Lemon cod, dinner roll, green beans, fresh fruit

**FRIDAY, APRIL 11**
Tuna sandwich, hummus & veggies, fruit cup

**MONDAY, APRIL 14**
Meatball sub, mixed veggies, fresh fruit

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15**
Chicken wings, mashed potatoes, radishes w/ dill dip, fresh fruit

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**
Sweet & sour chicken over glass noodles, egg roll, stir fry veggies, fruit, dessert

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17**
Clam chowder, dinner roll, sugar snap peas, dill dip, mixed berry yogurt parfait

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18**
Chicken salad sandwiches w/ lettuce, veggie & dill dip, fruit cup

**MONDAY, APRIL 21**
FROZEN MEAL DUE TO HOLIDAY - MEAL SEND OUT ON APRIL 16

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22**
Tater tot casserole, mixed veggies, fresh fruit, peanut butter crackers

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**
Couscous salad w/ garbanzo beans, fresh fruit, dessert option

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24**
Fish sandwich w/ lettuce & cheese, french fries, side salad, fresh fruit

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**
Egg salad sandwich w/ lettuce, celery w/ cream cheese, fresh fruit

**MONDAY, APRIL 28**
Shepard's Pie, dinner roll, fruit cup

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29**
Taco bake, hummus & crackers, fruit cup

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30**
Wild rice casserole, hummus w/ veggies, fresh fruit, dessert option

***DISCLAIMER:** If the FCP campus is closed due to inclement weather, please plan accordingly as there will be no meal route delivery those days.

# 2025 Reservation Economic Summit



(l-r) Kevin Allis and Clarissa Friday

**by Clarissa Friday, Native Clarity Photography**

The 2025 Reservation Economic Summit (RES), organized by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, was held March 10-14 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev. RES provides a valuable opportunity for Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs to connect with potential stakeholders. This year, there were over 4,700 attendees. Aside from the many business development sessions, you could find a diverse amount of artisan and trade show booths from across the U.S. and Canada.

This was my second year attending RES, and it proved to be just as overwhelming but equally beneficial. I am a photographer who owns my small business, Native Clarity Photography, and attending conferences has been one of the greatest ways for me to connect with others in Indian Country. There is so much to learn about business and what is happening outside of my business. One of the sessions I attended, Current Trends in Small Business Federal Contracting, was led by a panel, one of which was FCP Tribal Member Kevin Allis of Thunderbird Strategic, LLC. In this session, they spoke about the challenges many small businesses face due to recent executive orders. Afterward, I spoke with Allis a little more, who is someone I may not have heard from or had the time to chat with if I hadn't attended RES. And, there were so many more connections. Some of which will bring me to other nations across the U.S.

During this time, I was also able to connect with those close to home, including tribal member Alexis Harris, director of the Innovation Center at Potawatomi Ventures. During an impromptu interview, these are some of the key points Harris spoke to:

• This is one of the largest gatherings of not only tribes but also economic development companies, tribal businesses, and stakeholders. It's a great place to network with others you may not have otherwise. Building connections is key, and it's important to have those across Indian Country because there's a good chance you'll run into these people again.

I think it's important to see Native people succeeding in business and to witness the variety of companies and industries that make up a sovereign economy.

• While it's easy to view other tribes or tribal businesses as competition, I believe fostering a more collaborative mindset is essential. We must remember that we are a community and should be leveraging each other. Maybe you're not the right person for a certain job, but with a strong network, you can refer to another Native business or individual who might be.

RES provides the space to learn from individuals in different roles, allowing them to share their successes and challenges. This helps others grow from their experiences and fosters a stronger, more connected community.



(l-r) Michael Moe and Alexis Harris



# Potawatomi Ventures Attended RES 2025



*photo by Clarissa Friday, Native Clarity Photography*




Potawatomi Ventures wrapped up another well-attended Reservation Economic Summit (RES) that is organized by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED).

RES is known for its excellent networking, collaborations, business development sessions, centered around building bridges of suitable time with the American Indian Enterprise.

**RES 2025 Features**

• 4,500+ attendees across the U.S. and Canada

• 100+ training, academic boot-camps, and business development sessions

• 60+ artisan booths represented at the most diverse Indian artisan market

• Largest Native American business trade show

- 200+ trade show and artisan market exhibits

• Meet with Fortune 500 companies in the Buy Native Procurement Matchmaking Expo

This year, Data Holdings made a debut hosting a booth at the trade show with the intention of showcasing the big investment that was made by FCP to get environmental impact as low as possible (the cold weather in Wisconsin is appropriate for data centers.) Data Holdings has 17 megawatts of power, 46,000 square feet with a customer base that includes state and tribal governments, public companies including Fortune 500, non-for-profits, and international clients.

The Innovation Center director had the opportunity to provide a snapshot of the Innovation Center being a new resource hub for Native entrepreneurs with the goal of being visible, understood, and supported with their future endeavors.

Potawatomi Ventures, PV board members, and FCP Executive Council made some very great connections during this year's attendance and look forward to another year of continued collaboration within Indian Country.

# Career Exploration 2025 Registration

Potawatomi Ventures is preparing for another Career Exploration Event and offers prospective participants the opportunity to sign up early.

**June 11-13, 2025 in Milwaukee, WI**

*You are invited to the FCP Career Exploration Event. Sponsored by Potawatomi Ventures, in partnership with FCP Executive Council, Potawatomi Casino – Hotel, FCP Higher Education, and Gaming Commission. This two-day event will highlight career opportunities within FCP entities and help tribal members prepare for future careers.*

***Deadline to sign-up June 1st, 2025***

**This event is for tribal members and descendants who are 18+**






# Potawatomi Ventures Welcomes Peter Bartsch

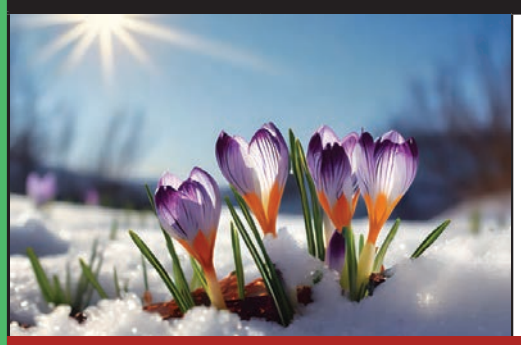


Potawatomi Ventures is pleased to announce the addition of Peter Bartsch as Business Analyst. Peter has over 25 years of experience in the software and manufacturing industries, with a notable track record in leading Microsoft Dynamics ERP & CRM implementations. His extensive expertise and dedication will be instrumental in supporting the implementation of Potawatomi Ventures' ERP, ultimately driving improved efficiency across the organization.



# Community Events
# APRIL 2025

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
*Keeper of the Fire*

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  | | **1**<br>**Powwow Club**<br>4:30pm - 5:30pm<br>**April Fool's Day** | **2**<br>**National Walking Event**<br>11am - 2pm<br>**Language Class**<br>10am - 12pm | **3**<br>**Clothesline Project**<br>Museum Lower Level<br>1pm - 4pm<br>**Support Group**<br>Parenting Journey<br>12 pm – 1 pm | **4** | **5** |
| **6** | **7**<br>**Spring to Resilience**<br>4pm - 6pm | **8**<br>**Wellness 360 Launch Party**<br>5pm - 7pm<br>**Powwow Club**<br>4:30pm - 5:30pm | **9**<br>**Family Movie Night**<br>6pm - 7:30pm<br>**Language Class**<br>10am - 12pm | **10**<br>**Clothesline Project**<br>Museum Lower Level<br>1pm - 4pm<br>**Blood Drive**<br>Community Center<br>10am - 4pm<br>**Support Group**<br>Parenting Journey<br>12 pm – 1 pm | **11**<br>**Bad Habitz**<br>Live Entertainment<br>Carter Casino<br>7pm - 11pm | **12**<br>**Bad Habitz**<br>Live Entertainment<br>Carter Casino<br>7pm - 11pm |
| **13** | **14** | **15**<br>**Coffee Talk**<br>12pm - 2pm<br>**Powwow Club**<br>4:30pm - 5:30pm | **16**<br>**Sobriety Feast**<br>6pm<br>**Language Class**<br>10am - 12pm | **17**<br>**Clothesline Project**<br>Museum Lower Level<br>1pm - 4pm<br>**Support Group**<br>Parenting Journey<br>12 pm – 1 pm<br>**Orchard Day** | **18**<br>**FCP Community Easter Party**<br>Community Center<br>12pm - 3pm | **19** |
| **20**<br> | **21**<br>**Easter**<br>Campus Closed | **22**<br>**Coffee Talk**<br>12pm - 2pm<br>**Powwow Club**<br>4:30pm - 5:30pm<br>**Earth Day** | **23**<br>**Nutrition Taste Test**<br>H&W Test Kitchen<br>11:30am - 1pm<br>**Language Class**<br>10am - 12pm | **24**<br>**Clothesline Project**<br>Museum Lower Level<br>1pm - 4pm<br>**Diabetes Luncheon**<br>Lower Conference Room<br>12pm – 1:30pm<br>**Support Group**<br>Parenting Journey<br>12 pm – 1 pm<br>**Youth Sports Foundational Training**<br>4pm - 5:30pm | **25**<br>**Arbor Day** | **26** |
| **27** | **28**<br>**Youth Baseball/ Softball Training**<br>4pm - 7pm | **29**<br>**Powwow Club**<br>4:30pm - 5:30pm | **30**<br>**Language Class**<br>10am - 12pm | **FCP Community Easter Party**<br>**April 18th 12 - 3pm**<br>Open to FCP Tribal Members & Descendants Only<br>**12pm:** Feast<br>**12:30 - 2:30pm:** Pictures with Easter Bunny<br>**1pm:** Rec Games in the Turf Fieldhouse<br>**2pm:** Bike Drawings Begin | | |

National Public Health Week & National Autism Awareness Month

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# Activities and Events that Require Luck & Skill

**Answers will be in the next issue**



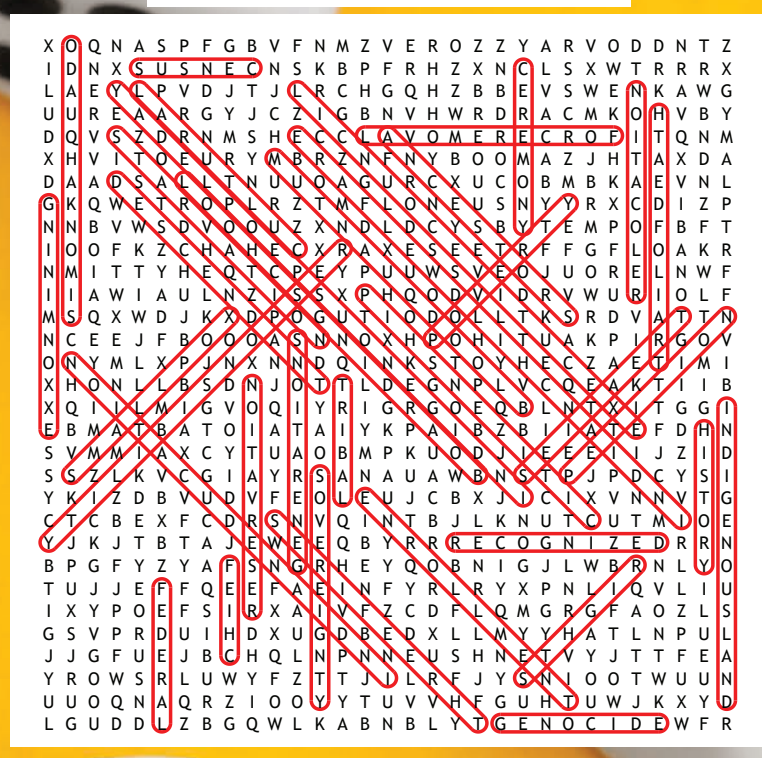
**ACROSS**

**3.** An object individuals use to bring good luck.
**4.** This prime number is considered lucky.
**7.** This game involves bats, bases and gloves.
**9.** Nontraditional powwows have these, and dancers compete for the prize.
**10.** This game involves a small white ball with fairways and greens.
**11.** Quartz, salt and ice have these. Beautiful glass-like stone.
**13.** This game involves a large orange ball, court, and two baskets.
**14.** A fork-shaped bone found in birds such as turkeys and chickens.
**17.** Individuals toss coins in this circular structure built with rock and water in the bottom.
**18.** This is also called a shamrock.
**20.** Copper-colored coin.

**DOWN**

**1.** These are small cubes each having a different number of spots on it with six sides.
**2.** There are 52 of them, red and black colors. They have kings, queens, jacks and jokers.
**5.** Coin-operated gaming generates random combinations of symbols on a dial.
**6.** A u-shape metal band that protects an animal's hoof.
**8.** This game involves a large white ball with a net stretched across the middle of the court.
**12.** This furry little animal has four of these but one is used for luck.
**15.** This game involves daubers, sheets and 1-75 numbers.
**16.** Event or condition in which individuals are against each other to see who can win.
**19.** A beetle with a hard red wing covered with black spots.

**Answers from previous issue**



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# APR 2025

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| MORE FOR YOUR PLAY. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE DETAILS: | | 1 BOGO Breakfast | 2 50 CLUB | 3 SPIN & WIN | 4 CASH QUEST | 5 |
| 6 | 7 BOGO Breakfast | 8 BOGO Breakfast | 9 50 CLUB | 10 SPIN & WIN | 11 CASH QUEST | 12 |
| 13 | 14 BOGO Breakfast | 15 BOGO Breakfast | 16 50 CLUB | 17 SPIN & WIN | 18 CASH QUEST | 19 |
| 20 | 21 BOGO Breakfast | 22 BOGO Breakfast | 23 50 CLUB | 24 SPIN & WIN | 25 CASH QUEST | 26 |
| 27 | 28 BOGO Breakfast | 29 BOGO Breakfast | 30 50 CLUB | | | |

POTAWATOMI CARTER
SAVE THE DATES: AUGUST 14–17
ALL-IN SUMMER SERIES
LIVE MUSIC
FOOD & DRINKS
FAMILY FUN
**STAY TUNED** FOR CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## $25,000 CASH QUEST

**FRIDAYS IN APRIL**
APRIL 4, 11, 18 & 25

**HOT SEAT DRAWING AT 5 P.M.**
RECEIVE $20 REWARD PLAY & SELECT THE GAME TO BE PLAYED

**GAME BOARD DRAWINGS: 6–10 P.M.**
PLAY PUNCH BOARD, MATCH GAME OR PRIZE DROP AND WIN UP TO **$5,000 CASH!**

*Receive one entry for every 25 points earned on your Potawatomi Rewards card from April 1–25.*



| | Live Music
**Bad Habitz**
**Friday, April 11 & Saturday, April 12**
Rock & Brews | 7–11 p.m.





Easter Sunday KIOSK GAME

**WIN UP TO $1,000 IN REWARD PLAY**
**SUNDAY, APRIL 20**
Earn 500 tier credits playing with your Rewards card 9 a.m.–11:59 p.m. then touch Easter 2025 at any promotional kiosk to play.

Easter Brunch BUFFET
**SUNDAY, APRIL 20 | 10 A.M.–3 P.M.**
**Featuring**: prime rib, crab legs, honey pit ham Henny Penny chicken, scrambled eggs, bacon, desserts, soup & salad bar and much more...
$35 PER PERSON
$15 KIDS 5-11
THE SPRINGS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

DRAFT DAY GIVEAWAY
Receive one entry for each $3 bottle of Miller Lite® purchased starting April 1 until 6:29 p.m. on April 24.
**DRAWINGS:**
**THURSDAY, APRIL 24 AT 6:30 P.M.**



WIN AN AUTOGRAPHED HELMET OR $150-$250 CASH!
ROCK & BREWS RESTAURANT

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