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Plans for the December 11, 2021, Annual Meeting of the General Council not finalized

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Editor

As of 1:00 p.m. on October 20, the Office of General Council has not released any finalized details regarding the Annual Meeting of the General Council currently scheduled for December 11, 2021.

The Annual Meeting of the General Council is by far the most significant event of the year for the Ho-Chunk Nation. This assembly is when all eligible voters meet to set policy for the Nation.

The organization of the Ho-Chunk Nation government consists of four branches: General Council, Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary. Per the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, under section 5, Annual Meetings, “The People shall meet in General Council at least one time each year...”

The Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon E. WhiteEagle issued a memo on January 14, 2021, that initially called for the 2021 Annual Meeting of the General Council to be held on September 18, 2021. A series of events occurred resulting

in a Special Meeting of the General Council on that same date in September. However, an estimated quorum was not reached that day, and business was not conducted.

On September 9, President White Eagle issued a memo stating in part, “The Office of General Council has requested that the date be moved due to Information Technology issues, the legalities of the proposed \$150.00 pay-out for tribal member attendees, and a legal solution for virtual attendance.

“Therefore, I, President Marlon WhiteEagle under my constitutional delegated authority as President do hereby officially re-schedule the previously planned 2021 Annual Meeting of the General Council to Saturday, December 11, 2021.”

On September 13, the Office of General Council published a press release stating, “The General Council meeting shall be held on December 11, 2021.

“Multiple last-minute issues, included COVID-Delta & MU surges, IT Software for Enrollment Data, the legality of the \$150 payout, Vendor’s payment deadlines, with the current Tribal Court’s IT issues, and fiduciary responsibilities, necessitated OGC to inform the President of the concerns. Last week the President then made the decision to reschedule the annual General Council meeting to December 11, 2021. In response, the Office of the General Council was informed of a number of requests to hold the meeting in September as originally scheduled. Immediately, the General Council Advocate reached out to multiple parties that included HCN IT Department, A/V Vendors, Venue Representative and Vice-President Karena Thundercloud, to request help to resolve the infrastructure barriers to holding

the annual General Council meeting in September. As of Saturday morning, OGC informed President WhiteEagle that it believed the barriers had been eliminated. However, the President decided to keep the rescheduled meeting date of December 11, 2021, per the HCN Constitution.”

The press release went on to say the Office of General Council is moving forward in planning the Annual General Council Meeting on December 11, 2021, with the location to be announced later.

Then on September 17, the Office of General Council posted a similar message on their Facebook page. The post read, “ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS: GC2021 ANNUAL MTG. DECEMBER 11, 2021 Venue to be determined.”



Image of a Facebook post from the Ho-Chunk Nation – Office of General Council Branch on September 17. More than one month later, a venue has still not been determined for the December 11 meeting.

No finalized details have been released by the staff of the Office of General Council or their Facebook page.

Instead, on October 16, the Ho-Chunk Nation – Office of General Council Branch posted, “SUPREME COURT MEETING TODAY – 11 A.M. ORAL ARGUMENT – CV 20-05 HCN EXEC. BRANCH & MARLON WHITEEAGLE, PRES v. HCN LEGIS., IN INDIVIDUAL & OFFICIAL CAPACITIES.”

Later on October 16, the Office of General Council shared a link from a personal podcaster regarding the Illinois Gaming Board hearing for casino proposal.

The Hocak Worak reached out to staff from the Office of General Council on October 20 for updates and have not received any final details.

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.



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Know Your Target: Don't Accidentally Shoot Elk & Moose This Hunting Season

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Oct. 14, 2021
 Contact: DNR Office of Communications
 DNRPress@wisconsin.gov
 MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters to know their target before they shoot and understand the difference between elk and white-tailed deer this season.

Archery and crossbow deer seasons are currently underway. Antlerless elk are most commonly confused for being large does, in addition to young bull elk which can look similar to large bucks. Any elk taken without a tag may result in a fine and a revocation of your hunting license.

How To Identify An Elk:
 • Adult elk are larger than adult deer. An adult elk stands about 1-2 feet taller than an adult deer at the shoulders. An elk calf will be about the same size as an adult white-tailed doe but will display similar coloration to adult elk.

• Spot the difference in the antlers. White-tailed antlers curve forward, whereas elk antlers are larger and sweep back from their heads.

• Look for color markings. Elk have a tan rump patch, black legs and a dark brown mane. Deer have legs the same color as their bodies, a white throat patch and a fluffy white tail.

• Additional markers. Elk moving throughout the state may have noticeable markers including numeric ear tags or tracking collars. These collars are fixed around the neck and typically orange in color, sometimes with a visible printed number.

Learn about the differences

between elk and white-tailed deer below using the DNR's comparison guide.

Although Wisconsin has not reintroduced moose, there are several verified moose sightings across northern Wisconsin each year. A few hunters may even be lucky enough to see one this fall.

Find your adventure during the upcoming nine-day gun deer season Nov. 20-28, 2021. Use the DNR's free Hunt Wild Wisconsin mobile app for everything needed in the field from property boundaries to chronic wasting disease (CWD) sampling and deer carcass disposal locations and electronic regulations, including shooting hours.

Discover new public lands to explore, brush up on the regulations or listen to podcasts within the Hunt Wild Wisconsin app. With mobile mapping, up-to-the-minute shooting hours, and much more, all the tools are available so hunters can focus on enjoying their time outdoors.

Once widespread across North America, elk were eliminated from Wisconsin in the 1880s. Thanks to the support of many partners and the backing of Wisconsinites, elk were reintroduced within the state in 1995. Through DNR efforts to reestablish the species, the elk herd continues to expand making it essential for hunters to know their target to protect this growing population.

Currently, there are two herds containing a total of more than 400 elk in Wisconsin reintroduction areas: one in the north including Ashland, Bayfield, Price, Rusk and Sawyer counties, and one in the area surrounding Jack-
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DON'T SHOOT AN ELK!

Elk have been reintroduced to Jackson County

Watch for similarities and differences between elk and white-tailed deer

ELK COW/CALF

WHITE-TAILED DOE/FAWN

Similarities and differences

ELK CALVES & WHITE-TAILED DOES:

A 5-6-month-old elk calf will be about the same size as an adult white-tailed doe.

TAILS:

Elk have a short tail; Deer have a long tail with a white underside.

SIZE:

Adult Elk stand 4 - 5 feet at the shoulders; Deer stand 3-3 1/2 feet at the shoulders.

COLORING:

Elk have a tan rump patch, black legs and dark brown, furry neck. Deer have legs the same color as their bodies, and a white throat patch.

ANTLERS:

Elk antlers sweep back; Deer antlers curve forward.

JEWELRY:

Most elk have been marked with collars and ear tags.

BUCK DEER

BULL ELK

ALWAYS BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND!

DHS Announces Multiple Funding Opportunities to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 13, 2021

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Today, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced funds will be made available to promote racial and geographic equity in the COVID-19 response. DHS was awarded \$27 million by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to combat inequities related to COVID-19 infection, illness, and death, including \$9 million dedicated to rural communities. In a separate appropriation, an additional \$13 million in funding has been set aside to continue the Vaccine Community Outreach grant program, which funds organizations

across Wisconsin to increase vaccinations by serving as trusted messengers within their communities, build vaccine confidence, and reduce barriers that hinder vaccine access for marginalized or underserved populations.

"Communities of color are bearing the brunt of this pandemic, which has exacerbated existing health disparities in Wisconsin," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. "Racism and systemic barriers, including lack of access to quality health care, job opportunities, housing, and transportation, have made these Wisconsinites more vulnerable to COVID-19. With these investments in our communities, we can support a just recovery, and address the broader structures and conditions that promote health so that everyone in our state has an opportunity to thrive."

As part of this initiative, DHS announces "Mobilizing Communities for a Just Response" — a grant program that seeks to support Wisconsin's local and tribal health departments and nonprofits in addressing health inequities and the broader consequences of the COVID-19-pandemic. Agencies and organizations located within rural areas or serving rural communities to advance equity and remove barriers to health are encouraged to apply. With \$3 million to distribute to organizations, Mobilizing Communities for a Just Response seeks to decrease rates of infection, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19 among underserved communities in Wisconsin. The Request for Applications (RFA) is available. To learn more about this \$27 million grant and for additional funding opportunities,

visit our Health Disparities Grant webpage.

"I'm proud of our vaccine program has been a national leader in getting available shots in arms and that we've now vaccinated more than 3 million Wisconsinites," said Governor Evers. "Getting the vaccine is an essential part of our state's economic recovery, and it's also key to our efforts to make sure everyone in our communities bounce back, especially folks who've been disproportionately affected by this pandemic."

Earlier this year, DHS awarded \$6.2 million in "Vaccine Community Outreach" grants to one hundred organizations across Wisconsin. Organizations ranged from community-based organizations to local and tribal health departments, school districts, and health systems. The application period for new

applicants is October 12 to November 14. Organizations that engage in work to reduce socioeconomic or health inequities across Wisconsin are encouraged to apply. Applicants that demonstrate a commitment to addressing COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and minimizing accessibility issues will be prioritized. Current or previous grant recipients will have until October 25 to reapply.

Both of these grants are funded through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

For up-to-date information about Wisconsin's COVID-19 response, visit the DHS COVID-19 webpage. You can also follow @DHSWI on Facebook, Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram for more information on COVID-19.

President Biden issues first-ever proclamation for Indigenous Peoples' Day

Friday, October 8, 2021

Reprint from Indianz.Com

President Joe Biden is making history with the first-ever White House proclamation on Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The proclamation was issued on Friday morning, ahead of the observation of Indigenous Peoples' Day across the nation on October 11. In the document, Biden highlights the need for the United States government to live up to its trust and treaty responsibilities amid centuries of failures.

"Our country was conceived on a promise of equality and

opportunity for all people — a promise that, despite the extraordinary progress we have made through the years, we have never fully lived up to," Biden states. "That is especially true when it comes to upholding the rights and dignity of the Indigenous people who were here long before colonization of the Americas began."

"For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. Today, we recognize Indigenous peoples' resilience and strength as well

as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society," the president continues. "We also recommit to supporting a new, brighter future of promise and equity for Tribal Nations — a future grounded in Tribal sovereignty and respect for the human rights of Indigenous people in the Americas and around the world."

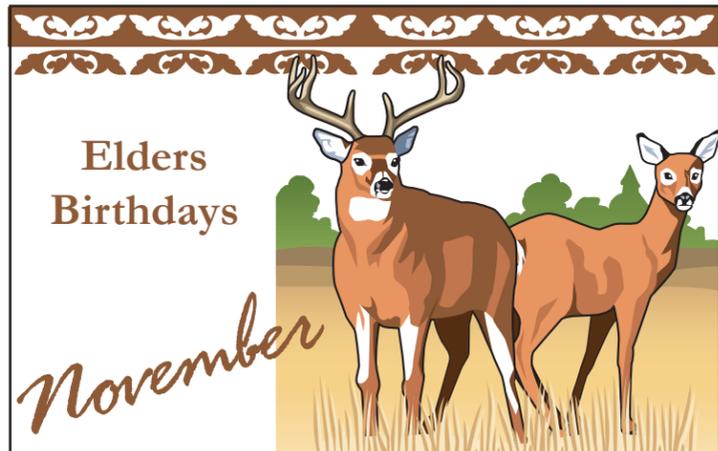
Despite the historic words, the White House is continuing a long tradition of observing Columbus Day. But in a separate proclamation, issued about a half-hour after the

one for Indigenous Peoples' Day, Biden calls attention to the mistreatment suffered by Native peoples following the exploration undertaken by Christopher Columbus, who never set foot in the present-day U.S.

"Today, we also acknowledge the painful history of wrongs and atrocities that many European explorers inflicted on Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities. It is a measure of our greatness as a Nation that we do not seek to bury these shameful episodes of our past — that we face them honestly, we bring

them to the light, and we do all we can to address them," the second proclamation reads. "For Native Americans, western exploration ushered in a wave of devastation: violence perpetrated against Native communities, displacement and theft of Tribal homelands, the introduction and spread of disease, and more."

"On this day, we recognize this painful past and recommit ourselves to investing in Native communities, upholding our solemn and sacred commitments to Tribal sovereignty. *Continued on Page 10*



Elders Birthdays
November

1 Violet Gardiner	15 Alvin Greengrass
Inez Littlegeorge	Gregory Johnson
Dawn Littlejohn-Gohre	Lois Lonetree
2 Stanley Decorah	Davey Lowe
Roger Garlow	Janet McKee
Cleo Goodbear	16 Jeffrey Ranta
Ruth Whitehorse Burns	Richard Walker
3 Wesley Brockhaus	17 Lorrie Lungstrum
Kerry Funmaker	Jo Ann Maney
Christian Mach	Margaret Pardini
4 Edward Decorah	Shirley Petersen
Carol Garvin	Robert Whitewing
Dale Littlejohn	18 Mary Jo Brooks Hunter
Gertrude Rusu	Anna Leonard
Anthony Whitehorse	Daniel Sine
5 Christine Romano	19 Phillip Blackhawk
6 Lorna Loken	Karen Michel
Clayton Lonetree	20 Gail Funmaker
Georgia Oltman	Johnny Smith, Sr.
7 Leona Davenport	21 Sharon Johnson
Maureen Kachnowski	Robert Mudd
Kirk Matcha	Robert Yellowbank
8 Carol Reise	22 Betsy Falcon
9 Rosemarie Adams	Dale Lonetree
Stanley Blackdeer	Errol Whitewing
William Kemp	23 Randall Mann
Sandra Lanier	Annie Winneshiek
Sandra Winneshiek	Martin Yellowbank
10 Delphine Blackcoon	24 Elena Greendeer
Barbara Goodbear	Elizabeth Houle
Michael Greengrass	Kenneth Smith
Thomas Hopinkah	Muriel Swan
Bryon Lonetree	25 Mary Anwash
Christine Webster-Steele	Louise Redcloud
11 Ruth Denny	Carol Smith
David Hammer	27 Sheryl Cook
Rosetta Hunt	Nadine Houghton
Charlotte Tipton	Leah La Mere
13 Regina Lowe	28 Ida Ermenc
14 Gerald Blackhawk	Joseph Gleason
Geraldine Blackhawk	Myrtle Long
Scott Rabyor	29 Kenneth Funmaker, Jr.
	Leola Rockman
	30 Kevin Knudsen
	Jo Deen Lowe

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State agencies offer resources to protect Wisconsinites from online threats

WisDOT and DATCP partner on cybersecurity awareness podcast

October 13, 2021

For more information, contact: WisDOT Office of Public Affairs 608-266-3581, opa.exec@dot.wi.gov

During National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) team up for a podcast to help Wisconsinites protect themselves online. The latest episode of "Transportation Connects Us" explores internet threats and the resources available to residents and businesses for dealing with them.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) oversees driver licenses, ID cards, vehicle titles and license plates, among other important pieces of personal information. Director of the DMV Bureau of Driver Services, Reggie Paradowski, explains how the agency safeguards customer information. This includes a DMV online notification service called eNotify, which sends electronic notifications to customers.

"The added safety component is that customers that sign up for eNotify, receive an alert by email or text when DMV products are ordered or changed. Any kind of change to a record, you're going to get a text or email that could alert you to a fraud activity," Paradowski said.

Paradowski shares more tips for DMV customers, like:

- Wisconsin DMV will never ask for customer credit card numbers or social security numbers by email, phone, or text.
- Be sure to use the official Wisconsin DMV website - wisconsin.dmv.gov and be aware that websites that end in .com, .net, or .org likely charge extra fees.

"We're seeing an uptick in the number of fraud complaints and an uptick in the people actually being defrauded of money and it's quite a lot," Lara Sutherlin, Wisconsin DATCP Division of Trade and Consumer Protection Administrator, said in the podcast.

Sutherlin explains how some of the most common scams work and offers tips to help you avoid getting tangled in one of them, like:

- Be mindful of the types of personal information you post on social media.
- Don't click on links in suspicious emails and texts.
- Ensure all your internet connected devices are up to date with the most recent software to prevent the risk of infection from malware.

"Transportation Connect Us" is a podcast series produced by WisDOT which focuses on transportation safety, engineering, transportation investments and DMV topics. Download or subscribe wherever you find your podcasts.

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Gov. Evers Signs Executive Order on Indigenous Peoples Day Issuing Formal Acknowledgement, Apology for State's Historical Role in Indian Boarding Schools

Governor's order expresses support for federal investigations into Indian boarding schools

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ONEIDA — Gov. Tony Evers on Indigenous Peoples Day today signed Executive Order #136 issuing a formal acknowledgement and apology for Wisconsin's historical role in Indian boarding schools. The governor's order also includes a formal declaration of support for the U.S. Department of Interior investigation announced earlier this year and requesting any investigations in Wisconsin be undertaken in consultation with Wisconsin's Native Nations.

For more than a century between the 1860s and 1970s, the U.S. federal government induced and coerced thousands of Native American children from their families and homes, placing them into boarding schools funded by

the U.S. government operated by the government and religious organizations. Estimates indicate thousands of children were forced to attend day and boarding schools across the country. Residential schools sought to force assimilation of Native American children by isolating them from their cultural identities, punishing them for speaking their native language or practicing their traditions, prohibiting them from wearing traditional clothing, and requiring children to cut their hair. Investigators condemned conditions in the boarding schools in 1928 as "grossly inadequate," and, in 1969, as "sterile, impersonal and rigid, with a major focus on discipline and punishment."

Available records indicate there were at least 10 day and boarding schools operated in Wisconsin where thousands of Native children attended, while hundreds of children

from Wisconsin were sent to attend out-of-state boarding schools in places like Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Virginia. Lack of available and reliable documentation presents challenges for understanding the full scope and effects of boarding schools in Wisconsin and across the U.S. Nevertheless, the residential schools have had intergenerational effects on Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities, including emotional trauma and culture and language loss, among many other long-lasting, negative consequences.

"As a state, we share responsibility for acknowledging the pain inflicted on Tribal communities historically and even still today. We also have a moral obligation to pursue the truth and to bring these injustices to light in Wisconsin and across our country because that understanding and acknowledgment is es-

sential for accountability and healing," said Gov. Evers. "We recognize the trauma inflicted on Native families and communities and the loss of language, culture, and identity and the intergenerational effects these facilities had and still have while honoring the resilience and contributions of Indigenous people to our state and our country."

Gov. Evers' announcement today comes as earlier this year as the remains of more than 1,300 students were discovered in Canada at residential school sites. Following the initial discovery, U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and member of the Pueblo of Laguna announced a Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative to comprehensively review historical records and legacy of U.S. boarding school policies.

Today marks the third time Wisconsin has celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day, first

recognized in 2019 when Gov. Evers signed Executive Order #50 to recognize the day annually on the second Monday in October. A proclamation for Indigenous Peoples Day is available here.

Wisconsin is home to eleven federally-recognized Native Nations and one federally unrecognized nation, including Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa Community Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St Croix Chippewa Tribe of Wisconsin, Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Tribe, and Brothertown Indian Nation.

Creating a Separation Plan and Preparedness Kit

StrongHearts Native Helpline

It has been a long time coming, but you've made up your mind. It's time to escape a life of domestic and sexual violence and leave an abusive partner. You're scared and for good reason. Danger increases when leaving an abusive partner because they often lash out to regain control over their partner. It is imperative that you carefully navigate the following process.

You are the best judge of your own safety. Consider a safety plan — a personalized, practical plan that includes ways to remain safe while

in an abusive relationship, planning to leave or after you leave. Safety plans can be continuously updated, even if you return to a partner that is **abusive**.

Separation Plan

A separation plan can help you to safely leave an abusive partner. A preparedness kit contains documents, clothing and comfort items needed to stay away from home for an extended period of time. Once you complete your separation plan and preparedness kit, be sure to keep any documentation of them in an accessible but secure location and/or consider storing them with a

trusted friend, family member or advocate.

The Escape Route

The important first step to creating a separation plan is being mindful of your surroundings and to plan an escape route from any room in the home. You may also want to identify alternate routes to the grocery store, school and/or work. Practice using escape routes regularly. When tensions are starting to escalate, plan to do the following:

- Try to be in a room close to an exit and/or plan an escape route from any room in the home.
- Look for potential exits

through windows and practice using them.

- Stay away from the kitchen where the abuser has access to weapons.
- Stay away from bathrooms, closets, or small spaces where the abuser can trap you.
- If the violence escalates, call for help! Call 911, a close relative, friend or neighbor.

Assemble a Preparedness Kit

When assembling a preparedness kit, pack a bag with a change of clothes for you (and your children) and include comfort items. Store the preparedness kit outside of the home either with a trusted neighbor, friend or relative or keep it in a secret location where you can safely retrieve it. Important documents can be included or stored separately.

Important documents include:

- Identification
 - Tribe-issued enrollment card
 - Driver's License or State ID
 - School ID(s)
 - Passport(s)
 - Social security card(s)
 - Birth certificate(s)
- Health insurance card(s)
- Copy of Protection/Restraining Order
 - Marriage, divorce and custody papers
 - Vehicle registration and insurance
 - Lease or rental agreements

Important items include:

- A change of clothes for you (and your child)
- An extra cell phone and/or cell phone charger
- Extra set of house and car keys
- Medication (e.g., asthma inhaler, insulin, Epi-Pen)
- Cash or ATM card
- Personal items such as your medicines, smudge and sentimental items
- Comfort items such as a favorite stuffed animal, blankets and baby supplies (formula, diapers, and wipes).

There Is Hope

There is hope in planning to leave an abusive relationship. You can escape violence. You can call for help. StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 to support all victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence regardless of relationship status, gender identity or sexual preference. To speak with an advocate: Call or Text 1-844 672-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org

Other resources include: National Domestic Violence Hotline: Call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY). Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women: Call 1-888-7HELPLINE (1-888-743-5754). The National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: Call 1-866-331-9474 or 1-866-331-8453 (TTY).

Preparedness kit adapted from information from The National Domestic Violence Hotline.



VAX on Ho-Chunk Nation Employee Paystubs

Submitted by Kimberly Waukau
Payroll Manager, Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department

Treasury has been receiving a number of calls regarding the VAX payment notation on the pay stubs. Please be advised that we use a single pay code for all employee related COVID RELIEF items, and we do change that pay code description based on the payment being issued at the

current time.

To date this calendar year, there were two types of COVID relief payments to employees—the \$500 payment issued to employees who worked through the pandemic, and the \$500 payment issued under the VAX4500 program. The amount in the year-to-date column indicates VAX in the description, and should be the total received for employee related COVID relief.

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son County. Occasionally, elk can roam beyond these areas so it is important for deer hunters statewide to be sure of their target.

Observations of elk outside of the management zones, or moose can be reported to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources through the Large Mammal Observation Form.

Hunters should follow all firearm safety rules and be sure of their target and what is beyond it. Positively identifying the target ensures the safety of other people and avoids the accidental shooting of non-target animals.



Don't shoot an elk during gun deer season. Know your target. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR & iStock/rogertrentham



**HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

October 14, 2021

Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program - Help Is Still Available

The Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program (WERA) provides up to 15 months of assistance with current or overdue bills to help households that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic avoid eviction. More than 15,000 Wisconsinites have already received help with rent and utilities statewide. Even with the end of the moratorium on evictions, help is still available for eligible households through WISCAP agencies and Energy Services. The program is funded by the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program and administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

Additional information about the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program is available here: <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/WERA.aspx>



Wisconsin Help for Homeowners - Coming Soon

The Wisconsin Help for Homeowners (WHH) program is currently under development, aiming to provide \$92.7 million in grants to owner-occupied households who have experienced a COVID-19 related financial hardship, based on income level. Eligible types of expenses under this program may include: mortgage and interest payments, real estate taxes, condominium and association fees. Vacation homes, rentals, cabins, and second homes are ineligible for assistance through WHH.

Once approved by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, WHH will be funded through the federal homeowner assistance fund program established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

For more information and to view public hearing recordings, visit: <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/Homeowner-Assistance.aspx> or homeownerhelp.wisconsin.gov.

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HEATING ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Applications available at HHCDA.com/forms

Ways to submit your application:

- Email to covid19chaps@ho-chunk.com
- Fax to 608.374.1251 or 608.374.1270
- Mail to HHCDA, P.O. Box 730, Tomah, WI 54660
- Hand deliver to 1102 East Monowau St. Tomah, WI 54660

Questions can be directed to HHCDA at 800.236.2260 or 608.374.1245 ask for the COVID-19 Programs Coordinator

Please be aware that only the applicant and co-applicant will be able to call in or check the status of the application!

REMINDER:

All supporting documents for fall 2021 scholarship consideration must be received by the November 1st midterm deadline.

Files completed after that date will be placed on hold until the end of the term. Students must then submit an official transcript that shows satisfactory academic progress (2.5 GPA or better).



For more information, email: higher.education@ho-chunk.com

Madison Public Library Welcomes First Native American Storyteller-in-Residence

Madison Public Library, in collaboration with Ho-Chunk Gaming, is launching a Storyteller-in-Residence program with events taking place through December 18, 2021. The residency is called "Ho-Chunk Through Story: The Origin, The Wayz, and The Life" and will be led by Ho-Chunk Nation storyteller and tribal member Andi Cloud.

"I am happy and honored to be selected as the first indigenous storyteller-in-residence," said Cloud. "I think this residency is vital, and a great way to celebrate culture in

our state. My hope is for the community, young and old, to embrace and engage in Ho-Chunk culture and life."

Andi has a variety of interactive storytelling and creative learning opportunities for all ages, including art workshops, activity kits, outdoor story walks, digital stories, exhibits, and more across the city. There are lots of ways to participate, celebrate, and learn - both in-person and virtually.

See upcoming events and learn more at madpl.org/storyteller/



Alvena Foss

September 05, 1922 - October 16, 2021



Alvena Foss Nizumani, age 99 of Baraboo, WI walked on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Sauk County Health Care Center, Reedsburg, WI. Alvena was a bear clan member.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. at Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells with Marlon WhiteEagle officiating.

Visitation will be held at Native American Church on Tuesday from 10 to 12 Noon. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Alvena was born September 5, 1922 in Reedsburg, Wisconsin the daughter of John and Kate (Thunder) Miner. Alvena grew up in Mauston and attended the Neillsville & Tomah boarding schools. Alvena raised her family in LaCrosse and the Twin Cities. A dedicated lifelong member of NAC, Alvena was a woman of faith and supported the church wherever she lived. Alvena also enjoyed traveling, powwows, and going to casinos. Her quiet strength, gentle humor, and abiding love will be missed by all.

Alvena is survived by her husband Donald Foss, sister Helen Miner-Miller, son Albert Ralph III (Christine) Yellowthunder, grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Alvena was preceded in death by her parents John and Kate Miner, brother Vilas Miner, sisters Wanda and Verona Decorah, sons Dexter Yellowthunder and Matthew Foss, as well as her daughter Barbara Twobears.

Funeral Service
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
12:00 PM
Native American Church
N881 Highway 12 & 16
Wisconsin Dells, WI
53965

You're Invited to a
HALLOWEEN

Drive Thru

October 29, 2021
Andrew Blackhawk Post 129 Parking Lot
W9800 Airport Road
Black River Falls, Wisconsin
1:00 pm-4:00 pm
More info call (715) 284-2658
Sponsored by Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department, Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency, Family Services Program Life Skills and Ho-Chunk Community Health

Frieda JC Breum

Frieda Josetta Crow-Breum, Si Cati Wiga, (Paws Are Visible) 76, of Sioux City passed into the Spirit World Friday October 8, 2021. She passed away peacefully in her sleep at home.

Services were held on Tuesday October 12, 2021 at the Urban Native Center in Sioux City with Mr. Terry Medina officiating. Burial was held in the Winnebago Cemetery in Winnebago, Nebraska. Arrangements were under the direction of Winnebago Wake and Burial Program.

Frieda was born October 9th, 1945, to Josephine (Brown) and Norris Daniel Crow in Winnebago, Nebraska. She was raised in the South Bottoms of Sioux City. She was the eldest of her mother's six children.

She attended Central High School, NICC, Briar Cliff and Morningside College. She previously worked at Zenith, The American Indian Center, and the Winnebago Indian Health Service in administration as a finance officer. Frieda loved participating in sports and got into various leagues such as baseball, bowling, softball and volleyball. She belonged to the Bear Clan and was very proud of her Native American heritage, being enrolled as a full-blooded member of the Winnebago tribe.

Frieda married Donald Breum and was blessed with two children. Frieda and Donnie loved each other very much and were together nearly 60 years. They made their home in Sioux City and lived in the same house

for over 40 years. They both loved boating, camping, traveling and going to the casinos.

Frieda was the matriarch of her whole family. She extended her love not only to her own children and grandchildren, but also to her siblings' children and grandchildren. She offered support in almost every way to the whole family. She was the rock the family could lean on and the glue that held the family together. She was a true original and gave firm love but had a warm loving personality. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, auntie, relative and friend.

Survivors include her son Steve (Lisa) Crow of Oregon and her daughter Dorothy (Jose V.) Breum of Sioux

City, her grandchildren Tony, Megan, Alex, Natalya, Tehya and Tyrell, nine great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She preceded in death by her husband Donnie, her parents; Norris Daniel and Josephine Brown-Crow; brothers, Daniel and John Crow; sisters, Helen Crow-John, Jeanne Yellowbank-Roberts, Judy Yellowbank-Big Eagle, and Elizabeth Crow-Robertson.

Active pallbearers were John Big Eagle Jr., Isaac Yellowbank, Andrew Crow, Dawson Big Eagle, Anthony Yellowbank, Tony Crow, Colin Crow, and Todd Lund.

Honorary pallbearers were Faye Houghton, Cheryl Painter, Dorothy DeCora, Louie Houghton, Coly Brown and Lorelei DeCora.



The family would like to thank all relatives and friends for all their help and a special thank you to Frieda's granddaughter Natalya Breum for taking care of Frieda.

Peggy Lee Crowley

January 17, 1950 - October 4, 2021

Peggy L. Crowley, 71 of La Crosse passed away Monday, October 4, 2021 at



her home.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 130 Losey Blvd S., La Crosse.

For a complete obituary will follow.

Memorial Service Monday, October 11 2021

11:00 AM
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
130 Losey Blvd S
La Crosse, WI 54601

Clifford Tamarack Blackdeer

September 23, 1971 – October 10, 2021

Clifford Blackdeer, age 50, of New Lisbon, WI walked on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. at his residence with Courage Kingswan officiating. Burial will be at the Ca Sep Cemetery in New Lisbon, WI. Visitation will also be held at his residence from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 Noon.

Clifford was born September 23, 1971 in Mauston, Wisconsin the son of Clifford and Neoma (Smith) Blackdeer.

Clifford is survived by

his wife, Tammy; sons, Dakota and Dustin Blackdeer; daughters, Cassie and Carlie Blackdeer; brothers, Virgil Clausen, Ron Rich, Clyde Blackdeer, Stewart Blackdeer; sisters, Berna BigT-hunder, Vicki Ortez, Rose Bird, Juanita Henry, Rosalie Faga, Lonnie Rich, Naomi Rich, Carol Roberts, Sharon Ornellas, Eileen Blackdeer, Lisa Blackdeer; one grandchild, Deana Marie Blackdeer, and many others relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Barb Little-george, Randy Blackdeer Sr., Tim Blackdeer and Ar-mund Blackdeer.

SERVICES
Funeral Service
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

12:00 PM
Visitation will also be held at his residence from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 Noon.



Election Board WebEx Meeting
Saturday, August 28, 2021
HCG – VIP Lounge
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Call to Order by the EB Chairperson Myrna LittleWolf at 12:06 pm

Roll Call:

Crystal Pettibone, BRF
Marsha Smith, Lacrosse
Clariss Funmaker, Baraboo, 12:29p
Valerie Kempen, Milwaukee
Jamie Decorah, Wittenberg, ex
Clarissa Haapala, Green Bay
Jo Ann Maney Chicago

Chris Estebo, Tomah
Cynthia Tack, Wisconsin Dells
Cher Laubmeier, Madison
Bonnie Smith, Wisconsin Rapids
Melanie Roth, Wittenberg, ex
Patrick Red Eagle, Mpls. /St. Paul

EB Staff: Melissa Olvera
EB Counsel: Erik Shircel
Terry Rainey, EAS
Rita Gardner, Enrollment Director by WebEx
Enrollment Staff: Eliza Decorah by WebEx

Quorum Established at 12:06 pm

Opening Prayer: Moment of Silence

Motion: Crystal Pettibone made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 5, 2021 with corrections, Second by Valerie Kempen, 8-0-2 (MS, CH) Motion Carried.

Motion: Crystal Pettibone made a motion to approve the agenda with changes, Second by Cher Laubmeier, 10-0-0 Motion Carried.

Motion: Chris Estebo made a motion to reject two ballots that are undetermined whom the vote was for, Second by Cher Laubmeier, 11-0-0 Motion Carried.

Motion: Cynthia Tack made a motion to accept two ballots that are clear who they voted for, Second by Crystal Pettibone, 11-0-0 Motion Carried.

Motion: Chris Estebo made a motion to accept 248 ballots for the HCN Mail Balloting Special Runoff Election on Thursday, August 26, 2021 dated this date Saturday, August 28, 2021, Second by Clariss Funmaker, 11-0-0 Motion Carried.

Motion: Clariss Funmaker made a motion to certify and Declare Shelby J. Visintin a winner for the Legislature District 3, Seat 2 with 153 votes at 61.69% for the HCN Mail Balloting Special Runoff Election on Thursday, August 26, 2021 dated this date Saturday, August 28, 2021, Second by Crystal Pettibone, 10-0-0 Motion Carried (CH out of the room).

Motion: Crystal Pettibone made a motion to adjourn at 1:44 pm, Second by Clariss Funmaker, 11-0-0 Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by
Myrna LittleWolf
Myrna LittleWolf
EB Chairperson
EB Approved 9/22/21

Suicide and Domestic Violence

StrongHearts Native Helpline

In Indian Country, the abusive tactics of domestic violence have their roots in colonization. Maintaining power and control of one's intimate partner(s) is the objective of the abuser. The abuse can physically harm, arouse fear, prevent a person from acting freely, or force them to behave in ways they do not want. Victim-survivors may feel confused, afraid, angry and/or trapped. They may blame themselves for what is happening. A victim-survivor can develop mental health issues like depression over the course of the relationship, putting them at greater risk for suicide. However, it is important to note that not all victim-survivors are at risk of suicide.

Risk Factors

Reasons for suicide vary, but there are close ties to intergenerational trauma and family violence, medical and/or mental illness and stressful events. Those at the highest risk of suicide fall between the ages of 15 and 24 or over the age of 60.

Some factors that can contribute to the risk of suicide, include:

- Depression and/or other mental health disorders
- Substance Use Disorder
- Family history of mental health disorder, substance use disorder, suicide, family violence
- Being exposed to others' suicidal behavior, such as a relative, peer or celebrity
- Medical illness, including chronic pain
- Stressful life events, such as a job loss, financial prob-

lems, loss of a loved one, a breakup of a relationship, etc.

- Incarceration or recent release from prison or jail
- Having guns in the home

Violence Against Native Women
Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence as well as a high rate of suicide. According to a 2016 report from the National Institute of Justice:

- Native women experience higher levels of violence than other women in the U.S.
- Nearly 84 percent experience violence in their lifetime
- More than a third of women who have been raped have contemplated suicide
- And 13 percent have attempted suicide.

Suicide Rates Increase

For American Indians, colonization is clearly linked to genocide, intergenerational trauma and domestic violence. Our ancestors endured unspeakable crimes committed against them. Those who survived were forced to assimilate while being abused in every manner of violence. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Native Americans also experience PTSD more than twice as often as the general population.

An analysis from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics showed the U.S. suicide rate is up 33 percent since 1999, but for American Indian and Alaska Native women and men, the increase is even greater: **139 percent and 71 percent, re-**

spectively.

Historical disenfranchisement through genocide and institutional racism has resulted in Native Americans experiencing poorer health and socioeconomic outcomes. These social determinants of health intersect to create a situation that is detrimental to the physical and mental health of Indian communities. Cultural disconnection, alienation and pressure to assimilate all contribute to higher rates of suicide among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Native communities experience higher rates of suicide compared to all other racial and ethnic groups in the U.S., with suicide being the eighth leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Natives across all ages. For Native youth ages 10 to 24, suicide is the second leading cause of death; and the Native youth suicide rate is 2.5 times higher than the overall national average, making these rates the highest across all ethnic and racial groups.

Help is Available

If you or someone you know has the warning signs for suicide, get help right away, especially if there is a change in behavior. If it is an emergency, dial 911.

These resources are available for anyone struggling with their mental health:

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for profession-

als. 1-800-273-8255.

Crisis Text Line

A 24/7 text line for those experiencing a painful emotional crisis and who need support. Text 741741.

StrongHearts Native Helpline

A 24/7 domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon on Strongheartshelpline.org.

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Virtual Public Hearing – Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Division

3 – Year Plan 2022-2024

Wednesday, October 27th 2021

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join from the meeting link

<https://ho-chunk.webex.com/ho-chunk/j.php?MTID=m3cc3d933b11f63488e727660f1fa4b7c>

Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): 2488 998 8897

Meeting password: WvqHTiXv436

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

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Global call-in numbers

Join from a video system or application

Dial 24889988897@ho-chunk.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join using Microsoft Lync or Microsoft Skype for Business

Dial 24889988897.ho-chunk@lync.webex.com



Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

Election Board Member Report
October 2021

This report includes a summary of the Election Board Office. The Election Board Office is open Monday through Thursday, 8am – 4:30pm, and closed on Friday. Office Administrator is helping out DOJ answer phones 2 times out of the month, all calls will be transferred when I am not in the office. Thank you.

Swearing/Oath was held through virtual on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

Will be posting D2 and EB Chairperson for Vacancy in October, need to be posted 30 days prior. In November you will electing D2, Election Board Delegate and Alternate, there terms will start in January 2022 and for the Election Board Chairperson, will have to submit a letter and be voted by the Election Board Members in January 2022. There are no meetings scheduled for October 2021.

Election Board Meetings

08/28/2021 EB Meeting – Ratified
09/22/2021 EB Meeting – Not Ratified

NEXT SCHEDULED ELECTION BOARD MEETING

Election Board Training
Sunday, November 14, 2021
(TBA)
Due to the pandemic
Cisco/WebEx Conference Call

If you have specific questions, please follow up with your Election Board Delegate, Alternate or call the Election Board Office 715-284-8900 or the EB Chairperson Myrna LittleWolf at 715/326-1028.

All Tribal Members be safe and get vaccinated.

NOTE: ELECTION BOARD MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.



HO-CHUNK NATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Proclamation
Indigenous Peoples' Day 2021

October 11, 2021

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, October 11, 2021, our Ho-Chunk Nation honors the instrumental contributions and resilience of all indigenous people.

For generations, government policies attempted to assimilate and displace Native people and eliminate Native cultures. Today, we recognize how the indigenous peoples have survived despite enormous obstacles and the contributions they have made to society.

The people of the Ho-Chunk Nation are committed to a brighter future of all people and for a respect for people of all races and ethnicities.

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, the Ho-Chunk Nation honors America's first inhabitants and the tribal nations that continue to thrive today. We encourage everyone to celebrate and recognize the many Indigenous communities and cultures that make up our great country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARLON E. WHITEEAGLE, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2021, as Indigenous Peoples' Day. I call upon the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities and respect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I proclaim this proclamation on the eleventh day of October, in the year two thousand twenty-one.

Marlon E. WhiteEagle

MaxiSkaHanazi
Ho-Chunk Nation President

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HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

October 11, 2021

Vice President Karena Thundercloud on Indigenous Peoples Day 2021

On this Indigenous Peoples Day, I'd like to recognize our Nation's employees. The work that you do every day contributes to our success. The success of our businesses is directly correlated to the budgets of our programs and the investment in our people.

This year, the Legislature revised the ERA and added a holiday to recognize the people that built the foundation of our tribal government. We now have an institution that protects our children, serves our elders, promotes healthy living, and educates our future. Each day that we work and for every person that we serve, we are honoring the accomplishments of all those who worked for this Nation in the past.

The basis of Indigenous Peoples day is to continue an education on the effects of colonialism and systemic racism, beginning with defective treaties and addressing healthcare disparities. Our ancestors have been resilient though modest. The sacrifices and triumphs of our parents and grandparents are my inspiration for serving with dignity and respect.

When we work together, we can be assured that our Nation's future will be strong and vibrant. It's a great day to be Indigenous.

Thank you.

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HO-CHUNK NATION PHARMACIES
will be
CLOSED
Thursday
Oct 28, 2021
For our Annual Meeting

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR MEDICATION REQUESTS AND PICKUPS

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

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

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ty, and pursuing a brighter future centered on dignity, respect, justice, and opportunity for all people," Biden states.

The text of both proclamations can be found below.

A Proclamation on Indigenous Peoples' Day, 2021

Since time immemorial, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians have built vibrant and diverse cultures — safeguarding land, language, spirit, knowledge, and tradition across the generations. On Indigenous Peoples' Day, our Nation celebrates the invaluable contributions and resilience of Indigenous peoples, recognizes their inherent sovereignty, and commits to honoring the Federal Government's trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations.

Our country was conceived on a promise of equality and opportunity for all people — a promise that, despite the extraordinary progress we have made through the years, we have never fully lived up to. That is especially true when it comes to upholding the rights and dignity of the Indigenous people who were here long before colonization of the Americas began. For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. Today, we recognize Indigenous peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society. We also recommit to supporting a new, brighter future of promise and equity for Tribal Nations — a future grounded in Tribal sovereignty and respect for the human rights of Indig-

enous people in the Americas and around the world.

In the first week of my Administration, I issued a memorandum reaffirming our Nation's solemn trust and treaty obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Nations and directed the heads of executive departments and agencies to engage in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal officials. It is a priority of my Administration to make respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance the cornerstone of Federal Indian policy. History demonstrates that Native American people — and our Nation as a whole — are best served when Tribal governments are empowered to lead their communities and when Federal officials listen to and work together with Tribal leaders when formulating Federal policy that affects Tribal Nations.

The contributions that Indigenous peoples have made throughout history — in public service, entrepreneurship, scholarship, the arts, and countless other fields — are integral to our Nation, our culture, and our society. Indigenous peoples have served, and continue to serve, in the United States Armed Forces with distinction and honor — at one of the highest rates of any group — defending our security every day. And Native Americans have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, working essential jobs and carrying us through our gravest moments. Further, in recognition that the pandemic has harmed Indigenous peoples at an alarming and disproportionate rate, Native communities have led the way in connecting people

with vaccination, boasting some of the highest rates of any racial or ethnic group.

The Federal Government has a solemn obligation to lift up and invest in the future of Indigenous people and empower Tribal Nations to govern their own communities and make their own decisions. We must never forget the centuries-long campaign of violence, displacement, assimilation, and terror wrought upon Native communities and Tribal Nations throughout our country. Today, we acknowledge the significant sacrifices made by Native peoples to this country — and recognize their many ongoing contributions to our Nation.

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, we honor America's first inhabitants and the Tribal Nations that continue to thrive today. I encourage everyone to celebrate and recognize the many Indigenous communities and cultures that make up our great country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2021, as Indigenous Peoples' Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I also direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings on the appointed day in honor of our diverse history and the Indigenous peoples who contribute to shaping this Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two

hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

A Proclamation on Columbus Day, 2021

More than 500 years ago, after securing the support of Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand II, Christopher Columbus launched the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria from the coast of Spain in 1492. While he intended to end his quest in Asia, his 10-week journey instead landed him on the shores of the Bahamas, making Columbus the first of many Italian explorers to arrive in what would later become known as the Americas.

Many Italians would follow his path in the centuries to come, risking poverty, starvation, and death in pursuit of a better life. Today, millions of Italian Americans continue to enrich our country's traditions and culture and make lasting contributions to our Nation — they are educators, health care workers, scientists, first responders, military service members, and public servants, among so many other vital roles.

Today, we also acknowledge the painful history of wrongs and atrocities that many European explorers inflicted on Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities. It is a measure of our greatness as a Nation that we do not seek to bury these shameful episodes of our past — that we face them honestly, we bring them to the light, and we do all we can to address them. For Native Americans, western exploration ushered in a wave of devastation: violence perpetrated against Native communities, displacement and theft of Tribal homelands, the introduction and spread

of disease, and more. On this day, we recognize this painful past and recommit ourselves to investing in Native communities, upholding our solemn and sacred commitments to Tribal sovereignty, and pursuing a brighter future centered on dignity, respect, justice, and opportunity for all people.

In commemoration of Christopher Columbus's historic voyage 529 years ago, the Congress, by joint resolution of April 30, 1934, and modified in 1968 (36 U.S.C. 107), as amended, has requested the President proclaim the second Monday of October of each year as "Columbus Day." Today, let this day be one of reflection — on America's spirit of exploration, on the courage and contributions of Italian Americans throughout the generations, on the dignity and resilience of Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities, and on the work that remains ahead of us to fulfill the promise of our Nation for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2021, as Columbus Day. I direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings on the appointed day in honor of our diverse history and all who have contributed to shaping this Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

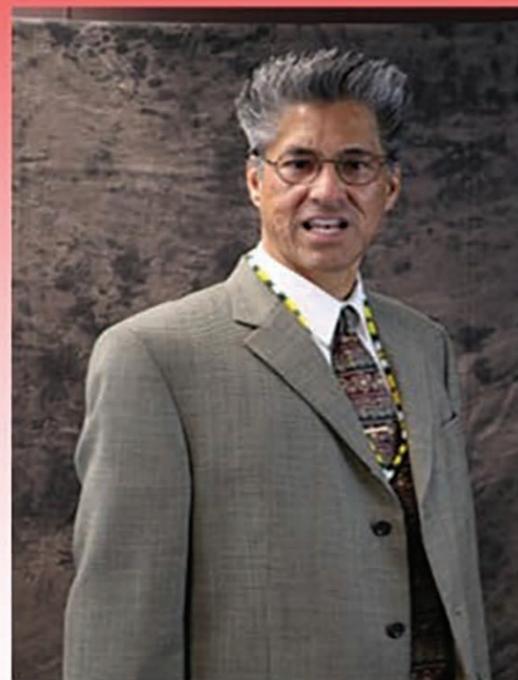
Sallaway nominated for Executive Director of Administration

President Marlon WhiteEagle formally nominated Michael J. Sallaway for the position of Executive Director of the Department of Administration.

President WhiteEagle made the announcement on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Sallaway is presently the Office of the President Executive Administrative Officer.

Sallaway will assume the duties of Acting Executive Director of the Department of Administration until his nomination comes before the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.



Michael J. Sallaway

Protect Yourself and Loved Ones from the Flu

October 14, 2021
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 Contact:
 Miranda Greenwold
 Director of Marketing and
 Community Relations
 711 West Adams St.

Black River Falls, WI
 54615
 Phone: (715)284-1337
 Email: greenwoldm@brmh.net
 Influenza, also known as the flu, is a very contagious respiratory illness caused by a virus. As fall and winter ap-

proach, Black River Health-care Clinic and Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) typically see an increase in patients with influenza, some needing hospitalization. Those that are more at-risk include the elderly and the very young as they may have a weaker immune system.

Sometimes, it is hard to tell the difference between a cold and the flu. Cold symptoms can include having a stuffy head, runny nose, coughing, and headaches. The flu includes fever/chills, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, and extreme fatigue. Tests can be

done within the first few days to confirm whether you have a cold or the flu. If you are experiencing symptoms such as a fever over 100 degrees, vomiting, or diarrhea, call your health care provider. There are medications you can take to help
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Ho-Chunk Nation
 Department of Natural Resources
"Preserving Ho-Chunk traditions through land and natural resource management."

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=8b0c5f865996406caef9a05d8b6fd1f99>. 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>

Hunting Regulations and Season Dates
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/regulations>

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>

P. O. Box 667, W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615



HO-CHUNK HOUSING HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

GOT HOME REPAIRS THAT NEEDS FIXING?

ARPA- HIP grant is here!
 HOP will begin accepting applications
Monday October 11, 2021
 "no early apps will be accepted"
FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL 608-374-1225
 VISIT HO-CHUNK HOUSING: [HTTPS://HO-CHUNKNATION.COM/GOVERNMENT/EXECUTIVE-BRANCH/HOUSING/](https://ho-chunknation.com/government/executive-branch/housing/)
ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT OUR OFFICE:
 HO-CHUNK HOUSING
 27374 HWY 21 EAST BLD 5 & BLD 1 TOMAH, WI 54660
 MAIL TO: P.O. BOX 170 TOMAH, WI 54660
 OR
 EMAIL: HOUSINGHOP@HO-CHUNK.COM

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

- Roof repair
- HVAC repairs
- 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.




COVID-19 PFIZER VACCINE

What is the difference between Pfizer booster doses and Pfizer additional doses?

Primary series, additional doses, and booster doses all use the same vaccines. The titles are different so people know who needs another dose and why.

Booster doses	Additional doses
 For certain populations at higher risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19	 For <u>moderately to severely immunocompromised</u> people, 12 years or older
 6 months after completion of primary series of Pfizer vaccine	 28 days after last dose of primary series
 Pfizer vaccine only	 Pfizer or Moderna vaccine only
 To increase protection after it may have decreased over time in those at higher risk	 To protect people who may not have built strong immunity after initial series

Booster doses are important as we work to stay ahead of the virus and keep us safe. People who are unvaccinated are still the most vulnerable to COVID-19.

Find a COVID-19 Vaccine: Search vaccines.gov, call 211, or text your ZIP code to 438829 to find locations near you.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
 N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
 Black River Falls, WI 54615
 Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150

House of Wellness
 S2845 White Eagle Rd
 Baraboo, WI 53913
 Ph. 888-552-7889 FAX 608-355-9643

Protect yourself and your baby from COVID-19. Get vaccinated.



- COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people 12 years and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant, or might become pregnant in the future.
- The benefits of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine outweigh any known or potential risks of vaccination during pregnancy.
- There is currently no evidence that any vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines, cause problems trying to get pregnant.
- COVID-19 vaccination in people who are pregnant or breastfeeding builds antibodies that might protect their baby.

Ask your provider about the COVID-19 vaccine.

cdc.gov/coronavirus




Indigenous Pink

Breast Health

1 in 8 women will get breast cancer in their lifetime

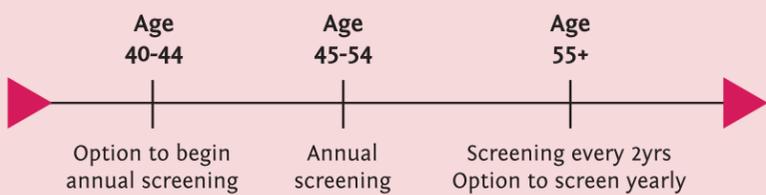
Increased Risks

- GENETICS**
Inherited DNA changes in genes
- GENDER**
Being female
- FAMILY HISTORY**
Mother, sister, daughter has had breast cancer
- BREAST DENSITY**
High density breasts
- AGE**
Getting older

CONTACT YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IF YOU HAVE ONE OR MORE OF THESE RISKS

Breast cancer usually has no symptoms when the tumor is small and most treatable.

Screening Guidelines/Recommendations



TALK TO YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ABOUT WHEN SCREENING IS BEST FOR YOU.



HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



FOR IMMEDIATE MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: October 11, 2021

CONTACT: Kiana Beaudin, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Health Officer, 715-284-9851

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health is offering a \$500 cash incentive to all vaccine eligible tribal members and employees who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by November 1st. The Department of Health has received questions regarding the needed documentation AND processing time related to the VAX 4 \$500 incentive. Important reminders include:

- Processing will take approximately 4-6 weeks to be complete IF the application is completed and all documents are submitted. Processing could take longer if application is incomplete or documents are missing.
- Application form should be completely filled out and signed. If an incomplete application is submitted the applicant will be contacted and will be required to resubmit all documents.
- Employees must include a copy of employment badge OR an informational sheet from the time keeper system that indicates the employee name, employee number and department.
- Ho-Chunk Tribal members must submit a tribal ID OR CDIB OR enrollment certificate OR Legacy payment check stub. Tribal ID can be expired.
- Copy of your CDC Vaccine Card or printout from WI (or other state) Immunization Registry must be attached.
- The incentive program was impacted by the IT disruption and continues to work through these issues.

To apply, the application will be online at health.ho-chunk.com and submit your documentation in ONE email to vax4500@ho-chunk.com, or apply in-person at Ho-Chunk Health Care Center, HOW, or your local branch office. Questions can be answered by calling the VAX 4 \$500 hotline at 715-284-9851 ext. 35072.

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Black River Falls, WI 54615

Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150

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Baraboo, WI 53913

Ph. 888-552-7889 FAX 608-355-9643

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

W8801 Thunderchief Lane, Black River Falls, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: Lot 16 of Ho-Chunk Nation Trust property known as Sand Pillow East, BIA Tract# 439 T 2158 located within the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ Section 4, 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 22, 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.

Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP # 2021DWS03

Multi Function Print Devices

c/o Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department-Procurement Division
Attn: Dakota Walton-Smith, CPPB
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho-Chunk Nation is inviting sealed proposals for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Request for Proposal document and submit proposals.

Sealed bids must be submitted by **2:00 PM CST on November 4, 2021.** Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at <https://ho-chunknation.com/procurement-opportunities/>. Search on the bid number and bid title.

Please call Dakota Walton-Smith at 800-779-2873, Ext. 11234 or Steven Sallaway at 800-779-2873, Ext. 11316 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this 22nd day of October, 2021.

Dakota Walton-Smith, CPPB
Procurement Manager
Ho-Chunk Nation

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids/RFP's

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
HENRY OWEN SWAN

Amended

Notice of Hearing on
Petition for Probate

Case No. PR21-07

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- A Petition for Probate was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth 9/29/1933 and date of death 7/14/2021 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6575 Leucht Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615.
- The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
None
- The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Lowe on (Date) Nov. 16, 2021 (Time) 10AM.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

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.

Mary Thuncker
Mary Thuncker
Notary Public or Typed
9-9-21
Date

DO NOT PRINT the following text when publishing this notice.

* 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 *

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 Hocak Worak, for three (3) consecutive issues. See 8 HCC § 13.65a(2).

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.

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.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act Ho-Chunk Member, Larry V. Garvin & Sadie J. Garvin, have submitted a Request for Title for permanent improvements located at:

W8844 Decorah Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: Lot 22 of Ho-Chunk Nation Trust property known as Indian Mission, BIA Tract# 439 T 2016 located within the NW ¼ Section 33, Township 22 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 22, 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.

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HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
OCTOBER 5, 2021

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-EX
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P

Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
Rep. Darren Brinegar-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:03 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-September 21, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 21, 2021 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting-September 29, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the September 29, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy did not respond during vote count.*

Committee Reports:

Housing Committee-September 23, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the September 23, 2021 Housing Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Development Committee-September 28, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 28, 2021 Development Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy did not respond during vote count.*

Tangle Horn Snowmobile Access

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve drafting a letter similar to the one last year approving access and signed by the Vice President. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy did not respond during vote count.*

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lots # 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 43, 44 and 45 of Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2172 for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to TABLE Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lots # 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 43, 44 and 45 of Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2172 for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy did not respond during vote count.*

Rep. Phyllis Smoke stated she received a phone call from Loa Porter, Acting Planning Director, and discussion needs to take place between the Department of Social Services, Department of Housing, Realty Division, elders in the area and District 1 Reps. regarding these lots in the Wazee Subdivision.

Managed Forest Law-Resolution-Authorization to Change Status of Ho-Chunk Nation Managed Forest Lands in Jackson County from "Open" to "Closed"

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 A**, Resolution-Authorization to Change Status of Ho-Chunk Nation Managed Forest Lands in Jackson County from "Open" to "Closed." Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Committee-September 30, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the September 30, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Per-Capita Declaration for November 1, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 B**, Per-Capita Declaration for November 1, 2021. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-2(Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Robert Pilot)-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Closing of District 4 Community Improvement Capital Project and Funding of District 3 Community Improvement Capital Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 C**, Closing of District 4 Community Improvement Capital Project and Funding of District 3 Community Improvement Capital Project. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-1(Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

Tribal Enrollment Numbers (Standing Agenda Item)-Enrollment Office

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to TABLE Tribal Enrollment Numbers, as no report was provided. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot out of the room.*

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update-(Standing Agenda Item)

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present via video conference. Ms. Beaudin stated that there has been a total of 906 positive COVID-19 cases within the Nation, with 18 positive cases currently and 19 deceased.

Ms. Beaudin stated that the Department of Health is experiencing staffing shortages and an increase demand of COVID-19 testing. Ms. Beaudin mentioned that the COVID-19 test results are still coming back within 24-48 hours. Ms. Beaudin also mentioned that the booster shot has been authorized for the Pfizer vaccine, however, the third dose for Moderna has been authorized for high risk individuals.

Presentations:

First Nations Community Financial (FNCF) Economic Development Survey Results

John Mooers, Blue Stone Strategy Partners President, was present via video conference and overviewed the results from the Economic Development Community Input Survey that FNCF conducted.

Presentations: (Continued)

Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM)

MPM CEO Dr. Ellen Censky and MPM Chief Planning Officer Katie Sanders were present to give a presentation on the Milwaukee Public Museum and the future for a new museum and the potential for a Native American exhibit at the new museum.

Department of Business

Executive Director of Business (EDOB) Michael Rave was present via video conference and gave a brief verbal update on COVID-19 cases and quarantines at the gaming facilities.

Office of General Council Report (Standing Agenda Item)

Item)

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE Office of General Council Report for the second consecutive meeting, due to lack of representation. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED.**

American Rescue Plan Funding (Standing Agenda Item)

ELIO Longtail stated that there is no report at this time. **MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to TABLE American Rescue Plan Funding. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** The Legislature does not have access to the ARPA proposals portal, therefore the Legislature cannot do anything at this point in moving the ARPA proposals forward.

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

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE Medicare Part B. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge did not respond during vote count.*

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Nation All-Terrain Vehicle Usage Ordinance out for 45-Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 D**, Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Nation All-Terrain Vehicle Usage Ordinance out for 45-Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 E**, National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acknowledgment of the Appointment of Shelby Visintin to Legislative Committees as District 3
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alleviate your symptoms. To avoid spreading the flu, stay home until your symptoms have resolved.

BRMH Infection Prevention Nurse Julia Smith stated, "It's not too late to get a flu shot to protect yourself, your family, and your community. In addition, washing your hands

is one of the most important things you can do to prevent the spread of the flu and other illness."

Talk with your health care provider about receiving the flu vaccine. The Black River Healthcare Clinic, located on the hospital campus, is holding a vaccination clinic on Wednesday, October 27th

from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, call 715-284-3355.

ABOUT BLACK RIVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Black River Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit 25-bed Critical Access Hospital in west-central Wisconsin

offering the best in patient care since 1968. Key services available include family medicine and behavioral health clinic, emergency care, infusion center, rehabilitation, obstetrics, transitional care, surgical services, respiratory care, and a wound care center. Also offered are home-based services, a retail home

medical equipment store, and much more. BRMH is one of the largest employers in the area employing over 360 staff and providers in addition to visiting specialists in more than 20 specialties.

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MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 F**, Acknowledgment of the Appointment of Shelby Visintin to Legislative Committees as District 3 Representative. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization and Support for the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency to Apply for the 2021 HUD ICDBG Funding for the HHCDA Solar Project-Housing Rehabilitation

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 G**, Authorization and Support for the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency to Apply for the 2021 HUD ICDBG Funding for the HHCDA Solar Project-Housing Rehabilitation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acceptance of the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Indian Housing Plan for Fiscal Year 2022

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 H**, Acceptance of the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Indian Housing Plan for Fiscal Year 2022. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Adam Kruse as District 2 Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Board Member

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 I**, Confirmation of Adam Kruse as District 2 Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Employment Relations Act of 2004 out for 45-Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 J**, Authorization to Place the Employment Relations Act of 2004 out for 45-Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot out of the room.*

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to revisit Unfinished Business D. Medicare Part B. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ron Fuhman from Gallagher was on the call and stated that the Tribe had Gallagher look into reimbursing for Medicare Part B, and there are approximately 500 Tribal members who would qualify for Medicare Part B. Mr. Fuhman mentioned that under the Affordable Care Act the reimbursement would not be taxable and would be allowed under that regulation. Mr. Fuhman further mentioned that Auxient would be able to enroll members and reimburse them.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux stated that she will set up another meeting with Gallagher and the Nation's Insurance Division, along with any interested Legislators and figure out what the next steps would be.

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance out for 45-Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 K**, Authorization to Place the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance out for 45-Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Legislative Overturn of Presidential Veto 09.30.21 Regarding Resolution 09-17-21D

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 L**, Legislative Overturn of Presidential Veto 09.30.21 Regarding Resolution 09-17-21D. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

EDA Program & Possible Consideration of a Legislative Workgroup

Legislative Financial Project Manager, Crystal Deschinny stated that she has a draft of the RFP, and she would like another person to review it. Legislative Counsel stated that the attorneys will review it this week.

Tax Code Amendments

Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that the Tax Code Workgroup has been meeting and that there are a number of revenue sources, within our Tax Code, as well as allocation percentages and amounts of revenue that come from our business operations that go towards this account.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin

White Eagle for Legislative Counsel to prepare a resolution to amend Tax Code for consideration in November that recognizes allocation changes and revenue sources based on Tax Code Workgroup recommendations and to seek out comment from the Executive Director of Business. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Confirmation Hearing for Interim Treasurer

Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Confirmation of Samie Overboe to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to TABLE Confirmation Hearing for Interim Treasurer and Resolution- Acceptance/Denial of Confirmation of Samie Overboe to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:10 p.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-EX
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
Rep. Darren Brinegar-P (1:05 p.m.)
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 1:03 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 4:52 p.m.

4:52 p.m. *Rep. Stephanie Begay is excused for the remainder of the meeting.*

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Referred from Executive Session to Open Session:

Resolution-Authorization for Hinu Smith to be Held Harmless, Indemnified, and Added to Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Coverage for Directors & Officers

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to add Resolution-Authorization for Hinu Smith to be Held Harmless, Indemnified, and Added to Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Coverage for Directors & Officers to the agenda. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 M**, Authorization for Hinu Smith to be Held Harmless, Indemnified, and Added to Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Coverage for Directors & Officers. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-2(Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business: (Re-Visited)

Confirmation Hearing for Interim Treasurer

Interim Treasurer Samie Overboe was present to address the Legislature. Interim Treasurer Overboe stated that she is not willing to keep serving as the Interim Treasurer if there is no vote taken today. She stated the Interim Treasurer position is a great stress on her family, on her team in Madison, and on her team in Treasury. Interim Treasurer Overboe also stated that her gaming license is up on October 20, and she needs to have a decision made regarding her confirmation.

Interim Treasurer Overboe was asked about her time in Treasury and any staffing changes she wishes to complete. Interim Treasurer Overboe stated that she wants to eliminate the second Finance Director position, and she feels that Treasury needs a Trust and Invest-

ment Officer.

Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Confirmation of Samie Overboe to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 N**, Denial of Application of Samie Overboe to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 5-5(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Robert Pilot)-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Vice President Karena Thundercloud) **TIE VOTE. PRESIDENT MARLON WHITE EAGLE JOINS THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE AT 5:25 P.M. AS THE VICE PRESIDENT STATES IT IS A TIE VOTE. PRESIDENT MARLON WHITE EAGLE BREAKS THE TIE; VOTES OPPOSED. MOTION DEFEATED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 3-6(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Robert Pilot)-3(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Confirmation of Samie Overboe to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury

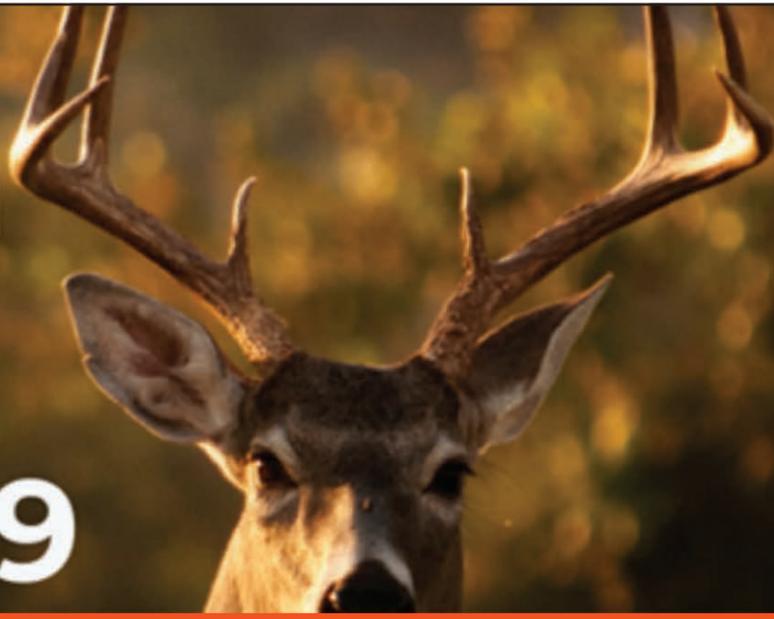
MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 10-05-21 O**, Confirmation of Samie Overboe to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 7-5(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Hunting During COVID-19



Social gatherings can increase the spread of COVID-19. Please take precautions and consider not attending hunting camp.

Reduce Your Risk



Stay at least 6 feet
away from others



Frequently wash
hands



Wear a mask



Disinfect
surfaces

If attending camp: Do not share a stand with people outside your household, and:

- Limit the number of gatherings and interactions with people
- Limit the number of people with access to common spaces
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, or eating utensils
- Do not attend camp if you are feeling ill or under isolation or quarantine
- Do not ride together

If You Attended Hunting Camp

If you were within 6 feet of other people during hunting season consider a 14 day self-quarantine.

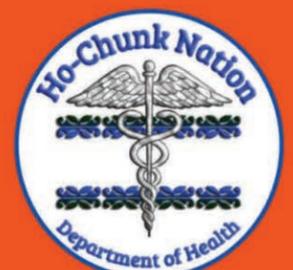
Including:

- **Virtual schooling or remote work:** Helps reduce outbreaks that can quickly spread.
- **Stay 6 feet away from others:** This reduces spread to others.
- **Wear a mask:** Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.



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