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No November Per Cap

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

October 6, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch announced in a Facebook post that the Ho-Chunk Legislature has decided there will be no November per capita and plan accordingly. Tribal members are encouraged to apply for COFA and other available programs.

In July, a similar decision was made at a regular meeting of the Legislature regarding the Per-Capita Declaration for August. There was no August per cap. This action resulted in the Legislature initiating an emergency relief program called Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Other Financial Assistance or COFA.

The COFA program is intended to assist enrolled tribal members over 18 impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The federal CARES Act funds this program.

Payments to eligible applicants are made monthly from August 1 until December 1 by either check or direct deposit. The application and additional information are located at

<https://ho-chunknation.com/cofa-information/>.

The Department of Social Services offers a COVID Economic Assistance Program. The funds are limited to families experiencing financial hardships directly related to COVID. All assistance is paid directly to vendors.

The program offers energy/utility assistance, one-month rental assistance, food assistance of \$100 per household member up to \$500 maximum, and temporary lodging for up to two weeks.

The COVID Economic Assistance Program has a small pot of funds available, and all requests will be addressed on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is not like the COFA funds for all tribal members. This program is similar to the former Economic Assistance Program, and funds

can only be spent within Wisconsin's state.

The Department of Social Services request inquiry calls only be made from 10:00 AM to noon and 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday due to the

high volume of incoming applications. Their phone number is 715-284-2622 extension 5104.

The Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HHCDA) offers Covid-19 rental assistance,

Covid-19 Emergency Utility Loan, Mortgage Assistance, and Utility Grant Assistance to enrolled tribal members. Those applications and further information are located at www.hhcda.com.

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Facebook post by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch on October 6 announcing "No November Per Cap."

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Little Eagle Arts Foundation reveals Hoocak mural at Maa Wákačak

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Once hailed as the world's largest ammunition plant, and having been turned back over to its rightful caretakers, the Hoocak (Ho-Chunk), the Badger Ammunition plant recently played host to the revealing of a cultural mural.

The mural titled "Earth, Sky, Water", a cooperative art project, was placed on the Great Sauk Trail that skirts the property on its eastern edge. The mural has been permanently installed to repurposed stem walls on the Great Sauk State Trail, and the opportunity was afforded, intended as a gift of appreciation and in recognition for the generous dona-

tion the Hoocak Nation gave to complete the trail.

Renamed Maa Wákačak (Holy land), the tribe has realized, for a lack of better terms, a cultural rebirth.

Prairie and wildlife restoration have been in the forefront in the Hoocak Nation's plan for the property, and a recently cooperative art project led by the Little

Eagle Arts Foundation.

With the Great Sauk Trail Southeast of Maa Wákačak, and in the general area

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Mural at Maa Wákačak.

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Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

A Letter from the President

It's good to be indigenous. We are "one-percenters." We are wealthy with our tribal history, customs, and cultural values.

For Ice Ages, we've possessed a unique relationship with our homeland, our ancestral territory.

We were made right here in what is now called Wisconsin, United States of America. This is our origin.

We did not discover this land. We did not emigrate. We are not immigrants.

We've evolved as the physical world around us changed.

We are survivors of Manifest Destiny, biological warfare, forced removals, the boarding school era, and systematic oppression.

We survived and have succeeded, all the while adapting to the dominant society around us.

We are professionals and leaders. We are professionals in the areas of medicine, law, business, finance, government, arts, hospitality, and tourism.

We are leaders in our communities, organizations, and associations with local, state,

and national impact.

We are descendants of ancient people with advanced civilizations. We are indigenous.

On October 12, many American cities, states, and local municipalities recognize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day. Votes are cast and resolutions are signed by officials to support the day.

It's a protest of Columbus Day. It's an acknowledgment of the truth and accuracy of American history from an indigenous perspective.

Instead of celebrating Christopher Columbus for forcibly invading, pillaging, and plundering the land of indigenous people, it's more fitting to honor the history and culture of indigenous people on this day.

I remember my daughter Lois coming home from elementary school saying, "Dad, the kids treat me differently after our lesson on settlers and Indians."

The lesson, which is covered before Thanksgiving, shouldn't harm the school children's behavior, but it did. That's a problem.

Whether it's perpetuated at school and reinforced at home, or vice versa, this type of education is what creates the type of social injustices we see today.

Moments after I took my oath of office, I spoke about how our laws are in place to protect us, not harm us. Our government, whether we're talking about tribal, state, or federal, is in place to help us improve our daily lives and provide protection, and those laws created help in that manner.

When Columbus left Europe for Asia, he was governed by the laws of the time. He never made it to Asia, because only the indigenous people of the western continents knew this land existed.

Today, the Ho-Chunk Nation and many indigenous people have modern forms of government and a set of laws that protect the people, their freedoms, and resources.

We exercise our rights and laws daily as we continue to grow and improve.

Happy Indigenous Peoples' Day.



Miss Indian World Cheyenne Kippenberger (Seminole Tribe of Florida) and Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle pose for a photo at Native American Presidential Forum 2020 in Las Vegas, NV on Jan. 14 to 15, 2020. Kippenberger retained her title another year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud on the recent issues facing the Nation

October 1, 2020

Message to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Members and Employees

From Vice President Karena Thundercloud

Over the past six months the Nation has faced an unprecedented set of circumstances. First, a viral pandemic causing illness and mortality across our communities, state, country and the globe. Second, as a result of the pandemic, the closing of our casinos, creating financial hardship for the Nation's government and People. I and the Legislature have worked hard over the past six months facing these obstacles head-on and dealing with them as they arise. We have acted in the constitutionally mandated law-making and budgeting capacity to the benefit of the Nation and People in this critical time. I have never been more proud of our Ho-Chunk Nation, the people and our Legislative leaders.

The Covid-19 pandemic has required us to pay special attention to the budget of the Nation. This included a Continuing Budget Resolution to continue funding the Nation's government and business.

The Legislature has a duty and an obligation to take action in these unprecedented times. Unfortunately, the Nation's Court believes that taking this action was a violation – even though the Court's ruling agrees the Legislature needed to pass a continuing resolution. As explained to the Court, a Continuing Budget was needed in order to avoid a shut-down and worse situation for our casinos, employees, and tribal members. While some speculate that other options were available, the impending lapse of the budgeted funds required Legislative emergency action. And despite its discontent with our Continuing Budget, the Court seemed to agree that the Nation is best served by keeping our doors open, the lights on, and people paid.

The Nation is not out of the woods yet. The pandemic continues to spread and infection rates are increasing as we enter fall. The Legislature will continue to do its' job and lead the Nation through this tough stretch, making the tough decisions, and I am confident that we will come through this better than before.

HOW TO TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFELY DURING COVID-19

The HCN Health Dept does not recommend trick or treating when there is high COVID-19 transmission in the community BUT if you choose to participate in trick or treating these are some safer practices.

PUBLIC HEALTH BEST PRACTICES

FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS, HOMEOWNERS, & PARENTS/GUARDIANS

-  Stay home if sick. DO NOT hand out treats or trick-or-treat if you are sick.
-  Trick or treat with people you live with. Household members go together.
-  Practice social distancing. Remain 6 feet apart from people not in your household.
-  Wear a face mask that covers BOTH your mouth and nose when appropriate. This means even under/over your Halloween accessories as necessary.
-  Distribute treats by setting out individual portions on a table outside for trick or treaters to take. No in-person contact.
-  Have hand sanitizer available. Use hand sanitizer often and before eating or after coughing/sneezing.
-  Avoid public interaction with high risk groups both in the home as well as nursing home facilities.

ADDITIONAL TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFETY REMINDERS:

- Examine all treats and wash hands before eating them.
- Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- Guide children to stay on the right side of the road and walk on sidewalks when possible. Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Carry a flashlight at night and ensure children have reflective clothing.
- Wear well-fitting masks and costumes appropriate for weather that also avoid blocking vision.
- Homeowners can post a sign or use porch lights to indicate if they are participating in trick-or-treat.



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Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg provides over 100 meals to essential workers

Wittenberg, WI – September, 2020- Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg partners with a local business, Resch Lanes, to provide Wittenberg-Biramwood area Health Care Personnel and First Responders with a 3-week lunch series of free lunches which began on September 14 from

11am – 1pm. This effort was a byproduct of the “Coins for a Cause” drive held by Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. The Coins for a Cause drive was held to aid the impact Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg endured during the National coin shortage. The drive was better than anticipated.

With the outpouring success of the drive, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg wanted to give back to our local community members, while utilizing a local business. “Having companies that appreciate the community they do business in and give back to those people that directly

help others is what makes living in our area great. We are proud to partner with Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg to provide lunch for the essential workers in our area,” said Jason Resch, owner of Resch Lanes. “We are honored that we are able to help our community. It is with great gratitude that we aid in this drive to help out those who help us.” Fletcher Collins, Executive Manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, reflected on the lunch series.

“Lunch on Us” was envisioned to be a three-day lunch series over a span of three weeks. Participants came from the Aspirus Clinic, Marshfield Clinic, Homme Home of Wittenberg, Wittenberg Ambulance, Wittenberg Fire Department, Wittenberg EMTs and EMRs. We were

pleased to have over 100 meals provided to these essential workers who have worked non-stop through the COVID Pandemic. As many are aware, the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted small businesses in many rural communities. We at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg enjoy being able to support these businesses by not only having their business host events, but being able to positively publicize them on their efforts to give back to their communities and essential workers.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg looks forward to partner with additional local businesses to give back to our community members during the pandemic and to those who were impacted.



October 1, 2020
To the Editor,
Because of the COVID-19 virus, the board of directors of Project Christmas of Jackson County, WI, Inc. has found it necessary to make many drastic changes for 2020. In the interest of the health and safety of both our recipients and our volunteers, we are attempting to keep personal contact to a minimum. We, therefore, will insist that everyone use face masks and practice social distancing.

During the first part of November, the various requests will be processed. If approved, each adult who previously registered will receive, via U.S. Mail, a numbered card stating when the family envelope containing the food voucher(s) and gift cards may be picked up at a specific drive-up location, either Thursday, December 3rd or **Saturday, December 5th**. It is imperative that this notification card be guarded as it will need to be presented at the designated pick-up/drive-up site. This year, we will have seven (7) distribution sites throughout the county. Some sites will only be open on Saturday, December 5th and the times will vary.

This year, Project Christmas will not be coordinating deliveries to individual recipient homes. We also will not be collecting gifts and non-perishable food products. Instead, food vouchers and Visa gift cards will be issued. Each recipient household will receive a food voucher and a gift card for each child from birth to age 18. If there are no children in the household, then only a food voucher will be issued.

As in the past, monetary donations are greatly appreciated. To make a financial donation, you may send your check to Project Christmas, c/o Co-op Credit Union, P. O. Box 157, Black River Falls, WI 54615. You may also use PayPal (user name: @ProjectChristmas25.com). There will not be any money collection boxes this year.

This will be done by first requesting that a responsible adult from each individual, potential recipient household register by calling American Family Insurance at **715-284-4113**, between the dates of **October 19 and 30**, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those households who either returned or completed a 2019 reply form will still have to register for Project Christmas – 2020. We also will not be accepting multiple requests from various groups and agencies. In other words, each household will be responsible for itself.

Meanwhile, we ask that everyone be patient as the processing and then the mailing will undoubtedly take most of the month of November. Hopefully, we will be able to return to our normal procedures next year.

Sincerely,

Charles Buswell
Publicity Director
Project Christmas of
Jackson County, WI, Inc.

Snapshot Wisconsin's Data Dashboard Now Open to the Public

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Oct. 6, 2020
Contact: Christine Anhalt-Depies, DNR Snapshot Wisconsin project coordinator
christine.anhaltdepies@wisconsin.gov or 608-221-5379
Ryan Bemowski, DNR data scientist and data dashboard developer
ryan.bemowski@wisconsin.gov or 608-219-2312

decisions across the state, such as providing fawn-to-doe ratios in each county every year.

Program volunteers host a network of trail cameras across the state that take “snapshots” of animals as they pass by. Additional volunteers then help classify the wildlife in the photos to generate a database of which species are seen by time and location. To date, approximately 47 million images have been collected by the Snapshot Wisconsin program.

Give The Snapshot Team Feedback By Taking Our Survey

The data dashboard is an evolving product with expanded features already in the works. Additional species will be added to the dashboard over time, and a larger pool of data will be added as more photos are classified. However, the Snapshot team wants to see feedback on the data dashboard.

The data dashboard offers volunteers and the public a new way to engage directly with this data, letting people choose which information they want to visualize. At launch, the data for 18 wildlife species is available to explore, including what times of the day and year the species is most active and how the species is distributed across the state.

At the bottom of the dashboard is a short four-question survey where anyone can give feedback, such as which additional species could be included in the future.

Data can be viewed for specific counties or state-wide, and the data from maps and graphs can even be downloaded to share with others.

“One of the main goals of the data dashboard is to display the data in a way that is interpretable and meaningful to the general public, especially the volunteers,” said Ryan Bemowski, DNR data scientist and developer of the dashboard. “Snapshot wants to make sure they get a full picture of what their data is producing.”

Learn more about the data dashboard in the newest Snapshot newsletter and access the data dashboard yourself.

If there is something else you wanted to see, consider giving feedback on the data dashboard.

Join Snapshot Wisconsin

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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be October 16th which will be published on October 23rd. Please contact Hocak Worak at newsletter@ho-chunk.com if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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The Hocak Worak reserves the right to reject any advertising, material, or letters submitted for publication. The submission of articles, poetry, artwork and photos is encouraged. The Editor makes the sole decision of what is published in the Hocak Worak. The Hocak Worak will not assume any responsibility for unsolicited material.

Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.

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**HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
ANNOUNCES LIMITED SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Tribal Office Building Maintenance/Security/Administration

- Services all Administration Buildings/Properties and other departments
- Electrical
- HVAC
- Housekeeping and Sanitizing
- Grounds keeping and Maintenance
- Direct phone calls as they come in to the proper programs and locations
- Contact Departments for patrons when they need assistance
- Do rounds to ensure safety of the employees and patrons
- Provide secure escorts to provide safety of the employee and assets of the Nation
- Provide First Aid and CPR and are the first response to 911 calls if needed
- Enforce Building Policies regarding smoking shelters, parking and safety
- Send out Nationwide notifications
- Notary Services are provided Monday through Thursday 6am through 4:30pm
- Assist with Memorial Relief Fund –Darcy Funmaker

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Mary Knight	Housekeeper	1302	None	7-3:30
Montgomery Green	Housekeeper	1182	Montgomery.Green@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30
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Theodore Yellowcloud	Maintenance Worker I	1302	None	8-4:30
Gerald Carroll Jr	General Laborer	1302	None	8-4:30
Betty Krause	General Laborer	1302	None	5-1:30
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Summer Dick	Security Officer	0	Summer.dick@ho-chunk.com	vary

Transportation – Services for HCN Owned/Lease Vehicles

- Vehicle Service / Emergency Service Calls
- Vehicle and Equipment Preventative Maintenance
- Vehicle and Equipment Repair
- Windshield and Auto Body Repair
- Multi-Point vehicle Inspection
- Tires Fix/Rotation/Replace
- Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Accident Claims
- Registration/Title/Plates – HCN Owned Vehicles
- Fleet Assignment – Only Critical-needs Travel
- Vehicles at Branch Offices are for transports.

Transportation	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Roberto Betancurt	Director of Transportation	1275	roberto.betancurt@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30
Patrick Reardon	Master Mechanic	608-374-1216	Patrick.Reardon@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30
Larry Fisher	Master Mechanic	608-374-1216	Larry.fisher@ho-chunk.com	7:30-4
Lily Lincoln	Office Manager (Tomah Shop)	608-374-1216	Lily.lincoln@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30

Newsletter

- Disseminating information to tribal members and employees from all HCN branches of government through social media and print
- Disseminating relevant information to tribal members and employees from outside agencies and governments through social media and print
- Publishing newsletter twice a month, the second and fourth Fridays
- Relaying points of contact to tribal members and employees for raised concerns
- Providing factual hot topic information (COVID-19, Census 2020, economic impact payments, voting, etc.)
- Maintaining subscription mailing list
- Offering publication space for paid advertisements
- Assisting with Hocak Worak archive or information searches
- Available on an extremely limited basis to cover HCN events

The newsletter office has relocated to the second floor of the Tribal Office Building. Office operates Monday through Thursday. Event invitations, information requests, changes of addresses, and publication materials can be emailed to Newsletter@ho-chunk.com or telephoned to 715-284-9343 extension 1242.

Newsletter	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Ardith VanRiper	Editor	1242	Ardith.Vanriper@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30

Realty Division

- Processing of Agricultural, Business and Residential leases
- Intake and Withdraw of Last Will and Testaments
- Tribal member land information request (online or over phone)
- Creation/maintenance of the Nation’s multiple GIS applications
- Recording/archiving of real estate documents on trust
- Processing of the Nation’s fee to trust applications
- Payment of the Nation’s property taxes
- Legal Description reviews on various land documents
- Geospatial Analysis of HCN COVID-19 Response
- COVID 19 data is being pulled from federal and state sources to follow the spread in relation to the Nation’s members and employees. Viewing this data allows our leadership to make informed decisions in regards to the Nation’s response to the COVID 19 outbreak.
- Permits for land use and conditional use
- Zoning change applications
- Grant writing, searches, and application
- COVID 19 recovery planning
- Strategic plan drafting and review

For the intake and withdraw, we are still allowing members to submit their Last Wills

and Testaments for storage within our office (see below 8 HCC § 14 11. Storage of Wills).

We are also still allowing testators or personal representatives withdraw their Last Wills and Testaments.

Realty does not draft legal documents (this includes last will and testaments or any real estate documents.)

Realty	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
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Cynthia De Florian	Grants Specialist	1284	cynthia.deflorian@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30
Julie Mann	Register of Deeds	1750	julie.mann@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30 M-Thu
Melanie Mudd	Lease Specialist	1032	melanie.mudd@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30 M-Thu
Wyatt Pajtash	GIS Coordinator	1728	wyatt.pajtash@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30
Loa Porter	Management Analyst	1280	loa.porter@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30

Mailroom

- Daily distribution + dispatching of incoming, outgoing, mail and packages.
- All departments scanning, faxing, and photo copying and distribution as instructed daily.
- Stamp all departments. Certify and log in all incoming and outgoing mail.
- Courier delivers to all Tomah’s department Tuesday and Friday.
- Daily distribution and pick up all local departments mail, inter office, and packages.

Mailroom	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Judy Youngthunder	Mail Room Supervisor	1305	Judy.Youngthunder@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30
Illena Henry	Mail Clerk	1305	none	8-4:30
Wayne Peters	Mail Clerk	1305	none	8-4:30

La Crosse Branch Office is open Monday – Thursday 8am-4:30pm. Open for critical needs but services are subject to change according to ongoing Covid 19 conditions.

- Medical/Emergency Transport **IF** Health dept. is unable to
- All HCN forms processed/submitted as required
- Answer all phone calls
- Liaison between tribal members and tribal, community, county, state and federal services
- Referrals for homeless overnight warming centers
- Referrals for Behavioral Health (phone only)
- Referrals for Community Health Nurse
- Be a resource for tribal members
- Keep up to date on all resources to help tribal members
- Maintaining and cleaning building

Able to reach by phone or email (608-783-6025 – Adam.DeNasha@Ho-Chunk.com). At times, tribal members may only be able to communicate thru Wi-fi, so I also made myself available thru social media outlets. This way, if Tribal members are in need of something, they’re not limited to just a phone call or an in-person visit. This has opened doors for assistance to many tribal members thru this pandemic and has been extremely efficient with the physical distancing recommendation. Transportation is available if all other avenues have been exhausted.

La Crosse Branch	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Adam DeNasha	Outreach Specialist	5402	Adam.DeNasha@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30

Tomah Community Center

- Days & Hours of availability: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 - Available to help tribal members with any assistance forms. Print off documents, make copies, etc. for tribal members.
 - Provide notary services.
 - Computers are offered for any tribal member who has work to do, gather information online, etc.
 - Provide pertinent information through social media on the Ho-Chunk Nation Tomah Fitness Center page.
 - The health office is still open for tribal members.
 - The gym & fitness center will be open to tribal members and HCN employees on a limited basis. Must schedule appointment. Will be open to walk-ins depending on availability.
- Gym/Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Friday-9 a.m.-12 p.m.
**The hours will be on a limited basis due to short staffing. As I am the only employee who is responsible for cleaning the entire building and taking care of the grounds for the building. Friday’s will be deep cleaning days.*

If any tribal member needs assistance, they may contact me at 715-284-9343, ext. 1180 or by e-mail carole.bedeau@ho-chunk.com or through the Ho-Chunk Nation Tomah Fitness Center page.

Tomah Branch	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Carole Bedeau	General Manger	1180	Carole.Bedeau@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30

Madison Branch Office (List may not be all inclusive)

- Answering phone calls and giving out resource numbers of various departments that can assist the tribal members with their needs – and follow through with issues when needed.
- Keep the building clean, sanitized and safe for all who enter.
- Medical transports for area Tribal Members and also providing medical transports on Tuesdays for Milwaukee area members when reserved.
- Providing meeting space for Madison Area Legislative monthly meetings.
- Hosting drive-thru events for COVID-19 testing.
- Sending out informational e-mails to my list keeping Area Tribal Members updated on meetings and notices sent out from the TOB group email and other information regarding events/programs in the Madison and surrounding areas. Continue to e-mail information on Covid-19 from the HCN Health Department.
- Food Distribution is available at the Branch Office on a monthly basis. I send out reminders and attach an application, calendar and the list of food they can pick.
- Notification/Requests of and then printing, copying, emailing of all requested HCN forms/programs and outside entities that may apply to the request.

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- Notary Services are available.
- Grocery shopping for elders in need of basic food needs. And pickup and delivery or Medications.
- Give updated resources through departments within the State/County/City and the HCN that are available to Tribal Members in need of them.
- I will continue to do whatever I can to make sure the members are being served to the best of my ability.

Building is open for essential critical needs to Tribal members, Monday – Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm. Social distancing and mask wearing is mandatory at this time. I am available by phone at 608-277-9964 or e-mail at cher.laubmeier@ho-chunk.com.

Madison Branch	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Cher Laubmeier	General Manager	3222	Cher.Laubmeier@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30

Siga Funmaker Community Center

- Phone Calls -Liaison between tribal members and other HCN departments/ services
- Notary Services
- Copy/Scan/Fax
- Transports (if TAU and CH are unavailable)
- Computer Assistance -Assistance for tribal members with resumes, job applications, etc.
- Relay of Information utilizing printing, word of mouth, and social media

The Siga Funmaker Community Center is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm. Please call, email, or message the Siga Funmaker Community Center Facebook Page prior to coming in for services when possible. Available if need be at the building every Monday and Friday. Phone: 715.253.4407 ext. 3201 Cell: 715.299.4993 gloria.white-wing@ho-chunk.com

Wittenberg	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Gloria Whitewing	General Manager	3201	Gloria.WhiteWing@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30

Green Bay Branch Office

- Answer phones daily (as of Monday, October 5th – one of our local elders from the GB WISE Program will be back to work here maintaining our front reception area and answering phones)
- Transports for elders (medical appointments & prescription delivery)
- Housekeeping and sanitizing of building on a daily/weekly basis
- Grounds keeping and daily maintenance
- Provide community events (in their homes/as well as outdoors) as options to keep Tribal members eating healthy and maintaining exercise as a family unit during this pandemic
- Fitness (fitness room availability/food prep/exercise incentives) – ONCE WE RE-OPEN
- Notification/Requests of and then printing, copying, emailing of all requested HCN forms/programs
- Notary Services
- FB page (HCN Green Bay Branch Office) where we post essential HCN information
- Assist all HCN departments/programs in disseminating information/applications out when requested. (TAU, Education, YS, Legislature (including the Oneida Nation & City of Green Bay and surrounding communities), HHCDA, Housing, Treasury, Realty, Enrollment)
- Receive donations (clothes, household items, etc) – inform local Tribal members – place donated items on table outside our front door for pick-up.
- Continually check up on our local Tribal members regarding their health. Any & all cases regarding COVID 19, we deliver the kits provided to us by HHCDA.
- Provide information regarding our HC Kinship & Language. Once we're open fully, I will be back to teaching.
- Continually update our (HCN & local communities) Resource Directory/Services

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Noon – 4 p.m. to the public. I plan to stay to complete paperwork (office locked during that time)

Quite a few of our Tribal members do not have access to a computer to go online as is required. I asked them to call me any time so that we can do it over the phone. (920) 490-2775 – office number
(920) 360-1898 – work cell number

Green Bay Branch	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Pamela Wilbur	General Manager	8900	Pamela.Wilbur@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30
Mary Lopez	Outreach Specialist	8902	Mary.lopez@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30 M-Thu

Chicago Branch Office

- Fitness Center reopening in October.
 - Tribal Members will be able to schedule fitness appointments with the branch office.
- Processing and Assistance with HCN COFA applications, Social Services Applications, and all Ho-Chunk Nation applications that may require assistance.
- Notary Services (No Contact and In person available)
 - Both Notary Services will be administered in person or online for your convenience. Notary Documents can be emailed to office staff. Per State of Illinois, and pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(3), and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305 the Notary can be administered remotely for only repeat, known Tribal Members, who have already received Notary services from the HCN Chicago Branch Office.
- Document Witness Services (No Contact and In person available)
 - Both In person and virtual/no contact Witness Services will be administered to tribal members. Document witness services can be provided via email for your convenience. Per State of Illinois, Section 5-120(c) of the Electronic Commerce Security Act, 5 ILCS 175/5-120(c), Document Witnessing can be completed for Enrolled Tribal Members, with/without previous Document Witness Services.
- Paper Scanning and Copy Services (No Contact)
 - The Office will provide Paper Scanning, E-Fax, and Copy services to Tribal Members through No Contact. Documents can be emailed to staff or tribal members can simply bring in their documents to the office.

- Design Projects and Creative Services
 - Office staff will continue to provide file recreation, high-quality vector logo and design services, custom project and design services for community.
- Tele-Services to Tribal Members
 - Office Phone and Staff are available for communication from community.
- E-Mail Services/HCN Reference Documents
 - All Ho-Chunk Nation Documents are available to be e-mailed or picked up in person to Tribal Members.
- Tribal Communication & Inter-Tribal Communication (COVID-19 and Normal)
 - Office Staff will provide HCN Tribal Updates and Communication to Tribal Members through Electronic Means (Social Media, E-Mail, Website Information), Paper and Office Doors. Office Staff will continue to coordinate with other HCN tribal partners (St. Kateri Center, Chicago Public Schools, Mitchell Museum, CAICC, AIC, IHS-Chicago) to coordinate most up-to-date COVID-19 information.
- Provide Emergency Service and Community Referrals
 - Tribal, DHS, Medical, LGBT, Social Services, Education referrals made.
- No-Contact Transports & Delivery Services
 - Pharmacy, Limited Food Services, Partner Transports through CAICC
- HCN Inter-Departmental Liaison
 - All HCN Departments (Treasury, Loans, Housing, Emergency Services, ETC)

Chicago Branch	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Ben Krause	Outreach Specialist	1504	Benjamin.Krause@ho-chunk.com	8-4:30 m-th

St. Paul Branch Office

Closed until further notice. Contact Chandra Hernandez 800-294-9343

Security	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Chandra Hernandez	Administrative Assistant	1347	chandra.hernandez@ho-chunk.com	7-330 m-th

Milwaukee Branch Office

Closed until further notice. Contact Chandra Hernandez 800-294-9343

Security	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Chandra Hernandez	Administrative Assistant	1347	chandra.hernandez@ho-chunk.com	7-330 m-th

District One Community Center

Closed until further notice. Contact Rosalind Falcon 800-294-9343

Security	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Rosalind Falcon	Office Manager	0	Rosalind.Falcon@ho-chunk.com	8-4:0 m-th

Ho-Chunk Nation House of Wellness

- Phase 1 Fitness Reopening- Yellow Thunder Gymnasium only
- Fitness Software Reservations for HOW Fitness Memberships and Ho-Chunk Members
- Surge Tent Structure Support
- Well Child Clinic Support
- Patient Registration Facility Support
- Curbside Pharmacy Services Support
- Flu Clinic Booth Support
- Physician & Nurse Station- Locker Room Support
- Covid Related Facility Accommodations and Construction
- Reopening Development for House of Wellness Services
- Webex Meetings- Limited
- Weekly and Monthly Administration Reporting
- Move Add Change Forms for all HCN Departments
- Special Facility Cleaning and Sanitizing
- Waksikma Facility Maintenance Checks
- Lawn Care for Milwaukee & Madison Branch Office, Sanford WhiteEagle Legion Post, Head start, Distribution Center. Neeshla Powwow Grounds & Ho-Chunk Lodge
- Tribal Food Programs Distribution site
- HHCDA Surveillance System Support
- Badger Oversight Team Support
- HCN Tribal Police Administrative Support
- COVID 19 Temperature Monitoring
- COVID 19 Patient & Member Screening
- Facility Access Control Oversight
- Locksmith Services (commercial only) Vehicle Lockout & Jumpstart Service
- Tribal Member Forms, Faxing and Email Service
- Notarial Acts
- Vendor & Contractor Check-in and monitoring
- Optical Department Prescription Item Disbursement
- U.S. Mail pick-up and distribution (HOW Departments ONLY)
- Accept, log and distribute FedEx, UPS and other delivery service packages (HOW Departments ONLY)
- Perform facility receptionist and telephone operator duties for all HOW Departments

House of Wellness	Title	Ext.	E-mail	Hours
Roberta Funmaker	General Manager-Facilities	5584	roberta.funmaker@ho-chunk.com	8-430
Gary Lonetree	HOW Security Supervisor	5514	gary.lonetree@ho-chunk.com	9-530
Keith Ramos	HVAC Electrician Technician	5619	keith.ramos@ho-chunk.com	7- 330
Anthony Winneshiek	Maintenance Worker	5617	anthony.winneshiek@ho-chunk.com	7-330
Wayne Blackdeer Jr.	Maintenance Worker	5617	wayne.blackdeerjr@ho-chunk.com	830-5
Mario Ramon	Security Officer	5585	mario.ramon@ho-chunk.com	7- 330
Wayne Blackdeer Sr.	Security Officer	5585	wayne.blackdeersr@ho-chunk.com	7-330
Charles Tobin	Security Officer	5585	charles.tobin@ho-chunk.com	9-530

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Information Technology Services

- Computer/server and networked devices hardware/software installation/support
- Telephone hardware/software installation/support
- WebEx/Teams installation/support
- Lawson technical support
- Time & Attendance technical support
- Wireless installation/support
- User access
- Remote access
- IP Camera installation/support
- Website content installation/support
- Programming
- Database management
- Networking/Equipment installation, moves, adds and changes
- Hardware/Software purchasing
- Infrastructure installation maintenance and locating
- Technology related projects

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Dave Lambert	Response Technology Manager	1066	dave.lambert@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Jennifer Louis	Response Technology Engineer	1054	Jennifer.Louis@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Heidi Bird	Response Security Operator	1604	Heidi.bird@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
William Browne	Response Technology Engineer	1372	william.browne@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Steven Wileman	Response Systems Operator	1053	steven.wileman@ho-chunk.com	9 - 5:30
Denise Youngthunder	Response Systems Technician	1594	denise.youngthunder@ho-chunk.co	8 - 4:30
Pat Hall	Response Systems Technician	1220	pat.hall@ho-chunk.com	7 - 5:30 M-TH
Sondra Martinez	Response Systems Technician	1327	Sondra.martinez@ho-chunk.com	7 - 5:30 M-TH
Ethel Funmaker	Response Technology Purchaser	1346	Ethel.funmaker@ho-chunk.com	7 - 5:30 M-TH
Ben Cleveland	Response Systems Operator	1052	ben.cleveland@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Drew Mackenzie	Systems Administrator	1065	drew.mackenzie@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Rollie Moe	Database Admin II	1314	rollie.moe@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Lael Hall	Database Admin II	1217	lael.hall@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Chris Mudd	Response Systems Technician	1329	chris.mudd@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Melissa Garvin	Response Systems Technician	1076	melissa.garvin@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Mike Youngthunder	Response Analyst	1020	mike.youngthunder@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Tanya Potter	Response Technology Purchaser	1074	tanya.potter@ho-chunk.com	7 - 5:30 M-TH
Robert Kruschke	Programmer III	1025	robert.kruschke@ho-chunk.com	7 - 3:30
Shane Steindorf	Programmer II	1183	shane.steindorf@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Ian Reineck	Programmer I	1389	ian.reineck@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Sam Bristol	Programmer I	1045	sam.bristol@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Cynthia Maloney	Programmer I/RPG	1089	cindy.maloney@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Dana Houghton	Systems Analyst I	1039	dana.houghton@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Wanda Owen-Reese	Response Technology Trainer	1087	wanda.owen-reese@ho-chunk.com	7 - 5:30 M-TH
Denise Redbird	Records Manager	1033	denise.redbird@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30
Angelica Rodriguez	Records Clerk II	1035	angelica.rodriguez@ho-chunk.com	8 - 4:30

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Community CLEANUP

Community Cleanup 2020 available for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing Rental Management tenants on the following dates for the following areas. Have garbage set out the day of.

- **October 22** - Maplewood/BRF Tenants
- **October 26** - Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, 87th Street Tenants
- **November 2** - Indian Heights, Lyndon Station Tenants
- **November 5** - Whitlock, Giebel Court, Dyer Street, County HWY BD, Coop Lane Tenants
- **November 9** - Sime Avenue, Mark Avenue, King Avenue Tenants

Homeowners can apply for Public Sanitation/COVID 19 Cleanup. Contact Randeem Decorah at the Department of Housing 608-374-1225 ext. 5787

Questions, please call Terry Lujan at the Department of Housing 608-374-1225 ext. 5916



Ho-Chunk Nation Housing

Attention Ho-Chunk Nation Homeowners

PUBLIC SANITATION

Public Sanitation pick-up is available for Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Homeowners.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved the Department of Housing funding to offer public sanitary services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This application for public sanitary service is for curbside pick-up only.

Questions or requests for applications regarding Public Sanitary Services please feel free to contact Randeem Decorah (608)374-1225 ext. 5787. Or email Randeem.Decorah@ho-chunk.com.

Please see Calendar for scheduled area pick-up days

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 AUGUSTA/FAIRCHILD	20 NEILSVILLE/DELLS DAM	21 NO PICK-UP	22 HATFIELD/BLACK RIVER FALLS/BROCKWAY	23	24
25	26 WIS RAPIDS/NEKOOSA	27 WIS RAPIDS NEKOOSA	28 NO PICK-UP	29 CATARACT/LA CROSSE	30	31

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 WIS DELLS	3 WIS DELLS	4 NO PICK UP	5 BARABOO/ REEDSBURG	6	7
8	9 TOMAH/MONROE	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Gov. Evers Announces Appointments to Health Equity Council

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 30, 2020

Contact: GovPress@wisconsin.gov or 608-219-7443

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced 33 appointments to the Governor's Health Equity Council. The purpose of the council is to address the various factors that exacerbate health disparities by creating a comprehensive plan to achieve long-lasting and equitable health outcomes for all Wisconsinites.

"Ensuring that all Wisconsinites have access to quality healthcare has been and will continue to be one of my administration's top priorities," said Gov. Evers. "I have no

doubt that the members of this council will be effective in delivering actionable solutions to help Wisconsin become an equitable place to live for all individuals."

In a 2016 report published by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, the state of Wisconsin was given an overall health disparities grade of "D."

"We didn't need the COVID-19 pandemic to tell us that your health is closely linked to your zip code, race, and other socioeconomic factors," said Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm. "Through this robust public-private collaboration we can target the social determinants of health that drive these health disparities and make

real progress towards ensuring that every Wisconsinite has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible."

Serving on the Health Equity Council will be:

- Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes
- DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm
- Michelle Robinson, Research, Evaluation, & Program Integrity Advisor, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- Gina Green-Harris, Director of Center for Community Engagement and Health Partnerships, UW School of Medicine and Public Health
- Paula Tran Inzeo, Group Director, UW Population Health Institute, Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health
- Lilliann Paine, Chief of

Staff, Milwaukee City Health Department

- Micaela Berry-Smith, Executive Director, Harambee Village

- Tia Murray, Owner, Co-Founder, and President, Harambee Village

- Jasmine Zapata, Assistant Professor, UW School of Medicine and Public Health

- Maria Barker, Director of Latinx Programs and Initiatives, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin

- Janel Hines, Senior Director of Grant Programs and Strategic Initiatives, Greater Milwaukee Foundation

- Lisa Peyton-Caire, Founder and President, The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness

- Andrea Werner, Senior Vice President, Bellin Health Hospital Center

- Ellen Sexton, CEO, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Wisconsin

- William Parke-Sutherland, Health Policy Engagement Coordinator, Kids Forward

- Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, UW Health

- Sandra Brekke, Senior Consultant, Office of Population Health, Gundersen Health System

- Tito Izard, President and CEO, Milwaukee Health Services, Inc.

- Jerry Waukau, Tribal Health Director, Menominee Nation

- Guy (Anahkwet) Reiter, Executive Director, Menikanaehkem, Inc.

- Mary Thao, Marshfield Clinic
- Sarah Ferber, Associate

Director, Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing

- Amy DeLong, Family Physician and Medical Director, Ho-Chunk Nation

- Wanda Montgomery, Community Partnerships Director, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

- Stacy Clark, Intersectionality Among Men Program Coordinator, Diverse & Resilient

- Elizabeth Valitchka, Strategic Advisor, DCF

- Joya Headley, Public Health Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Cristal Tinajero Rodriguez, Student, Milwaukee Area Technical College

- Gale Johnson, Director of Wisconsin Well Woman Program, DHS

- Isaak Mohamed, Somali Liaison & Community Health Worker, Barron County

- Diane Erickson, Clinic Administrator, Red Cliff Community Health Center

- Patricia Metropulos, President and CEO, Kathy's House

- Julie Mitchell, Commercial Medical Director, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin

The first meeting for the Governor's Health Equity Council is scheduled for September 30.

Executive Order #17 is available here.

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Thank you from the Richard D. Snake Family

Like to thank everyone for prayers, support and comfort at our difficult time. May Creator help us grieve. Living each moment from this day forward. Death leaves memories no one can steal.
Cheri Ann Snake
Snake Family



Hainirajq Maanigq
"Walking in the Morning Mist"

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the indigenous lands of the Hoocak, it was fitting that a mural depicting the sacredness of the land to the Hoocak people be incorporated on the trail.

A collaborated effort, the Eli Leonard, Joann Jones, Nela Stacey, Connie Lonetree, and Lenore Sweet families all worked on contributing tiles for the mural. A collaboration that took several weeks that included help from visiting Artist in Residence Muneer Bahauddeen and Project Apprentice Martina Patterson.

Leading up to the weekend reveal, Hoocak (Ho-Chunk) elders Lenore Sweet and Connie Lonetree sat down with Madison's WKOW's Nick Buffo. Nick, an anchor for the stations Wake Up Wisconsin morning show that aired this past Friday, had a chance to get a feel for how important the mural is to them.

"I appreciate being asked and proud to share a lot of information that we have," tribal elder Lenore Sweet said with a smile. Lenore said that she and her sister Connie have a lot of information being elders and having lived some life.

She recalled that their father was born in 1890, and acknowledged he brought a lot of tradition and heritage and information to them both, saying "We grew up with it. Our mother was born in 1912/1910 somewhere in there, and she was a traditional, very traditional. I remember her parents, and they had a lot of activities that were from their childhood. That's how they lived, in traditional ways every day. The way we lived in those days was so different."

She said that growing up, her family had natural foods available and stressed what they ate then is much different from their diet now. "You know, everything comes out of the freezer and from mass production and so forth. I think it's changed a lot of our health issues, but I think it also affects our environment the way things are grown, you know it's not green. It's too bad we can't go back to more of that."

Lenore feels that the mural will highlight the fact that Native Americans are still here. "I think a lot of people think that we're still living out in the woods someplace in tee-

pees and little round houses, but we're out here in society. They need to be aware that we're here. And we are doing things, and we're helping with the environment. Our tribe keeps us going healthier."

Connie also felt appreciated, saying she feels honored that she and her sister were asked by Buffo to share their beliefs, ideas, and the Hoocak (Ho-Chunk) connection to Maa Wákačak. Connie, echoing her sister that the Hoocak are still around said, "We're very, very active. I think the reason is, like Lenore said, that we were brought up on healthy foods. Our dad was a cook. He was kind of talented in all kinds of things. He was a baker, he cooked for us. He used to make homemade bread for us, so we were brought up on things like oatmeal. I'm talking about the way we were brought up, the way we were fed and stuff. We'd go out in the countryside and pick milkweed and asparagus. I don't know if a lot of people know about milkweed," Connie chuckled.

Around 1 pm this past Sunday, tribal members and community members gathered and watched as the mural

was unveiled. The mural now stands as a place for trail goers to stop and learn about the Hoocak connection to the land they see before them.

Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) Founder and Director Melanie Tallmadge-Sainz said there were many people involved in the success of this project, a project that involved both Hoocak tribal members and collaborative work from outside the tribe. It is important to note The River Arts Inc. of Prairie du Sac chose the Little Eagle Arts Foundation to design and cre-

ate the mural.

Speaking on the mural Melanie said, that the Hoocak clan affiliation with the natural world is divided according to the Earth clan, sky clan and water clan, making clear the choice of content.

To view the piece WKOW aired visit; <http://bit.ly/HoChunkMural1>

To view the story that aired on WISC visit; <http://bit.ly/HoChunkMural2>

For a previous story on the mural visit; <https://bit.ly/Ho-ChunkLandGreatSaukTrail>



Lenore Sweet left, and Connie Lonetree.

Census Bureau Statement on Oct. 1 Court Ruling

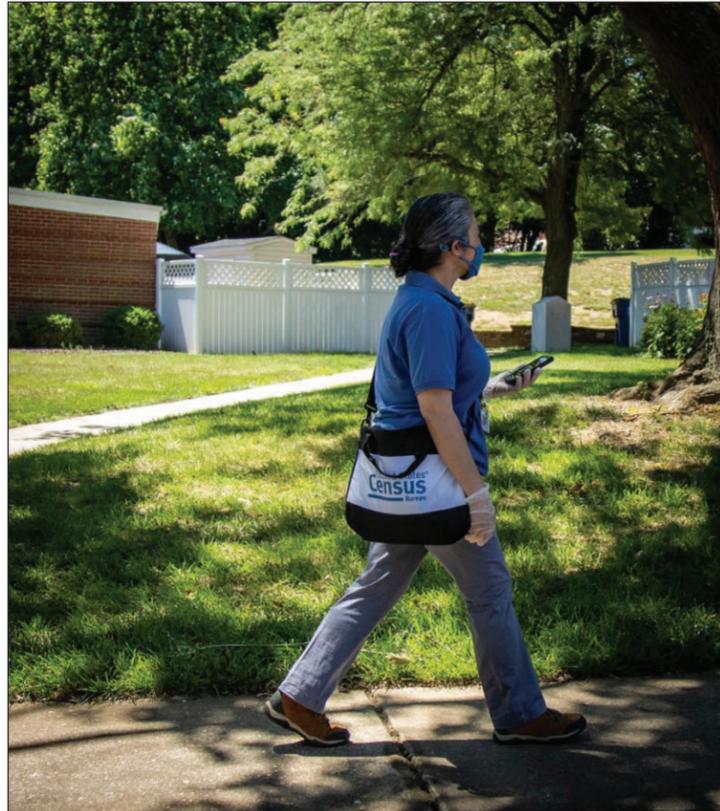
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CB20-RTQ.36

OCT. 2, 2020 – On October 2, 2020, the message below was sent to census takers working on the 2020 Census: “As a result of court orders, the October 5, 2020 target date is not operative, and data collection operations will continue through October 31, 2020. Employees should continue to work diligently and

enumerate as many people as possible. Contact your supervisor with any questions.”

Links to the orders from September 24 and October 1 were provided to employees as well.

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently updating 2020Census.gov and Census.gov and all external and internal guidance to ensure compliance with the orders.



Data collection operations will continue through October 31, 2020.

2020 Census Mobile Questionnaire Assistance (MQA) Overview

Modified Operational Plan

WHAT WILL THE MODIFIED MQA INCLUDE?

MQA is a nationwide operation in low-responding areas to promote and assist with responding to the 2020 Census. The modified MQA will target places where people visit when leaving home such as grocery stores, pharmacies, faith-based organizations, food pantries, libraries (if reopened), and city offices, as opposed to large public events.

Additionally, MQA staff will engage in activities that drive people to respond in the lowest responding neighborhoods.

HOW IS THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IDENTIFYING LOW RESPONSE AREAS FOR MQA?

- We will use actual response rates to identify locations in low-response areas on a weekly basis.
- Additionally, low-response areas with language needs not offered by Census Questionnaire Assistance will be identified.

Important note: Conditions on the ground are rapidly changing each day, as people continue to test positive for COVID-19. This evolving environment may directly affect the Census Bureau's ability to conduct the modified MQA program in several areas of the nation. Census professionals will continue monitoring conditions throughout the nation on a daily basis and will instruct staff where MQA events cannot be conducted safely.

WHAT LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

- People can respond online (or by telephone) in English or in 12 select languages.
- The MQA representatives will have instructions available in 59 non-English languages on how to complete the English questionnaire.
- The MQA representatives can provide the direct phone lines for English and the 12 other languages.

HOW CAN PEOPLE IDENTIFY OFFICIAL CENSUS RESPONSE REPRESENTATIVES?

- All 2020 Census staff will have an ID badge that includes their name, photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- Census response representatives will have an official bag and a Census Bureau-issued tablet—all bearing the U.S. Census Bureau logo.
- Locations will be identified with banners bearing the 2020 Census logo.

WHEN WILL MOBILE QUESTIONNAIRE ASSISTANCE BE AVAILABLE?

The Census Bureau soft-launched the MQA program the week of July 6. The full operation will begin in designated low-response areas the week of July 13.

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Self-Response by Tribal Area

This map features self-response rates from households that responded to the 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone. Rates can be viewed in [rankings here](#).

National
Self-Response
66.7%

Ho-Chunk Nation
Self-Response
43.4%



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Sept. 28, 2020

Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President found in Contempt of Court

Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Karena Thundercloud was found in Contempt of Court by the Honorable Mary Jo Hunter, associate trial court judge for the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court.

The decision was handed down by Judge Hunter on Monday, Sept. 28.

Thundercloud was charged with Contempt of Court of failing to obey an Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order that had been issued by the Court.

The Temporary Restraining Order prohibited the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature from taking action on any budgetary matters that had been scheduled for discussion and possible action on a Monday, Aug. 31 Legislature meeting.

Despite those orders, Thundercloud called an "Emergency Special Meeting" on Saturday, Aug. 29, and passed the budgetary matters that were previously scheduled for Monday, Aug. 31.

"As a result, the Court finds that the defendants failed to adequately rebut the contempt and prima facie case as to Karena Thundercloud, given her role in calling the Emergency Special Meeting to adopt a continuing budget resolution despite there being a valid order that clearly enjoined the Legislature from addressing any budgetary matters until the Court could address the plaintiff's complaint," the court order states.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation elected to adopt a separation of powers form of government to allow for safe and neutral forum for settling disputes within the Ho-Chunk Nation upon adopting the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. Disregard for the Judicial Branches' orders undermines our form of government," the court document stated.

Thundercloud received a \$536 fine as a punitive sanction for her contempt, the court order states, citing CONTEMPT ORDINANCE, 5.6a Z(3-4).

The Court arrived at the above amount by adding hourly wages of several Court staff, including the presiding judge, who participated in drafting and processing the issuance of the Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order.

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Oct. 1, 2020

HCN Education Department awarded grant to prepare students for higher education, careers

Executive Director of Education Nehomah Thundercloud recently announced the award of a Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) grant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department.

The grant will create three new positions whose exclusive aim will be to promote career and college readiness for Ho-Chunk students and families.

The first year of the grant has been designated as a planning year, which will be funded by the grant for \$765,673. One grant administrator will be hired in January 2021 and two student services specialists in May 2021.

The grant was awarded from the US Department of Education Department as a Demonstration Grant for Indian Children. The program has been given a Ho-Chunk name by the HCN Department of Education, which to "Preparing oneself for a good life."

The name was chosen because it perfectly encapsulates the goals of the grant. The grant will supplement, not replace, the NPD funding that drives the Education Department programming and services.

The programming is not slated to begin until fall 2021.

"I support the Ho-Chunk Education Department and its efforts to give students experiences and opportunities," said Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle. "Grants like these will help our people and the Ho-Chunk Nation to grow and develop."

The 5-year grant will provide college and career readiness programming for Ho-Chunk students in kindergarten through grade 12, along with their families.

Some of the programs in consideration are expanded college fairs, student/parent communication strategies, cultural events, career exploration, and other preparatory experiences.

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Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) test sampling kiosks are available for free testing services throughout the State including all 5 Whitetail Crossing Convenience Stores. CWD testing is provided by the Wisconsin State DNR. Please see the Wisconsin DNR website <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/register/sample.html> or contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources at 715-284-2852 or more information.



Anthony Falcon begins as OOP Business Service Auditor



Anthony Falcon

Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle has announced the addition of Anthony Falcon to the Office of the President as Business Service Auditor.

Falcon began his new position on Monday, Sept. 28, 2020.

He was the Youth Service Division Coordinator with the Ho-Chunk Nation prior to this position.

Falcon has an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. Falcon also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and a Masters of Arts degree in Economics, both from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

From February to October 2013, Falcon was a data analyst in the Ho-Chunk Nation, analyzing data collected by departmental programs, assisting in projects and initiatives pursued by the Education Department, and assisting other departments as needed.

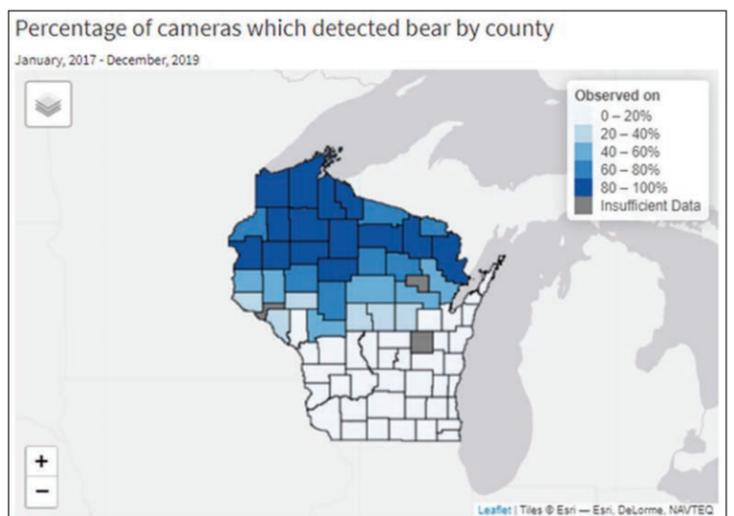
From October 2013 to October 2019, he was the Investment Officer with the Ho-Chunk Nation. Falcon worked with the Investment Committee and consultants to monitor the Nation's investments. He also assisted minor tribal members and their parents in the Minors Trust process, along with ensuring the Nation complied with long-term debt obligations.

Falcon lives in BRF with his significant other, Victoria, and their children. He enjoys the Kansas Jayhawks, the outdoors, and spending time with his family.

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By Hosting Your Own Trail Camera Or Classify Photos Online

Snapshot Wisconsin is always looking for people who want to contribute to science and monitor the wildlife in Wisconsin. Thousands of volunteers from Wisconsin and across the globe have already joined Snapshot Wisconsin by hosting trail cameras or classifying Snapshot photos online. Visit snapshotwisconsin.org to learn more about the program and get involved!



Bear sightings by county, as seen on the Snapshot Wisconsin data dashboard. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

HCN Child Support Agency – FAQ Per Capita Payments and Agency Update

By Roxanne Mudd
Child Support Lead
Specialist

Greetings. The Child Support Agency would like to answer frequently asked questions regarding per capita and agency changes.

How come I am not receiving my payments from the members per capita?

The HCN Legislature determines if the tribe has enough tribal revenue to disburse payments every quarter to tribal members. Due to the impact of COVID-19 and the closure of the casinos this spring, the tribe has had to prioritize government functioning over per capita payments. It is currently not known when per capita payments will resume.

I have a child support order and per cap was used to make my payments. What

happens now?

You will need to contact the child support state or tribal agency who owns your case and work with them on your ability to pay and how to submit payments. If you do not make your payment, your monthly obligation will go into arrears. If the arrears balance reaches \$500 and this is a Wisconsin case, your name will be automatically identified on the State KIDS system and put on the Lien Docket list, Federal Tax Intercept and reported to the Credit Bureau. It's important to work with your state/county or tribal agency on what you can do to make your court ordered payment.

My case transferred to the HCN Child Support Agency, what can I do about my case?

The agency is willing to

assist and work with you on your case where the HCN has jurisdiction. All you need to do is contact our agency. We encourage parents to work together and consider doing a stipulation for child support payments, arrears and medical insurance. Parents may also request a review of their child support order. Keep in mind a review of your work history the past 2 years will be reviewed. Your child support order can go up, down or remain the same.

I heard tribal members are receiving COFA payments. Why can't I get any of that money for child support?

The HCN was granted federal disaster funds due to the impacts of COVID-19 on the tribe and its members. The HCN Legislature allotted emergency funds to

tribal members that they could apply for and if approved, members were given money to assist with their emergency needs. These payments are not identified as income and therefore, do not have the ability to be garnished for child support payments.

Updates to HCN CSA process during the HCN State of Emergency and No Per Cap:

1. The HCN CSA will not be submitting any child support modifications for per capita from any foreign child support agency, unless it is to terminate, suspend or intervene in a child support case.

2. The HCN CSA will return all correspondence to the foreign state/tribal agencies with a letter informing them that we will resume registrations of foreign court orders

once per capita is reinstated to tribal members.

3. The HCN CSA will continue to register foreign court orders for child support against current HCN Employees.

4. The HCN CSA will be mailing out informational letters to parents regarding stipulations and reviews for cases that belong to the HCN CSA. Please make sure we have an updated address for you, if not please contact us. Letters will be mailed out beginning mid October 2020.

Please contact us at:
715-284-1052 – Direct Office line – leave message, phone number and call will be returned within 2 business days.

Email: childsupport@ho-chunk.com

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act Ho-Chunk Member, LaVerda Richter, has submitted a Request for Title for permanent improvements located at:

W8787 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: Lot 7 of Indian Mission within the NW ¼ Section 33, Township 22 North, Range 3 West, 4th P.M., Town of Komensky, Jackson County, Wisconsin.

Any objections must be filed in person at Executive Office Building / W9814 Airport Road or received by mail at:

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division
Register of Deeds
P. O. Box 310
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: 715-284-2531

By or before **November 16, 2020.**

Absent any objections the Ho-Chunk Nation Register of Deeds shall issue Title for permanent improvements to the above named individual(s) within 10 days of the deadline.

Wisconsin Voting Deadlines

Oct 14 Voter Registration by mail or online	Oct 20 First day municipal clerks may offer in-person absentee voting	Oct 27 Return absentee ballots by mail
Oct 30 Final day to register at your municipal clerk's office	Nov 1 Final day that municipal clerks may offer in-person absentee voting	Nov 3 Election Day Polls are open 7AM-8PM

Additional information can be found at elections.wi.gov
Absentee ballot requests can be found at myvote.wi.gov

Free Rabies Clinic



Pet owners: We are having a rabies vaccination clinic for your pet! It is very important that your animal be vaccinated to protect its health and the health of your family. Puppies and kittens need to be at least 3 months old to receive the vaccination.

Due to the current health situation, masks and social distancing will be required.

Date	Location	Time
October 14 th	BRF Indian Mission/Pavilion W8802 Mission Rd	9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
October 14 th	BRF Sand Pillow Community Center	1:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DOGS ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CRATES!

- ◆ **Distemper/Parvo** vaccine available for dogs at **\$5.00 per dog!** Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis.
- ◆ **FVR/FPL** vaccine available for cats at **\$5.00 per cat!** Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis.

◆ **Open to all Tribal Members.**

If you have any questions, please contact the **Ho-Chunk Health Care Center** at:
1-888-685-4422, ext. 5062 od 5011



Created 8/2020
Revised 9/2020

HCN HEALTH & WELLNESS DIV.

VITAMIN D

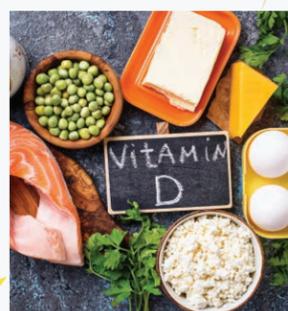
the "strength" vitamin

WHY

It helps the body absorb calcium and phosphorus. It helps add these minerals to your bones and teeth to make them stronger so they break less often. It also helps our immune system to work well.



WHERE?



- 1: Sun: Skin makes vitamin D when exposed to sunlight.
- 2: Food: Some foods contain vitamin D.
- 3: Supplements: Some people are prescribed supplements which contain vitamin D.

Eggs and oily fish contain vitamin D naturally. Vitamin D is often added to milk, breakfast cereals, and some juice. Check the nutrition label to know for sure.



Protect the Circle of Life

Your Flu Vaccine Protects Me My Flu Vaccine Protects You

The flu vaccine is safe. You can't get the flu from a flu vaccine.
Pneumonia and flu are a leading cause of death among Native elders.
Please get a flu vaccine each year to protect you and your family.
To make an appointment for a flu vaccine call your local clinic below.

HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CENTER
N6520 LUMBERJACK GUY RD.
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
(715)284-9851

HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITE EAGLE RD.
BARABOO, WI 53913
(608)355-1240

WWW.HEALTH.HO-CHUNK.COM

Protect the Circle of Life

THE FLU & YOU

What is influenza (the flu)?

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness. At times, it can lead to death.

Who should get a flu vaccine?

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine, especially if you are at high risk for complications, or if you live with or care for someone who is high risk for complications.

Your family may be especially vulnerable to the flu.

Influenza poses a greater risk to certain people, including pregnant women, children, and elders, who are all at high risk for flu-related complications. In fact, pneumonia and flu are a leading cause of death among Native elders. The flu also can cause certain health conditions, including diabetes, asthma, and heart and lung disease, to become worse. Pneumonia and bronchitis are examples of serious flu-related complications, which can result in hospitalization and sometimes even death.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF THE FLU

People sick with influenza feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (very tired)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

*Not everyone with the flu will have a fever. You can be sick and contagious without running a temperature.

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE FLU

- Get a flu vaccine each year.
- Stop the spread of germs, including influenza viruses:
 - ♦ Cover your coughs and sneezes
 - ♦ Wash your hands often
 - ♦ If you're sick, stay home
- Take antiviral drugs if they are prescribed for you.

**PROTECT YOURSELF.
PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE.**

The influenza vaccine is safe. You can't get the flu from the flu vaccine.

People have been receiving flu vaccines for more than 50 years. Vaccine safety is closely monitored annually by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Hundreds of millions of flu vaccines have been given safely to people across the country for decades.

The viruses in the flu shot are killed and the viruses in the nasal spray vaccine are weakened, so neither vaccine can cause the flu. A flu shot can have mild side effects, such as soreness or swelling where the vaccine was received, a mild fever, or aches. Mild side effects of the nasal spray can include runny nose, headache, sore throat, and cough. Any side effects you experience are not contagious to others and should disappear within 2 days.

When should I get a flu vaccine?

It's difficult to know when flu activity will peak. So vaccination before December is best to ensure protection. However, even getting vaccinated in December or later can be protective because influenza disease can last as late as May. It takes 2 weeks after getting the vaccine for your body to develop an immune response against influenza.

Why do I need to get a flu vaccine each year?

You need a flu vaccine each year because influenza viruses are always changing and immunity wanes over time. Each year, experts identify the influenza viruses that are the most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season. Your flu vaccine protects against those viruses. It does not protect against other viruses (such as colds or stomach viruses) or against very different influenza viruses not in the vaccine.

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WHERE DO I GET A FLU VACCINE? 3 WAYS-

Make an Appointment:
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
(715)284-9851
House of Wellness
(608)355-1240

Anyone 6 Yrs & Up May Attend The Drive-Up Community Clinics:

WED. 10/7, 9AM-2PM
LA CROSSE BRANCH OFFICE

FRI. 10/9, 9AM-12PM
SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER, WITTENBERG

WED. 10/14, 9AM-2PM
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE

WED. 10/21, 9AM-2PM
NEKOOSA HEALTH OFFICE

FRI. 10/23, 9AM-12
DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER, BLACK RIVER FALLS

WED. 10/28, 9AM-2PM
TOMAH HEALTH OFFICE

FRI. 10/30, 9AM-12
HOUSE OF WELLNESS

Make an Appointment with HCN Pharmacy:
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
(715)284-9851
House of Wellness
(608)355-1240

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING INDIAN COUNTRY HEALTHY

Learn more at www.cdc.gov/flu or call 1-800-CDC-INFO

VIRTUAL PREVENT T2 CLASS

STARTING OCTOBER 13, 2020

The Health & Wellness Division has gone virtual with "Prevent T2" a diabetes prevention class. Classes will be presented through Zoom on Tuesdays at 1PM

For further information and to register contact Rachel Montana at 715-284-9851 Ext. 5039



**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC, P at 10:07 a.m.
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.
Rep. Stephanie Begay-EX
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-EX
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:04 a.m.

Opening Prayer: President Marlon White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda with adding under Unfinished Business I. Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 08-18-20 A Support for 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Updated Master Plan for July 2020-June 2023. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-September 8, 2020

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the September 8, 2020 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Administration Committee-September 10, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the September 10, 2020 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Hoocak Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Black River Falls School District for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 A**, Hoocak Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Black River Falls School District for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Hoocak Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Tomah District for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 B**, Hoocak Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Tomah District for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Hoocak Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Baraboo District for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 C**, Hoocak Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Baraboo District for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Hoocak Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Dells School District for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 D**, Hoocak Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Dells School District for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request the Language Division to pursue a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nekoosa School District. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Legislative Legal Counsel mentioned that this may be contingent on contrary language that is in the Gaming Compact.

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Housing Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 E**, Authoriza-

tion to Place the Department of Housing Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 F**, Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee-September 10, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the September 10, 2020 Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Blue Stone Proposal for Ho-Chunk Housing Strategic Plan

Rep. Robert TwoBears mentioned this was submitted for a CARES Act Proposal.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to TABLE Blue Stone Proposal for Ho-Chunk Housing Strategic Plan for Treasury review. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee-September 18, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the September 18, 2020 Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Trust & Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 G**, Quick Passage Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Trust & Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Quick Passage requires a 2/3 affirmative vote.

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update

Department of Health

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin stated that there are 121 positive cases, only 6 cases are active. 15 of the 121 cases have been hospitalized.

Rep. Brinegar requested the Department of Health to publish a uniform message on quarantining.

Executive Director Beaudin replied that the Department of Health is working on this. Additionally, the department is creating a script for providers and contact tracers when calling patients back with their COVID-19 test results, to ensure a uniform message.

Executive Director Beaudin stated that the Department of Health is working with temp agencies for licensed nurses and certified medical assistants.

Rep. Brinegar asked if Department of Health is looking at the recall list to see if any tribal employees meet the criteria for positions Department of Health is looking for.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request Department of Labor work with Department of Health for training for tribal members for shorter term medical training, such as medical assistants and pharmacy technicians. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to add Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Disease 45 day Public Comment to the next Legislative Meeting agenda. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

In the meantime, Rep. Smith will work with Department of Health to address the comments, in preparation of the next Legislative Meeting.

Office of the President

Amanda Richmond, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a brief verbal update. She stated that a recovery plan is in final form, and she hopes to send it out next week. She is working in coordination with the Procurement Division within Treasury to order PPE for departments.

Department of Business

Scott Marecek, Business Analyst was present to address the Legislature. Written report was submitted. Mr. Marecek stated that all Ho-Chunk Gaming locations continue to work with the Health Department, Safety and Gaming Commission to expand gaming opportunities and amenities.

Office of General Council

No update.

Status Report of Previous General Council Resolutions

Legislative Counsel mentioned that this is still a work in progress.

Illinois Gaming

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to have Legislative Counsel provide an Illinois Gaming update, including a historical perspective, legislative action, and provide the report in time to share at area meetings for tribal member consumption only. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to STRIKE Illinois Gaming. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gaming Licenses and Gaming Commission Update

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to STRIKE Gaming Licenses and Gaming Commission Update. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Online Gaming

It was stated that Department of Business will continue to look into online gaming and provide updates.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to add Online Gaming to the Department of Business Report. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Lot 6 of the Blue Wing East Property #439 T 2163 for Chester Dick & Courtney Funmaker-Dick

Mariah and Alicia Blackhawk, Tribal Members from the Blue Wing Community, were present to express their concerns of the Business Site Land Lease on Lot 6 of the Blue Wing East Property. Their main concern is an increased volume of traffic within the cul-de-sac if this lease is to be approved.

Rep. Greendeer stated that at the September 15, 2020 Tomah Area Meeting, the area made a motion to deny this lease, and made a follow-up motion recommending a fee simple property lease for a religious site.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to DENY Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Lot 6 of the Blue Wing East Property #439 T 2163 for Chester Dick & Courtney Funmaker-Dick. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 7-2(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Continued on Page 13

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Kristin White Eagle)-2(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

COFA Information/Data Request

Loa Porter, Management Analyst, stated that she submitted a request to the Acting Attorney General, Wendi Huling, through the Discovery Act. Ms. Porter has not heard back from Attorney Huling.

Vice President Thundercloud mentioned that under New Business there is an agenda item titled, "New Needs Assessment," and the thought is to have a new needs assessment sent to Tribal Members to complete with the understanding that the information will be used for analysis.

President Marlon White Eagle stated that he will meet with Department of Justice, Loa Porter and Carol Garvin to determine if that information can be shared, legally.

Rep. Greendeer mentioned that District 2 is looking into hosting "Town Hall" conference calls for each area to list off their specific needs.

Resolution-Grant an Easement to Town of Sumpter on Maa Wakacak for Access to Pioneer Cemetery

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Grant an Easement to Town of Sumpter on Maa Wakacak for Access to Pioneer Cemetery. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 9-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Matt Mullen did not respond during vote count.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 08-18-20 A Support for 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Updated Master Plan for July 2020-June 2023

Department of Labor requested a rescission and restatement of Resolution 08-18-20 A, as they needed to add a clause regarding Disasters. It is on page 9 of the plan, under "Emergency/Disaster/Pandemic Relief Mitigation."

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 H**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 08-18-20 A Support for 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Updated Master Plan for July 2020-June 2023. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Support for the

Health Department to Apply for a State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Recycling Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 I**, Support for the Health Department to Apply for a State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Recycling Grant. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Amendment to US Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care and Development Fund Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 J**, Authorizing Amendment to US Department of Health and Human Services-Child Care and Development Fund Grant. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescind and Re-state of Resolution 04-21-20 L, Authorization to Establish COVID-19 Relief/Response Fund

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 K**, Rescind and Re-state of Resolution 04-21-20 L, Authorization to Establish COVID-19 Relief/Response Fund. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MMIW-Justice for Kozee Decorah

Rep. Kristin White Eagle expressed the injustice that is occurring in the Kozee Decorah case. Rep. White Eagle stated the charges against Ms. Decorah's former boyfriend do not seem to reflect the atrocity that occurred. Rep. White Eagle also stated that the family of Kozee Decorah have had struggles getting her children back to the family.

Rep. White Eagle added this to agenda to open up discussion amongst the Legislature about protecting our Tribal Members when capital crimes happen, even if it is in other jurisdiction. This happened under the jurisdiction of the Winnebago Tribe. Rep. White Eagle would like to secure legislation and agreements with Winnebago.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Department of Justice to work with Legislative Counsel to propose initiatives the Nation can move forward on addressing the Children's Code in this specific matter, and MMIW, and to start seeking proposals to work with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska when these issues affect our Ho-Chunk Tribal Members. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-

1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of Black River Falls School District 4 Year Old Kindergarten (4K) 2020-2021 School Year Agreement

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 L**, Approval of Black River Falls School District 4 Year Old Kindergarten (4K) 2020-2021 School Year Agreement. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:12 p.m.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-EX
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-EX
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:03 p.m.

CARES Act Proposal from Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls

It was asked of the President how this CARES Act proposal fits within the other 50 CARES Act proposals that are out there. The President stated that he has not had time to review the proposals and prioritize them.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer the CARES Act Proposal from Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls to a Special Legislative Meeting to be held October 5, 2020. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was asked if this equipment could be purchased for all gaming facilities, so they are uniform.

New Needs Assessment Survey

This item was discussed during the "COFA Information/Data Request" agenda item under Unfinished Business.

Resolution-Establishment of Homelessness Workgroup

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 M**, Establishment of Homelessness Workgroup, including Department of Justice and HHCDA. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Letter to Support Tammy Baldwin's Letter to FCC

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to authorize the Vice President to work with Legislative Counsel to prepare a letter to the FCC and members of Congress for purposes of advocating: (1) for the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to use his statutory authority to expedite broadband connectivity to Native communities that are currently facing outside impacts due to the novel coronavirus and to (COVID-19) pandemic, and (2) to support the DIGITAL Reservations Act (H.R. 7774) that affirms Native nation's rights to broadband spectrum on their lands in order for the Nation to gain full ownership and control of spectrum and broadband over the Nation's various landholdings; and, further, to allow any related lobbying efforts by the Legislature, through its legal staff and outside lobbyists (Quarles & Brady and/or Paul Moorehead and Powers law firm). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Nomination Hearing for Anthony Falcon

Anthony Falcon was present via video conference. Mr. Falcon stated that he has been in this position a few times, as interim Treasurer. He expressed his interest in this position. He gave a brief overview of his higher education. He attended Haskell University, and earned an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. He then attended KU and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, and then a Master's Degree in Economics. In the course of his studies, he took business classes at KU regarding finance. He has an accredited fiduciary certification. He also received a certificate in knowledge of alternative investments. Recently, he has been a stay at home dad. Mr. Falcon, again, expressed his interest in the position and his willingness to help.

It was asked if Mr. Falcon has any experience or knowledge in the area of accounting. Mr. Falcon replied that he took high level classes of account-

ing, and he has understanding of a balance sheet, income statement, cash flow, how those fit together to monitor and look at the performance of an organization. Mr. Falcon previously worked with our auditors to ensure the Nation is in compliance with the loan commitments the Nation has.

Mr. Falcon also briefly talked about his supervisory experience, and his termination from Treasury previously. Most recently, Mr. Falcon had been working in Social Services in Youth Services, but was recently laid off during the pandemic.

Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Application of Anthony Falcon to be Interim Director of the Treasury Department

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 N**, Acceptance of Application of Anthony Falcon to be Interim Director of the Treasury Department. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 3-7(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Hinu Smith)-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. abstained due to Mr. Falcon's current relationship with a close relative of his.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 O**, Denial of Application of Anthony Falcon to be Interim Director of the Treasury Department. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 7-2(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Matt Mullen)-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D1-Black River Falls-September 9, 2020

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to refer to the General Council Advocate the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to have Reps get clarification from General Council Advocate, Cari Fay, on if a virtual General Council is legal and how did the Deputy Advocate determine that a virtual General Council was legal. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2-La Crosse-September 14, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Legal Counsel, and request that other Reps. provide *Continued on Page 14*

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feedback, the MOTION by Susan Waukon for Legislature to review the election and selection process of community members on citizen committees and boards that require a vote at Area Meetings and to seek an option that gives a more equitable District representation to include the areas that may have fewer tribal members and thus less votes to contribute; current process decreases the likelihood that their area's community members are placed on these committees and boards. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and the President the MOTION by Susan Waukon to request the President to respond to the Legislature's Resolution from 7/21/20 in accordance with Article 4, Section 6 regarding a Special General Council. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

President White Eagle stated he responded to this in his letter in the Worak.

D2-Tomah-September 15, 2020

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Richard Mann to deny the Blue Wing Lot #6 request.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Real Estate the MOTION by Maria Blackhawk-McCabe to recommend that they apply for a fee simple property lease. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Department of Housing the MOTION by Lori Gamble to have District 2 Legislators look into a response from Housing and see how to get the driveway repaired. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President, HHCA, Department of Housing, and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Roberta Decorah to have Legislature look into and consider the combining of HHCA and Department of Housing into one entity under two different accounting systems. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Tonie Lewis for the HCN President to respond to Resolution 07.21.20 A Request for Special General Council Meeting.

D2-Mauston-September 16, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to HHCA the MOTION by Parr Decorah for the \$300 assistance he is eligible for to go to his electric payment at Alliant Energy. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vice President Karena Thundercloud out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Housing for immediate consideration, and to the President, the MOTION by Gerald Cleveland for Housing Department to provide the big tents to tribal members for uses other than just funerals, such as memorials, and to honor his request for one at the Iris Cleveland Memorial. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vice President Karena Thundercloud out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to HHCA for immediate consideration the MOTION by Thunder Decorah for HHCA to do a home inspection and provide Home Repair funding assistance and if the trailer cannot be repaired to find and assist him, his wife and 4 children with Emergency Housing. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to HHCA the MOTION by Thomasa Chavez to request HHCA to schedule routine maintenance and preventative maintenance processes for the upkeep of the building and to assign a dedicated person to clean and maintain before/after events, and to address the immediate needs to clean the grease traps, address the HVAC and to change filters, to install the kitchen shelving, to perform preventative maintenance, and to place an awning over the fire pit and that respective entrance area. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2-Baraboo-September 17, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to HHCA the MOTION by Roger Thundercloud that HHCA repair the basketball hoop(s) at the Indian Heights basketball court and put into its original position/spot. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Cindy Tack to reinforce that there is no chastising of board members by any Branch.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin

White Eagle to refer to the Office of the General Council for an updated budget the MOTION by Jon Warner for Reps. to bring back what it would cost to hold a Special General Council and where the funds would come from and how big of a facility is needed to hold the event with social distancing in place for the next Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to the Office of the President, DNR, and Real Estate the MOTION by Jon Warner to get a report on how many acres are leased for agriculture for next month's Area Meeting and to include total HCN acreage and how much acreage is currently available to lease out. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President, DNR, and Real Estate the MOTION by Jon Warner to obtain a report on how much business land is available for tribal members. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Jon Warner to move Wild Bearies under Reports on the Baraboo Area Meeting agenda to obtain regular updates.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal Counsel and Legislative Financial Project Manager the MOTION by Jon Warner to obtain the guidelines on reporting COFA. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to the Treasurer, Legislative Financial Project Manager and Office of the President the MOTION by Jon Warner for Legislature to bring back next month a detailed report of CARES Act funding used with a percentage indicated of what is remaining as of 8/31/2020 with a breakdown on categories (i.e. infrastructure, payroll) and concentration of how much we've spent on revenue generating infrastructure needs (i.e. building improvements, HVAC). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal Counsel, Office of the President, Department of Justice, Department of Business the MOTION by Jon Warner to have Legislature fund and initiate an outside investigative commission through the Department of Justice on the Spectra con-

tract and their involvement with our F & B operations; get costs and the effects on our operations, who is involved, and to find areas of concern that will be addressed in future contract negotiations with outside agencies, also include the litigation, the entire process of their relationship, and what the final outcome was, with a report made available to the tribal membership. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Justice with input from the Executive Director of Personnel, and to have Legislative Legal Counsel initiate this and ensure it's taken care of, the MOTION by Lisa Nicholas to have Legislators investigate the hiring processes at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells regarding creating and filling positions (like Acting Sr. Manager in F&B) without budgets, not hiring tribal members stating they are not qualified, and look into Human Resources practices of not abiding by the ERA with HC Preference and to determine who is accountable for these processes. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal Counsel and Legislative Public Relations Officer the MOTION by Jon Warner for Legislature to provide a justification for every Quick Passage law passed since July 1, 2019 and bring back a report to next month's Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Jon Warner to have a single Area Meeting option for District II and to have District 2 Reps select the day, time, location, and format as long as these are virtually attended by tribal members while allowing Reps to attend from different location; there is no attendee stipend or meal.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Clariss Funmaker that Legislature should move forward and support the President by voting favorably and supporting his nominees for Executive Directors.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the MOTION by Cindy Tack for a financial report since June 1st to current on what we've made and where it is being utilized. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Clariss Funmaker to accept Roger Thundercloud's resignation as the Juneau County volunteer Commissioner on the Law Enforcement Commission.

D3-Madison-September 9, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Legal Counsel the MOTION by Dan Brown to bring back all the meeting minutes relative to this issue (Committee, Legislative) to be brought back to the area meeting for examination. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Legal Counsel the MOTION by Dan Brown to table Beloit and Illinois questions. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. out of the room.*

D3-Wittenberg-September 21, 2020

No motions.

D3-Green Bay-September 15, 2020

No motions.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Sarah Lemieux stated that back in July, the Green Bay area requested a list of employees who are working during the pandemic, and services that are being offered during the pandemic. President White Eagle stated that Office of the President will work on this and get it sent out.

D3-Milwaukee-September 16, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to HHCA the MOTION by Heather Schultz to put 4404 Cleveland on the HHCA Board agenda. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the President the MOTION by Melody Fintek to request the President to call for Special General Council. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Development Committee the MOTION by Bridget Schultz to use Southland to grow hemp. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah
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Lemieux to refer to Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. the MOTION by Heather Schultz to request a report from Conroy Greendeer, 12 Clans Legislative Liaison, for a report on how 12 Clans is doing. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3-Wisconsin Rapids-September 17, 2020

No motions.

D4-Chicago-September 14, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Office of the President the MOTION by Dorothy Ramirez to have the Executive Director of Administration, Ms. Phyllis Smoke, to attend our next Chicago Area Meeting on October 12th. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

TION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief that the Legislature set up a plan and start to allocate funds now towards a February 2021 Per-Cap payment in the best interest of the Nation. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4-Twin Cities-September 17, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Office of the President, Department of Justice, and the Finance Committee the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to request office staff of the Election Board and Office of the President to prepare for the upcoming elections for next year of 2021, so we can have a proper election. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt that the Legislature set up a plan and start to allocate funds now towards a February 2021 Per Cap payment in the best interest of the Nation. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move into Executive Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. George Stacy out of the room.

2:42 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

4:59 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 09-22-20 P**, Request to Allow Treasury EDP System Access, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to authorize release of such information that is intended to cure any perceived PNC defaults and that release will be through mutual agreement between Crystal Deschinny, Kelley Thundercloud, Vice President Karena Thundercloud, the Treasurer Designee and

Office of the President. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to release the prior motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adjourn. The next meeting will be a Special Legislative Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Elders Can Experience Domestic Violence

StrongHearts Native Helpline

Native American Elders

A Native American is usually considered an elder when they are above the age of 60 to 65, although it varies from tribe to tribe.

In our Native communities, we are taught to respect our elders. We honor them at ceremony, community gatherings, and pow wows. Their presence is considered to be an honor. We depend on them for wisdom and guidance gleaned from their years of experience. They are invaluable to us. Yet, they can still be victims of domestic violence.

Abuse can happen to anyone. It is not limited to a specific age, class, religion, gender or sexual orientation. Abuse can happen in relationships where couples are married, living together, dating or have children together. Violent behavior can appear at any time in a relationship, though possessive, controlling and other alarming behavior often reveals itself as the relationship becomes more serious.

Domestic violence happens when an intimate partner uses a repetitive pattern of abuse to maintain power and control over their partner. The abuse can physically harm, intimidate, prevent a person from acting freely, or force them to behave in ways they do not want.

Types of Abuse

What can domestic violence look like in elder relationships? Domestic violence can look similar in elder relationships as it does in their younger counterparts, but some elders may be more vulnerable to the impacts of abuse and less able to get support.

- Physical abuse includes inflicting physical pain or injury upon the victim like pushing, holding or pinching. It can also include prohibiting one to get

medical help, withholding medicine, or not allowing one time to heal after illness or surgery.

- Emotional abuse includes verbal assaults, threats of abuse, and intimidation. It also includes isolation, where the abusive partner will not let the victim visit with their relatives. Isolation can be particularly harmful to elders as they may already have limited mobility or relationships.
- Gaslighting is also a form of emotional abuse. This can occur when the abusive partner blames the victim for their behavior in such a way that the victim begins to question their own version of events or reality. In this situation, it can be very difficult for the victim to recognize that abuse is happening.
- Spiritual and cultural abuse happens when the abusive partners uses hurtful stereotypes to criticize the victim, uses tribal membership against them, won't allow them to participate in traditions, or restricts them from honoring their beliefs.
- Sexual abuse includes grabbing and hurting the sexual parts of the victim's body, pressuring the victim for sex and becoming angry or violent when refused sex.
- Financial abuse happens when an abusive partner keeps money, accounts or financial information hidden from the victim. The abusive partner may also give an allowance to the victim or keep the victim's social security or per capita checks. They may also use gaslighting as a tactic of control here. They may say things like, "I've always controlled the money," or "You aren't good with money."; or "You have everything you need, don't you?"

- Digital abuse happens when the abusive partner takes away phones, iPads, or computers in a bid to control who the victim can contact.

A Stay Together Era

Elders can be more traditional. They came of age when families stayed together even during abuse. Some elders have endured a lifetime of domestic violence. To understand why elder-survivors of domestic violence stay, consider the following.

- Love: They have a long history of loving their partner and believe the abuse will someday end.
- Family: They want to maintain harmony within the family.
- Normalization: Elders may feel they have lived through the violence their whole life and there is no need or way to change it now.
- Community: They fear having to leave the community in order to escape the abuse or are embarrassed about what other members of the community would think about the abuse.
- Manipulation and Low Self-Esteem: They blame themselves for the abuse, or feel hopeless.
- No Money/Resources: They don't have the re-



sources to leave their situation, or feel a responsibility to financially support their abusive partner.

- Denial/Shame: Denial or shame happens when a survivor is embarrassed and wants to protect themselves, their children and/or families from being associated with the stigma of abuse.

Help is Available

At StrongHearts Native Helpline, we know that Native American elders are humble and it can be difficult for them to ask for help. Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience domestic violence at higher rates than any other ethnic group and that elders still suffer intimate partner violence. Domestic violence and dating violence are not Native American traditions, and neither is ever okay.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a free, culturally-appropriate, and anonymous helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic violence and dating violence. We acknowledge and support all victims regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation or relationship status. If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic violence, help is available.

Contact StrongHearts at 1-844-7NATIVE or click on the Chat Now icon to connect one-on-one with and advocate daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. As a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, after-hour callers can connect with The Hotline by choosing option one.

The HCN Legislature has suspended rent and mortgage payments for Dept of Housing, HHCDA, and Nation Water and Sewer through March 2021. Renters who miss a payment will not be penalized but should set up arrangements to pay.

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2020 Census FAQ

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. You are asked to count everyone who was living in your home as of April 1. If you were temporarily staying somewhere else on that date, count yourself where you live and sleep most of the time. Respond to the 2020 Census to shape your future.

What's in it for me?



Your responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for hospitals, clinics, schools, roads, and more.



Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about maintaining public safety, preparing for emergencies, opening businesses, and planning for the future.



Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.



Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.

When can I respond to the census?

You can respond to the census today—online, by phone, or by mail. Census takers will visit households that do not respond, and they can assist you in completing your form.

What questions are asked?

You are asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won't be asked?

The census does not ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

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