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Native American Boarding School Remembrance Day Vigil in Tomah

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools was September 30, and a vigil took place near the former Tomah Indian Industrial School. The finding of unmarked mass graves at old residential and boarding schools in Canada generated an investigation of boarding schools in the United States.

Details from the Facebook occasion stated, "This event is meant to honor those who survived the Tomah Indian Industrial School and those who did not.

"This is an international issue that we hope to honor and help heal those affected, as well as educate the uninformed."

The majority in attendance wore orange shirts. Njikjakra Ražana Wa'unaqkšana means Every Child Matters.

Adrienne Thunder spearheaded the vigil with the assistance of Barb Mackenzie-Blackdeer, Anne Thundercloud, Tracy Littlejohn, Sandra Winneshiek, and Janice Rice. Jon

Greendeer was the master of ceremonies, Wild Bearies was the caterers, and the Little Thunder drum group provided songs. Gordon Thunder offered an opening prayer in the Ho-Chunk language, and Wallace 'Rock' Greendeer offered some words explaining that he dances this evening because his heart hurts for the children who went to school here.

The Tomah Indian Industrial School operated from 1891-1941 and is currently the Tomah Veterans Administration Medical Center site. Unfortunately, the truth about Indian boarding school policy has been written out of history books. The United States has never accepted responsibility for the Indian boarding school experiment.

Starting with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819, the United States enacted laws and policies establishing and supporting Indian boarding schools. Indigenous children were ripped from their

communities by government agents and forced into boarding schools. Those children were sent

to schools hundreds of miles away, beaten, starved, or otherwise abused when they spoke their native lan-

guages. The Native students were not allowed to practice their spiritual beliefs or their
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Attendees participated in a candlelight vigil and visited the marker that reads, "In honor of all Indian students who attended the Tomah Indian School and whose lives were forever changed. 1893 – 1935."

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President's Message

Greetings.

Love one another is the number one teaching of us Ho-Chunk people.

There are two basic emotions, fear, and love. Both emotions have their purpose.

Fear is for survival or protection. Fear is the root emotion of anger, anxiety, sadness, jealousy to name a few.

Love promotes growth and belonging. Love is the basis of happiness, joy, pride, compassion, and many other emotions.

We've all experienced these emotions over the last year.

We ought to gravitate towards love, as that's who we are at our core.

When we drift too far away from our love-driven mindset, we become overpowered by fear. Fear should not rule our minds. It's unhealthy. It's not good for us.

Each department of the Executive Branch focuses on that providing services to promote healthy living.

It's a great honor and blessing to serve the Ho-Chunk people in this manner. I'm certain each of the Executive Directors shares the same sentiment.

These times are times of growth. We all come into this journey, as a president, executive director, or other appointed staff, not knowing what to expect.

But we do so with open hearts and minds to learning, growing, and leading with best practices and equity for all we serve.

Together we have faced extremely challenging issues over the last year, but we responded in the best way that we know.

By putting the love and safety of our people and visitors first.

The effects of the Coronavirus are lasting on our organization, both physically and financially.

We've lost tribal members to this virus. Numerous tribal members have been hospitalized due to this virus.

Our vaccination efforts have been fairly good. If you want to get vaccinated, you can get that done.

Our gaming facilities and their operation are the lifeblood of our organization, our tribal government.

The benefits are numerous.

Where and when the federal government fails us, we can do for ourselves and the communities we live in through our casino revenue.

Our tribal operations are here to support you and your economic self-sufficiency.

The Housing Department is there to provide safe and adequate living space.

The Education Department is there to provide support for your educational and career goals.

The Labor Department is there to provide job training and placement opportunities.

Heritage Preservation Department is there to enroll our new members, teach our language, and support our warriors.

The Health Department is there to provide health care for our physical being.

The Social Services Department is there to provide health care for our emotional wellbeing.

These are not all of our departments, but examples of how our tribal government is

here to help.

In 1994, we have adopted our current Constitution. When our elected officials are sworn into office, they take an oath to uphold and defend our Constitution.

We are a four-branch government, and each branch plays a role in how we operate.

It was a year ago when the Legislature attempted to pass a short-term operating budget and changed the law to allow them to do.

That did not align with our Constitution, which calls for authorizing expenditures and appropriating funds in an annual budget.

My personal constitution and my dedication to upholding the oath of office compelled me to ask our tribal courts to interpret this Constitutional issue of requiring an annual budget as opposed to a short-term budget.

The court agreed that an annual budget must be enacted according to our Constitution.

A short-term budget doesn't sit well with employees who want job security. I want those dedicated to serving our people to come to work knowing they are valued and respected.

I fully support our Executive Departments in implementing best and equitable practices in the way they provide services.

Subsequently, I learned that the way our government has been operating was not always in line with our Constitution. That's very key to knowing when to ask the Court to interpret and weigh in on these Constitutional questions.

The Executive Branch is

here to enforce laws and administer funds.

Among tribal members and Native people alike, there exists a misconception regarding the law, law enforcement, lawyers, and courts.

There's an irrational fear of dealing with them.

Based on our past cruel interactions with these people, some fear is warranted.

On July 3, 2019, when I was sworn into office, I stated that my understanding of laws is that they are there to protect us.

When I look at our tribal laws, and the experiences I've had with tribal legalities, they've contorted and lived in a gray area on purpose.

To me, that's bad practice.

Some of our tribal laws were just carried over from the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee (WWBC). The WWBC was an executive committee, not the four branch government we are today.

The WWBC worked in policies and procedures. These are executive functions.

Our current Constitution provides and operates within an entirely different framework.

This is our tribal government. We must work to fix it.

The founders of WWBC and Ho-Chunk Nation started something worth carrying on. To help our people flourish and thrive.

Today, we are well cared for through our tribal government and gaming enterprises.

The need for health care, training, education, jobs available to tribal members was the original intent of organizing as a tribal government.

Today we have that available to us all.

Now we have to work on the improvements to our government.

We can all unite and work towards that end.

The need for formal education and professional credentials is real in the operation of our government.

Another misconception held by tribal members and Native people alike is that we walk in two worlds.

We do walk in two worlds, but it's not a Ho-Chunk or Native world and a white man world.

It's the physical world and the spiritual world.

Our tribal government exists in the physical world. The need for accountants, doctors, business people, attorneys, bankers exists in the physical world.

We need good grades, diplomas, good credit, careers, and mortgages in the physical world.

We don't get denied car loans and home loans in the spiritual world. It's only in the physical world.

We don't need healthcare, jobs, and housing in the spiritual world. It's only in the physical world.

That is our reality in the physical world.

There is much work left for us to do during our time here in the physical world. Please use our tribal government programs and services to your advantage.

Thrive and prosper individually, and we will thrive and prosper as a people.

Attempted child abduction in Sandpillow Village

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

Around 7:30 p.m. on September 29, a nine-year-old Ho-Chunk girl was walking her dog in Sandpillow Village when 40-year-old Daryl R. Berendes approached her. The non-Native man was also walking and wore a black tank top, black pants, and glasses. Daryl told the girl that she needed to go with him.

Sandpillow Village is a Ho-Chunk community located near Black River Falls adjacent to the Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls casino and

the Whitetail Crossing Convenience Store.

Several people approached Daryl and told him to leave. A physical altercation took place, and the mother of the nine-year-old called Jackson County Police to file a complaint in regards to Daryl attempting to convince the girl to leave with him.

Daryl was arrested and taken to the Jackson County Jail.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Police served Daryl at the jailhouse with banishment papers on September 30. The banishment papers follow the

Hocak Nation Exclusion and Removal Act. In summary, the Act establishes standards for the removal and exclusion from lands subject to the territorial authority of the Nation of persons whose conduct or associations pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the tribe, or endanger the lives of members to the harm of the natural social and psychological well-being of members.

Criminal charges were filed on October 4 but did not include the failed attempt to abduct the little Ho-Chunk girl. Instead, the Caucasian, 270 lbs., brown hair, 5' 6", and hazel colored eyes, male was charged with Bail Jumping-Felony, Bail Jumping-Misdemeanor, and Disorderly Conduct.

Also, on October 4, Daryl was released on a \$1,000 signature bond with instructions, "Until further order of the court, you shall have no contact, directly or indirectly, either personally, by mail, telephone or through any other person, except through your attorney, with any of the following individuals and/or businesses: Whitetail Crossing Convenience Store and

Gas Station or the Majestic Pines Casino or be on their premises."

There was no mention of the Ho-Chunk girl, her family, or other children.

A relative of the nine-year-old girl is distraught over officials ignoring the potential danger to children in our Ho-Chunk communities.



Continued from Page 1 culture. They were forced to cut their hair, followed military-like schedules, lived in substandard conditions, and received poor medical care.

Back then, the experiences appearing in newspapers and magazines publicized the schools' "civilizing" policy. Before and after photographs can easily be found of Native students. However, they rarely published accounts by Native students or their families.

Those accounts are gaining much attention after the Canadian government started a truth and reconciliation commission and the Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs created the Indian Boarding School Initiative.

Multiple people attending the vigil were direct descendants or had family who attended the boarding schools in Tomah, Neillsville, or Wittenberg. The ceremony of song and dance, prayer, a moment of silence, and candlelight vigil provided an opportunity for healing and looking forward.

This vigil was one of many held on September 30. Similar events occurred all over Wisconsin and the United States.

The names displayed below are not a complete listing of those who attended the Tomah Indian Industrial School and initially researched by Tracy Littlejohn and Paula Cleveland:

- Charles Bearchief
Mamie Bearchief
Alfred BigSoldier
Howard Blackcoon
Gladys Blackdeer
Gloria Blackhawk
Theodore Blackhawk
Arnold Brown
Beatrice Brown
Bertha Brown
Chester Brown
Christine Brown
Clara Brown
Eliza Brown
Emma? Brown
Gloria Brown
Henry Brown
John Brown
Josephine Brown
Katherine Brown
Leroy Brown
Lois Brown
Louisa Marie Brown
Priscilla Brown
Stella Brown
Vernon Brown
Theodore Buffalo
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Emaline Carimony
Henrietta Chief
Jean Climer
Susie Climer
Edward Cloud
Foster? Cloud
Mamie Cloud
Rose Cloud
David Davis
Lavina Davis
Clara Day
Emma Day
Jennie Decora
Adeline Decorah
Allan? Decorah
Amy Decorah
Daniel Decorah

- Dorothy Decorah
Elsie Decorah
Emerson Decorah
Emma Decorah
Ernest Decorah
Eurica Decorah
Georgia Decorah
Hattie Decorah
Irvin Decorah
Joe Decorah
Kate Decorah
Lizzie Decorah
Lottie Decorah
Lucy Decorah
Mary Decorah
Nancy Decorah
Pat Decorah
Peter Decorah
Robert Decorah
Rufus Decorah
Russel Decorah
Stella Decorah
Susie Decorah
Verona Decorah
Wanda Decorah
Lottice? Decorah (hattie?)
Oscar Deer
Lena Dick
Delia Dick
Rosie Dickson
Adam Dixon
Mathew English
Maude Frenchman
Myron Funmaker
Verna Funmaker
Francis Garvin
Candace Goodbear
Frances Goodbear
Tamarack Goodbear
George Green
Bertha Greencrow
Jacqueline Greencrow
Mary Greencrow
Peter Greencrow
Grace Greengrass
John Greengrass
Ruth Greengrass
Adam Hall
Norma Hall
Reuben Hall
Rhoda Hall
Alvina Hopinkah
Irma Hopinkah
Vera Hopinkah
Beatrice Johnson
Eliza Johnson
Frank Johnson
George Johnson
Matthew Johnson
Robinson Johnson
Stella Johnson
Amos Kingsley
Marie Kingswan
Maude Kingswan
Victor Kingswan
Vivian Kingswan
Robert Ladaboy
Beatrice LaMere
Willard LaMere
Viola Leach
David Lincoln
Christine Littlebear
Lena Littlebear
Lucy Littlebear
Mary Littlebear
William Littlebear
Evelyn Littlejohn
Grant Littlejohn
Robert Littlejohn
Abraham Lonetree
Daniel Lowe
Raymond Lowe
Mary Manley
Howard Mike
John Mike
Willie Mike
Alvina Miner
Lucille Miner
Milo Miner
Victor Miner

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Blue Bear Studio to hold open house

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Content Editor/Writer
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“I never thought I would actually have an art studio,” Hooḡak (Ho-Chunk) /Ojibwe artist Christopher Sweet said looking around his new place.

“I always wanted my artwork in galleries. That was one of my goals, but to have my own space, is something that just came to life without me realizing it.”

Sweet’s work space, Blue Bear Studio located in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, where Sweet will welcome Reedsburg and the surrounding communities to appreciate art and develop connectedness on Saturday, October 23rd. As a Hooḡak/Ojibwe artist, he shared it is important to him that the Native Community feels the studio is a place where, “we are represented and our culture shared”.

Sweet started his art career while living with his wife Chrissy just outside of Milwaukee, in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. “That’s when I kind of really started getting into my artwork and painting. My home was my workspace. I was working in the living

room and the bedroom. I’ve painted, probably in every space of that house.” he said.

After he and his wife moved back up to the Dells area to be closer to family, Sweet found himself using his basement as a makeshift studio. “I was working in the basement. As an artist you have so much supplies, and you just don’t have enough room for everything. So, we decided to start looking around for space and just kind of happened upon this place.”

Looking around the studio, he and his wife knew it would make an awesome studio space. Something they both could envision. He pointed out he would like to put some partitions in the center of the studio, forming a kind of maze where he could hang more art work.

Sweet works with acrylics, while at times using plaster and newspaper in his paintings. “I have incorporated newspaper, but not just any old newspaper. I like to use the Hooḡak paper. But there’s got to be a good story (printed on the paper), something positive, to give the painting some inspiration,” he said smiling.

At times, Sweet gets cre-

ative with his canvas, creating very unique paintings on repurposed cardboard boxes. He acknowledged using cardboard gives his paintings a different texture and a sense of depth.

When asked if he has had a mentor in art or what has inspired him Sweet replied, “My mother has been a big inspiration to me.” Sweets

mother Lenore is also an artist. “I was inspired by her as far back as grade school. I was doing artwork back then, so I knew I had an interest in it. All my life I’ve been interested in artwork and I’ve been drawn to it. I’m kind of a late bloomer,” he said chuckling.

In addition to his mother, Sweet said he was inspired by teachers from grade school

through high school. He stressed he too wants to be an artist that inspires others to create.

Chris also credits his wife Chrissy saying, “She’s been, like, the greatest. We consider ourselves a team. It’s a lot teamwork, and without her, none of this would really have come about, because

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Hunting Season 2021



The Ho-Chunk Nation DNR would like to wish everyone a safe and successful hunting season. An interactive map of Nation lands open to hunting can be found at: <https://ho-chunknation.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8b0c5f865996406caef9a05d8b6fd99> Hard copies of the Ho-Chunk Nation Hunting packet can be picked up from the entrance way to TOB. It is the responsibility of all hunters on Nation lands to know the property boundaries, hunting season dates and regulations. The Ho-Chunk Nation DNR encourages all hunters to share their successes in the field with DNR staff and contact us with any questions you may have. Questions and success stories can be sent to Brandon.bleuer@ho-chunk.com or (715) 284-2852.

Tree Stand Safety
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/education/OutdoorSkills/TreestandSafety>

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Baiting and Feeding Regulations
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/bait.html>

Chronic Wasting Disease
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/cwd.html>

Hunting Safety Guide
<https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/le/leh104.pdf>

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Minor home improvement can include, but is not limited to the following:

- Roof repair
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- Plumbing repairs
- Electrical
- Kitchen updates
- Etc....

Applicants must be; a home owner and an enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member and must provide proof of enrollment, be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

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- Daisy Otter
- Marie Pidgeon
- Wesley Priest
- John Rainbow
- Ester Redbird
- Thomas Redbird
- Carl RedCloud
- Jennie Redeagle
- Hilda Smoke
- James Smoke
- Delphina Stacy
- Elizabeth Stacy
- John Stacy
- Marie Stacy

- Rebecca Stacy
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- Miles Thunder
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- Tom Thunder
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- Charles Winneshiek
- Edward Winneshiek
- Frank Winneshiek
- Edna Wolf
- George Wolf
- Delos Yellowbank
- Chadwick Yellowthunder
- Dorothy Yellowthunder
- Frank Yellowthunder

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you always need somebody to back you up and remind you of your worth. To point out what you need to do and what gifts you have, what you're capable of. I'm very grateful for Chrissy."

Visitors at the open house can expect to experience beautifully displayed original artwork of various sizes and prices, reproduction prints, notecards, coffee mugs, and other uniquely painted items. They may even catch Sweet splashing paint around.

The Blue Bear Studio Open House will be held on Saturday, October 23rd from 1 to 3 pm. The studio is located at 222 N. Walnut Street, Suite

B, in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Light refreshments will be served.

Concerning Covid, a statement from the Sweets: At this time, we are moving forward with our event. We trust each of you is doing your best to protect yourselves and others from the risk of infection. If you feel uncomfortable attending for any reason, we completely understand. We look forward to celebrating with those of you who may attend.

Visit Blue Bear Studio on Facebook: facebook.com/csweetdzine/ or on Instagram: instagram.com/csweetnativeart/



Victoria Diane Blackcoon

April 24, 1950 - October 2, 2021



Victoria was born April 24, 1950 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin the daughter of Harvey and Lucille (Whitedog) Blackcoon. She had attended the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and earned an Associates Degree. She had worked as a supervisor for community health.

Victoria is survived by daughters, Tara, Chiara and Amber; brothers, Gregory and Derek (Sharon); a sister, Marilyn Hilling; and grandchildren, Dylan, Ardis, Kay Marie, Avery, Jorin, Ezra and Owen. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Sanford; sister, Melinda and a brother, Ronnie.

Funeral Service Tuesday, October 6, 2021 10:00 AM Native American Church N881 Highway 12 & 16 Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Victoria Blackcoon, age 71 of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin walked on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the Reedsburg Area Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells with Gabriel Falcon officiating. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells. Visitation will be held at the Native American Church on Monday beginning at 3 p.m.

Marguerite Ivanell Whiteagle

July 29, 1949 - September 24, 2021

Marguerite Ivanell Whiteagle, age 72 of Milwaukee, WI, passed away on Thursday September 23, 2021.

A private family service was held. Burial was held at Willow River Cemetery in Hudson, WI.

Marguerite was born on July 29, 1949, the daughter of the late Calvin and Georgina (Greengrass) Whiteagle.

Marguerite is survived by her brother, Timothy Whiteagle; four sisters, Muriel Whiteagle-Lee, Marlys Whiteagle, Mara Roland

and Melody Whiteagle-Fintak; nieces and nephews, Morningstar (Dean) Jones, Jonathan (Rachel) Rohan, Summer Whiteagle, Autumn Whiteagle, Calvin (Dustyn) Whiteagle, Miriam (Carlos) Whiteagle, Samuel Lee, Noah Lee and her aunt, Lila Blackdeer of Black River Falls, along with other family and friends. She is preceded in death by two brothers, Troy K. Whiteagle and Talbot S. Whiteagle; one sister, Marlyssa Whiteagle-Wiederholt and four brothers-in-law, Jonathan A. Wie-

derholt, Steven T. Fintak, Paul Roland and Kenneth R. Lee; aunts, Gerri Deere of Wisconsin Dells and her grandmother, Elizabeth Deere of Osseo, Wisconsin.



Rosemarie Ann Powless

September 26, 1959 - September 23, 2021

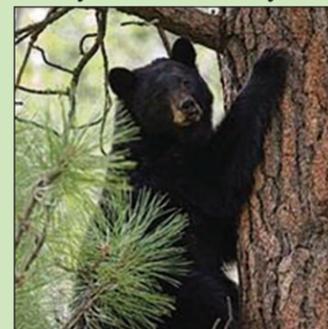
Rosemarie Powless, age 61, of Wisconsin Dells, WI, walked on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 12:00 Noon at the Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station, WI with Richard Mann officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 12:00 Noon. Burial will be held at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells.

Rosemarie was born September 26, 1959 in Baraboo, WI, the daughter of Eugene and Annette (Miner) Powless. She was the first minority woman of Area #1 Iron Working School in Chicago, IL. Rosemarie loved to travel.

Rosemarie is survived by her children, Lighting, Keisha, Valicia and Vincent; sister, Ella brothers, George and Eldon and her grandchildren, Valiance, Fawn, Jacob, Lolita and Anthony,

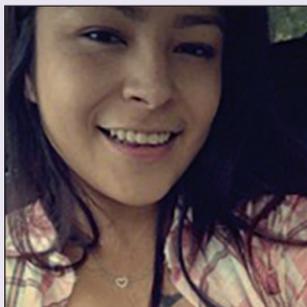
Jr. as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Nancy and brother, Bryan.



Sasha Lynn White Eagle

Caahiyugewi – Deer Princess

January 13, 1996 - September 26, 2021



Sasha Lynn White Eagle, age 25, of Wisconsin Dells, WI, walked on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

A Funeral Service will be held at 12:00 Noon on Tues-

day September, 28, 2021 at her residence of S1053 Wineshiek Street, Wisconsin Dells, with Henry White Thunder officiating. Burial will be at Waksikma Decorah Cemetery.

Sasha was born January 13, 1996 in Mauston, Wisconsin, the daughter of Vern White Eagle and Michelle Decorah.

Sasha is survived by her mother, Michelle Decorah (Kelly Logan) and her father, Vern White Eagle; grandmothers, Lona Deco-

rah and Dale White Eagle; sisters, Mabel, Samantha, Sidney, Iliana and Lexene White Eagle; brothers, Marion, Lucas and Mason White Eagle as well as many aunts, uncle, cousins and extended family. She is preceded in death by her grandfathers, Joseph Decorah and Orville Greendeer and her unborn child.

SERVICES
Funeral Service Tuesday, September 28, 2021 12:00 PM

Rural Development Home Repair Loans and Grants

Submitted by Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division

The Nation has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Agriculture that will allow members to apply for Rural Development home repair loans and grants.

What does this program do?

USDA Rural Development's Home Repair program, provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards. Income limits and guidelines can be found at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>

[sites/default/files/wi_504_programsummary_incomelimits.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/wi_504_programsummary_incomelimits.pdf)

Who may apply for this program?

To qualify, you must:

Be the homeowner and occupy the house

Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere

Meet income eligibility requirements

For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan

Have an approved lease with the Nation with updated terms

What if I already have a lease with the Nation?

If you had a lease agreement before February of 2021, your lease may not have

the language needed in order to utilize the program

If you had a lease agreement after February of 2021, your lease agreement has the language needed and you should be able to utilize the program

How may funds be used?

Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards

Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards

How much money can I get?

Maximum loan is \$20,000

Maximum grant is \$7,500

Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance

What are the terms of the loan or grant?

Loans can be repaid over 20 years

Loan interest rate is fixed at 1%

Full title service is required for loans of \$7,500 or more

Grants have a lifetime limit of \$7,500

Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than 3 years

If applicants can repay part, but not all of the costs, applicants may be offered a loan and grant combination

Is there a deadline to apply?

Applications for this program are accepted through your local USDA office year round

How long does an application take?

Approval times depend on funding availability in your area. Talk to a USDA home loan specialist in your area for help with the application

Who can answer questions and how do I get started?

For lease information with the Ho-Chunk Nation, please contact Melanie Mudd, Lease Specialist at (715) 284-9343 ext. 11740 or melanie.mudd@ho-chunk.com

For USDA, please contact Lane Kirsteatter, SFH Program Director, 715-345-7612, lane.kirsteatter@usda.gov

Vision Maker Media Celebrates 2021 Indigenous Peoples' Day With Week-long Online Film Program Featuring Two Films about Pulitzer Prize-Winning Writer N. Scott Momaday

Media Contact Only: Liz Hill; liz@lizhillpr.com
LINCOLN, Neb., October 5, 2021 — To recognize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 11, Vision Maker Media is holding a week-long online film program on October 6-13. The program is part of the organization's 45th Anniver-

sary and yearlong theme of commUNITY. PBS and the Cherokee Nation Film Office are sponsors of VMM's 45th anniversary events.

"Indigenous Peoples' Day is a declaration of the rights of Indigenous peoples and, thus, serves as and celebrates an International day of solidarity for Indigenous peoples of

the Americas," says Vision Maker Media Executive Director Francene Blythe-Lewis (Eastern Cherokee, Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota and Diné).

"Together, let's celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day by watching films by and about Indigenous peoples, acknowledging the land on which you live, work or enjoy by thank-

ing the Indigenous stewards of generations past who kept the place for us, and learning one thing about the Indigenous community nearest you."

This year's film streaming program features *Return to Rainy Mountain* and *Words From a Bear*. Both films tell the compelling story of N. Scott Momaday, Kiowa essayist, novelist, writer and 1969 Pulitzer Prize winner. The two films weave together the intricacies of Kiowa art, family, personal memoir, poetic justice, and democracy through Native sovereignty.

Return to Rainy Mountain (2019, USA, Kiowa, 27 min.)

Return to Rainy Mountain is a documentary film that tells the story of N. Scott Momaday. It is a personal account of his life and legacy told in his

own voice, and in the voice of his daughter Jill. Momaday speaks of his Kiowa roots, family, literature, oral tradition, nature, identity, and the sacred and important things that have shaped his life.

Jill Scott Momaday, Director/Writer/Producer, has spent all of her life immersed in the arts. Growing up in a family that has a rich cultural, artistic and literary background helped to inspire her passion for theater. Jill's deep connection to her Kiowa heritage has given her a rich background to draw from in her professional work as an actor, storyteller and filmmaker. A few of her film credits include Tony Hillerman's *Coyote Waits*, directed by Jan Egleson and produced by Robert Redford; *Continued on Page 11*

Barbara Two Bears

April 24, 1944 - September 21, 2021

Barbara Two Bears, age 77, of Baraboo, WI, walked on September 21, 2021.

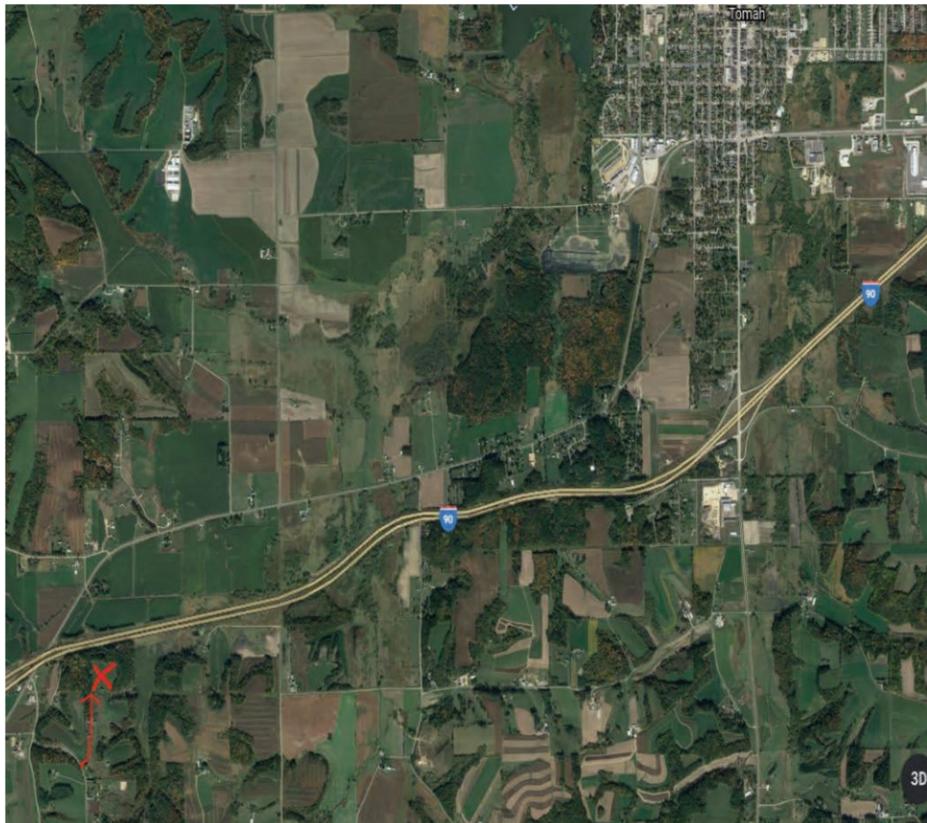
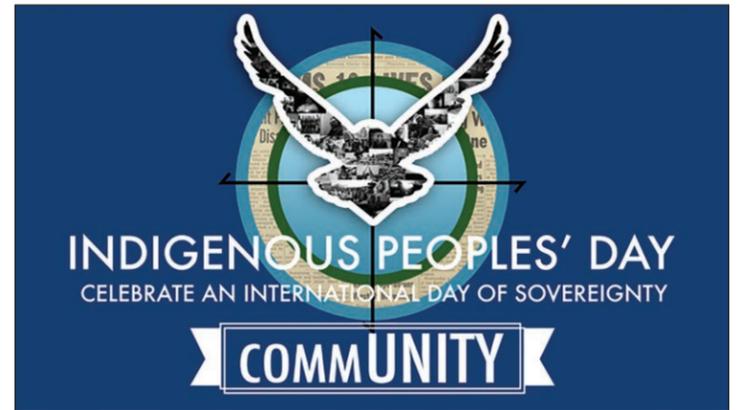
Funeral Services be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 12:00 Noon at the Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station, WI. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 12:00 Noon. Burial will be held at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells.

Barbara was born on April 24, 1944, in Baraboo, WI, the daughter of Albert Yellowthunder, Jr. and Alvena (Miner) Foss. Her generosity and passion to help others, lead her to her career in social work. She loved

to help others and those in need, including strangers. She never expected any accolades or acknowledgement for generosity. She was a very strong mother and raised her children alone, with the help of her relatives. Loving her grandchildren and spending time with them was her greatest Joy. Barbara love to run and also watch the Packers.

Barbara is survived by mother, Alvena (Don) Foss; aunt, Helen Miner Miller; brother, Albert Ralph (Christine) Yellowthunder III; and her children, Robert (Kathy) Two Bears, Louis Two Bears, Brady (Katie) Two Bears and Cheryl

(Ken, Jr.) Funmaker; her 13 grandchildren and her 3 great-grandchildren as well as many other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father; brothers, Dexter Yellowthunder and Matthew Foss and her beloved Uncle, Vilas Miner.



MAP A



MAP B

Notice to Tribal Members

HO-CHUNK NATION DNR PLANTED INDIAN CORN AVAILABLE FOR HARVEST BY TRIBAL MEMBERS

Rainbow Flint Indian Corn Plot location is the Whirling Thunder Property located at 16250 Helmet Road Monroe County, WI 54660

Map A - Head West on County Hwy 16 from Tomah, left on County Hwy T, then left on Helmet Rd to top of the hill entrance to property

Map B - Upon entrance to property head up the driveway and along the access Roads to **Red X** location. Truck or walking is recommended.

For Questions call HCN DNR office at 715-284-2852 Mon-Fri 8am -4:30pm

Joint Indigenous Organizations Statement About the Gabby Petito Case

Organizations:

StrongHearts Native Helpline, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence

Several weeks of national mainstream news media coverage has been focused on Gabby Petito, a 22-year-old white woman who recently was reported missing and subsequently found murdered. We offer our sincere condolences to her family. No one should have to experience this kind of tragedy exacerbated by noted indicators of domestic violence.

We are national Indigenous organizations dedicated to ending the cycle of violence that adversely affects 84% of Indigenous women (Rosay, André B.) during their lifetime. Indigenous women are murdered at a rate 10 times higher (Bachman, Ronet) than other races in some communities. More than half have been physically abused by an intimate partner, according to the National Institute of Justice.

The loss of an Indigenous woman's life is all too familiar in our communities. Hundreds of Indigenous people go missing every year. Many of them vanish without a trace, never to be seen or heard from again. Too many of them are found murdered with their cases often left uninvestigated and unresolved by local, state and/or federal authorities.

Yet, none of our relatives to date have received much, if any, attention from the news media, concentrated efforts by law enforcement departments, or an outpouring of financial contributions from ordinary citizens. Indian tribes, communities and family members don't have unlimited financial resources to help us locate our missing relatives. Up until recently, our missing relatives have not amassed social media followings to galvanize searches. The contrast that we are witnessing regarding this

particular case is heartbreaking to the many Indigenous families and communities dealing with the daily pain of losing their loved ones. The contrast sends the message that society has little regard for Indigenous lives.

We are not alone in seeing systemic and law enforcement bias when it comes to the lack of coverage of and case resolutions of missing and murdered Indigenous relatives (MMIR). In 2004 this lack of attention and bias was given a title — "Missing White Woman Syndrome" — by the late American news anchor Gwen Ifill. Moreover, American news outlets continue to be less demographically diverse, with staffing consisting of primarily white male journalists, according to the Pew Research Center. The lack of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) journalists in the mainstream contributes to additional challenges that Indigenous people face when it comes to equal coverage of MMIR and other related issues.

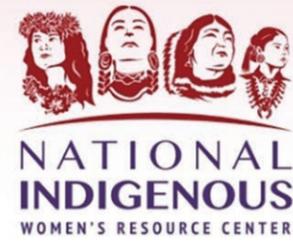
It is truly devastating to lose another life to violence. There are no words to fully express the pain of a parent losing a child in a violent way. As Indigenous peoples, we understand too well the ugly, ongoing nature of violence across this land and upon our people through our lived experiences. It's been happening since the advent of colonization.

Missing and murdered Indigenous relatives deserve the same attention and resources that society, the media and the justice system have given to Gabby Petito's case. Their lives are important. As partner organizations in the effort to provide support and advocate for Indigenous women and peoples impacted by domestic violence, intimate partner violence, dating violence, and sexual violence, we honor all individuals, families and communities impacted by MMIR and all those working so diligently to end this crisis of violence.

Joint Indigenous Organizations Statement About the Gabby Petito Case



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline



What you can do to help:

For Individuals

- Educate yourself on the high rates of violence in our Indigenous communities and other communities of color, as well as community-based solutions
- Engage with media about MMIR
 - Send emails, make phone calls, comment on articles, send letters to editors, etc.
- Learn about and share the stories of MMIR in your area, including their names, and the circumstances of their cases, etc.
- Learn who your law enforcement are in your community and educate yourself on cross-jurisdictional issues
- Donate to organizations advocating for justice for MMIR and ending domestic violence
- Raise awareness on social media: like,

follow and share the organizations listed below that are focused on domestic violence and MMIR at the national, regional and local levels

- StrongHearts Native Helpline
- National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
- Alaska Native Women's Resource Center
- National Congress of American Indians
- Sovereign Bodies Institute
- Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence
- Indian Law Resource Center
- Urban Indian Health Institute
- Rising Hearts Coalition
- Learn how to support loved one, friend or colleague struggling against intimate partner
- Learn about and practice bystander intervention
- Learn how to hold batterers, predators and other offenders accountable
- Volunteer at organizations working to respond to and end domestic violence
- Attend, support or organize a socially distanced community event in your area to raise awareness of MMIR. Organizers can plan a community walk or run, vigil or any type of fundraiser/awareness event they choose.

For Organizations

- Center BIPOC voices on your platforms
- Practice unbiased, equitable attention on all missing and murdered people
- Uplift Indigenous

organizations and coalitions advocating for MMIR

- Support May 5th annually as the National Day of Awareness for MMIW

Additional Resources

Check out these MMIW resources:

- Learn more with MMIW Special Collection in NIWRC's Resource Library
- Explore the MMIW Toolkit for Families and Communities developed by NIWRC
- View the MMIW database on Sovereign Bodies Institute website
- Download Urban Indian Health Institute's "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls: A Snapshot of Data from 71 Urban Cities in the United States"
- View the NamUS-National Missing and Unidentified Persons System
- Explore the NIWRC's Online Resource Library and Restoration Magazine for articles and resources on MMIW

References

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Wisconsin to Offer COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine Booster Doses

DHS supports the FDA authorization, CDC recommendation to provide Pfizer booster doses to certain populations

For Immediate Release
September 27, 2021
Contact: Jennifer Miller/
Elizabeth Goodsitt 608-266-1683

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) supports the recommendation that certain populations who have increased risk of exposure to or

transmission of COVID-19 receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after having received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

"Our nation's leading medical experts reviewed the available data and recommended COVID-19 vaccine booster doses be provided

to some people who have received the Pfizer vaccine," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. "Booster doses are another tool at our disposal to stop the spread of the highly transmissible Delta variant and slow the spread of COVID-19 in communities throughout Wisconsin."

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg stands with "Every Child Matters"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
September 30, 2021
MEDIA CONTACT:
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Sr. Manager Public Relations|
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Wittenberg, WI 54499
715-253-4400 ext. 23014
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Wittenberg, WI- September 30, 2021- On the morning of September 30, 2021 a sorrowful fog masked the grounds of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. A day in which employees of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg reflected on importance of National Day of Remembrance for US Indian Boarding Schools, or Orange Shirt Day. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg had

over 15 employees participate in the remembrance day. The orange shirt is a symbolic representation to honor, remember and bring awareness to Indigenous youth that were taken from their homes to residential schools. The U.S. accounted for 367 of 506 residential schools designed to assimilate Indigenous children, the remaining 139 in Canada. There are currently 6,509 indigenous children bodies found at mass burial sites throughout the various residential schools. Plenty of residential schools remain to be further investigated. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg is owned and operated by the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin, a resilient tribe with numerous residential school survivors. *Niikjakra Razana Wa'unaaksana "Every Child Matters"*



**Ho-Chunk Nation
Employee Announcement:
New Life and Disability Carrier as of October 1, 2021**

Attention Ho-Chunk Nation Employees:

- Effective October 1, 2021, the life coverage, short term disability coverage and long term disability coverage will move from The Hartford to MetLife in order to provide better service to employees.
- No changes to the coverage amounts. There may be a change for spousal life contributions. The cost will now be calculated by the employees' age **NOT** the spouse age.
- Employees who are currently receiving disability benefits will continue to receive payments from Hartford.
- Disability Claims –
 - Any disability that starts **prior to October 1, 2021** will be filed with Hartford.
 - Any disability that starts **on or after October 1, 2021** will be filed with MetLife.
- Life Claims –
 - Any death that takes place **prior to October 1, 2021** will be filed with Hartford.
 - Any death that takes place **on or after October 1, 2021** will be filed with MetLife.
- If you do not have life and disability coverage currently, you will have the opportunity to sign up in January during Open Enrollment

If you have any questions in relation to the change above, please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Dept. at 715-284-4361

COVID-19 INFORMATION

MYTH: If I had convalescent plasma treatment during my COVID-19 infection I can not receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

FACT: If you had COVID-19 disease **you can still** receive your COVID-19 vaccine **as long as you have been released from isolation from Public Health.** If you received convalescent plasma treatment during your COVID-19 illness you will need to **wait 90 days after your last treatment for your COVID-19 vaccine**

Celebrating our
**Ho-Chunk
Nation
Tribal
Elders**



The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health would like to thank our Ho-Chunk Tribal Elders in doing their part against COVID-19

On reaching 70% vaccination statewide as of September 4, 2021!!



Sinagizi!

(Thank you!)



Wisconsin DNR Announces November 2021 Wolf Harvest Quota Licenses To Go On Sale Oct. 25

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Oct. 4, 2021
 Contact: DNR Office of Communications
 DNRPress@wisconsin.gov
 MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that the state-wide quota for the Fall 2021 wolf season has been set at 130 wolves.
 The department is authorized by state statute and the

department’s rules to make the final decision on the quota for the Fall 2021 wolf harvest. In determining the quota, the department considered the best available information and scientific modeling, as well as the input from the Wolf Harvest Committee, the Natural Resources Board, and the many groups and members of the public who provided comments to the department and the Board.

State-licensed hunters and trappers will be authorized to harvest 74 wolves within the six zones established in the department’s regulations. The department will honor the Ojibwe Tribes’ treaty right within the Ceded Territory of 56.
 The department will use a license ratio of 5:1 to offer the opportunity to 370 successful applicants to purchase a state wolf hunting license. The de-

partment plans to notify successful applicants Oct. 25, at which point licenses will also go on sale.
 The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed gray wolves from the federal endangered species list on Jan. 4, 2021, returning management authority to state agencies. As required by state statute, the DNR will continue to plan for a wolf harvest season to open on Nov. 6, 2021.

The DNR is currently updating Wisconsin’s wolf management plan with input from a Wolf Management Plan Committee. The department will continue working towards completing a 10-year wolf management plan to guide management decisions beginning in 2022.
 More information on the Fall 2021 quota and license information is available on the DNR website.



NEW!
COVID-19 STRIKE TEAM!

LOOK FOR OUR RV AT YOUR LOCATION!

NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED!

COVID-19 TESTING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, HCN EMPLOYEES & THEIR FAMILIES. VACCINE ON HAND FOR THOSE 18+.

ALL EVENTS 10AM-2PM

TUESDAYS IN OCTOBER:
 5th: WITTENBERG CASINO
 12th: MADISON CASINO
 19th: NEKOOSA CASINO
 26th: TOMAH CASINOC-STORE

THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER:
 7th: NEKOOSA CASINO
 14th: TOMAH CASINO/C-STORE
 21st: WITTENBERG CASINO
 28th: MADISON CASINO

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

Pfizer COVID-19 Boosters

Who are COVID-19 Booster shots recommended for?

Boosters are only recommended for those who received 2 doses of Pfizer vaccine.

Who SHOULD get a booster?	Who MAY get a booster?
People who were vaccinated with Pfizer at least 6 months ago and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *65 years and older *Live in a long term care facility *50-64 years old who have certain underlying medical conditions (cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, COPD, asthma, dementia, diabetes type 1 or 2, down syndrome, heart conditions, HIV, immunocompromised, liver disease, obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell, smoking current or former, solid organ or blood stem cell transplant, stroke, substance use disorder) 	People who were vaccinated with Pfizer at least 6 months ago and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *18-49 years old who have underlying medical conditions (cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, COPD, asthma, dementia, diabetes type 1 or 2, down syndrome, heart conditions, HIV, immunocompromised, liver disease, obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell, smoking current or former, solid organ or blood stem cell transplant, stroke, substance use disorder) *18-64 years old who are at high risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of where they work or live (like healthcare, correctional facilities, institutional settings)

Questions? Web: Health.Ho-Chunk.com
 E-Mail: Coronavirus@ho-chunk.com
 Phone: (715)284-9851 Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
 (608)355-1240 House of Wellness

October

COVID-19 Vaccines Are Available Both Moderna and Pfizer

VAX \$500

- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine same day Appointments are available at the House of Wellness Clinic call Monday-Friday: 608-355-1240
 - ❖ Moderna available Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - ❖ Pfizer available Tuesday, Thursday
- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine same day Appointments are available at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center call Monday-Friday: 715-284-9851
 - ❖ Moderna available Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 - ❖ Pfizer available Monday, Wednesday

Important Notes:

- ✓ Appointments are approximately 30 minutes long
- ✓ Open to any Tribal members/descendants and their household members AND HCN Employees and their house hold members: Moderna 18 years+ and Pfizer 12 years+

Gas Cards available for each individual receiving vaccine!





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The Desperate Trail, directed by Paul Pesche; and *Silent Tongue*, written and directed by Sam Shepard.

Directed, Written, and Produced by Jill Momaday
 Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/348176347>

Official Website: <http://www.returntorainymountain.com/>

Digital Rental & Purchase: <https://amzn.to/2YmiW4h>
 Educational & Home DVD Purchase: <https://bit.ly/2Yis5Lk>

Words From a Bear (2019, USA, Kiowa, 90 min.)

Words from a Bear examines the enigmatic life and mind of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Navarro Scott Momaday (Kiowa), one of Native America's most celebrated authors of poetry and prose. The film visually captures the essence of Momaday's writings, relating each written line to his unique American experience representing ancestry, place and oral history. Cinematically this story takes audiences on a spiritual journey through the expansive landscapes of the West, when Momaday's Kiowa ancestors roamed the Great Plains with herds of buffalo, to the sand-painted valleys of Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico, where his imagination ripened, and he showed superior writing skills as a young mission student.

Jeffrey Palmer, Director/Producer, is an Indigenous (Kiowa) filmmaker and media artist. As a Dean's Fellow at the University of Iowa,

he received his M.F.A. in Film and Video Production in 2012, with an emphasis in documentary film and video installation. He also received his M.A. in Native American Studies, focusing on Native American exploitation in early cinema and his B.A. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Oklahoma. He was a Visiting Professor at Cornell University, Assistant Professor of Mass Communication at the University of Central Oklahoma, and he is currently an Assistant Professor of Transmedia at Syracuse University. His short films have screened at the Sundance Film Festival, The Berlinale, Berlin Independent Film Festival, PBS Online Film Festival, Winnipeg Indigenous Film Festival, Maoriland Film Festival, SWAIA Class X Film Festival, Film 2 Farm Aid Film Festival Borneo International Film Festival, INDIANER INUIT: DAS NORDAMERIKA FILM FESTIVAL, deadCENTER Film Festival, imagineNATIVE, ICDOCS, Festival International du Film Ethnographique du Québec (FIFEQ) Annual International Festival of Ethnographic Film. His work has also been featured in Indian Country Today, Native American Times, Art Focus and Dreamcatcher Magazine. He received awards and recognition from the Sundance Institute Creative Producers Award, Sundance Institute Native Program Lab fellowship and Firelight Media Documentary Lab Fellow. He has received

funding from ITVS, The Ford Foundation Just Films, PBS American Masters, and Vision Maker Media. His directorial feature debut, "N. Scott Momaday: Words From A Bear," premiered at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival and was nationally televised on the PBS series American Masters in the fall of 2019.

Directed and Produced by Jeffrey Palmer
 Executive Producer Michael Kantor

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/366835314>

Official Website: <https://itvs.org/films/words-from-a-bear>

Press Kit: <https://bit.ly/3l88Pc3>

Home DVD Purchase: <https://bit.ly/3l3xBK9>
 Educational DVD Purchase: <https://bit.ly/3mmsgNF>
About Vision Maker Media

Vision Maker Media (VMM) is the premiere source of public media by and about Native Americans since 1976. Our mission is empowering and engaging Native people to share stories. We envision a world changed and healed by understanding Native stories and the public conversations they generate. We work with VMM funded producers to develop, produce and distribute programs for all public media. VMM supports training to increase the

number of American Indians and Alaska Natives producing public broadcasting programs. A key strategy for this work is in partnerships with Tribal nations, Indian organizations and Native communities. Reaching the national public and a global market is the ultimate goal for the dissemination of Native public media that shares Native perspectives with the world. VMM is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) funded in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). For more information, visionmakermedia.org, visionmaker@unl.edu or (402) 472-3522.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

N6639 Green Circle, Black River Falls, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: Lot 1 of Ho-Chunk Nation Trust property known as Joe Wolf, BIA Tract# 439 T 104 located within the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 8, Township 21 North, Range 3 West, 4th P.M., Town of Brockway, 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 4:30 PM **November 8, 2021**.

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

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Shirley Susette Reed		FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT SEP 01 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended	Notice to Creditors	
DOD: February 12, 2021	Case No. PR 21-05	<i>Jalisha Antem</i> Clerk of Court/Assistant
<p>Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:</p> <p>The personal representative is responsible for providing the deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate to all known or reasonably ascertainable creditors.</p> <p>This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues; the first publication date must be within 15 days from the date underneath the Clerk of Court's signature.</p> <p>Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Shirley Susette Reed</p> <p>A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, <u>Regina Reel</u> or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is <u>December 9, 2021</u>. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.</p> </div> <p><i>Mary Shunk</i> Clerk of Court</p> <p><i>Mary Thunler</i> Name Printed or Typed</p> <p>9-1-2021 Date</p>		
Form completed by: (Name) Attorney Christian Fox		
Address 107 Main Street Black River Falls, WI 54615		
Telephone 715-284-1234	Bar Number (if any) 17F-20217C-55	
<p>PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors 58 HCC 13 HO CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.</p>		

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY OWEN SWAN		FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT SEP 01 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended	Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate	
	Case No. PR 21-07	
<p>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:</p> <p>1. A Petition for Probate was filed.</p> <p>2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>9/29/1933</u> and date of death <u>7/14/2021</u> was domiciled in <u>Jackson</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u> with a mailing address of <u>N6575 Leucht Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615</u>.</p> <p>3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: <u>None</u></p> <p>4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>Lowel</u> on (Date) <u>Nov. 16, 2021</u> (Time) <u>10AM</u>.</p> <p>You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.</p>		
<p>If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.</p>		<p><i>Mary Shunk</i> Clerk of Court</p> <p><i>Mary Thunler</i> Name Printed or Typed</p> <p>9-9-21 Date</p>
<p>DO NOT PRINT the following text when publishing this notice.</p> <p>* If not all of the addresses of the interested parties are known, give this form once it is returned to you filled out by the Clerk of Court to the newsletter staff for publication *</p> <p>Notice to Petitioner: The petitioner is responsible for providing a copy of this notice, a copy of the will and codicils (if any), and a copy of the petition to all interested persons by certified mail or personal service at least 45 days before the hearing. If the address, or identity of any person is not known and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence, the petitioner must post a copy of the notice in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Nation at least forty-five (45) days before the time set for the hearing and publish the notice in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation, currently known as the Hockak Worak, for three (3) consecutive issues. See 8 HCC § 13.65a(2).</p> <p>Notice to Newspaper: Notice must be given by publication of this form in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation for three (3) consecutive issues with the first publication occurring at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the hearing date noted in Section 4.</p>		
<p>PR002, 04/18 Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Petition for Filing Claims 8 HCC § 13.47b, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.</p>		

DMV releases two new license plates

October 4, 2021
For more information, contact:
WisDOT Office of Public Affairs
608-266-3581, opa.exec@dot.wi.gov
The Wisconsin Department

of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announces the availability of two, new license plate options: Elkhart Lake's Road America and Versiti. Both plates are available to order on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website:

wisconsin.dmv.gov/special-plates.

Elkhart Lake's Road America welcomes racers to its legendary four-mile, 14-turn circuit and hosts over 500 events each season. Racers, fans, car aficionados and the general public can order the new

Elkhart Lake's Road America plate for a \$15 issuance fee.

Versiti is a not-for-profit focusing on blood health. Its mission is to improve patient outcomes and to advance the field of personalized medicine. Their goal for this plate is to raise awareness of blood

health in order to strengthen the health of communities through an integration of donation, scientific innovation, medicine and service. This plate is available for an issuance fee of \$15.

There is no donation fee for *Continued on Page 13*

DISTRICT 1 MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS & WAUSAU DISTRICT MEETING

Wednesday October 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Please contact Michelle Ramberg at michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com for meeting information.

Posted on: 09/29/21



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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



Lacrosse Meeting
Monday October 11, 2021
6:00 pm

Tomah Meeting
Tuesday October 12, 2021
6:00 pm

Baraboo & Mauston/Wisc. Dells Meeting
Wednesday October 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.

All D2 Meetings will be Virtual due to the increase in COVID cases

Rep. Stephanie Begay stephanie_begay@ho-chunk.com - 608-408-0339
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. conroy.greendeer@ho-chunk.com - 608-387-2163
Rep. Kristin K. White Eagle kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com - 715-299-0583

Michelle Ramberg, Legislative Aide michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com



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DISTRICT 3 MEETING NOTICE



MADISON DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

WITTENBERG DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Monday, October 11, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

GREEN BAY DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Wednesday, October 13, 2021- 6:00 p.m.

WI RAPIDS DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Thursday, October 14, 2021- 6:00 p.m.

Pandemic Precautions: Please contact your local Branch Office for in person meeting safety guidelines.

For WebEx information please contact:
Rep. Sarah Lemieux at sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com or 715.315.8071
Rep. Darren Brinegar at darren.brinegar@ho-chunk.com or 715-315-1031
Rep. Shelby Visintin at shelby.visintin@ho-chunk.com or (715)896-9323

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DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING
Monday, October 11, 2021
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES
AREA MEETING Thursday, October 14, 2021

All Nations Indian Church
1515 E. 23rd Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404
6:00 p.m.

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either of these plates and all Wisconsin motorists may apply. The regular registration fee for the vehicle (which may include wheel tax) applies.

Plates may be personalized for an extra \$15 fee each year. Wisconsin DMV offers an online personalize plate search to find out if a choice for a personalized license plate is available.

Process for new plate development

Organizations are able to offer plates which recognize their group by following DMV's authorized special group license plates process. Along with completing the application, there is a \$15,500 development fee and the group must compile 500 signatures from Wisconsin residents in support of the plate.

When DMV receives the application, the group's request is posted for a 30-day special group plate review.

If an objection is filed, DMV will forward the group's application to the Transportation Committee for review in both houses of the Wisconsin State Legislature. The decision of the legislative review to approve or deny the application is final.

If the application is approved, DMV will notify the group and begin the development phase. This phase takes up to one year to complete before the group's plate will be available for public purchase.

If the application is not approved, DMV will notify the group and refund the group's development fee in full. The application forms will not be returned.

Wisconsin DMV currently offers 52 special license plates (wisconsin.dmv.gov/specialplates) from various organizations, as well as plates with collector, hobbyist, military and disabled designations.



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SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-VC
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
District 3 Vacancy
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC

VC-Video Conference

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 as presented. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

**Legislative Meeting-
September 7, 2021**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the September 7, 2021 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Legislative Meeting-
September 14, 2021**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the September 14, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
(Continued):**

**Special Legislative Meeting-
September 17, 2021**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the September 17, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-1 (Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reconvened Legislative
Special Meeting-**

September 18, 2021

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the September 18, 2021 Reconvened Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Emergency Legislative
Special Meeting-
September 18, 2021**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the September 18, 2021 Emergency Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle is out of the room.*

Committee Reports:

**Administration Committee-
September 9, 2021**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the September 9, 2021 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

**COVID-19 Executive Branch
Update-(Standing Agenda
Item)
Department of Health**

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin updated the Legislative Body on COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness and the Vaxx4500 incentive program.

Department of Business

Scott Maracek, Business Analyst, reviewed his COVID-19 report with the Legislature. Executive Director of Business (EDOB), Michael Rave, stated that back in 2002 the Nation adopted OSHA standards, and as a result of that, the Nation will most likely have to comply with President Biden's mandate requiring all employers with 100+ employees to ensure that the employees are vaccinated, or tested weekly. EDOB Rave mentioned that the Department of Business is looking into this.

**Office of General Council
Report (Standing Agenda
Item)**

General Council Advocate, Cari Fay, was not present.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to TABLE Office of General Council Report. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**American Rescue Plan
Funding (Standing Agenda
Item)**

President White Eagle stated

that he hasn't seen any movement on this, so the meeting can move along.

**Medicare Part B-Referred
from the June 2, 2021 Special
Finance Committee Meeting**

Rep. Sarah Lemieux stated that we are awaiting a document that will be sent to the Department of Personnel-Insurance Division. Personnel was not on the line to state if they received that document yet.

**Resolution-Establishment of
Restricted Account for PTO
Payout**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution-Establishment of Restricted Account for PTO Payout. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to TABLE until after Executive Session in order for the Department of Justice to review. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Adoption of
Amendments to the General
Welfare Exclusion Ordinance**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-21-21 A**, Adoption of Amendments to the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance, adding to the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED an effective date of January 1, 2022. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-2 (Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Paul Fox)-2 (Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was stated that this Ordinance has already been put out for 45-Day Public Comment.

New Business:

**Nomination Hearing for
Executive Director of
Administration Nominee**

Gary Lonetree was present to address the Legislature. Mr. Lonetree stated that Sam Lonetree is his Choka, and his dad is Gary Lonetree Sr. Mr. Lonetree mentioned that he is going on 30 years working for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Mr. Lonetree overviewed his work experience within the Nation.

It was asked of Mr. Lonetree if he has a degree. Mr. Lonetree stated that he has an Associate's Degree of Applied Science. Rep. Kristin White Eagle asked Mr. Lonetree if he has been in the role of Acting Executive Director of Administration. Mr. Lonetree replied yes.

**Resolution-Acceptance/
Denial of Application of
Gary Lonetree to be Interim
Executive Director of
Administration**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-21-21 B**, Denial of Acceptance of Application of Gary Lonetree to be Interim Director of the Department of Administration.

Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Phyllis Smoke asked the President who is covering the position of Executive Director of Administration right now. President White Eagle replied that currently, Ben Krause is the Acting Director of Administration.

**Resolution-Establishment of
Social Media Workgroup**

Rep. Phyllis Smoke stated that at the August 11, 2021 District 1 Area Meeting, there was a motion made for the Legislature to create a Social Media Code. The discussion that took place at the District 1 Area Meeting was regarding the negative impact of social media posts. Rep. Smoke mentioned, going in to the direction of a code, this is a resolution to establish a Social Media workgroup.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-21-21 C**, Establishment of Social Media Workgroup. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Delta Dental
Plan-Referred from the
August 23, 2021 Health,
Social Services and Insurance
Committee Meeting**

Sara Pomeroy, Employee Benefits Coordinator, stated that the policy currently reads routine cleanings at 6-month intervals. There is a request to update the language to twice per year because there have been cases where employees are three days shy of getting a cleaning. Ms. Pomeroy stated that there is no cost associated with the change.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the language change to "twice per year" to the Delta Dental Plan. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to
place the ATV-All Terrain
Vehicle Ordinance out for 45
Day Public Comment**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to TABLE Resolution-Authorization to place the ATV-All Terrain Vehicle Ordinance out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session (Business
Matters, Criminal Matter,
Inter-governmental
Relations, Land, Law
Enforcement, Legal Advice,
Personnel Matters, Public
Safety or Well-Being):**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to move District Meetings before

Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

**D1 Nijoxawanj Howasa -
September 8, 2021**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Jovanna White Eagle to nominate Lori Pettibone to the HHCA Board. Second by Michelle Cloud. Hinu Smith was opposed to the motion made so others could possibly receive notice to be able to have a chance to sit on the board and to also have the vacancy advertised properly. The vacancy was announced at last month's meeting. Jovanna withdraws her motion and second concurs. The question was raised as to whose responsibility it is to advertise the vacancy on the HHCA board. Rep. Smoke stated that she will contact Neil tomorrow to follow-up on this.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Legislative Attorneys to prepare a resolution for next session, the **MOTION** by Darcy Funmaker for the Per-Capita Ordinance to put out for 45 day public comment. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Legislative Attorneys to prepare a resolution for next session, the **MOTION** by Kelley Jo Funmaker to have the ERA be put out for 45 day public comment. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was stated that this is related to unpaid administrative leave.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Barb McKenzie to have any person who served removal papers on any elected official should recuse themselves from the emcee role at General Council duties. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge did not respond during vote count.*

**D2 Ho'unj Xunujk -
September 14, 2021**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Marie Lewis that the Tomah community supports the National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools event being held on September 30, 2021 at the Tomah VA.

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Lydia Gamble that the community does not support a District 2 all area meeting but would consider having a quarterly meeting with ground rules and a *Continued on Page 15*

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Sargent at arms.

D2 Ho'unj Xunujk – September 14, 2021 (Continued)

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President, Department of Housing Heavy Equipment Division and to the Executive Director of Housing for follow-up at the Legislative Housing Committee, the **MOTION** by Lydia Gamble to request Heavy Equipment to fill the driveway again before October 15, 2021. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vice President Karena Thundercloud is out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President, Department of Justice and the Ho-Chunk Police for review of assistance and to the law enforcement agreement for assistance, the **MOTION** by Lydia Gamble that due to increased criminal activity to have trail cams put up around the community. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Attorney General for report to be immediately forwarded to Legislative Counsel and the Legislature and refer to today's Executive Session for Legal Advice, the **MOTION** by Tara Chapman for a third-party IT Specialist for an IT investigation and for the specialist to report to the Legislature. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tejop – September 8, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Department of Health, Department of Administration, and the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee, the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle that rapid COVID tests be contentiously available at the Branch Offices. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the D3 Reps. the **MOTION** by Millie Whiteagle to not confirm Samie Overboe as Treasurer. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Pac cinak – September 13, 2021

No motions.

D3 Moga šuc – September 14, 2021

No motions.

D3 Tešišik – September 15, 2021

No motions.

D4 Gušgonak – September 13, 2021

No motions.

There was discussion regarding ARPA proposals and the ARPA funds. President Marlon White Eagle stated that he will check with Treasury today on when those proposals can be moved forward.

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matter,

Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being):

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was requested that the Attorney General attend the Executive Session portion of the meeting. President Marlon White Eagle stated that the Attorney General is not here today. Rep. White Eagle requested that Attorney Greendeer-Rave or Attorney Huling attend Executive Session in place of the Attorney General.

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 11:34 a.m.

During Executive Session, the meeting broke for lunch from 12:00 p.m.-12:34 p.m. Roll Call was taken during Executive Session.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Darren Brinegar is excused at 2:21 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:45 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of Restricted Account for PTO Payout (Re-visited)

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-21-21 E**, Establishment of Restricted Account for PTO Payout. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code (Referred from Executive Session)

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adopt **Resolution 09-21-21 F**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 9-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to the agenda under New Business and address now: Resolution-Recognition of Procedure for Legislative Meetings, Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Crimes Against Ho-Chunk Nation and Government Officials Act, and Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay is excused at 5:15 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.

Resolution-Recognition of Procedure for Legislative Meetings

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge to adopt **Resolution 09-21-21 G**, Resolution-Recognition of Procedure for Legislative Meetings. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong.

9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Crimes Against Ho-Chunk Nation and Government Officials Act

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge to adopt **Resolution 09-21-21 H**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Crimes Against Ho-Chunk Nation and Government Officials Act, with adding that "any violation of this provision will serve as the basis for disciplinary action under the ERA for employees found guilty." Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge to adopt **Resolution 09-21-21 I**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act. Second by Rep. George Stacy. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include adding under h (1) and (2) "The Executive Director of Personnel will enforce violations of these Tribal Member rights." Second concurs. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
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TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
SEPTEMBER 29, 2021**

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

- Roll Call:**
President Marlon White Eagle-VC at 3:05 p.m.
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-EX
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 3:03 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Rep. Paul Fox offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda with adding under New Business A. Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 09-02-21 F Authorization for Paid Employee Administrative Leave. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 9-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 09-02-21 F Authorization for Paid Employee Administrative Leave

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-29-21 A**, Rescission and Restatement

of Resolution 09-02-21 F Authorization for Paid Employee Administrative Leave. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Begay stated that she abstained, as she did not receive the resolution.
Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matter, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being):

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Executive Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 3:14 p.m.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy did not respond*

during vote count.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:56 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. did not respond during vote count.*

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move ahead and for the Nation to make a presentation to the Illinois Gaming Board on October 13, 2021 in pursuant to the Gaming License it has applied for. **MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to add Illinois Gaming to the agenda. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 8-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Sarah Lemieux)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Illinois Gaming

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move ahead and for the Nation to make a presentation

to the Illinois Gaming Board on October 13, 2021 in pursuant to the Gaming License it has applied for. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 8-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Sarah Lemieux)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to have the officers of Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment LLC to do the presentation. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include legal representation and any interested Legislator. Second concurs. 8-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Sarah Lemieux)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.



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