



VOTE ON OUR LAND!

May 17, 2025 ~ 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Brothertown Cultural Center

N1866 Hwy 151, Chilton, WI 53014

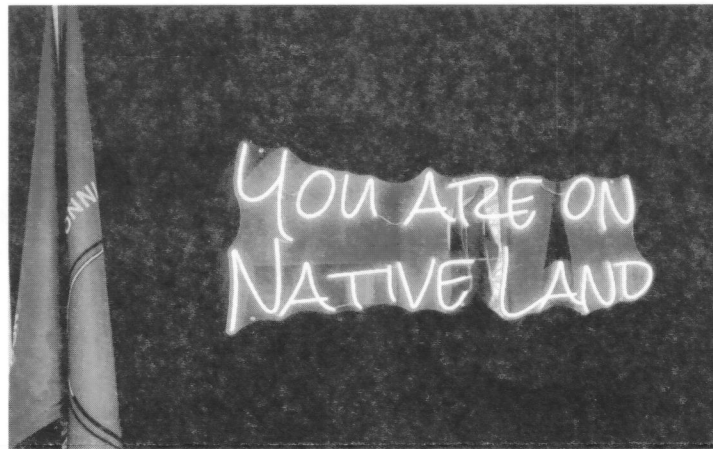


JOIN US AT OUR CULTURAL CENTER FOR:

FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (9:00)

UNVEILING OF BOARDING SCHOOL EXHIBIT: **RELATIVES AT CARLISLE**

GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN WITH THIS SIGN!



We continue to exercise our sovereignty using traditional foods and medicines. For two decades, we have shared seeds and teachings for a 3-Sisters' Garden. This year, we are also giving away traditional plants!



Tribal Chair: Vote for 1



Phyllis O. Tousey (Incumbent)

For those of you who don't know me or my background, here's a brief snapshot of my experience and my family's involvement in our Tribal government. As an attorney, I have spent over 25 years exclusively representing Indian people and Tribal governments in state, federal and Tribal court. I also served on the Brothertown Tribal Council and worked on the Petition for Federal Acknowledgement. My father, Philip G. Tousey, was Vice-Tribal Chairman and my Uncle, Harry Tousey, was Tribal Chairman. Many of you may remember my cousin, Leo Tousey, who was Tribal Treasurer for years.

I am running again for Chairwoman to ensure that the progress the Tribal Council and I have made together over the last three years continues.

I believe restoration of the BIN is critical to our Tribe's future survival and I am committed to doing everything I can to make sure the Tribe is restored to our former status as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, including restoration of all the rights and privileges that go along with

that status. As Brothertown Indians we have suffered many consequences of the U.S. Government's termination policy; including loss of land; loss of an ability to protect our ancestors' graves and to preserve families who are separated by the government, to name a few. The termination policy has been repudiated by the U.S. Government and it is time for the BIN to be restored.

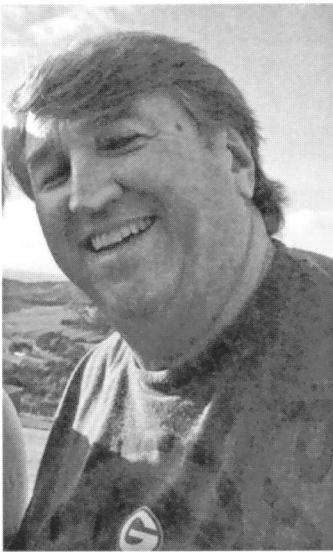
Today the Tribe has the support of local governments, non-profits, churches, social justice organizations, environmental groups and most importantly the support of other Tribal Nations, Governor Evers and the commitment of Senator Baldwin to introduce our Restoration Bill.

During my administration, our Tribal Council/leadership has accomplished much:

- Created a new position: Tribal Executive Coordinator to run the Community Center; help tribal members and the public; and other administrative tasks.
- Purchased a second parcel of land, our new Cultural Center, in Brothertown: I secured the loan to purchase the property. Having a highly visible physical presence on our former reservation is an important statement about our people and our resilience. The Brothertown Indians are still here, alive and well in Wisconsin.
- Hosted several highly successful annual events: Spring Powwows; Water Walks; Culture and Craft teachings; History sharing events, tabling and displays; Homecomings
- We continue to kickoff the ever-popular Building Unity event in Fond du Lac: we had "the best food" of all vendor booths
- Hosted new events: Gathering of Relatives; Honoring for Veterans; Honoring for Volunteers
- Expanded government to government relationships
- Expanded financial stability based on Bingo, Kitchen, and Craft store sales; multiple fund raisers; donations from tribal members and allies; facility rentals; and project specific grants

Our most recent accomplishment is an EPA Grant award to continue our Water and Wild Rice restoration and revitalization efforts. The award provides for staff positions, cultural workshops and the acquisition of land for the Tribe with watershed access.

Please vote for me again for Tribal Chair. Thank you.



Craig Cottrell (Candidate)

Wigomun Brothertown Members:

My name is Craig Cottrell, Brothertown Nation Elder, and I am running for Chairperson.

I have served the Eeyamquittoowauconnuck Nation for over 30 years in several capacities, including Grant Fiscal Agent, Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Council Member. My service dates back to the early 1990s.

My Elders, and yours, speak to me always. June, Phyllis, Ted, Cy, Platt, George, Phil, Jerry, and many more who fought long for our Identity. I know all the WI Tribes and many more outside WI. More importantly, they know me. I worked with them in their Gaming Enterprise developments, including Enterprise structure and administration.

It has always been an honor to serve the Brothertown Indian Nation.

I shall endeavor to politic for you on:

- Restoration of our sovereign Govt-to-Govt relationship
- Opening of Enrollment: Time to allow eligible Brothertown Members full Membership.
- Reinstating PeaceMakers to their rightful Constitutional Status and Responsibilities.
- Making sure Members have a voice in the administration of the Nation. I will create as many regional "Fires" as needed to provide access to Brothertown Indian Nation Government.
- Establishing our parent Tribes as our guidance on language and culture. Language is key to the survival of American Indian Tribal Nations.

"Live in Peace, Care for Peace, Plant It, Fertilize It, and Hold it with Gentleness near your Heart." — Samson Occum Ta'put ne



Tribal Treasurer: Vote for 1



Michelle Wood (Incumbent)

I, Michelle Wood, am running for the current treasurer position since it is an open seat and no other members have come forward to take the position. I currently serve in this position and have for the past ten years, living in Fond du Lac County all my life. My family line on my mother's side is the Mathers family, many who lived in Calumet and Fond du Lac County. I attended tribal annual picnics as a child with my grandparents, previously volunteered for bingo, and currently volunteer taking care of our tribe's store. I attend and volunteer at many of our local events – Water Walk, Powwow, Homecoming, Roadside and property cleanup, as well as other events supporting our tribe, including FDL Unity Event, neighboring Powwows, and Fond du Lac community events helping share the story of our tribe. I work as an accountant and have an accounting degree which has given me the background to assist with work I do for the tribe. I have learned more and more about my heritage by attending events and talking with elders and hope to get more family involved in the future.

Council Member: Vote for 1



Hector Marroquin (Incumbent)

As an active member of the tribe, I have been involved in various projects and activities that have helped to push the tribe forward. Listed below are some of the projects I am most proud of:

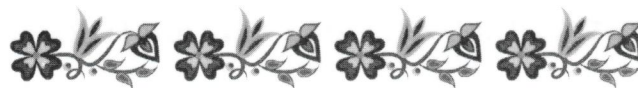
- Donating a new oven to the kitchen, which helps increase profits during bingo events.
- Organized and led the efforts to update TV monitors in the community center, which allowed for better viewing during bingo, as well as future use during events held at the community center.
 - Recruited volunteers to assist in this project, saving 10 hours of labor costs.
- Researched and installed a new security camera system in the community center, which helps keep individuals, as well as our treasured artifacts, safe.
 - Recruited volunteers to assist in this project, saving 12 hours of labor costs.
- Designed and collaborated to update the Zoom meeting equipment that is currently used at each monthly tribal meeting.
- Identified issues and led a project to improve Wi-Fi/network performance at the community center, which created better safeguards and allowed more consistent connectivity.

In addition to these projects, I also volunteer during various events, such as bingo, powwows, walleye weekend, and other tribal events. I consistently attend monthly meetings in person, and am an active member of our current government. I am always advocating and researching ways to drive our tribe forward and stay current with modern practices, while still preserving our historical culture and customs.

My professional background is in technology, which I infuse in identifying opportunities to improve tribal communication and collaboration. I have identified areas of improvement and am actively working with other members of council to evaluate and implement solutions that allow for more transparency and better communication for all tribal members.

I believe that every member of our tribe has a responsibility to stand up for their beliefs, advocate for government policies that align with our values, while keeping our tribe's best interests at the forefront of all discussions and decisions. My voting record reflects these beliefs and proves that I do fight for all members of our tribe to have the opportunity to be heard and seen in all circumstances.

With these projects, ideas, and values in mind, I humbly ask for your vote in order to continue my work to further our tribe in its goal towards restoration and tribal sovereignty. I will continue to be a voice for the people, doing what I believe to be in the best interests of our tribe and its members.



Peacemaker

No nominees to assess criteria. Position remains filled at this time, as the current position is in effect until June of 2025. Position will be declared vacant at that time.



2025 Voter's Guide

Brothertown Indian Nation



Saturday, May 17, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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While not everyone is able to serve as an officer, be a council member, or serve on a committee, there is something every adult member 18 years or older can do so your voice is heard: exercising your right to **VOTE** at our annual Brothertown election. By voting, we confirm that we care enough about our tribe to take the time to vote for those members who will help our tribe move forward.

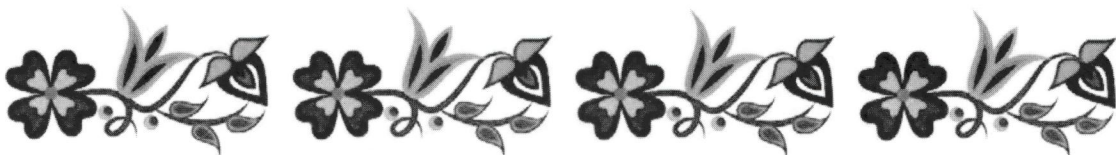
The election committee is made up of members: Amy Loof, Ann Walters, Jackie Wilson, and Keisha Jagdfeld.

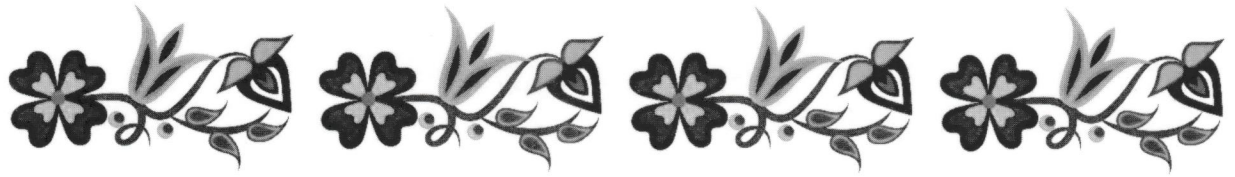
If you would like to run for a position in a future election, please contact the current Election Committee members.

JOIN US to VOTE ON OUR OWN LAND, ON OUR FORMER RESERVATION!

Questions: Contact the Election Committee: BINEC2025@gmail.com

or contact the BINCC at 920-929-996





Candidate Forum

May 4, 2025 ~ 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

PLEASE JOIN US TO MEET CANDIDATES & LEARN MORE ABOUT CANDIDATES' EXPERIENCES, CONNECTIONS WITH THE TRIBE, AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR TRIBE!

IN PERSON:

Brothertown Community
Center
311 Winnebago Drive
Fond du Lac, WI 54936

ZOOM:

Meeting ID: 815
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Passcode: 626090

