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Margaret Pearce, a cartographer, MacArthur Fellow and Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, stands in front of her new public art project, Mississippi Dialogues, Oct. 18, in Galena, Illinois. The project is meant to elevate Indigenous knowledge and understanding of the Mississippi River.

Mississippi Dialogues installations unveiled in Red Wing, Galena

MADELINE HEIM
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

GALENA, Illinois — Before walking to the bluff edge in northwest Illinois to view her new public art project, cartographer Margaret Pearce read aloud the names that different tribal nations have for the Mississippi River.

Nįįxete. Nyidąna. Nyitanga. Ḣaȟa Wakpa. Medisibowi.

Her audience – some who had never said the words before, others who knew them well – repeated them back.

The people who used those names lived with and alongside the upper Mississippi River for thousands of years. Pearce, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, contends their knowledge and understanding of the river have been washed over as the U.S. government tries to control and restrain it.

Her project, called Mississippi Dialogues, is meant to change that.

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Artist and Ho-Chunk Nation member Chloris Lowe III cuts a ribbon of wild mustard Oct. 18 at Casper Bluff Nature Reserve in Galena, Illinois, to celebrate his work for Mississippi Dialogues, a public art project meant to elevate Indigenous knowledge of the Mississippi River.

CVTC OKs reduced tax rate on $31M local levy

SARA STEFFEN
Chippewa Valley Technical College

The Chippewa Valley Technical College District Board approved the college's 2026-2027 fiscal year tax rate and levy Oct. 28, with the tax rate decreasing to about 62 cents per $1,000 of property value.

The tax rate is down from 64 cents per $1,000 of property value in 2025-2026.

Growth across the district helped make the lower tax rate possible. Net new construction increased by 1.4& in the CVTC district, which includes parts of 11 counties, and overall property values increased nearly 7.9%.

The district board also approved a total tax levy of $30.8 million for 2026-2027, an increase of $1.5 million, or 5%, from $29.3

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