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FC Potawatomi Leaders IV

Potawatomi Traveling Times (PTT) and Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Cultural Preservation Division gathered information about the first chiefs of the tribe as displayed in the FCP Executive Building auditorium. We are now moving on to Part IV of Potawatomi leaders according to a list titled “Generations of Tribal Chairs: 1937-Present”. Those covered here are Henry Shawano and Bill Ellick.

Henry Shawano was the son of John Shawano, who had been chief of the Wisconsin Potawatomi from 1914-36. Census records indicate that Henry was born in 1895.

After President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (also known as the Wheeler-Howard Act) into law, life changed for tribes across the country, including the Wisconsin Potawatomi of Wisconsin and Michigan. In an attempt to allow tribes more freedom to control their own affairs, the act allowed them to reorganize and write their own constitutions.

In preparation for the restructuring of tribal government, the Wisconsin Potawatomi Reorganization Committee was formed in Forest County.

Some Potawatomi objected. A letter from the “proposed committee representing the Wisconsin Pottawatomi’s of Vilas County” was received by John Collier, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, on Feb. 27, 1936. In the letter, members of the proposed committee asked to be withdrawn “from the jurisdiction of the present committee of the Wisconsin Pottawatomi’s of Forest County.” This group wanted to form their own tribal government at Star Lake.

In a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in August 1936, the superintendent of the Great Lakes Indian Agency in Ashland recommended that no further consideration be given to this request to organize a separate group under the Reorganization Act. The separate tribal government at Star Lake did not materialize.

In 1937, the Wisconsin Potawatomi completed their constitution and the restructuring of their tribal government under the Indian Reorganization Act. The Wisconsin Potawatomi living in Michigan in the Bark River area also reorganized under the Indian Reorganization Act. As a result, the Wisconsin Potawatomi of Wisconsin and Michigan became two separate entities: The Forest County Potawatomi Community and the Hannahville Indian Community.

The Forest County Potawatomi Community’s first tribal council election had been planned for Feb. 25, 1937, but heavy snow and blocked roads forced the tribe to postpone it.

On April 10, 1937, the Forest County Potawatomi Community elected its first tribal council: Henry Shawano, chairman; Henry Ritchie, vice chairman; Isaac George, secretary; Pete Sahpenais, treasurer; and Val Ritchie and Jim Frank, council members.

Henry Shawano’s term was short; it ended in November of that year. Ben Ellick succeeded him as chairman.

Henry Shawano was a resident of Soperton, Wis. He died Nov. 6, 1949.

Photo of Henry Shawano not available at time of print.

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Ben Ellick (I yah to pet), a resident of Soperton, Wis., was the second chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Community.

There’s some confusion regarding the year of his birth. Census records list it as 1905. The May 1, 1947, issue of *The Forest Republican* lists his age at the time of his death as 45 years, which, if accurate, would put his birth year earlier than the census records. A list of FCP veterans indicates he was born July 13, 1906.

Ben Ellick was born in Phlox, Wis., according to *The Forest Republican* article previously mentioned. Of the 12 children born to Joe Ellick and Way we yah kesh kote, Ben and his brother, Sam (Pe na so quick), were the only two to survive past their teens. Ben attended boarding school at Lac du Flambeau, and his name is listed on school rolls in 1915-17 and 1921.

As Henry Shawano’s term was short, Ellick won the next election held in November of 1937, and succeeded Henry Shawano as tribal chairman. He held that position from 1937-45.

In 1941, the U.S. entered World War II. Ellick served in the Army from July 7, 1942, until his honorable discharge Sept. 3, 1945. The Sept. 13, 1945, issue of *The Forest Republican* notes that Ellick was discharged at Fort Sheridan, Ill. In Ellick’s absence, William (Billy) Keshick served as acting chairman from 1942 to June 1945. Henry Ritchie became the acting chairman in 1945.

In April 1947, Ben Ellick died in Wabeno. He was in his forties and was survived by his mother and his brother.

Photo of Bill Ellick not available at time of print.

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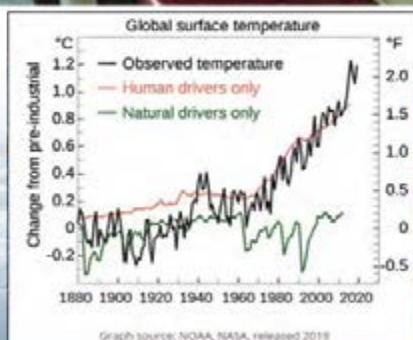
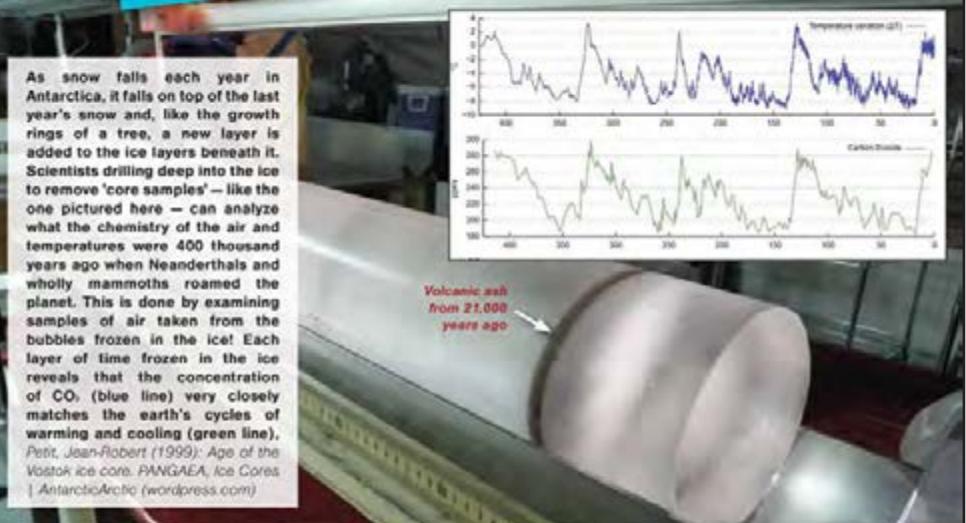
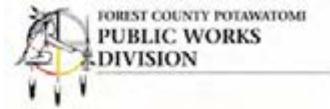
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However, scientists learned from ice cores that concentrations of CO₂ — and other gases, called Green House Gases (GHGs) that have the same earth-warming characteristics as CO₂ — sharply increased beginning in the early 1900s. In this graph, scientists split the temperature increases caused by CO₂ emissions into two groups, 1) increases caused by nature (green line) — such as changes in the sun, the earth’s orbit, and volcanoes, and 2) increases caused by changes in human activities. The overall global surface temperature (black line) and the human-caused temperature changes (orange line) closely follow each other up the scale. Meanwhile, temperature increases resulting from natural causes (green line) do not follow the rise. This data strengthens the theory that the changing climate is not “just a normal cycle” but is one driven by human activity.

For more information: icecores.org/about-ice-cores AND bloomberg.com/graphics/2015-whats-warming-the-world

What were humans doing in the early 1900s that would cause such a sudden spike, you might wonder? Tune in to Climate Change Flyer, Issue 4, to find out!

FCP Community Facebook Live Session Recap - March 3, 2021

Chairman Ned Daniels Jr.

Good morning. Thank you all for tuning in this morning. I am Ned Daniels Jr., Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi.

The seasons are definitely changing. The temperatures are rising, and we are beginning to see more activity from wildlife as they beginning to awaken for Spring. With the warmer weather during the day, now is a great time to get outside with your family. Take the kids for a hike to hunt for shed antlers. You will never forget the smile on their faces when they find their first shed.

For those still venturing out ice fishing, with the temperatures warming during the day, the ice conditions on the lakes will become very sloppy. Make sure you are checking ice conditions, especially along the launches and shorelines. And for those of you with permanent ice shanties on the lakes, a reminder that you must remove them by March 14.

I remain extremely proud of the work by our healthcare employees during this pandemic. They have had to work long hours, take on many extra duties, and deal with unforeseen situations without any notice. Migwetch to all of our healthcare employees for all that they have done and continue to do to protect our community.

I'm happy to report that our vaccination distribution continues to go very well. If you would like information on the vaccine, please contact the Health & Wellness staff.

I'm also happy to report that we continue to see very few cases of COVID among tribal members and employees. I have no doubt that our severe drop in cases is due to the roll out of the vaccine. But we haven't reached the point of herd immunity just yet. More individuals need to receive the vaccine before we can get there. So please, continue to wear your masks, wash your hands, and practice social distancing when you are out in public.

I have just one reminder for you today before I turn things over: Free commodity food boxes will be available for FCP tribal members, descendants, community members and employees at Bodwéwadmí Ktëgan Farm, 3389 CO HWY H, Laona, on these days in March: 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Commodity boxes are one per household and the order of distribution is:

- Tribal Members 9 – 10 a.m.

Tribal Members may still pick up a commodity box from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., but distribution is on a first come, first serve basis.

- Descendants 10 – 11 a.m.
- Open to all 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For safety reasons, please leave your dogs at home.

Family Services Division Administrator Abbey Dall

Bosho, Forest County Potawatomi Community.

We have had some good news in the

community, and with that good news has come opportunity. Businesses and offices are beginning to open, slowly and safely.

But it does not mean we are not still feeling the impact of the continuous isolation. While we have been fortunate to have a mild winter – allowing for plenty of outdoor play, etc., we are experiencing a mental health impact that we may have never considered. Perhaps we have not spent much time with our family or friends as we continue to practice social distancing. The bottom line is, we know that COVID has been hard – especially mentally. Those challenges may be leaving you with some darker, unexpected thoughts. We are available and will respond to emergencies and safety concerns accordingly. If you are feeling suicidal, please call for help: 1 (800)-SUICIDE or 1 (800) 273-TALK.

Teens – are you feeling really down, maybe even considering harming yourself? There is a specific line just for you! Text TEEN to 839863 or call 1 (800) 852-8336.

Shoes! We still have some shoes available for our elders and community members. Please call (715) 478-4433 and ask for Sara for assistance.

ICW desperately needs three foster homes that are physically and mentally capable of supporting high levels of care. Current youth needs include regular transportation to mental/behavioral/emotional health appointments and general steady love and support. If this is you, please call us. If you know someone who can help, please have them reach out.

Rising Sun Day Care is open and we've got plenty of space for your children. Please contact us to get your applications in and talk about the process. The first couple of weeks have gone very smoothly.

We do remain in 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.

Commodity boxes resume on Mondays in March on these days: 8, 15, 22 and 29. Boxes will be dropped at the Potawatomi Farm. We extend our gratitude to Feeding America for these. If you have family members or community members that you'd like to deliver to, please let us know. We can certainly send you with more boxes to get out to these families. Continue to watch Facebook and share times with your family and friends.

Are you interested in getting back to work, but need to brush up on your employment skills? We have lots of opportunity to do so! Please get in contact with Kathy Tupper at (715) 478-4433 to get your applications in. Tribal Employment Skills offers a training stipend to assist you while you learn.

For non-emergency service requests, our business hours remain to be 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. Call Family Services at (715) 478-4433.

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

Wishing you a safe weekend and 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

Emergency Management Program

Manager Bobbie Irocky

Hello, FCP Community.

The Incident Command System is still at a Level 1 of a virtual Full-Scale Activation.

As of Tuesday, March 3, Forest County has reported that there is a total of 0 people who have tested positive for COVID-19. Everyone, this is great news so please keep doing your part!

Now as Spring Forward approaches, I would like to remind everyone that clocks should be turned forward on Sunday, March 14, at 2 a.m.

As you're doing this, FCP Emergency Management would also like to encourage you to test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors around your home.

Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors provide a crucial early warning to danger in your home. The time change provides an excellent opportunity to check those devices while you are resetting your clocks.

Smoke detectors should be tested once a month, and the device as a whole should be replaced every 10 years. The National Fire Protection Association warned, three out of every five home fire deaths result when detectors were not present or were not working properly.

As record breaking cold temperatures have fallen over Wisconsin this winter, furnaces have been working overtime. This can potentially lead to increased risks of carbon monoxide leaks in the home. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services says approximately 500 people are treated at every hospital emergency room across the state annually for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Symptoms seen with carbon monoxide poisoning are headaches, fatigue, dizziness, shortness of breath, nausea, and confusion. At high enough levels, carbon monoxide poisoning can cause death within minutes. If you believe you or someone you know has carbon monoxide poisoning, go outside immediately and call 911. To protect yourself and anyone you know from carbon monoxide poisoning, remember

these key safety tips:

- All homes and apartments in Wisconsin are required to have detectors on every level, including the basement, but not the attic or storage areas. Replace your detector every five years.

- Have your furnace or wood-burning stove inspected annually by a professional. This ensures it's functionally sound and vents properly inside the home.

- Never run a gasoline or propane heater or grill (gas or charcoal) inside your home or in an unventilated garage, as these produce carbon monoxide.

- Generators should be run at a safe distance (at least 20 feet) from the home. Never run a generator in the home or garage, or right next to windows or doors.

- Never run a car in an enclosed space. If a vehicle is running, you must have the garage door open.

As always, if at any time you have emergency please reach out to us at Emergency Management at (715) 478-4428 and we will either assist or put you into contact with the proper department that fits your needs.

Thank you all and please stay safe!

Community Outreach Coordinator Ira Frank

Bosho, friends and family.

Most of you know me; for those that don't, my name is Ira Frank. I am the community outreach coordinator for the Health & Wellness Center. To me, that means I am here to assist you with any questions or concerns you have about our health clinic, and if I don't have an answer for you, I will for sure help find that answer.

I am here today to inform you all, that we here at our very own Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center are offering to you, Forest County Potawatomi tribal members, the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as to any non-tribal family members that may live with you. This way, all of our community can be safe and be protected. I understand you may not want to receive the vaccine and that is your choice. I am here to simply let you know that the vaccine is available to you and your household. You can contact Brianna Davies at (715) 478-7356 to schedule your appointment so you may receive the vaccine.

The pharmacy – there's an app you can download the to request refills. It'll be quick and easy and right at your fingertips. It's called RX Local, and is available at the app store or Google Play. Get it today!

One last thing – it's exciting to me: Traditional Healing! It's coming back. More details to come soon – maybe by the next live, maybe not. I don't know, but keep your ears open. When I have more on this, I for sure will let you all know.

With that, I want to wish you all well and be safe. Migwetch gedabanem. Thank you; I love you all!



Message from FCP Veterans Post I

Meetings take place the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m. in the Old Tribal Hall on Potawatomi Trail.

We consider it an honor and a privilege to be of service to the Potawatomi Community. Membership in FCP Veterans Post I is open to all veterans and spouses of Potawatomi tribal members. Please join us!

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

**Deadline for the April 1, 2021 issue of the
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 - Text Crisis line - text "HELP" to 741741
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- FCP Behavioral Health encourages all community members who may be struggling or who have family members in crisis to reach out to a member of our team or others for help.
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 - Jeff Keeble Sr. – Recovery Coach (715) 889-1951
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FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI
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Updated Public Works Contacts during COVID-19!

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Nate Guldan: 715-889-1796
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Operator on Call: 715-889-9345

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Tony Daniels: 715-889-6028

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Indian Child Welfare
 Main Line: (715)-478-4812
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 (715) 478-7206

Community Advocacy
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Child Support
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Family Services
 Main Line: (715) 478-4433

If you don't get an answer on one of the these phone numbers, please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned shortly.

For additional information including applications and forms for each of our departments, please go to FCP's website at FCPotawatomi.com.

New System in Place to Enhance Security at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

submitted by PHC Public Relations Specialist Jay Saunders

MILWAUKEE (March 1, 2021) – Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is teaming up with Evolv Technology to bring a state-of-the-art security and screening system to enhance the safety of guests and team members.

Evolv’s artificial intelligence-based touch-less system, Evolv Express®, will help promote safety by using weapons detection screening without needing guests to walk through individually as is the case with traditional screening methods. While weapons of any kind have never been allowed on property, this new system will detect them if they are brought in and guests will be asked to remove them from the property.

The Evolv system also offers thermal imaging in the continued effort to protect against COVID-19. Guests will no longer need to stop at the entrance to have their temperature taken by hand,

which is the system that has been in place since Potawatomi reopened in June.

“The health and safety of our guests and team members continues to be our number one priority,” said Potawatomi Hotel & Casino CEO and General Manager Rodney Ferguson. “This new technology allows us to ramp up our efforts while continuing to provide guests the entertainment and service they’ve come to expect.”

Evolv, which has been providing this new touch-less security screening since 2017, is second only to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in number of people screened by its system - more than 50 million people at venues across the country.

While Evolv is providing screening services at high-profile attractions such as Six Flags theme parks, Hersheypark, and Oakland International Airport, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino will be the first casino in the United States to utilize the technology for guest safety.

“Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is known for delivering an industry-best guest experience,” said

Evolv Technology Chief Executive Officer Peter George. “Proactively addressing concerns brought on by issues like viruses and concealed weapons is paramount for venues to help people feel safe while enjoying their leisure time. It’s in keeping with Potawatomi’s well-earned ‘customer-first’ reputation to be setting the pace for other casinos and hotels.”



The new screening system will be in place at each guest entrance: the main lobby on the south side of the casino, the parking garage Skyway, and the hotel lobby. Guests will not have to stop, empty their pockets, or have their bags checked unless directed to by security. Guests may still be asked to provide identification to show they are 21 years or older.

About Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

Set in the heart of Milwaukee, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino is Wisconsin’s premier entertainment destination, offering guests the best in gaming, dining and entertainment. The property features six award-winning restaurants, the intimate 500-seat Northern Lights Theater and more than 60,000 sq. feet of event space. A 500-room, 19-story hotel, the second largest hotel in Milwaukee, opened in 2014 with a second tower unveiled in 2019. To discover more visit www.paysbig.com.

Senate Passes Largest Investment in Native Programs in History, More Than \$31 Billion Heading to Native Communities

submitted by U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 6, 2021) – U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai‘i), chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, helped secure more than \$31.2 billion in dedicated funding for Tribal governments and Native communities, comprising the largest investment in history for Native programs. The new funding will deliver immediate relief for hard-hit Native American families and support Tribal Nations as they build a bridge toward economic recovery.

“Native communities need relief. We listened and we took action. With more than \$31 billion for Tribal governments and Native programs, the American Rescue Plan delivers the largest one-time investment to Native communities in history,” said Senator Schatz, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. “This historic funding is a down payment on the federal government’s trust responsibility to Native communities and will empower American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians to tackle COVID-19’s impacts on their communities.”

The \$31.2 billion investment in Native communities includes:

- \$20 billion for tribal governments to combat COVID-19 and stabilize tribal community safety-net programs through Treasury’s State/Local “Corona virus Relief Fund”
- \$6+ billion for Native health systems

Indian Health Service

- \$2.340 billion for COVID-19 vaccines, testing, tracing, mitigation, and workforce expenses
- \$2 billion for lost third-party medical billing reimbursements
- \$600 million for health facilities construction and sanitation programs
- \$500 million for clinical health services and purchased/referred Care
- \$420 million for mental and behavioral health
- \$140 million for improving health IT and telehealth access
- \$84 million for Urban Indian health programs
- \$10 million for potable water delivery

Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems

- \$20 million set-aside for Papa Ola Lkahi and the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems within the Community Health Centers funding at the Health Resources and Services Administration
- \$1.248 billion for HUD Tribal & Native Hawaiian housing programs
- \$498 million Tribal set-aside within Treasury’s Homeowners Assistance Program for Tribes and Native housing programs
- \$450 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant
- \$280 million for the Indian Community Development Block Grant
- \$15 million for technical assistance, administrative costs, and oversight

- \$5 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant
- \$1.1+ billion for Native education programs, including Bureau of Indian Education schools, tribal education agencies, tribal colleges and universities, Native Hawaiian education programs, and Alaska Native education programs
- \$850 million for Bureau of Indian (BIE) education programs, BIE K-12 schools and dormitories, and tribal colleges and universities
- \$190 million for Department of Education grants to tribal education agencies, Native Hawaiian education organizations, and Alaska Native education organizations
- \$142+ million for tribal colleges and universities through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
- \$89+ million for Native-serving institutions of higher education, including Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian serving institutions, through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
- \$1+ billion for tribal child care programs and supports
- \$75 million for tribal TANF grantees to provide assistance to families in need through the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund
- \$772.5 million for Tribal government services (i.e., general welfare assistance, assistance to tribal governments,

- public safety, child welfare)
 - \$100 million for the Housing Improvement Program
 - \$20 million for potable water delivery
 - \$7.5 million for administrative costs and oversight
 - Native Communities’ Critical Economic and Infrastructure Investments
 - \$500 million for Tribal governments to support capital investments in Native businesses within Treasury’s State Small Business Credit Initiative
 - \$100 million for critical infrastructure projects in Native communities
 - To Mitigate the Impact of COVID-19 on Native Languages
 - \$20 million for a new emergency Native language preservation and maintenance grant program through the Administration for Native Americans to mitigate impacts of COVID-19 on Native language communities
 - Native Communities’ Efforts to Combat Domestic Violence
 - \$18 million for Tribal awardees through the Family Violence Prevention & Services Act
 - \$1 million for “Stronghearts” Native Domestic Violence Hotline
- The American Rescue Plan Act was passed by the Senate. The House is expected to consider the Senate bill this coming week.

WDVA Secretary Statement Regarding Investment in Veterans Mental Health Services

from Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary Mary Kolar thanked Governor Evers for his commitment to increasing access to critical mental health support and case management services for veterans in his 2021-23 budget. The Governor’s budget will expand the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP) to support more veterans who may have a mental health condition or substance use disorder, as well as invest in a suicide prevention and awareness campaign targeted at traditionally under-served veteran populations.

“I thank Governor Evers for his continued commitment to providing critical

services such as mental health support for veterans,” WDVA Secretary Mary Kolar said. “Our Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program has helped to prevent suicide, homelessness, or the loss of a job. By developing trusting relationships with at-risk veterans, we’ve been able to help veterans successfully complete treatment programs and access critical medical services, as well as provide the tools veterans need to be successful.”

VORP is a comprehensive, coordinated outreach, treatment and recovery support program that brings together government and community resources to eliminate barriers for veterans who are struggling. The hallmark of VORP is

its reliance on staff’s direct contact with veterans in need, focusing on first developing a trust relationship that leads to coordinating and delivering wrap-around services in collaboration with community partners.

Regional VORP coordinators build vast networks of community partners across the state that offer a broad array of programs and services. They work with key local partners including housing programs, mental health and substance use services and veteran organizations to help participants obtain stable housing, connect to proper healthcare and mental health support, and ensure that care is continual and effective. In less than three

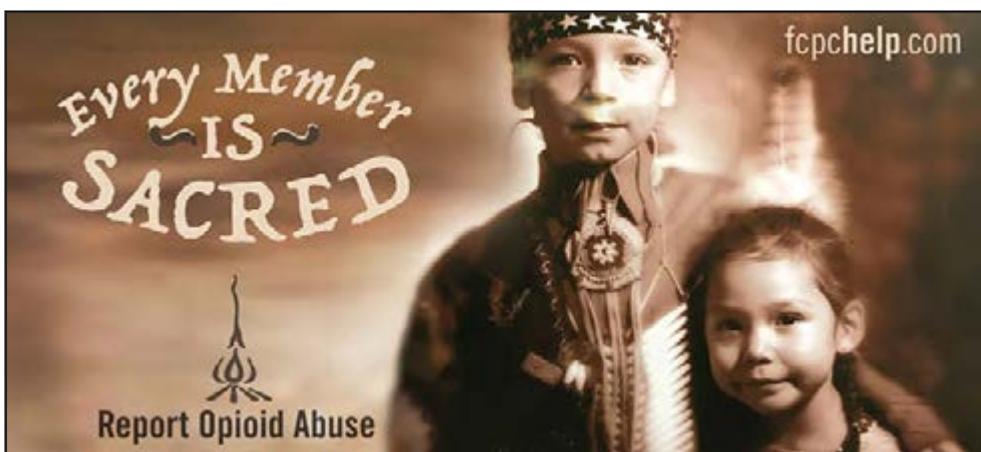
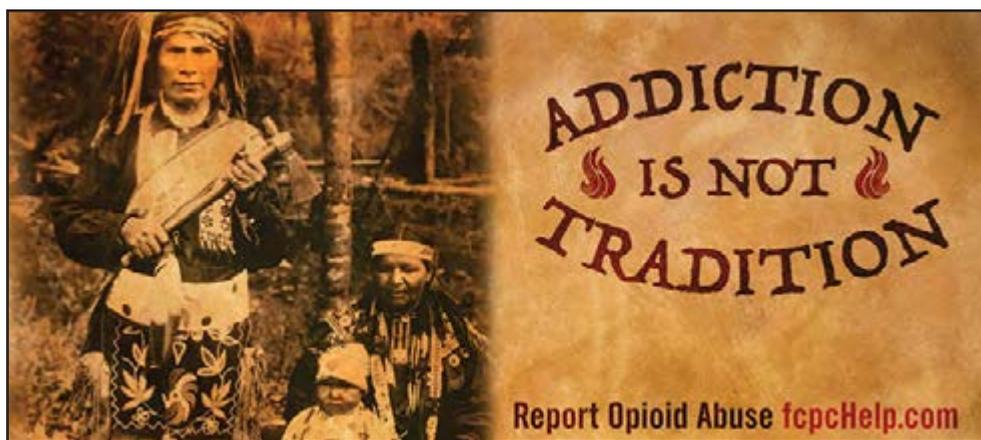
years, VORP has assisted over 1,000 participants with life-sustaining services.

VORP is a nationally-renowned program that was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence Award for outstanding programs that support veterans in 2020 by the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

Gov. Tony Evers announced his 2021-23 budget will invest more than \$150 million critical mental health services for Wisconsinites and invest in kids and families, farmers, veterans, those with substance use disorders, uninsured or under-insured Wisconsinites, and those experiencing mental health crises.

If you or someone you know feels unsafe, please consider using one of these resources. They’re free, available 24/7, and confidential!

- FCP Community Advocacy - (715) 478-7201
- Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault - 1 (800) 236-1222
- National Domestic Violence Hotline - 1 (800) 799-7233



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Project Spotlight: **PARTERRE AT EMERALD ROW - OAK CREEK, WI**

Parterre at Emerald Row is in the finishing stages as the team prepares to turn over the North Building. The 348,000 SF multi-family development is the second phase of the Emerald Row Apartments development within Drexel Town Square in Oak Creek. The project consists of two four-story buildings with below-grade parking and brings 240 apartments to the market.

Inspections have been ongoing since December 2020 with over 90% of inspections complete. At the North Building, interior and exterior punch list items are nearing completion. At the South Building, the team is in the finishing stage for all four floors. Outside, egress paths and railings are complete with final landscaping and amenities complete in Spring.

The scale and materiality of Parterre compliment her sister-building, Emerald Row, located directly to the North. Staying true to the early 17th century origin of the word, Parterre provides exceptional greenspace with ornamental courtyards mirroring the decorative gardens of the past. A preserved moss wall installation is also featured in the lobby of the North Building. Various amenities are also on-site like high-end resident finishes, private patios, a bocce ball court and swimming pool with decorative pavers accenting the landscape.

Beginning in September 2019, environmental conditions required the team to drive more than 1,600 geopiers to stabilize the soil. The site also sits directly across from the Oak Creek City Hall, requiring consistent and transparent communication with the City regarding progress updates and permitting for road closures for heavy machinery and material procurement. Winter conditions also proved to be a challenge; however, despite these challenges, the team maintained the original schedule. With over two feet of snow at the site throughout the month, the team is working with the maintenance crew at Emerald Row to clear areas for egress and access into the buildings. Currently, the North Building is on track to turn over March 5th. At the South Building, the fourth floor is slated to turn over early April with subsequent turnover of the floors below. Parterre at Emerald Row is slated to be complete by late May.

We would like to thank Barrett | Lo Visionary Development for selecting Greenfire as the construction manager. Rinka+ is the architect and the Greenfire project team includes Paul Hackbarth, Sr. Project Manager, Jeff Stanisch, Superintendent, and Jordan Guth, Project Engineer. We are incredibly proud of our team for running a smooth and flawless project and thank them for their hard work, dedication, and expertise that have made this project a success.

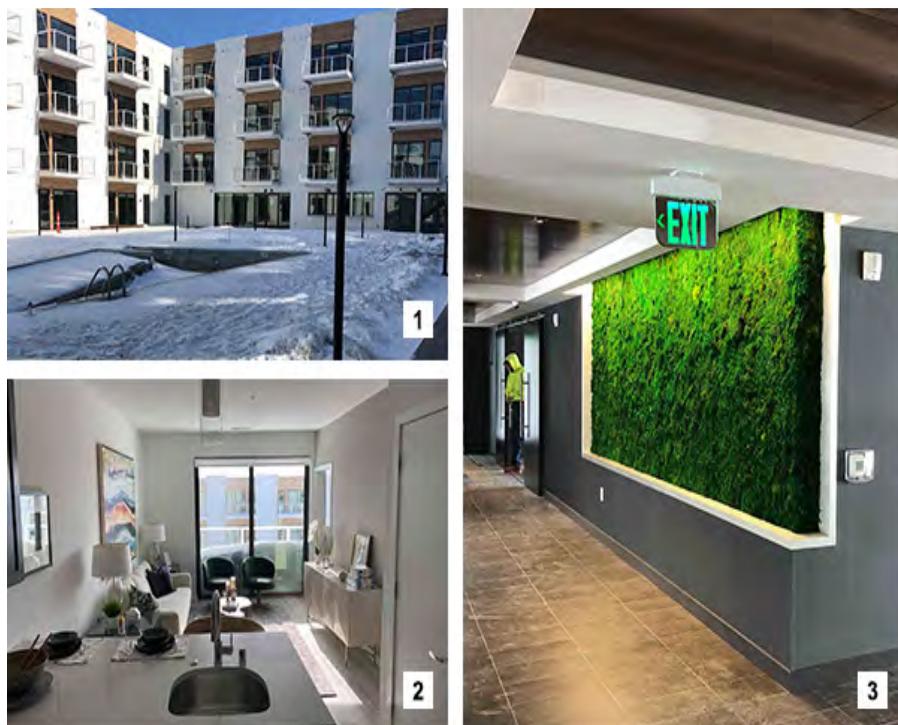


Photo: (1) Exterior view of the swimming pool in the South courtyard. (2) View of a model unit in the North Building. (3) View of the preserved moss installation in the North Building lobby.

Kid-Tastic: **CHILD CARE CENTER RENOVATION COMPLETE**



Photo: (1) Interior view of a recently renovated classroom. (2) Another recently renovated classroom with updated fire alarm system and emergency egress. (3) Renovated entrance of the facility with updated security features including a touch-screen registration system.

Greenfire recently completed the renovation of the Kid-Tastic Child Care Center in Milwaukee. The center provides childcare services for infants to 5-year-olds and includes multiple classrooms, offices, care services, and play areas. Previously a secondary education prep building, the four-month renovation included interior and exterior improvements.

The project began in October 2020 with selective demolition to the first and second floors and removal of doors and partitions. Interior work added new bathrooms and installed a new sprinkler system, an updated fire alarm system, finished carpentry and doors, new bathroom fixtures, exhaust fans and electrical feeds. The team also modified the existing mechanical system to restore maximum efficiency.

Exterior work included masonry restoration and tuckpointing at the chimney and north facing wall along with new secure entrance gates and a fence enclosure for the playground. Landscaping work includes restoration of the existing retaining walls and beds at the south end of the property.

Greenfire thanks Kid-Tastic for the opportunity to provide construction services for the renovation. The architect is Vavra Design and the Greenfire team includes Mike Timmers, Project Executive, and Mike Rowland, Superintendent.

Urban Spaceship: **GMS CONTINUES SPONSORSHIP**



We are excited to present, in partnership with NEWaukee, a new and interactive program focused on urbanization in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Urban Spaceship is a civic program exploring the intersection of planning, architecture, housing, development, transportation, placemaking, government, economic development, historic preservation, construction, and design. Monthly virtual episodes dive into inspiring ideas to make Milwaukee more human-centered, sustainably developed, and rethink and reframe the very foundation and function urbanism has on our region. The virtual platform is free and allows viewers an opportunity to ask the hosts questions, weigh in on topics, and chat with other participants.

We are excited to sponsor this program which brings community stories to a wide audience. Recent episodes covered lakefront highway layout and the gateway project along with zoning and the National Avenue reconstruction project. For more information, follow our social pages.

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