



# POTAWATOMI TRAVELING TIMES

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## Kindness is Contagious



**Zoey Weso poses with the toys purchased so far. PTT wishes her much success in this very caring and kind endeavor!**

**by Val Niehaus**

Forest County Potawatomi tribal member Zoey Weso has been busy these past few months having bake sales, Indian taco sales, raffles, and making holiday goodie baskets. All of these efforts have been made to fund an idea she came up with at the end of October. She told her mother Mary Sue Weso that she wanted to start raising money to buy toys for children who may be a bit less fortunate this year. With the pandemic taking a toll on so many families in the surrounding Forest County communities, Zoey thought this would be a great idea to help ensure that children affected by these hard times could have the Christmas they deserve. With that goal in mind and with the help of her family, Zoey got busy baking, cooking, raffling and shopping!

Zoey and her mother keep everyone updated through their Facebook pages on the money being donated, and they also share photos of the toys they have bought with the proceeds of her fundraising efforts. With Mary's shopping skills, they have gotten quite the bang for their buck while hitting up store sales and have found that even while shopping, people who knew what they were doing donated cash right in the store.

When she began this effort, Zoey's goal was to hit \$1,000 to use just to buy toys. But as luck would have it, news travels fast and Zoey got a surprise only a girl like her could get for her kind and compassionate project. Pam and Jamey Flannery, Flannery Contracting & Trucking, and the Crandon Raceway gave Zoey \$1,000 towards her funds. AND not only are they offering that, they are offering

to match any further money she raises from now until Dec. 15! This is truly an awesome pledge to help support the efforts of this young girl who started this thoughtful project by having a bake sale or two and thinking of children other than herself.

If you are able to follow Zoey, her mother, or any of the Facebook local rummage sites, you can join in on the fun as well. Both post the raffles, bake sales and holiday goodie baskets via these pages, so take a look. Let's help Zoey get to her new goal of \$6,000!

It should be noted that Zoey's mother has been in contact with local county offices to help distribute these toys to families that are in need, including foster homes and any other families that may not be able to provide a special Christmas morning for their children. If you would like to contact Mary for donating or maybe receiving, you may do so on her Facebook messenger or (715) 784-0132.

We should all take a lesson from this 13-year-old who clearly knows what this season of giving really means. To think of others besides yourself and especially during such trying times as these that we are living in, is truly what Christmas is about.

Santa sure is proud of you, Zoey. Being such a kind person when so many in this day and age seem to only think of themselves makes you a wonderful example of the kind of person others can strive to be. You will be making many children smile this Christmas season and THAT is something for which to be extremely proud!

## Winning: All in the Family



**(above left r-l) Makenna, Marna and Abi Winnicki  
(above right r-l) Makenna and Abi**



**by Val Niehaus**

Forest County tribal members and sisters Makenna and Abi Winnicki have something to celebrate with their Hodag girls swim team: They took home the Division 2 State Championship held in Waukesha, Wis., on Nov. 13, 2020. This championship title is the first in girls or boys swim history, the first state title by any female team in Rhinelander, and the first state title in any sport since 1987!

Makenna, a senior, has made it to the state level all four years of high school, qualifying seven times in individual events, and five times with a relay. At the 2020 state meet, she swam the butterfly leg of the medley relay (1:50.69) taking 3rd, 200 individual medley (2:15.59) coming in 9th, 500 freestyle (5:20.57) placing 4th, third leg of the 400 freestyle relay (3:35.80) where she took 1st and set the school record! She is also part of five other pool, varsity and conference record-holding relays. What an accomplishment and something to be so proud of your senior year of competing – what an emotional roller coaster!

Abi, a freshman, did just as outstanding as her older sister. Swimming in the 200 freestyle relay (1:38.03) reaching 1st, 400 freestyle relay second leg (3:35.80) with another 1st, 200 freestyle (1:54.99) coming in 2nd, and the 100 freestyle (53.28) finishing with a 3rd. It should be noted as well that every event Abi swam at state was a varsity record. She was also part of six other pool, varsity and conference records! It will be fun to watch what Abi accomplishes in the years to come.

Marna Winnicki, the girls' mother and also assistant swim coach, had this to say about her daughters' accomplishments: "It's exciting overall for the entire team that we took first at state! But really, it was exciting that my daughters got to

share in this...really, that all three of us did as a family. Makenna is a senior and Abi is a freshman, and to finally have both of them competing on the same team after several years...it was just exciting all the way around!"

Abi then was able to voice her feelings, saying, "It was just so exciting and inspiring to be a part of the team that made history, and I'm really excited for the years to come!"

Makenna stated, "It was really exciting to finish off my senior year with a state title and multiple relay titles to the team. That was something I've never really thought we would be able to do. I'm just sad to see it come to an end...this season was more than anything I ever thought it would be, and to share this experience between the three of us!" Makenna shared with PTT that her future in swimming will still be a sport she loves to stay fit and participate in as a hobby. The school she plans on attending doesn't have an athletic swim team, but they do have a swim club in which she plans to take part.

Another proud person in this trio's corner is the mother to Marna and grandmother to the girls, Jeryl Perenich. She said, "I cried really hard when they won the last 400 relay. That was the finish Makenna needed for her last team event for the Hodags! Makenna has been such an important team member for four years, and knowing that Abi coming in as the freshmen has made her mark as well. Marna has been an assistant swim coach after playing softball all her life, and is a wonderful mom!"

Congratulations to all three on this fantastic win – not only for themselves, but for the school and community! Best of luck in the future as well!



## FCP Community Facebook Live Session Recap - Nov. 18, 2020

### Chairman Ned Daniels Jr.

Good morning. Thank you all for tuning in for today's Facebook update.

I want to begin today on a somber note. As you all know, COVID-19 is continuing to run rampant through our communities and take the lives of people we love. Sadly, since I last spoke to you, several tribal members have passed away due to complications related to COVID-19. Any time a tribal member dies it's like losing a family member for all of us. I want everyone to please say a prayer for those we recently lost. And please do not forget about those who are in mourning for these tribal members. In this time of need, they need our support more than ever. Please be sure you reach out to them and give them the comfort they need.

And now, for some good news.

A few fellow Wisconsin tribes have elected new leadership. I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to John D. Johnson Sr., the new President of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and Robert VanZile, the new Chairman of the Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Indian Country has always had a strong voice in Wisconsin and their addition will only make it stronger. Thank you both for your willingness to give your time and energy for the betterment of your tribes and Indian Country as a whole. I look forward to working with both of you as we tackle issues important to our people.

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development recently released its 2020 class of Native American 40 Under 40 award recipients. These awards recognize emerging American Indian and Alaska Native leaders under the age of 40 from across Indian Country. Nominated by their peers, the winners have exemplified leadership, initiative, and especially during COVID-19, resiliency and dedication towards their communities and businesses. This year's awardees represent the best from education, medical, and legal fields, government, non-profits, and more. This year, the award recipients will be announced virtually through the National Center's social media pages in the coming weeks. Additionally, award recipients will be honored at RES 2021. I'm pleased to announce that FCP Council Member Brooks Boyd is one of 2020's recipients! Congratulations, Brooks!

Kevin Allis, Forest County Potawatomi tribal member and National Congress of American Indians CEO announced his resignation during an opening speech of the organization's recent annual convention. Allis has served in the role since June 2019. His goals at the organization included making it fi-

nancially stable and providing a comfortable working environment. He said he's leaving the organization with a stronger foundation and believes NCAI can be even more impactful moving forward.

We are so proud of his accomplishments and wish him much success in the future.

The Rhinelander Hodag girls swim team captured a first ever Division 2 state championship this past Friday in Waukesha. Two young women on the team are FCP community members – sisters Abi Winnicki and Makenna Winnicki. Marna Winnicki – mother of Abi and Makenna – is also one of the team's coaches. We congratulate these two and the rest of the team on their win as well as their hard work and determination!

This weekend is the start of the gun deer season in Wisconsin. Good luck to all the hunters heading out. And for those of you not hunting, if you do decide to spend some time outside, remember to wear some blaze orange.

Before I turn it over - I would like to end by wishing all of you, and your families, a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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### Family Services Division Administrator Abbey Dall

Bosho, Forest County Potawatomi Community!

How about those Commodity boxes! We'll have more coming, but we don't get firm dates until they're on their way. Please be sure to watch Facebook for updates. A big thank you to the Farm, Community Advocacy, and Recreation staff for all their help in getting these distributed to you.

We are absolutely in desperate need of a few foster homes for some larger sibling groups. Please contact ICW to become a licensed placement and to obtain more information.

Here's a quick Child Care update: Please be sure to check your mail and return your application materials as soon as possible. It includes information about how we plan to keep your children safe in response to COVID. Una Ross is back, so if you have any questions pertaining to the application materials, please call.

We know you're headed back to work and school and we are doing our best to ensure appropriate child care accommodations. We remain in great need of in-home child care providers. If you're interested in becoming a certified child care provider, please contact Kathy Tupper at (715) 478-4433.

A colder season nearing and we know you may feel a bit more stuck at home. We ARE available and will respond to emergencies and safety concerns accordingly. If you're feeling suicidal, please call for help: 1-800-SUICIDE or 1-800-273-TALK.

For non-emergency service requests, our business hours are Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you should call outside of these hours, please leave a message with your full name and a WORKING phone number so that we may return your call. Family Services may be reached at (715) 478-4433.

Assistance is available for qualifying applicants for food, medical, and child care expenses. We'd like to invite you to apply at <https://access.wisconsin.gov>. We know that filling out large applications can be overwhelming. Please call us at (715) 478-4433 to schedule an appointment to receive some assistance. The kiosks are ready and available to serve you.

Wishing you a safe weekend. See you soon!

Ba Ma Me Na!

Family Services (715) 478-4433

Indian Child Welfare (715) 889-1446

Com. Advocacy (715) 478-7201

Child Support (715) 478-7260

### Elena Cox, FCP Public Health Officer

Good morning.

I am sharing the latest COVID numbers with you for the FCP Community. Unfortunately, we are not doing well. Our numbers are climbing and we have had three recent COVID-related deaths in the community. Our total positives are 108, which is about 15 percent of the community. We currently have 10 active cases, with 95 recovered. The state hit a grim milestone yesterday with 92 deaths. This is a new daily high for Wisconsin since the pandemic began. The previous high was 66 on Nov. 10.

I don't like to be standing up here and giving you information like this... but with Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, I want to urge each and every one of you to take serious steps so we don't see even worse numbers during the holiday season, which are celebrated indoors – where the virus can spread easier.

The CDC has published information on how to celebrate Thanksgiving in a safe way. I urge you to follow these considerations for the sake of our loved ones who cannot fight off this virus as some of the younger, healthier people are able to do.

The first tip is to host a virtual Thanksgiving meal with family. You can schedule a time to share your meal virtually with those outside of your immediate household. You can also share your favorite recipes or dishes and deliver them to those outside of your immediate household by dropping them off outside their door, like a curbside pick-up. For those that like to shop on Black Friday, please consider using curbside pick-up for that as well. Or shop online. Those would be the safest ways to shop and protect yourself and your loved ones.

As we head into the holiday season, please take care and be safe. If you are sick and have any COVID symptoms, remember to call our COVID hotline at (715) 478-4318.

And as always, continue to wear a mask when out of your home, avoid touching your face, wash your hands often, and keep at least a 6' distance from others when in public.

### Ashley Seiler, Nurse Practitioner

Hello, my name is Ashley Seiler. I am one of the nurse practitioners at the Health & Wellness Center. I work full time in the Behavioral Health Department. My primary focus at this time is seeing patients with mental health concerns and substance use disorders.

I wanted to speak today to introduce myself to those of you that I have not met and also to reinforce that the Behavioral Health Department staff are here to help. We see both children and adults. I work with a dedicated team that includes a psychologist, counselors, nurses, recovery coaches, and community advocates, as well as our support staff and transitional housing team. We understand that the COVID 19 pandemic has placed additional stress and worry on our community. If you or a loved one is in need of help or additional support in this time of need to help process through grief surrounding recent losses, anxiety, depressed mood, or any other form of emotional distress, we encourage you to contact the Behavioral Health Department.

Also, the increased stress and isolation caused by COVID 19 can increase vulnerability to misuse of substances, addiction, and relapse. We encourage those of you who are struggling with substance use or addiction to contact our team for help. We are accepting tribal members, affiliates, and FCP employees into our medication assisted treatment program at this time. We strive to meet our clients where they are at in their recovery process and will work with you to find the best level of treatment for your needs.

As a reminder, there is a web page, called [fcphelp.com](http://fcphelp.com) that is shared regularly on the FCP Facebook page. FCPChelp.com has a list of additional resources related to mental health and substance use disorders.

Lastly, during these times it is important to continue to pull together as a community. Do what you can to safely support your family, friends, and neighbors. But, also pay attention to your own self-care. Maintaining a routine, eating regular meals, getting enough sleep, physical activity and doing something that brings you enjoyment each day can all help improve your mental health.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you.



**Lois Jean Frank**  
**Bmagishgok - Walk all day woman**

Lois Jean Frank, “Bmagishgok” “Walk all day woman”, 72, of Crandon, Wis., passed away Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at her home. Lois was born Nov. 12, 1948 in Hayward, Wis., the daughter of Harry Frank and Delphine Pemma.

Surviving Lois are her daughters: Taganas Frank, Lakewood; Joyce Anawash, Green Bay; five grandchildren; sisters: Katie Frank, Blackwell; Mabel (Gerald) Schingeck, Wabeno; Veronica Frank, Crandon; Velma Frank, Crandon; brothers: Harold Frank, Kansas; Harvey Frank, Wabeno; Stanley Frank, Crandon.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation was held Nov. 14; services on Nov. 15, both at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon. Burial followed at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Blackwell.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**Cassie Judy Cornell**



Cassie Judy Cornell, 84, of Crandon, Wis., passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, at the Caring Place. Cassie was born March 27, 1936, in Laona, Wis., the daughter of Bill Thunder and Mary Benn.

Surviving Cassie are her daughters,; Ruth Fox, Green Bay; Donna Cornell, Crandon; Brenda Cornell, Green Bay; sons: Al Milham, Crandon; Don Cornell, Crandon; Larry (Rose) Cornell, Crandon; Gieses (Betty) Thunder; 26 grandchildren and many great and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Marie Polar, Margaret, Alice, Grace; brothers: Nelson, Billy and Louie.

Private services were held.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**Johnny Mann**  
**Wa Wa' Suk**  
**Thunder after lighting**



Johnny Mann “Wa Wa’ Suk”, “Thunder after lighting”, 80, of Wabeno, Wis., passed away Fri-day, Nov.13, 2020, at St. Mary’s Hospital, Rhinelander. Johnny was born April 9, 1940, in Hayward, Wis., the son of Harry Mann and Susan Alloway. He served in the U.S. Army, 101st Air-borne in Vietnam.

Johnny was proud to be an iron worker for 30 years. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, 4- wheeling in the woods, going to the casino, eating, and watching baseball.

Surviving are his sons: Paul Mann, Milwaukee, David (Jessie) Mann, West Al-lis, Jon Mann, Milwaukee; 15 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, sister: Marie Gilligan, Laona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister: Mary Mann; brothers: Frank, Jerry and Larry.

Visitation and services were held Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon, with Pastor Howard Neider officiating. Burial to fol-lowed at Laona Cemetery.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**Winslow Mexico**  
**Mak-mi-gwen**  
**First Feather of an Eagle**



Winslow Mexico, “Mak-mi-gwen – First Feather of an Eagle”, age 71 of Wabeno, Wis., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at the Caring Place, Cran-don, Wis. Winslow was born in Hayward, Wis., on Aug. 7, 1949, the son of Clara Mexico.

He is survived by his partner, Cheryl Pemma; children: Margaret Borzick (Jake), Billie Jo Lenz (Jame), Winslow Mexico II (Brenda), Angel Mexico and Zyon Branch-Pemma; grandchildren: Mandi VanZile (Leelyn), Brandi Eernisse (Adam), Haley Eernisse (Jared), Ashley Messman (Jesse), Gage Tallier (Jenna), Trevor Tallier (Skylar), Raelee Anderson, Makiya Mexico, Alex Wheeldon, Michael Wheeldon, Winslow Mexico III, Savannah Mexico, Michael Cieslewicz, Orville Wamego and Tyler Wamego; great grandchildren: Dreyson Eernisse, Ken-ton Eernisse, Ellee VanZile, Everlee VanZile, Jaxon Mexico, Aria Anwash, Sadi Tallier, Madison Messman and Nathan Messman; siblings: Clara Ann Schingeck and Gerald Schingeck (Mabel).

He is preceded in death by his mother, Clara Schingeck, Richard Mexico and Gordy Mexico.

Visitation was held Nov. 19; Native American services on Nov. 20, both at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon, with Robert VanZile Jr. officiating. Interment was at the Lakeview Cemetery, Carter. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**CARING FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING COVID-19**



Take breaks to relax and do activities you enjoy.



Take care of your body with exercise and a healthy diet.



Know the facts. Understanding the risks can make an outbreak less stressful.



Stay connected with family, friends, and a trusted support system



Ask for help if feelings become too overwhelming.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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WE CAN STOP THE SPREAD OF  
**COVID-19 Together**

**Newspaper Deadlines**

JAN 1	12/16/20	JUL 1	6/16/21
JAN 15	1/6/21	JUL 15	6/30/21
FEB 1	1/20/21	AUG 1	7/21/21
FEB 15	2/3/21	AUG 15	8/4/21
MAR 1	2/17/21	SEP 1	8/18/21
MAR 15	3/3/21	SEP 15	9/1/21
APR 1	3/17/21	OCT 6	9/22/21
APR 15	3/31/21	OCT 15	10/1/21
MAY 1	4/21/21	NOV 1	10/20/21
MAY 15	5/5/21	NOV 15	11/3/21
JUN 1	5/19/21	DEC 1	11/17/21
JUN 15	6/2/21	DEC 15	12/1/21

## DECEMBER ELDER MENUS

<p><u>Monday, 11/30</u> Homemade Chili, Cornbread, Honey Butter &amp; Crackers, Cake</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 12/1</u> Chicken Chimichanga, Fiesta Corn Veggies, Refried Beans w/Cheese, Kiwi</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 12/2</u> Large Shell Italian Pasta Bake, Broccoli, Breadstick, Banana</p> <p><u>Thursday, 12/3</u> Fish, Sweet Potato Fries, Peas &amp; Cheese Salad, Orange</p> <p><u>Friday, 12/4</u> Turkey &amp; Swiss w/Lettuce &amp; Tomato on Whole Wheat, Coleslaw, Pineapple-Lime Fluff</p> <p><u>Monday, 12/7</u> Boiled Dinner, Cold Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Nutri-Grain® Bar, Peaches</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 12/8</u> Chicken Salad on Croissant, Side Salad, Cherry Tomatoes, Fresh Berries</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 12/9</u> Beef &amp; Cheddar on a Bun, Waffle Fries, Broccoli Slaw, Cookie</p> <p><u>Thursday, 12/10</u> Polish Sausage &amp; Sauerkraut, Roasted Red Potatoes, Grape &amp; Walnut Salad</p> <p><u>Friday, 12/11</u> Cheesy Cauliflower Soup, Cold Ham Sandwich, Crackers, Yogurt</p> <p><u>Monday, 12/14</u> Sloppy Joes, Pasta Vegetable Salad w/Peppers, Tomato &amp; Cucumbers, Cherry Fluff</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 12/15</u> Baked Breaded Pork Chop, Country Blend Veggies, Au Gratin Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Applesauce</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 12/16</u> Meat Ball Sub, Cucumber Salad, Cottage Cheese, Cookie</p>	<p><u>Thursday, 12/17</u> Buffalo Burger on a Bun, Pickle, Potato Salad, Calico Beans, Pears</p> <p><u>Friday, 12/18</u> Chicken &amp; Wild Rice Casserole, California Blend Veggies, Garlic Bread, Strawberries</p> <p><u>Monday, 12/21</u> Creamy Chicken &amp; Veggies over Biscuit w/Peas &amp; Carrots, Apricots</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 12/22</u> Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mushroom Gravy, Carrots, Dinner Roll, Apple</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 12/23</u> Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Pie</p> <p><u>Thursday, 12/24</u> Homemade Chicken Dumpling Soup, Cold Cut Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail (*2 meals on Wednesday 12/23; no meal route on Thursday 12/24)</p> <p><u>Friday, 12/25</u> Christmas Day – No Meal</p> <p><u>Monday, 12/28</u> Chicken Broccoli Alfredo, Corn, Breadstick, Fruit Cocktail</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 12/29</u> Fish Burger w/Cheese, Baked Beans, Sweet Potato Puffs, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 12/30</u> Steak Tips w/Sautéed Mushrooms &amp; Onions, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Cheesecake</p> <p><u>Thursday, 12/31</u> Beef Vegetable Soup, Cold Beef &amp; Swiss Sandwich, Crackers, Banana (*2 meals on Wednesday 12/30; no meal route on Thursday 12/31)</p> <p><u>Friday, 1/1</u> New Year's Day – No Meal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Menus Subject to Change</p>
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### Tribal Members

**Deadline Coming Soon for Open Enrollment for the Non-Tribal Dependent Health Plan**

You have until December 15, 2020, to enroll your non-member spouse and/or dependents up to the age of 26.

**Please contact the Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department at (715) 478-7448 or email us at [fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov](mailto:fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov) for details or to get an application.**

\*\*A note from the Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department\*\*  
The Non-Tribal Dependent Health Plan has recognition as Minimum Essential coverage (MEC) from the Department of Health & Human Services.

**Deadline for the December 15, 2020 issue of the Traveling Times is Wednesday, December 2, 2020.**

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**Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving holiday.**

**Be thankful. Be well.**

**Be safe.**

# Celebrating Thanksgiving

submitted by **Bobbie Irocky, Emergency Management**

Traditional Thanksgiving gatherings with family and friends are fun but can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. Follow these tips to make your Thanksgiving holiday safer.

The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is to celebrate with people in your household. If you do plan to



spend Thanksgiving with people outside your household, take steps to make your celebration safer.

Everyone Can Make Thanksgiving Safer

Wear a mask:

- Wear a mask with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Make sure the mask fits snugly against the sides of your face.

Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you:

- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread COVID-19 or flu.
- Keeping 6 feet (about two arm lengths) from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Wash your hands:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Keep hand sanitizer with you and use it when you are unable to wash your hands.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

Attending a Gathering

Make your celebration safer. In addition to following the steps that everyone can take to make Thanksgiving safer, take these additional steps while attending a Thanksgiving gathering:

- Bring your own food, drinks, plates, cups, and utensils.
- Wear a mask, and safely store your mask while eating and drinking.
- Avoid going in and out of the areas where food is being prepared or handled, such as in the kitchen.
- Use single-use options, like salad dressing and condiment packets, and disposable items like food containers, plates, and utensils.

Hosting a Thanksgiving Gathering

If having guests to your home, be sure that people follow the steps that everyone can take to make Thanksgiving safer. Other steps you can take include:

- Have a small outdoor meal with family and friends who live in your community.
- Limit the number of guests.

- Have conversations with guests ahead of time to set expectations for celebrating together.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items between use.
- If celebrating indoors, make sure to open windows.
- Limit the number of people in food preparation areas.
- Have guests

bring their own food and drink.

- If sharing food, have one person serve food and use single-use options, like plastic utensils.

Thanksgiving Travel

Travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you do travel:

- Check travel restrictions before you go.
- Get your flu shot before you travel.
- Always wear a mask in public settings and on public transportation.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from anyone who is not in your household.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your mask, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Bring extra supplies, such as masks and hand sanitizer.

Consider Other Thanksgiving Activities

Host a virtual Thanksgiving meal with friends and family who don't live with you:

- Schedule a time to share a meal together virtually.
- Have people share recipes and show their turkey, dressing, or other dishes they prepared.
- Watch television and play games with people in your household: Thanksgiving Day parades, sports, and movies at home.

Find a fun game to play.

Shopping:

- Shop online sales the day after Thanksgiving and days leading up to the winter holidays.
- Use contactless services for purchased items, like curbside pick-up.
- Shop in open air markets staying 6 feet away from others.

Other activities:

- Safely prepare traditional dishes and deliver them to family and neighbors in a way that does not involve contact with others (for example, leave them on the porch).
- Participate in a gratitude activity, like writing down things you are grateful for and sharing with your friends and family.

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# National Congress of American Indians CEO Resigns

by Kolby KickingWoman, Indian Country Today

The chief executive officer of the National Congress of American Indians announced his resignation during an opening speech of the organization's annual convention Monday.

Kevin Allis, Forest County Potawatomi Community, has served in the role since June 2019. He said he accomplished what he set out to do and is leaving the organization in good hands.

There has been no announcement on who might fill the position.

The National Congress of American Indians is a nonprofit made up of Native American and Alaska Native tribal governments and citizens. Its mission is to advocate for treaty rights and the welfare of tribal citizens, and to promote a better understanding of Native peoples.

Allis' goals at the organization included making the organization financially stable and providing a comfortable working environment. He said he's leaving the organization with a stronger foundation and believes NCAI can be even more impactful moving forward.

"Now we're at a point that we can launch and move forward into an even higher stratosphere and be even more valuable in a way that our founders envisioned 77 years ago this month in Denver," he said. "I say that because my work is done; we have made it to where we need to go. And now it's time to pass the torch to a new executive officer that will take what we've built in the last 18 months and take it even further."

Allis did not give a specific reason for

his departure but noted it was an honor to work with the organization's staff, executive committee and tribal leaders around the country.

Additionally, the resignation is not immediate.

"I'm still going to be around for a little bit. It's not a goodbye, but I am transitioning now," Allis said.

Following Allis' speech, NCAI President Fawn Sharp, Quinault, thanked him for his leadership during his time as the organization's first chief executive officer.

"During his tenure as NCAI's first CEO, Kevin played an integral role in advancing the interests of tribal nations in Washington, D.C., and throughout Indian Country," Sharp said in a statement later released by the organization. "NCAI

wishes Kevin well in his future endeavors and thanks him for his service."

Allis came into the position after a controversial couple of months that included a string of personnel problems at the organization.

The convention, originally slated to be held in Portland, Oregon, is being hosted virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Allis said there was no chance the event was going to be called off.

"This was no time to take a break. This was no time to cancel the event," he said. "We had to make sure that we brought the Congress together to deliberate about what we should be doing and asking for and demanding in the truth and reconciliation as we move forward."

## 2020 Native American 40 Under 40 Award Winners Announced

Native News Online, November 10, 2020

MESA, Ariz. — The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (The National Center) on Tuesday released its 2020 class of Native American 40 Under 40 award recipients.

American 40 Under 40 recognizes 40 emerging American Indian and Alaska Native leaders under the age of 40 from across Indian Country. Nominated by their peers, the 2020 40 Under 40 winners have exemplified leadership, initiative, and, especially during COVID-19, resiliency and dedication towards their communities and businesses. This year's 40 Under 40 represent the best from academia, the medical field, government, non-profits, the legal field, and more.

This year, the Native American 40 Under 40 award recipients will be announced virtually through the National Center's social media pages in the coming weeks.

Additionally, award recipients will be honored at RES 2021. The 2020 class joins well over 400 previous winners that have been honored over the last decade. The full list of 2020 40 Under 40 award recipients can be found below.

"The Native American 40 Under 40 awards recognize the hard-work, dedication, and perseverance of our best and brightest," National Center President and CEO Chris James said. "Every year I am impressed by the wide range of accomplishments of our 40 Under 40 winners. The 2020 class shows us what young Native American and Alaska Native leaders are capable of – and what they are already accomplishing."

• Dr. Layton Lamsam, Osage Nation; Resident, Yale University Department of Neurosurgery

• Ashley Hemmers, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe; Tribal Administrator, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

• Sheldon Spotted Elk, Northern

Cheyenne Tribe; Director of Indian Child Welfare, Casey Family Programs

• Amanda (Mandy) Cheromiah, Pueblo of Laguna; Director, Native SOAR (Student Outreach, Access and Resiliency), University of Arizona Native Nations Institute (NNI)

• Dr. Nicole Been, Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects, Bacone College

• Ventura Lovato, Kewa Pueblo – Santo Domingo Pueblo; Education Program Specialist (School Boards), Bureau of Indian Education

• Dr. Eryka Charley, Navajo; Director, Native American Student Services, University of Northern Colorado

• Curtis DeCora, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Business Strategist, Superior Marketing

• Dr. M. Crystal Lee, Dine'; Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico

• Kenrick Escalanti, Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe; Multimedia Resource and Development Specialist, National Congress of American Indians

• **Brooks Boyd, Forest County Potawatomi; Executive Council Member, Forest County Potawatomi**

• Delonda Pushetonequa, Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa; Treasurer, Tribal Council, Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa (Meskwaki Nation)

• Rochell Werito, Muscogee Creek; Cultural Programs Coordinator, Native American Student Services, Oklahoma City Public Schools

• Mary Parker, Cherokee Nation; Management and Program Analyst, National Indian Gaming Commission

• JT Willie, Navajo; Executive Director, Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development

• Jacob Schellinger, Stockbridge-Munsee; Vice President of Government Relations, National Congress of American

Indians

• Bob Peters, Gun Lake Tribe; Chairman, Gun Lake Tribe Tribal Council

• John Lowery, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; Regionals Operations Director, North Carolina Department of Commerce

• Dr. Tyler Parisien, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) Program Director, Turtle Mountain Community College

• Leann Sommer, Loudon/Galena Tribe; Director of Sales, In-Group Hospitality, LLC. (Hyatt Place Anchorage – Midtown)

• Chris Welch, Cherokee Nation; Supervisor of Employee Relations and Development, Cherokee Nation

• Levi Brown, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; Tribal Affairs Director, State of Minnesota – Department of Transportation

• Troy Macbeth Abromaitis, Lytton - Nlaka'pamux Nation; President, Real Estate Institute of British Columbia

• Leroy Silva, Pueblo of Laguna; Community Coordinator, Notah Begay III Foundation

• Jayme Davis, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; Program Director, Native Governance Center

• DR. Gage Boardingham, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes; Clinical Pharmacist, Cherokee Indian Hospital; Tribal Government Executive, The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes; Founder and CEO, The Living Entrepreneurial Aspirations Project

• Josh Vo, Yupik of Andreatskt; Regulatory Compliance Manager, Koniag Government Services; General Manager, Tuknik Government Services (TGS); General manager, Kadiak, LLC.

• Dr. David J. O'Connor, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; American Indian Studies Consultant, Wisconsin

Department of Public Instruction

• Calista Pinnecoose, Navajo Nation; President, North Stone, LLC.

• Michele Scott, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation; Executive Director, Health Education Center, Inc

• Rudy Cruz, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribal Community; Tribal Councilman, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribal Community; General Manager, Tigua Facilities, Inc.

• Michael Douglas, Haida – enrolled Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska; Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Office, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

• Agnetha Gloshey, White Mountain Apache, Navajo and Kiowa; Project Manager, Roanhorse Consulting, LLC.; Board Member, Family Independence Initiative; Activator, SheEO; Co-Founder, Native Women Lead

• Rayburn 'Jake' Donaldson, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; Managing Partner, Method Architecture

• Tasha Fridia, Wichita Kiowa Caddo; Assistant Director, Tribal Youth Resource Center – Tribal Law and Policy Institute

• Tesia Zientek, Citizen Potawatomi Nation; Education Director, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

• Amy McCarter, Cherokee Nation; Community Relations Manager, Cherokee Nation Businesses

• Stephanie Masterman, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian tribes of Alaska (Tlingit and Haida); Retail Manager, Eighth Generation

• Dr. Ashleigh Coser, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma/Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma; Psychologist, Cherokee Nation Health Services

• Serene Lawrence, Anishinaabe/Hopi; Senior Project Manager, Eighth Generation

## 2020 USGBC WNC Leadership Awards: AWARD OF EXCELLENCE AND AWARD OF MERIT

Forest County Potawatomi Community has been selected as a recipient for the 2020 United States Green Building Council West North Central region's Leadership Awards: Award of Excellence – Leadership in Sustainable Business Practice category, as well as, an Award of Merit – Innovative Design, Interiors category for the Wgemas Building located on the Wgema Campus in Milwaukee. The USGBC West North Central region's 2020 Community Leadership Award program honors individuals and organizations whose exemplary work in has been influential in the expansion of sustainable, higher-performing buildings and LEED projects throughout the region's local USGBC communities

USGBC paused this year's award process while their regional staff worked to adjust to the challenges that 2020 has presented to the world. During the pause, they focused efforts on shifting to a virtual programming model that helped their communities stay connected and launched new regional forums, like sustainABLE, to explore USGBC's four pillars: sustainability, resiliency, health, and equity in relationship to current events.

When it came to the award program itself, they spent time exploring meaningful ways to celebrate regional leadership in a virtual world and decided to move forward with an online recognition campaign that leverages social media and allows recipients to choose their individual level of engagement.

The noteworthy accomplishments were recognized with

- A web article was posted on [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org) announcing the jury results and linking to a pre-recorded video showcasing our 2020 slate of recipients.
- The use of regional social media feeds to showcase each nomination using the images and content provided at the time of submission.
- An email went out to the region announcing the award results the week of November 2nd.



Top: Early Days circa 1925

Middle: During Restoration 2018-2019



Bottom: Current Day 2020



## GMS Supports: NEXT DOOR MKE FOUNDATION'S BOOKS FOR KIDS

Greenfire recently had the honor of supporting the Next Door MKE Foundation's Books for Kids by donating 642 books to their Library! This program allows students to visit the library, select a book of their choice to enjoy and take home to help them build their own library!

A warm thank you to everyone who donated to this year's book drive we could not have done this without your help and generosity.



## PBDC New Hire: ERIK HOKANSON - FINANCE DIRECTOR

Erik Hokanson was recently hired on as Finance Director for Potawatomi Business Development Corp. He will provide leadership and support in day-to-day financial operations, reporting, forecasting and analysis as PBDC pursues new opportunities in income-generating businesses and investments for the tribe.

He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University and has over 25 years of experience in a variety of organizations and functions.

He was the financial controller for a start-up technology company that designed and built custom automated assembly equipment. He also held several roles at Whirlpool Corporation in the areas of global financial reporting and projects focusing on internal controls, environmental liabilities and financial information systems.

He led the global financial reporting function at Johnson Outdoors for several years and had a lot of involvement with acquiring businesses and helping to integrate them. He also led a project to design and implement a new global financial reporting system and related budgeting processes.

Most recently, he was a consultant at Berkshire Hathaway and at a local not-for-profit organization.

He is originally from southwestern Michigan. He is married and has two daughters - one is a junior in high school and the other is in her second year at college.

In his spare time he likes running, hiking and cycling and in a normal year does a couple races but this year he is spending more time reading, watching movies and playing guitar.



# DEC 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 UGLY HOLIDAY Sweater Contest SUBMIT ENTRIES: DECEMBER 9 - 14 ENTRIES POSTED: DECEMBER 14 - 16 WINNERS ANNOUNCED: DECEMBER 16 - 3 PM		1 Holiday Cheer	2 SPIN-TO-WIN	3 Winter Warm Up	4 Winter Warm Up	5 Toy Drive
6	7 CUB 50	8 Holiday Cheer	9 SPIN-TO-WIN	10 Winter Warm Up	11 Winter Warm Up	12 12 DAYS - OF - Christmas
13	14 CUB 50	15 Holiday Cheer	16 -UGLY- HOLIDAY SWEATER CONTEST SOCIAL MEDIA	17 Winter Warm Up	18 Winter Warm Up	19 BINGO'S Holiday CASH Drawings
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**TUESDAYS IN DECEMBER**  
 December 1, 8, 15 & 22  
 Earn 250 same day points & receive a holiday mug, plus a plush ornament.

**Winter Warm Up**  
**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, DEC. 3-4, 10-11 & 17-18**  
 Earn 500 same day points and receive a cozy throw blanket.

**SPIN-TO-WIN**  
**WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER**  
 DEC. 2, 9, 16 & 23 | 8 AM - 7 PM  
**WIN CASH, FREE PLAY, FOOD OR C-STORE VOUCHERS!**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
 Thursday, December 31  
**CELEBRATION**  
 Join us to ring in 2021 at noon and midnight!  
 CASH DRAWINGS  
 FREE GIFTS  
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 Win your share of over **\$13,000 CASH!**

**12 DAYS OF Christmas**  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12  
 START EARNING ENTRIES DECEMBER 1  
**TWO WINNERS EACH HOUR FROM 5 PM - 10 PM.**  
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**BINGO'S Holiday CASH Drawings**  
 Dec. 18: Three \$50 winners  
 Dec. 19: Two \$100 winners  
 Dec. 20: One \$250 winner  
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