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# Tomahawk Bat Reviews offers a uniquely Native American perspective to the softball community

## *Influencers use platform to promote Native American issues*

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members Sampson Funmaker and Fabian Houghton created a YouTube channel titled Tomahawk Bat Reviews. The channel currently has 2.13k subscribers and targets the softball community. Tomahawk Bat Reviews gained corporate recognition and recruitment because they offer a uniquely Native American perspective.

Nearly three years ago, Sampson suggested to Fabian that they should start their own men's slowpitch softball team and start playing competitively. They were tired of playing for different teams every weekend and wanted to start something on their own. Fabian agreed and thus began their softball journey.

Like many competitive sports, softball requires equipment. There are multiple manufacturers of bats, gloves, shoes, softballs, batting gloves, and other gear. Bats are sold in all sorts of sizes, weights and constructed to meet various league standards. Many players rely on the opinions of other players to help guide their next equipment purchase.

Sampson and Fabian were no different. Sampson would watch bat review videos and noticed that some reviewers did not competitively play the game. Funmaker kept telling Houghton that they could do this better. They could start their review of bats. The pair expanded beyond playing local tournaments and city leagues and started traveling to bigger tournaments in Wisconsin and other states by this time.

Sampson Funmaker and Fabian Houghton created the Warstick Bat Reviews channel in October 2019. Per the channel description, "A couple of young Natives who love the game of softball. We have the time, we have the equipment and we also have the commitment to get the softball community good bat reviews. We all want to know how the equipment we spend our hard earned money on is going to perform before we buy it, we can do that for you all who tune in and watch 'Warstick Bat Reviews' and thank you for checking us out!"

At some point, they gained the attention of executives at Monsta Athletics. Monsta Athletics produces high-performance softball bats. They claim to have the most advanced bat design on the planet with the first-ever "Multi Barrel" composite bat design. Per Carl from Monsta Athletics, "I'm all about the game and trying to better it and build it. So when I see guys like yourselves do what you do, it makes me smile. As a token of my appreciation for the good toward the game, I like to reward guys and girls like you by offering an exclusive bat."

The official announcement aired on the YouTube channel on December 15, 2020.

However, the name Warstick was too similar to a baseball bat company named Warstic. When the channel gained a substantial number of subscribers and Google searches were being taken away, the Warstic baseball bat company began legal proceedings against Warstick Bat Reviews. Funmaker and Houghton halted content to the YouTube channel in the midst of this.

Later, officials from Warstic conducted a virtual meeting with Sampson Funmaker and Fabian Houghton and presented several options to end the legal proceedings. The meeting concluded amicably, and there were no hard feelings.

Sampson Funmaker and Fabian Houghton changed their YouTube channel name to Tomahawk Bat Reviews in July. They decided to take this route because of the hard work they put into the channel and the opportunities that presented themselves due to the channel's success.

Sampson Funmaker and Fabian Houghton resumed producing content for their YouTube subscribers and finalized the bat design for Monsta Athletics.

The bat design for Monsta Athletics featured Carolina blue and black colors, applique, the Monsta logo, and the word 'Tomahawk.' Monsta Athletics produced 300 of these bats, 100 were the 25 ounce Torch repaints, 100 were the 25 ounce Sinister repaints, and 100 were the 25.5 Torch Juiced repaints. Unfortunately, the


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**Fabian Houghton (left) and Sampson Funmaker (right) display the sold out Tomahawk bat from Monsta Athletics.**

**The baseball bat company Warstic sponsors a celebrity Sandlot game every year to raise money for a nonprofit organization or charity. Warstic asked Tomahawk Bat Reviews to choose this year's organization. They selected MMIW USA and the Sandlot game raised over $15,000.**

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# Letter from the President

Neutral Ground in 1832. Long Prairie in 1846. Blue Earth in 1855. Crow Creek in 1863. Omaha Reservation in 1865.

All forced removal of Ho-Chunk people at the hand of the federal government.

This practice is no longer acceptable by today's standards.

What did the Ho-Chunk people take away from this experience?

That the US federal government wanted our homeland? That government in all forms is bad? That forced removal of Ho-Chunk people is acceptable?

What we do know is that these attempts to remove the Ho-Chunk people had lasting negative impacts on our Nation and its people.

Historic trauma is real and has been suffered. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is real and has been suffered.

Fast forward to 1994, the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution includes removal language for the Nation's elected officials.

It's understandable to have removal language if and when elected officials commit crimes that are held up by the judiciary, but not for vague terms like malfeasance.

But this is a standard practice among our Ho-Chunk people.

Why does this practice exist and is it tied to those forced removal tactics used by the federal government?

I'd say the tendency to practice such removal attempts is a result of unhealthy dealings to address personal or individual traumas.

Each individual is responsible for their self-care, but should we all be subject to these manifestations of trauma on a public stage?

The practice is set in stone within our Constitution, our supreme law, until we amendment it out of there or set proper procedures to address the need for removal in a more organized manner.

Nevertheless, I have been served a Notice of Intent to Remove from Office by Donald Cholka on Nov. 9, 2021. These papers will be brought forth on December 11 at the General Council meeting.

He made four charges of malfeasance.

Number one is regarding the department board of directors' requirement.

Number two is regarding the law enforcement advisory board to the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department.

Number three is regarding the contract of the Attorney General.

And number four is regarding the nomination of the Executive Director of Administration.

I've met with Mr. Don Cholka in a personal matter prior to being served removal papers and none of Don's concerns were brought up or indicated in any manner.

To me, it appears Mr. Cholka is doing this removal attempt on behalf of someone aware of Executive Branch issues and requirements.

He has never brought up these concerns to me in person or through the Nation's judiciary.

"His" claims of malfeasance will go straight to the people.

What I do know regarding these charges is that Mr. Cholka has not exhausted any remedies to his individual issues.

Some departments have never had an established board of directors, but they are all actively working to address the requirement.

The Attorney General is an employee of the Nation and does not require a contract but a job description and a departmental annual budget for the position.

I am actively seeking acceptance and confirmation of an Executive Director of the Department of Administration.

There is a lot of history regarding how this process is conducted, but I am confident we can get a confirmed Executive Director of Administration.

I will prepare to address each of his claims, even without any proper evidence provided by him, at the December 11 General Council meeting.

Typically, removal attempts are allotted 15 minutes to respond to a charge of malfeasance.

With four charges, I will prepare to address each claim for 15 minutes, so that'll total an hour to address these charges among the rest of the day's business.

Keep in mind, the item may not even be voted on to the agenda, but it's good practice to be prepared for all situations, good or bad.

I plan to turn this political "turmoil" into my official "term oil" and become a better leader for our great Ho-Chunk Nation because I took an oath to this office.

Thank you all for this opportunity to serve in this capacity. I'm eternally grateful and honored to do so.

**President Marlon WhiteEagle tries out the electric car charging station at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls during a visit on Oct. 4, 2019, from Jackson Electric Cooperative representatives who demonstrated the performance and efficiency of an electric car.**

**Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocąk Worak will be Dec. 3rd which will be published on Dec. 10th. Please contact Hocąk Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.**

# Tomahawk Bat Reviews

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Monsta Athletics website currently shows these bats are sold out.

Every year, the baseball bat company Warstic sponsors a celebrity Sandlot game to raise money for a nonprofit organization or charity. The Sandlot game includes pros and celebrities. This year, Co-owner and CEO of Warstic Ben Jenkins asked Funmaker and Houghton to choose a nonprofit organization. They selected MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) USA.

The MMIW USA's number one mission is to bring missing Indigenous people home and help the families of the murdered cope and support them through the grieving process. MMIW also helps families navigate the jurisdictional nightmare that they face. Their broader goal is to eradicate this problem through education and awareness.

The U.S. Department of Justice found that Native American women face murder rates more than ten times the national average. The Centers for Disease Control states murder is the third leading cause of death for Indigenous women. In 2016, the National Crime Information Center reported 5,712 cases of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, but the U.S. Department of Justice's missing person database only documented 116 cases.

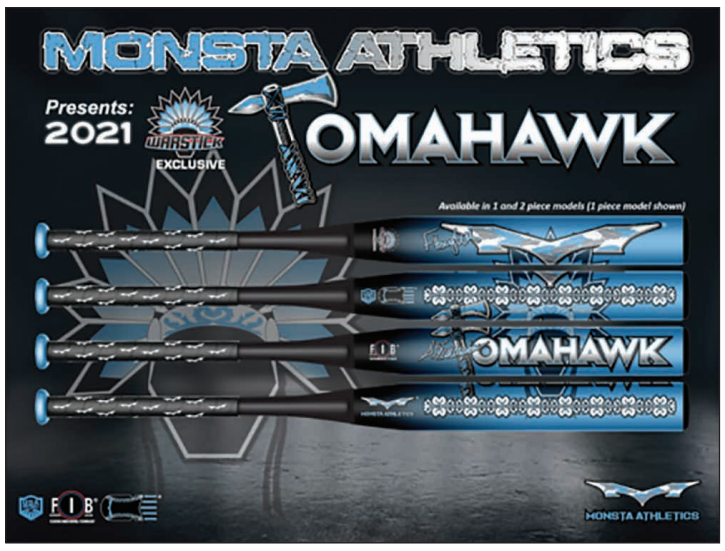
The celebrity Sandlot game raised over $15,000 for MMIW USA. In addition, Funmaker and Houghton helped spread awareness and education to those in attendance at the game regarding the epidemic that plagues the Native American people.

Monsta Athletics requested Funmaker and Houghton design another bat after the successful Tomahawk bat. Sampson Funmaker and Fabian Houghton are proud to announce their next bat design is dedicated to MMIW. The design is in the final planning stages, and an official announcement will be made on their YouTube channel and Facebook page very soon.

"We couldn't do this without the support of our significant others," said Fabian Houghton. He thanked his wife, Abbi Houghton, and Sampson's girlfriend, Shandiina Jack, for putting up with tournament weekends and filming bat reviews evenings and days off.

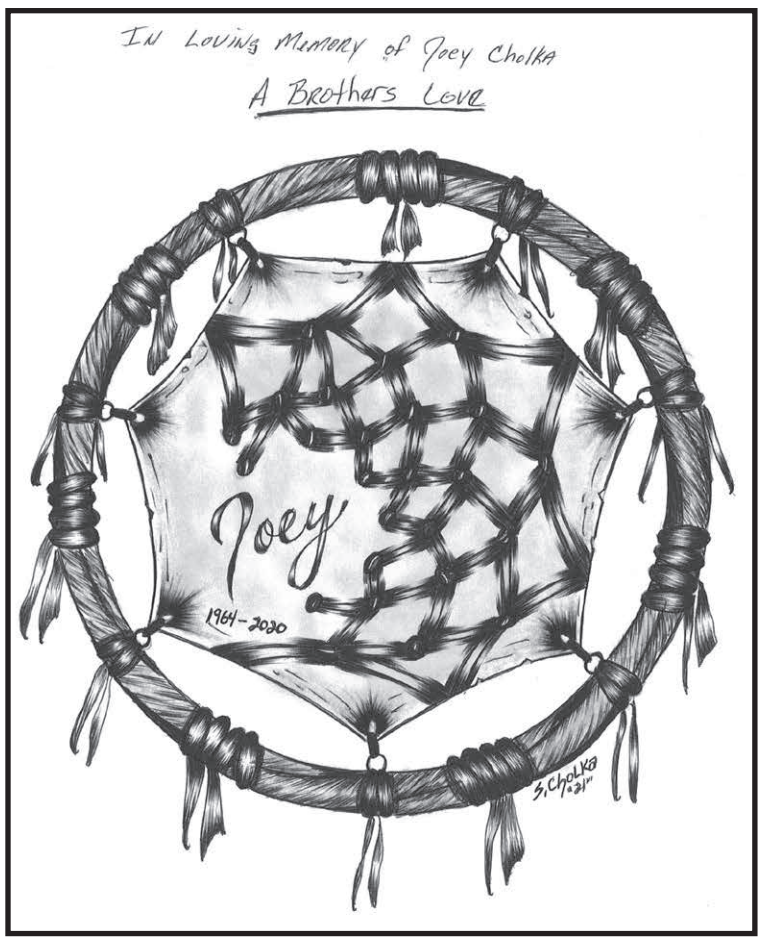
"We want to be role models for Native youth," said Sampson Funmaker. Sampson and Fabian want young Natives to see Natives competing in the softball world and inspire young Natives to follow their passions. Even if that passion isn't softball, be productive, be active, and get involved.

The YouTube channel and Facebook page are titled Tomahawk Bat Reviews. Subscribe to the YouTube channel or follow the Facebook page to experience these young Natives' softball journey.




**Monsta Athletics presents 2021 USA/ASA Slow-pitch "Tomahawk" designed by Tomahawk Bat Reviews. This bat is currently sold out.**

Photo credit: Monsta Athletics website.




# HOW MUCH DOES MY CHILD NEED?

## Ages 1 - 5

**Milk:** 16 oz./day. Suggestion: Offer a small cup of milk each meal. Offer whole milk from ages 1-2, then 1% or skim milk after age 2. Limit milk to meals or snacks.

**Juice:** If you choose to offer juice, limit to 4 oz. of 100% juice/day. Offering juice only once a day helps your child learn not to ask for it through the day. Limit juice to meals or snacks, and dilute it if you like.

**Water:** Offer only plain water in between meals and snacks. Most young children love water. By offering only water in between meals and snacks, you can protect their teeth, help them learn to drink plain water, and protect their appetite so they are ready to eat at meals and snacks.

Kids who fill up on juice or milk in between meals and snacks can easily become "picky" eaters, because they are not hungry.

**Suggestion**: try a special water cup or bottle that they have easy access to in between meals and snacks. Only water goes in it. Less mess, less stress!

*Avoid giving sugary drinks.*

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

**Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Wellness Division/KB/ 1-25-2021**

HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# TIPS FOR CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY

**BEFORE ATTENDING GATHERINGS:**

- GET YOUR ANNAUL FLU VACCINE
- GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE OR BOOSTER
- STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK
- GET TESTED FOR COVID-19 IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED

**SAFEST PRACTICES:**

- CELEBRATE AT HOME WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- HOST VIRUTAL DINNENRS
- WATCH SPORTS, MOVIES AND PARADES AT HOME
- SHOP ONLINE

**SAFER PRACTICES:**

- KEEP GATHERINGS SMALL
- WEAR A MASK INDOORS
- PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEN YOU CAN
- WASH HANDS BEFORE/AFTER EATING
- AVOID CROWEDED STORES/SHOP LOCALLY

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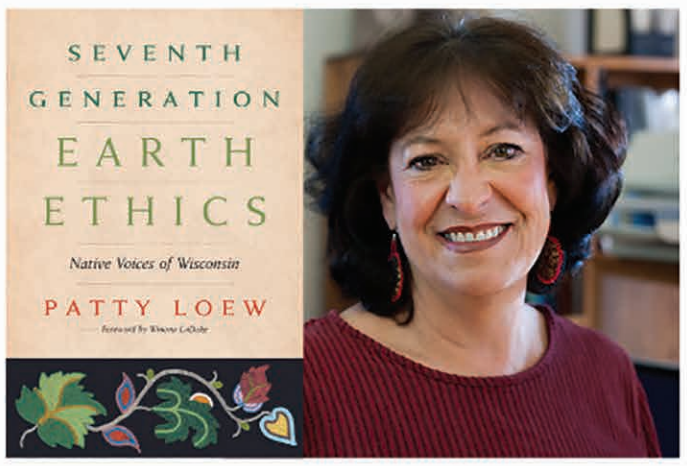
## Seventh Generation Earth Ethics

Thursday, December 9 | 7 p.m.




In partnership with the Wisconsin Book Festival, author Patty Loew will appear live on Crowdcast to discuss her book, Seventh Generation Earth Ethics.

## Being Hinu: Growing Up Ho-Chunk in the 20th Century

Tuesday, December 14 | 7 p.m.

Listen to our Storyteller-in-Residence, Andi Cloud, read aloud an essay that details her experience growing up as a Ho-Chunk woman, including how she learned her tribe's ways and what the Ho-Chunk life means to her.

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# Notice of Intent to Remove from Office

"We the People, pursuant to our inherent sovereignty, in order to form a more perfect government, secure our rights, advance the general welfare, safeguard our interests, sustain our culture, promote our traditions and perpetuate our existence, and secure the natural and self-evident right to govern ourselves, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation." – **Preamble Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution**

**Pursuant to Article IX, Section 2 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution**, the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby serve notice to Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon Whiteeagle. This is notice of General Council Removal of the President at the Annual General Council meeting on December 11, 2021.

President Whiteeagle swore an oath: to uphold the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation; to secure our rights, advance the general welfare, safeguard our interests, sustain our culture, promote our traditions and perpetuate our existence and secure the natural and self-evident right to govern ourselves, to perform the duties of the office of the President on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation with honor, dignity and sincerity.

**Charge 1: Malfeasance: Willful and wanton negligence in the conduct in his official duties with the complete disregard of Ho-Chunk Nation Law, including the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.**

According to the Constitution, the President is "To administer all Departments, boards, and committees created by the Legislature." Administer means to manage or regulate. Furthermore, the Establishment Acts of each Department reads "the president shall establish a **Board of Directors**" for each Department.

President Whiteeagle has been in office for over two years and has left departments without a Board of Directors, failing to fulfill this Constitutional duty.

**Charge 2: Malfeasance: Willful and wanton negligence in the conduct in his official duties with the complete disregard of Ho-Chunk Nation Law, including the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution and Establishment Act of Police Department Advisory Board.**

The President is **"To administer all Departments, boards, and committees created by the Legislature"** according to the **Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution**. Furthermore, following the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Police Department Advisory Board Establishment Act, "Each board member shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Legislature by resolution. The President shall select board members based on their qualifications and after each candidate has submitted a written request for appointment and a resume."

President Whiteeagle, during his term, has failed to nominate board members to serve as advisors to the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Chief and the Attorney General on Police Department matters, failing to fulfill this Constitutional duty.

**Charge 3: Malfeasance: Malfeasance: Willful and wanton negligence in the conduct in his official duties with the complete disregard of Ho-Chunk Nation Law, including Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, and Legislative Law.**

The President nominated an Attorney General, the Legislature approved the appointment. Per the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, Legislators are to authorize and appropriate funds to employ legal counsel in accordance with applicable law, which includes signing of the Attorney General's employment contract. President Whiteeagle signed the Attorney General's contract illegally, and continues to disregard Ho-Chunk Laws and refuses to submit the contract to Legislature for approval. The President has given the Attorney General authority of filing court cases in Trial Court, establishing opinions on behalf of the nation, while illegally employed by the Nation without a valid contract.

**Charge 4: Malfeasance: Malfeasance: Willful and wanton negligence in the conduct in his official duties with the complete disregard of Ho-Chunk Nation Law, including Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, Employee Relations Act, and Legislative Law.**

The President is **"To remove an Executive Director of a Department or to reassign an Executive Director to another position;"** moreover **"To select and hire personnel in accordance with applicable law;"** according to the **Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution**. The President failed to comply with HCN Law by retaining a candidate in the position of Executive Director of Administration after denial of the Legislature on August 3, 2021. Candidates are to vacate the position no later than 48 hours of denial, per the Confirmation Process of Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Act.

An active employee questioned the Attorney General using whistleblower protection, asking why the candidate continued to work in Ex. Director of Administration position long after Legislative denial. Appointed Presidential staff then harassed and intimidated the employee for asking the attorney general this question. The employee feared retaliation after being harassed in email form, and felt no other recourse but to file a complaint in Trial Courts on September 28, 2021.

Once complaint was filed the President finally removed the candidate, nominated an alternate candidate, and filed a motion to dismiss the complaint against him in Trial Court. The President clearly did not follow Ho-Chunk Nation Laws.

Furthermore, the President has failed to abide by the following Work Rules and Employee Conduct as mandated within the **Ho-Chunk Nation Employee Relations Act**:

- "When the Ho-Chunk Nation is the employer providing funding, it shall give preference in equal employment opportunities first to Ho-Chunk members, then to the Child of enrolled Ho-Chunk member, Spouses or Parents of Ho-Chunk members, and then to other Native Americans;."
- and "Engaging in a conflict of interest activity."
- and" Discourteous treatment of the public or other employees, including harassing, coercing, threatening, or intimidating others."
- and "Making false, malicious, or unfounded statements against co-workers, supervisors, subordinates, government officials, or the Ho-Chunk Nation, which tend to damage the reputation or undermine the authority of the Ho-Chunk Nation."
- and "Inefficiency, incompetency, or negligence in the performance of duties, including failure to perform assigned tasks or training, or failure to discharge duties in a prompt, competent, and reasonable manner."
- and "Any other actions considered inappropriate, or detrimental to employee working environment" and "Taking employee personnel matters to any public forum."

President in violation of Resolution 12/29/98C, prohibition of appointing convicted felons.

President Whiteeagle has been in office for two years; during his term, he committed the following acts:

1. He willfully broke the law known as the Confirmation of Executive Directors Act by keeping in his appointee after his nomination was DENIED by the Legislature. Once a court complaint was filed the President finally removed the candidate and nominated an alternate. He has repeatedly made untrue statements in his press releases to the public.

2. In the Presidents podcast he called all non-full blooded tribal members "HYBRIDS" and alleged that the loss of blood quantum's due to the women making children with outsiders. Displaying disrespect to tribal members.

3. He did a permanent mass layoff of over a thousand loyal employees via YouTube, without notice of health insurance coverage in the middle of the pandemic when they needed it most.

4. He absolutely failed to institute any RECALL PROGRAM for almost 2,000 loyal employees that followed the tribally mandated law; therefore, all recalls were politically based on favoritism versus based on seniority and tribal preference as required in the ERA.

5. He continues to favor non-Ho-Chunks over Ho-Chunks in Executive Director positions.

6. He signed contracts that his Department of Justice attorney wife reviewed for him, which is illegal, and unethical under tribal law.

7. He hired convicted felons in the Office of the President in violation of Resolution12/29/98C, prohibition of appointing convicted felons.

During a pandemic when our people should have been united, should have protected one another, President Marlon Whiteeagle disregarded the oath he swore to uphold for the Nation and our people. Instead, he and his Administration failed to unite the people and worked on a daily plan to destroy and divide the Ho-Chunk Nation so that their incompetency and malicious intent cannot be exposed. Failure to work together with the Legislative Body and wasting the Nation's resources and funding on frivolous court cases.

I, Donald McHolland, certify that I personally served Mr. Marlon Whiteeagle, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, a duplicate copy of this Notice of Intent to Remove from Office on December 11, 2021 General Council meeting. For the purpose of providing him a reasonable opportunity to provide an answer to these allegations so that he may be heard at the Annual General Council meeting on December 11, 2021 pursuant to Article IX, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Donald M Cholke Jr.
Signature

11-9-2021
Date

# Annual Meeting of the General Council 2021 updates

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The Annual Meeting of the General Council is scheduled for Saturday, December 11 at the Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

There are bus routes scheduled for tribal members, and reservations opened November 18. Elders have priority. Contact your Planning Workgroup representative with questions.

The General Council Planning Workgroups representatives are District 1 is Kelly J. Funmaker, District 2 are Patty Lowe-Ennis and Melanie Stacy, District 3 are Roxanna Metoxen and Brittany Greendeer, and District 4 is Ben Krause-Decorah.

For those riding a bus, there are a few rules in place. Masks are required at all times. Proof of COVID vaccine required at boarding. Snacks and drinks are welcomed. No alcohol. No drugs. All buses leave the Wisconsin Center at 6:30 p.m.

The Office of General Council Branch Facebook page offers parking information around the Wisconsin Center for those traveling in their vehicles. Parking is free at Potawatomi, and a shuttle will run to the Wisconsin Center from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Special room rates are available at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee for $89.00 when mentioning code G-HCNM. Call 474-276-1234 to make reservations. The Hyatt Regency is located at 333 West Kilbourn Avenue in Milwaukee 53203.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Enrollment will not be present at the 2021 General Council Meeting. Tribal members may utilize expired tribal identification cards, a CDIB if accompanied by a photo ID, or a Ho-Chunk Nation HELP paystub if accompanied by a photo ID for registration.

A breakfast, lunch bento box, afternoon snack, coffee, tea, and water will be served during the day.

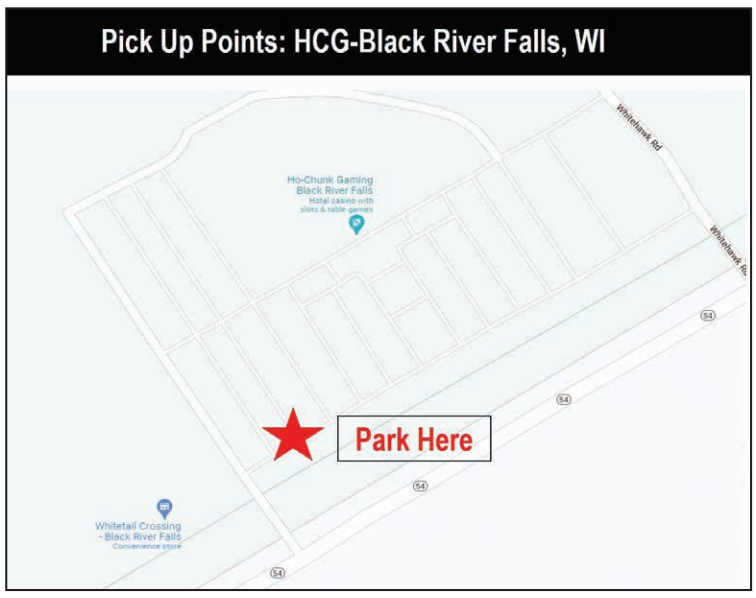
Besides the Notice of Intent to Remove from Office (page 5), no General Council Resolutions were submitted to the Hocak Worak for publication. However, the Office of General Council stated they have three resolutions and those will be posted on the Ho-Chunk Nation's website at some point.

A payout of $150 to attendees has been approved and will occur when an in-person quorum is met.

There are voting machines available to registered participants.

People attending the Annual Meeting of the General Council are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines for large indoor gatherings. This means to wear a mask, even if you are fully vaccinated.

Submit resolutions or General Council questions to the Office of General Council at cfay@ho-chunk.com or henry.whitethunder@ho-chunk.com.

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| **#1 – Minneapolis/St. Paul**<br>MSP > EAU > MKE<br>ONE BUS (56 PASS) | **Ho-Chunk Office**<br>1727 Selby Ave<br>St. Paul, MN 55104 | **Minnesota Reservations:**<br>St. Paul Branch Office<br>715-284-9343 EXT 1-1115 | 4:00AM | 4:10 AM | 12:00 AM |
| | **Oakwood Mall (Near Culvers)**<br>4800 Golf Road<br>Eau Claire, WI | **Eau Claire Reservations:**<br>Office of General Council<br>715-284-7891 | 5:15 PM | 5:25 PM | 10:00 PM |
| **#2 – La Crosse Route**<br>LAX > TOMAH > MKE<br>ONE BUS (56 PASS) | **Valley View Mall**<br>3800 WI-16<br>La Crosse, WI 54601 | **La Crosse Reservations:**<br>Three River's House<br>608-783-6025 | 5:45 AM | 5:55 AM | 9:30 PM |
| | **Tomah Hospital**<br>501 Gopher Ave<br>Tomah, WI 54660 | **Tomah Reservations:**<br>Office of General Council<br>715-284-7891 | 6:30 AM | 6:40 AM | 8:30 PM |
| **#3 Black River Falls Route**<br>BRF > MKE<br>TWO BUSES (112 PASS) | **HCG-Black River Falls**<br>W9010 WI-54<br>Black River Falls, WI 54615 | **Black River Falls Reservations:**<br>District One Community Center<br>715-284-0905 | 6:00 AM | 6:10 AM | 9:00 PM |
| **#4 – Wisconsin Dells**<br>WD > MKE<br>TWO BUSES (112 PASS) | **HCG-Wisconsin Dells**<br>3214 County Rd BD<br>Baraboo, WI 53913 | **Wisconsin Dells Reservations:**<br>House of Wellness Security<br>608-355-1240 | 7:00 AM | 7:10 AM | 8:00 PM |
| **#5 – Madison, WI**<br>MSN > MKE<br>ONE BUS (56 PASS) | **HCG-Madison Overflow Lot**<br>4002 Evan Acres Road<br>Madison, WI 53819 | **Madison Reservations:**<br>Teejop Hocira<br>608-277-9964 | 7:30 AM | 7:40AM | 7:30 PM |
| | **Jefferson County Park & Ride**<br>350 N Watertown St,<br>Johnson Creek, WI 53038 | **Tomah Reservations:**<br>Office of General Council<br>715-284-7891 | 8:00 AM | 8:10 AM | 7:00 PM |
| **#6 Wittenberg Route**<br>WITT > NEK > MKE<br>ONE BUS (56 PASS) | **HCG-Wittenberg**<br>N7198 U.S. 45<br>Wittenberg, WI 54499 | **Wittenberg Reservations:**<br>Siga Funmaker Community Center<br>715-253-4407 | 5:00 AM | 5:10AM | 10:00 PM |
| | **HCG-Nekoosa**<br>949 County Road G<br>Nekoosa, WI 54457 | **Nekoosa Reservations:**<br>Office of General Council<br>715-284-7891 | 6:30 AM | 6:40 AM | 8:30 PM |
| **#7 Green Bay Route**<br>GBAY > SHEB > MKE<br>TWO BUSES (112 PASS) | **Oneida Casino IMAC**<br>2100 Airport Dr,<br>Green Bay, WI 54313 | **Green Bay Reservations:**<br>Green Bay Branch Office<br>920-490-2775 | 7:00 AM | 7:10 AM | 8:00 PM |
| | **Sheboygan Park & Ride**<br>3751 Co Rd A,<br>Sheboygan, WI 53081 | **Sheboygan Reservations:**<br>Office of General Council<br>715-284-7891 | 8:00 AM | 8:10 AM | 7:00 PM |
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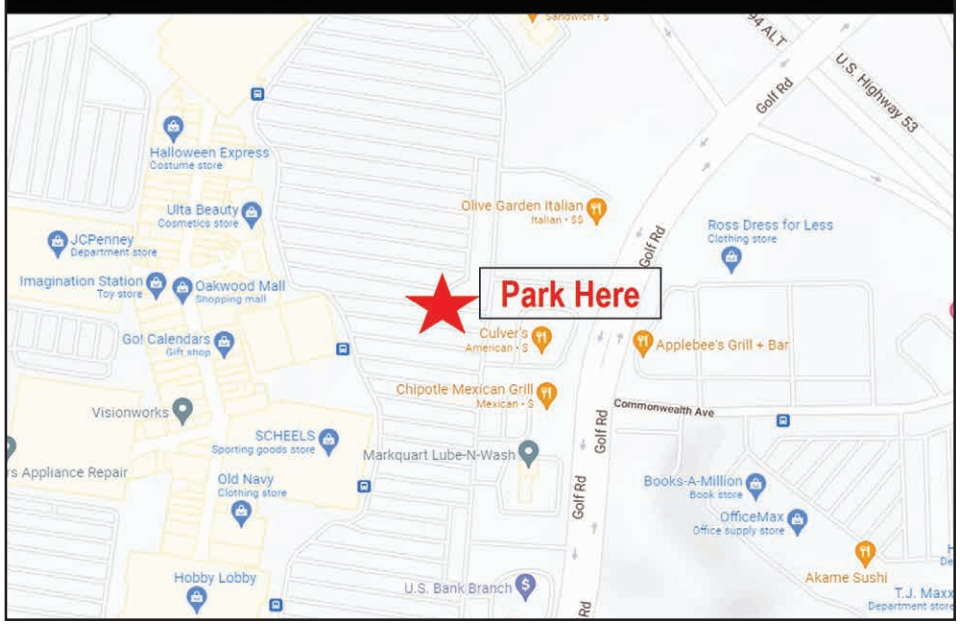


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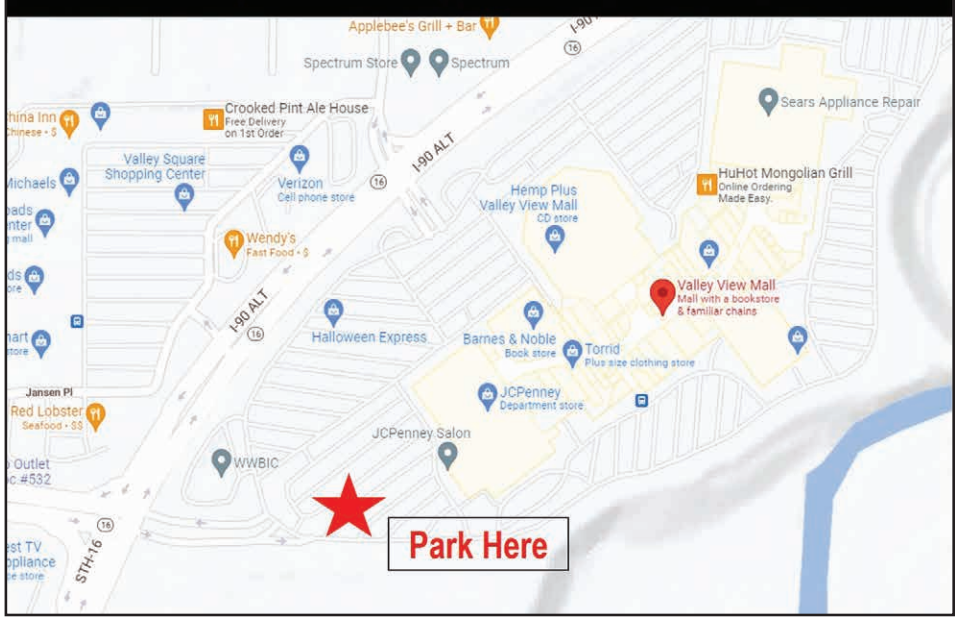


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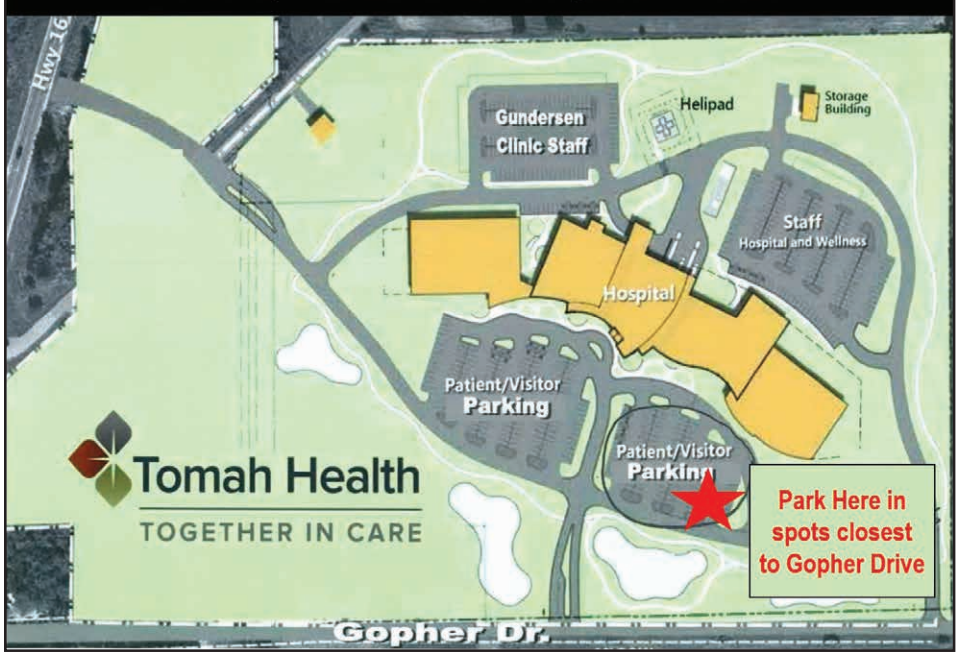


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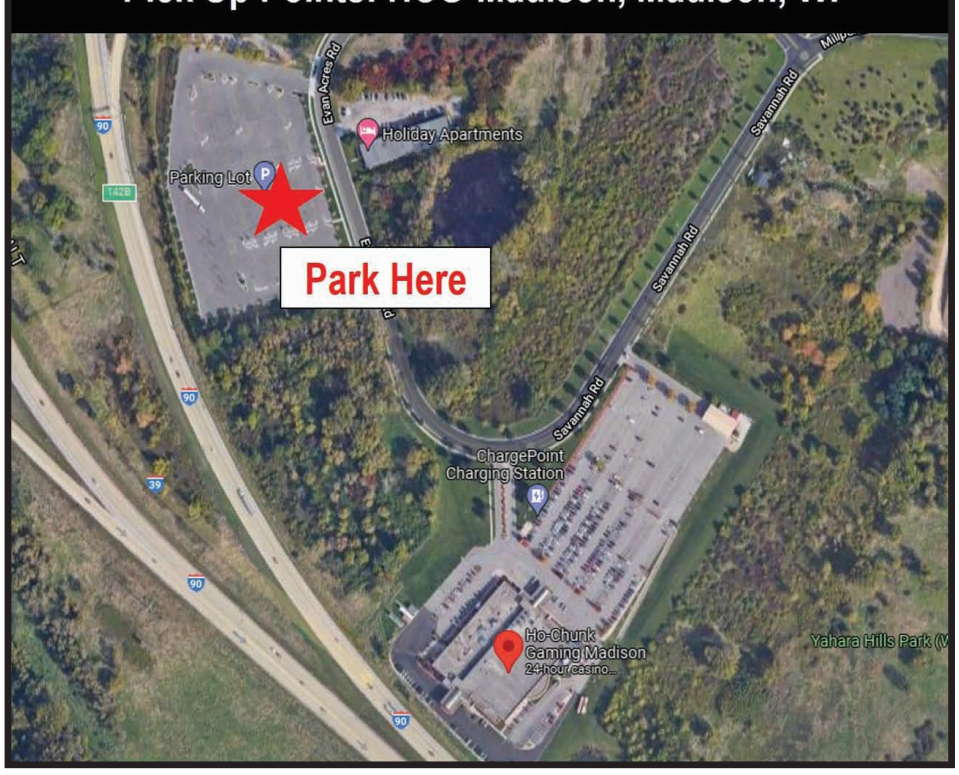


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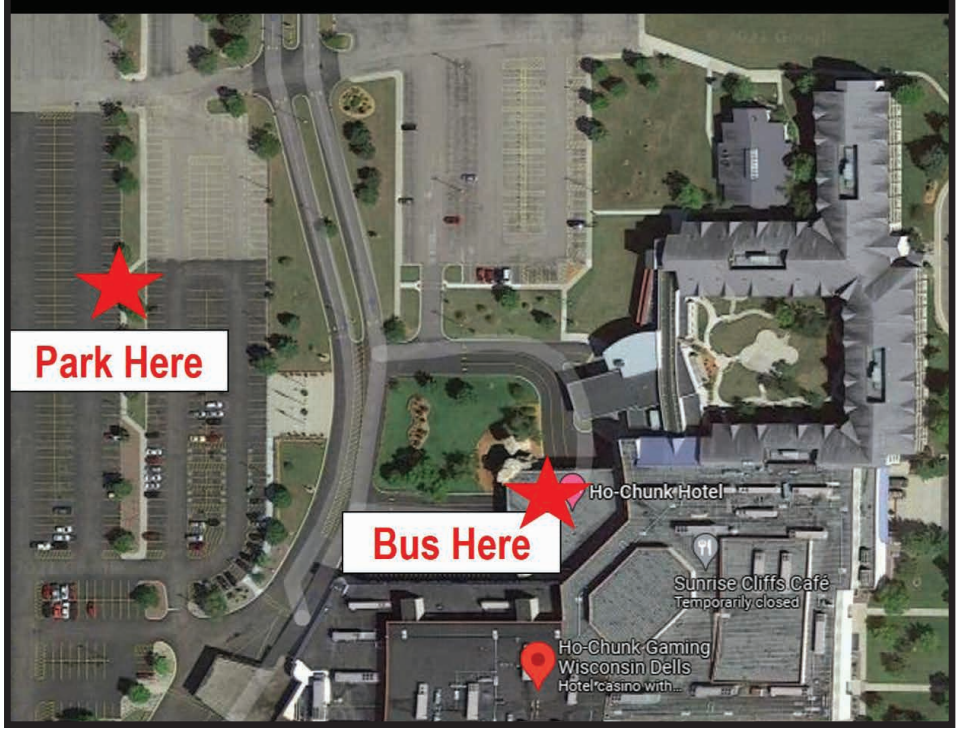
## Pick Up Points: Ho-Chunk Casino, Baraboo, WI




## Pick Up Points: Oneida Casino IMAC, Green Bay, WI

# Frank Blythe and Francene Blythe-Lewis — Father and Daughter Executive Directors Complete a Circle During Vision Maker Media's 45th Anniversary

Liz Hill, Red Lake Ojibwe

The year was 1972. A group of 45 public television stations, primarily from the western United States, were brought together with the help of a Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) grant for a three-day meeting at historic Wingspread, the Lloyd Wright House at the Johnson Foundation in Racine, Wisconsin. Frank Blythe (Eastern Cherokee/Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota) was one of the participants. He was one of just six Native attendees who were working in public television at the time.

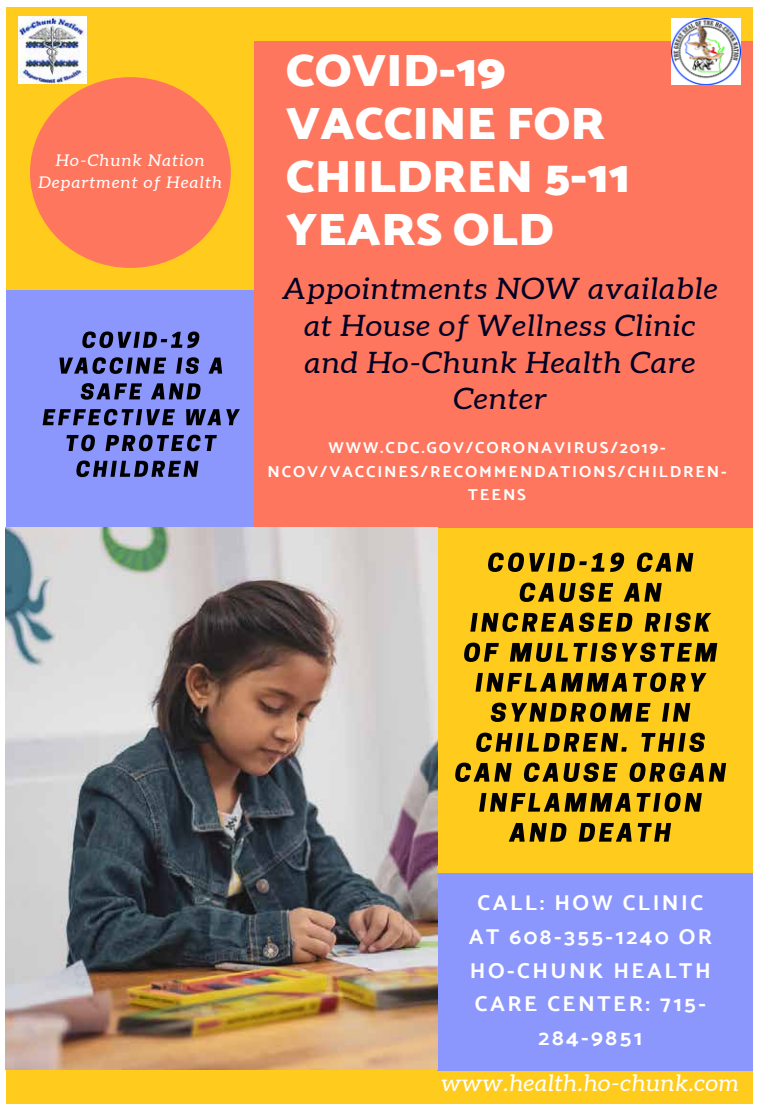
"The purpose [of the gathering] was to see if it was feasible to put together an organization that could serve Native American producers and serve public television with Native programs," said Blythe, whose professional experience at that time was in operation management at KAET-TV, a public television station licensed at Arizona State University in Tempe.

Blythe, Claude Kistler (retired general manager KSPS-TV, Spokane, Washington), George Burdeau (Spokane Public Television), Gilbert Frazier (Utah Public Television), Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (South Dakota Public Television), Bruce Barrett (South Dakota Public Television) and John Maestas (KBYU FM, Provo, Utah) met as a committee. "They put us in a room and told us to come out with a mission, organizational structure and a plan," said Blythe. "We had no experience in organizing anything other than our own projects. Finally, we came out with an organization called Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium, (NAPBC) which was to be a membership organization. The purpose would be to produce and distribute Native American programs to public television."

"How we were going to do that, we weren't sure, but that was the primary purpose of how it got started — the stations backed us up and they all gave us some seed money to get organized and get started and we went from there," said Blythe. "CPB came on board in 1976 and helped with funding, and that's how we got started. This is [also] when we started the organization at Nebraska Public Media in Lincoln, Nebraska."

In 1976, Blythe was hired as the first executive director of NAPBC, which after some years was renamed Native American Public Telecommunications and, finally, Vision Maker Media in 2013. "Our mission [back then] was to create an organization that served Native American populations and brought their films and media to the public," said Blythe, who led the organization until 2006. "The outlet we used was PBS because we were funded by CPB. We were expected to produce materials that were distributed to PBS."

"The original goal was to show the American public that Native peoples exist; they have survived and they continue to serve in their communities and work with their individual communities within their states… I feel we gave a positive view of some of them although some had sorrowful histories from the past," said Blythe. "Those stories were also presented and created discussion and story making that would have not otherwise been seen in public television."




Documentary filmmaker Sydney Bean (Flandreau Santee Sioux) one of Frank's longest standing friends from early childhood and affiliated with Blythe through their mutual television work for many years and as a board member for NAPBC and, later, for Vision Maker Media, has watched the organization grow and flourish over the years.

"Both of us had some early experience in television, particularly focusing on Native American stories and Native issues," said Bean. "This was back in the early 70s, a time when Native storytelling was really emerging around the American civil rights movement. It was creating a lot of stories that were being documented through media. There was a lot of social change going on that was being documented through media all over the country."

"We came together through birth around our commitment and responsibility to reclaim our identity as the original people of this land and to continue to tell the original stories in the different context of time," said Bean. "The challenge of that is to get those stories distributed and incorporated into the institutions of this country —the school systems, health networks and all the major institutions — so that we are truly understood and are able to function in a fully equitable way within our own country."

In the following years, Blythe made big moves for Native Americans in public broadcasting. In 1990, NAPBC launched a $500,000 annual television program fund, now known as Vision Maker Media's Public Media Fund, for Native producers to produce stories and Native productions to be funded with the support from CPB. In 1994, under Blythe's leadership, NAPBC began American Indian Radio on Satellite (AIROS), which launched The Native Radio Network and Native America Calling as a first daily all-Native live radio talk show and are still in operation. As the years went by, NAPBC eventually changed its name to Native American Public Telecommunications (NAPT) in 1995; and later, when Shirley Sneve (Rosebud Sioux), came on board in 2004 as the organization's second executive director, NAPT's name was changed to Vision Maker Media.

Fast forward to 2020. After the departure of Sneve in 2019, a national search was launched to find her replacement. Francene Blythe-Lewis (Diné, Sisseton Wahpeton and Eastern Cherokee), was hired as Vision Maker Media's new executive director in 2020. The daughter of Blythe, Blythe-Lewis's extensive experience in project management, arts and culture at such nationally-renowned organizations as The National Geographic Society, The Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage and The National Museum of the American Indian, and Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, made her the perfect choice for the job.

"Francene has established herself; she had the skill set and background and is in invested in her craft," said Joely Proudfit (Luiseño), Vision Maker Media board chair. "Frank had started the organization and now it has come full circle with Francene."

Blythe-Lewis grew up in Lincoln where she attended and graduated from Lincoln Southeast High School. After high school she remained in the state, graduating from the University of Nebraska in Omaha. She served on the Lincoln Housing Authority Board and as an AmeriCorps worker in a social service nonprofit agency. During her early career, she started her cultural education efforts by presenting workshops, titled "Unlearning Indian Stereotypes," in the Lincoln public school system.

"Fran[cene] worked for me at one time because I also spent 10 years living in Lincoln," says Bean. "Frank was a chairman on my board and Fran[cene] ran one of my largest programs when she was in college. So, we have a long close committed relationship to the same values and same principles and the critical need for the telling and hearing and educating and training around the Native story."

Blythe-Lewis remembers going to conferences with her father over the years and meeting many of his Native media colleagues and friends, so she received an early, informal introduction to his work in Native media making. "I remember the first series about contemporary Native artists that my dad produced and I remember it opened American eyes that there are Native Americans still alive and doing amazing stuff!," she said. "As a young Native person back then, I only saw the traditional aspects of my Native cultures and living ordinary lives like going to work and feeding family. That show of four contemporary artists showed me Native people outside my own perspective and experience. I, too, was amazed, wowed and impressed."

Vision Maker Media has been observing its 45th anniversary in 2021. The organization has a lot to celebrate. "What began as a film archive has transformed into the nation's public-media leader in content by and about America's first people — Native Americans and Alaska Natives — for public broadcasting," says Blythe-Lewis.

With continuous support from CPB and Nebraska Public Media, VMM's mission empowering and engaging Native people to share their stories remains meaningful. Currently, Vision Maker Media has at least 30 films in public-media broadcasting. Its content reaches nearly 90 million Americans on public television series, including Independent Lens, POV, America ReFramed, American Masters and others. A yearlong celebration of free "community" events, including thematic online film screenings, online virtual programs, and more is ongoing. The Cherokee Nation Film Office and PBS are 45th anniversary sponsors.

**Frank Blythe**
Photo courtesy Vision Maker Media

**Francene**
Photo by Barbara Soulé

"Vision Maker Media has been a powerful force in public media, ensuring funding and support for Native American storytelling," says Mark Leonard, Nebraska Public Media general manager.

The archive of award-winning programs and documentaries is a testament to the importance and relevance of Vision Maker Media's work."

"As we seek to include more diverse representation of people and ideas within our system, Vision Maker Media's importance will continue to rise," said Leonard. "Nebraska Public Media has been proud to be the physical home of Vision Maker Media as well as a partner in bringing diverse voices and stories to public media for the past 45 years."

The great Oglala Chief Crazy Horse said, 'A people without a history, is like wind on the buffalo grass,'" says Ron Hull, first treasurer of NAPBC and Nebraska Public Media senior advisor. "As a charter member of the initial NAPBC I was intrigued by the potential of creating a new media center dedicated to telling the stories of Native American history and culture produced by Native Americans. For 45 years Vision Maker Media has been capturing this history for all audiences."

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE**
**REGULAR MEETING**
**TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES**
**BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**
**NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Roll Call:**
President Marlon White Eagle-VC
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
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:** President Marlon White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**
**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda with adding under New Business CC. Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency to Apply for the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
***Legislative Meeting-October 19, 2021***
**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the October 19, 2021 Legislative Meeting minute with corrections. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Committee Reports:**
***Housing Committee-October 21, 2021***
**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to approve the October 21, 2021 Housing Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Determination Pursuant to the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance that the Home Ownership Program, Down Payment Assistance Program and Existing Mortgage Assistance Program are not Deemed Lavish and Extravagant***
**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 A***, Determination Pursuant to the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance that the Home Ownership Program, Down Payment Assistance Program and Existing Mortgage Assistance Program are not Deemed Lavish and Extravagant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Stephanie Begay out of the room. Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not respond during vote count.*

***Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee-October 25, 2021***
**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the October 25, 2021 Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not respond during vote count.*

***Social Services Board of Director Vacancies***
**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to request the Social Services Department to post notice for the Social Services Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not respond during vote count.*

***Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services to Participate in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging***
**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 B***, Authorization for the Department of Social Services to Participate in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not respond during vote count.*

***Resolution-Support for the Continued Collaboration between the Department of Social Services-Child and Family Services Division and the Children's Bureau Capacity Building Center for Tribes***
**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 C***, Support for the Continued Collaboration between the Department of Social Services-Child and Family Services Division and the Children's Bureau Capacity Building Center for Tribes. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not respond during vote count.*

***Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services-Child and Family Services Division to Enter into the 2021-2024 Indian Child Welfare Annual Funding Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs***
**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 D***, Authorization for the Department of Social Services-Child and Family Services Division to Enter into the 2021-2024 Indian Child Welfare Annual Funding Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not respond during vote count.*

***Resolution-Selection of Third Party Administrator of the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Insurance Plans***
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 E***, Selection of Third Party Administrator of the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Insurance Plans that states "**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and for the reasons stated above, hereby selects Auxiant to serve as the Third Party Administrator of the Nation's health insurance plans until June 30, 2022." Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not respond during vote count.*

***Development Committee-October 26, 2021***
**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the October 26, 2021 Development Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not respond during vote count.*

***Finance Committee-October 27, 2021***
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the October 27, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**
*Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that she was having technical difficulties previously.*

***Resolution-Authorization to Transfer the Nation's Wages Expense Line Item for Annual and Sick Leave to a New PTO Expense Line Item in Compliance with the ERA Changes on June 22, 2021***
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 F***, Authorization to Transfer the Nation's Wages Expense Line Item for Annual and Sick Leave to a New PTO Expense Line Item in Compliance with the ERA Changes on June 22, 2021. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Office of General Council Transportation Quotes for Annual General Council Meeting***
Cari Fay, General Council Advocate, was present via video conference. Ms. Fay shared financial information via a PowerPoint presentation regarding the transportation for the upcoming Annual General Council Meeting. The total for multi-buses is $20,964.41 and the total with single buses is $15,909.91. Ms. Fay stated that she is still waiting for the Windsor Bus quote to come in.
**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to increase the General Council Transportation budget in the amount of 7,000 with any unused funds be returned to the Special Projects line item, which is where the funds will be coming from. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. MOTION IS AMENDED to TABLE in order for the Legislative Finance team can prepare a budget mod by the end of the meeting today. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Darren Brinegar out of the room.*
President Marlon White Eagle stated that the Appropriations and Budget Act states that a true increase requires an emergency. Ms. Fay stated that the emergency is to ensure the Tribal Members who do not have transportation, have transportation to the Annual General Council Meeting.
Vice President Karena Thundercloud stated that this is not a true increase. This will be a budget mod.
Rep. Stephanie Begay requested that Ms. Fay send the presentation and information to the Legislative Office.
Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that on November 4, 2021 a memo was sent to Cari Fay asking for the transportation quotes. Within that, it was explained that funds within the General Fund are used for things such as: memorial/burial fund, burial grants, elder taxes, per capita, and general welfare payments, yet those funds are administered through Enrollment, Administration, and Treasury. This situation is no different.

***CARES Act Status Report of Funds***
***Administrative Leave***
***Unallocated Balances***
***Treasury CLA Engagement Letter***
***HCG Wittenberg Projects***
***Legislative Projects Manager 2***
Rep. Stephanie Begay stated that the Legislature did receive an updated spreadsheet from the Treasurer with current balances of CARES Act projects.
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to request the Treasurer to provide a report of the projected costs and amount that will be utilized by December 31, 2021 for the following CARES Act projects: Administrative Leave, Unallocated Balances, Treasury CLA Engagement Letter and HCG Wittenberg Projects; and to request the Legislative Financial Projects Manager to provide a report of the projected costs and amounts that will be utilized by December 31, 2021 for the Legislative Projects Manager 2 CARES Act project, and request that that be provided by November 23, 2021. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Darren Brinegar out of the room.*

***Administration Committee-November 4, 2021***
**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the November 4, 2021 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Darren Brinegar out of the room.*

***Resolution-Establishment of Classification and Compensation Workgroup***
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 G***, Establishment of Classification and Compensation Workgroup. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Darren Brinegar out of the room.*

***Resolution-Establishment of Restricted Account for Vehicle License Plate Program***
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 H***, Establishment of Restricted Account for Vehicle License Plate Program. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-2(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Darren Brinegar out of the room.*

**Reports:**
***Tribal Enrollment Numbers (Standing Agenda Item)-Enrollment Office reports the first Legislative Meeting of every month***
**MOTION** Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the report Tribal Enrollment report. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Darren Brinegar out of the room.*

**Unfinished Business:**
***COVID-19 Executive Branch Update-(Standing Agenda Item) Department of Health***
Kiana Beaudin, Executive Director of Health, was present via video conference. Ms. Beaudin stated that the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine was approved last week, and that the Department of Health is waiting to receive the pediatric doses. They are expecting them to come today, but they still need to do safety training. Ms. Beaudin mentioned that the vaccine mandate resolution is coming up on the agenda later today.

***Department of Business***
Scott Maracek, Business Analyst, was present via video conference and overviewed the current COVID-19 numbers and quarantines within the gaming facilities.

***Office of General Council Report (Standing Agenda Item)***
Cari Fay, General Council Advocate, was present via video conference and presented the same PowerPoint presentation again. Ms. Fay stated that there was a meeting last Friday. Ms. Fay overviewed the lodging, parking and voting information for the Annual General Council. It is not recommended at this time that children attend the General Council Meeting. Ms. Fay mentioned that every Friday night, up until December 11, 2021, there will be a District Volunteer Committee Meeting. The meeting information is posted on the Office of General Council's Facebook Page.
Ms. Fay stated there will be voting devices at the Annual General Council Meeting.
**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to have all contracts for the Annual General Council Meeting to the Legislative Office by November 15, 2021 for review. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Ms. Fay stated that the venue contract is in the contract database currently.
Ms. Fay stated that the General Council Resolutions will be posted with the author's permission.
Rep. Brinegar asked how it will be monitored if a Tribal Member is physically present and if they are on the meeting virtually. Ms. Fay replied that the audio/visual company has that figured out; Tribal Members who are present will not be allowed to log on to the meeting.
MOTION by Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge to request that all General Council contracts are to be to the Legislative Office no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled date of the Annual General Council Meeting. MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

***American Rescue Plan Funding (Standing Agenda Item)***
Vice President Thundercloud asked President White Eagle for an update on the ARPA proposals. President White Eagle replied that the portal is up and running, and that most of the projects are approved.
It was asked when the approvals will be brought to the Legislature for final approval. President White Eagle stated that they could be forwarded by the next Legislative Meeting. President White Eagle mentioned that the process is being finalized, and they will proceed from that. Rep. Begay asked if that process is different than the process that was previously established via resolution. President White Eagle stated that this is an Executive Branch policy, and he can send the policy to the Legislature.

***Medicare Part B-Referred from the June 2, 2021 Special Finance Committee Meeting-Rep. Sarah Lemieux***
Rep. Sarah Lemieux stated that now that the Nation took action (earlier today) regarding the

Third Party Administrator (TPA), this can move forward and we can work with the TPA.

***EDA Program & Possible Consideration of a Legislative Workgroup***

Crystal Deschinny, Legislative Financial Project Manager, stated that the RFP for the Comprehensive Economic Diversification Strategic (CEDS) consultant was released last week. EDA Director, and the deadline for that RFP was extended to December 2, 2021. Mrs. Deschinny also gave an update on the EDA Grant and the job descriptions.

***D2*** Ho'ųnį Xųnųnįk – ***October 12, 2021 Motion Follow-Up Regarding Food Distribution***

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

Bryon Goodbear, from Food Distribution, was present via video conference. Mr. Goodbear stated that the forwarded the income guidelines and services offered. Rep. White Eagle stated that that information will be shared with Tribal Members at area meetings.

**New Business:**

***Resolution-Authorization to Enter into Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Natural Heritage Inventory License Agreement and Security Protocol***

It was asked if this resolution was brought to a Committee. Randy Poelma replied that this was not brought to a committee, and it has not in the past.

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 I***, Authorization to Enter into Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Natural Heritage Inventory License Agreement and Security Protocol. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-2(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Robert Pilot)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Brownfields Grant for a Tribal Response Program***

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 J***, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Brownfields Grant for a Tribal Response Program. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Environmental Protection Agency FY22 Clean Air Act Section 103 Program Funding Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for Bureau of Indian Affairs 2022 Invasive Species Program Funding***

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud that Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Environmental Protection Agency FY22 Clean Air Act Section 103 Program Funding and Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for Bureau of Indian Affairs 2022 Invasive Species Program Funding be taken to the proper Committee before Legislative approval. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 9-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Robert Pilot)-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Approval of True Increase to 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget for Department of Social Services Economic Assistance Program***

Rep. Darren Brinegar stated that a motion needs to come through the Finance Committee. Rep. Brinegar mentioned that this has not been addressed at Finance, yet. Rep. Brinegar stated that the Executive Accounts Manager previously mentioned that they would look within their budget and draft a budget mod for this. Rep. Brinegar asked if a budget mod was drafted.

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer Resolution-Approval of True Increase to 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget for Department of Social Services Economic Assistance Program to the next Finance Committee Meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Kimberly Whitewater stated that there is no funding for emergency assistance for homelessness, until the true increases is approved.

***Resolution-Appointment of Presiding Officers and Members to Standing Committees of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature***

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 K***, Appointment of Presiding Officers and Members to Standing Committees of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit Division Three Year Plan and Authorization to Apply for Title III Funding through the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 L***, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit Division Three Year Plan and Authorization to Apply for Title III Funding through the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** Vice President Thundercloud stated that she opposed, as this was not routed through the appropriate Committee before coming to the full Legislature.

***Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 04-20-21 H, Authorization for Presidential Delegation of Electronic Grant Database Signature Authority for the Department of Health***

Executive Director of Health, Kiana Beaudin stated that this resolution is for signature authority on other databases, other than grants.gov.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 M***, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 04-20-21 H, Authorization for Presidential Delegation of Electronic Grant Database Signature Authority for the Department of Health. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 4-5(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Sarah Lemieux)-4(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 04-20-21 H, Authorization for Presidential Delegation of Electronic Grant Database Signature Authority for the Department of Health to the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Lunch Break:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to break for lunch until 12:47 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*12:02 p.m.*

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 12:48 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon White Eagle-VC
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-P 12:51 p.m.
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC 12:54 p.m.
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC
*VC-Video Conference*

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 12:50 p.m.

***Resolution-Imposition of Nationwide Vaccine Mandate in Response to COVID-19***

Rep. Stephanie Begay stated that she would like to see an updated policy from the Health Department. Rep. Begay also stated that a federal appeals court halted the vaccination mandate.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer Resolution-Imposition of Nationwide Vaccine Mandate in Response to COVID-19 to Legislative Counsel, Department of Justice for review and opinion, and referring to Department of Health for an updated policy. Second by Rep. George Stacy. MOTION IS AMENDED to include that this be brought back to the next Legislative Session on November 23, 2021. Second concurs. 6-5(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Robert Pilot)-2(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jeff Skinner, OSHA Officer, stated that the Nation needs an established policy by December 6, 2021 and vaccination status of each employee.

***Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Enter into a Self-Determination Contract with the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs for a Rural Forester Grant-Funded Position***

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Enter into a Self-Determination Contract with the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs for a Rural Forester Grant-Funded Position. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #1381 on Lot #25 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 N***, Cancellation of Lease #1381 on Lot #25 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #25 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016 for Nehomah Thundercloud***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 O***, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #25 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016 for Nehomah Thundercloud. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Commitment of Funds in Support of Inter-Tribal Adolescent Wellness Treatment Center***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer Resolution-Commitment of Funds in Support of Inter-Tribal Adolescent Wellness Treatment Center to the Finance Committee for funding source. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Hoocąk Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Black River Falls for the 2021-2022 Academic School Year***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 P***, Hoocąk Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Black River Falls for the 2021-2022 Academic School Year. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Hoocąk Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Tomah for the 2021-2022 Academic School Year***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 Q***, Hoocąk Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Tomah for the 2021-2022 Academic School Year. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Hoocąk Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Baraboo for the 2021-2022 Academic School Year***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 R***, Hoocąk Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Baraboo for the 2021-2022 Academic School Year. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Hoocąk Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Wisconsin Dells for the 2021-2022 Academic School Year***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 S***, Hoocąk Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Wisconsin Dells for the 2021-2022 Academic School Year. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Darren Brinegar asked if Language will be bringing forward for Nekoosa, Wisconsin Rapids and Madison. Adrienne Thunder stated that the Nekoosa and Madison MOUs were approved back in June, and Language is in discussions with the School District of Wisconsin Rapids.

***Resolution-Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County***

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution-Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County for this to be presented to the Black River Falls area meeting tomorrow night. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

Department of Justice Attorney Nicholas Layland stated that all of the Count/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement Resolutions are due on November 12, 2021. Attorney Layland mentioned that the resolutions include language that if the Legislature approves them today, the agreement will be conditional of approval at area meetings. Attorney Layland additionally mentioned that there is not complete representation on the Law Enforcement Commission, which is a barrier, and why the resolutions are late getting to the Legislature for approval.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 T***, Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 11-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 U***, Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 V***, Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 W***, Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County***

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 X***, Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County***

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brin-

egar to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 Y***, Approval of the CY2022 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Transfer of Funds to the Elder Roof Restricted Account***

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt Resolution-Transfer of Funds to the Elder Roof Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. MOTION IS AMNEDED to refer Resolution-Transfer of Funds to the Elder Roof Restricted Account to the Finance Committee. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Confirmation of Lori Pettibone as District 1 HHCDA Board Member***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 Z***, Confirmation of Lori Pettibone as District 1 HHCDA Board Member. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Confirmation of Lawrence Walker, Jr. as District 3 HHCDA Board Member***

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 AA***, Confirmation of Lawrence Walker, Jr. as District 3 HHCDA Board Member. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Vanverd Dick III was present to address the Legislature. Mr. Dick introduced himself and stated that he has a Bachelor of Science in Family and Human Development and he is an enrolled Ho-Chunk Member. Mr. Dick overviewed his work experience.

It was asked if Mr. Dick could speak to his experience in managerial positions. Mr. Dick replied that management starts from the bottom, and spoke to that.

Rep. White Eagle asked Mr. Dick what the mission is of the Department of Administration. Mr. Dick spoke to what the Department of Administration is working on right now.

Rep. White Eagle offered the Purpose and Mission as stated in the Establishment Act.

Mr. Dick was asked how many employees he supervises and he stated that there are not many people working right now, and stated that he cannot give that number of employees right now because he has only been in the position for two weeks.

Rep. White Eagle further asked for the nominee to respond on his comment that the Department of Administration runs the building(s) and asked how he would collaborate with and work with the Legislative Branch to carry out their constitutional authority to maintain tribal headquarters.

***Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Application of Vanverd Dick III to be Interim Director of the Department of Administration***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 BB***, Denial of Application of Vanverd Dick III to be Interim Director of the Department of Administration. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency to Apply for the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant***

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 CC***, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency to Apply for the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**<u>District Meetings:</u>**

***D2*** Hoxaįkeja/Hoguceja/Nį žhakisųc – October 20, 2021

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Heritage Preservation, the MOTION by Wetha Montelongo to recommend a notice sent out to tribal members regarding the address verification that was sent out that they are strictly for updating the address and not for percapita. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to the Legislative Financial Project Manager the MOTION by Cindy Tack to bring back the budget numbers for the September 18, 2021 General Council. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**<u>Executive Session</u> (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 to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved into Executive Session at 2:27 p.m.*

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

*President Marlon White Eagle is excused at 2:45 p.m., Vice President Karena Thundercloud chairs the meeting for the remainder of the meeting.*

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 4:39 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**<u>Release to Open Session from Executive Session:</u>**

***Employee Economic Relief Payment***

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to issue an Economic Relief Payment to HCN employees, as of October 30, 2021, in the amount of $250 per employee to be funded using the unspent, unallocated CARES funding in the amount of $517,250, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Appointment of Ho-Chunk Gaming Commissioner***

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 EE***, Appointment of Toni Blackdeer as Ho-Chunk Gaming Commissioner and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 4-4(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge)-5(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Sarah Lemieux) **TIE VOTE. NO ACTION.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt ***Resolution 11-09-21 FF***, Appointment of Dolores Greendeer as Ho-Chunk Gaming Commissioner and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 5-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge)-6(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Sarah Lemieux) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Office of General Council Transportation Quotes for Annual General Council Meeting (Re-visited)***

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer the Transportation Quotes for the Annual General Council Meeting to the Special Finance Committee Meeting (Date of the meeting to be determined). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge was not on the call.*

***Resolution-Approval of True Increase to 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget for Department of Social Services Economic Assistance Program (Re-visited)***

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer Resolution-Approval of True Increase to 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget for Department of Social Services Economic Assistance Program to the Special Finance Committee Meeting. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge was not on the call.*

**<u>Adjournment:</u>**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to Tuesday, November 23, 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.** *Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge was not on the call.*

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep. Stephanie Begay, Tribal Secretary
Date Ratified

# NOTICE

## RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act Ho-Chunk Member(s) Dana Houghton & Patrick Houghton have submitted a Request for Title for permanent improvements located at:

**N6648 Green Circle, Black River Falls, WI 54615**

And more particularly described as: Lot 2 of Ho-Chunk Nation Trust property known as SHOONK CHUNK KAH / 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 **<u>December 25, 2021 .</u>**

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.

# December Elders Birthdays

1. Carol Calkins
   Alexander Gourd
   Jeanette Lieb
2. Leslie Pettibone
   Eliot Littlejohn
   Beth Anacker
3. Dale WhiteEagle
4. Ricky Hunt
   Gene Cloud Sr.
   Melody Whiteagle
5. Sharon Thompson
   Patrick Red Eagle
   Katherine Burgess
   Gloria Perez
   Terrance Conery
6. Andrew Delarosa
   Rose Marie Funmaker
7. Debra Baublit
   Mark Taylor
8. Sandrea Radtke
   Margaret Showers
   Debra Bundy
9. Maribeth Jones
   Linda Revels
   Patricia Logan
   Nina Garvin
   Rosemary Thundercloud
   William Hall
10. Kathlyn Hodge
   Russell Poulton
   Valerie Kempen
   Marilyn Hilling
11. Joycelyn Buchanan
   Eileen Blackdeer
   Howard Ryan
12. Chloris Lowe Sr.
   Virzena Kofol
   Byron Steele
   Steven Kearnes
   Anthony Green
   Ruth Yellowthunder
   Charles Yellowthunder
13. Lorenzo Funmaker
   Rosemarie Davison
   Movita Rodriguez
   Darlyn Banuelos
   James Day
14. Carl Owen
   Douglas De Cora
15. Amelia Ortiz
   Susan Greengrass
   Donald Barta
   Angelina Liazuk
   Lisa Nichols
16. Steven Link
   Aleta Yellow Thunder
17. Joseph Keenan
   Clayton Winneshiek
18. Gloria Visintin
   Jean Climer
19. Charles Smith
   John Denny
   Gregory Lonetree
   Lu Ann Decorah
21. Albert Carrimon
   Sybil Grey Owl
22. Ollie Heth
   Lawrence La Mere
23. Levi Blackdeer
   Carole Laustrup
   Ronald Nichols
   Mara Roland
   Cornelius De Cora
   Kenneth Twin
   Susan Twinbear
24. Christina La Mere
25. Ronald Anwash
   James Hellerud
   Meredith Decorah
   Mary Taylor
   Crystal Pettibone
26. Christopher Keenan
27. Joy LightStorming
28. Frank Big Soldier
29. Sharyn Buchanan
   Audrey Conner
   Eric Thundercloud
   Gwendolyn Whitegull
30. Frank Dikeman
   Willa Redcloud
31. Anita Whiteeagle Winneshiek

# Vera Jean Decorah Kingbird

June 11, 1938 - November 14, 2021

Vera Jean Decorah Kingbird, 83, of Bemidji, MN peacefully passed away Sunday, November 14, 2021 at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center in Bemidji, MN.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00am, Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bemidji, MN. A wake will begin 4:00pm, Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at the Red Lake Humanities Building in Red Lake, MN, and will continue until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in Bemidji, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji

She was born on June 11, 1938, to Henry Decorah and Edna Rave in Winnebago, NE. Henry Decorah later married Marie Crowe, who helped raise Vera. The family of nine children (Merle, Henry, Dwayne, Orville, Ronald, Vivian, Reva, Vera, and Marilyn) lived in Albert Lea area and settled in St. Paul, MN. Vera married McKinley Kingbird and they made their home in the Battle River area on the Red Lake Reservation. Their blended family grew to include and welcome ten children. Vera and McKinley attended numerous pow-wows in the United States and Canada, and there began Vera's life long love of dancing. Vera became a champion traditional woman's dancer. Vera made many friends, and adopted many sons and daughters while traveling the pow-wow trail. She was not only known for her love of dancing, but her distinct laugh that could be heard throughout the powwow grounds. After the loss of her husband McKinley, Vera wanted to remain in the Bemidji area where she continued to raise her family and follow the powwow trail. Vera's family, her powwow family, and her faith family were a source of strength for her, and helped her to endure the many challenges she faced in life. Vera became ill in 2018 and was diagnosed with melanoma. In time this illness caused her to retire from dancing and eventually enter the Cornerstone Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Vera was beloved by the nurses and care team at Cornerstone and was known for her humor and stubbornness.

Vera is survived by her daughter, Valerie (Paulo) DeCora Guimaraes of Rochester, MN, sons Foster DeCora of Stuttgart, Germany, Orville DeCora of Bemidji, MN, Mack (Christy) Kingbird of Bemidji, MN, Kevin Kingbird (special friend Angel) of Bemidji, MN, and Keveon Kingbird of Bemidji, MN, 15 Grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

We are comforted to know that she is at peace, greeted by her companion McKinley, her parents Henry and Marie, her brothers and sisters, all who were waiting for her arrival.

A sincere thanks to Cornerstone Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the doctors and nurses at Sanford Hospital for their compassionate care of our Mother during her final days.

Honorary Casketbearers will be: Her grandsons; Jadin Decora, Devin Decora, Damon Decora, Jordan Decora, Paulo Guimaraes Jr., Samuel Guimaraes, McKinley Kingbird, Kolton Kingbird, and Kelson Kingbird.

Active Casketbearers will be: Keveon Kingbird, Orville Decora, Foster Decora, Kevin Kingbird, Mack Kingbird, Paulo Guimaraes Sr., and her grandson Keveon Kingbird.

# Claudine Renee Mountain

July 24, 1975 - November 16, 2021

Claudine Renee Mountain, age 46, of Reedsburg, Wisconsin walked on Wednesday, November 16, 2021.

A funeral service was held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at the Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station with Stuart Lonetree officiating. Burial will be at Blue Wing Cemetery in rural Tomah, WI. Visitation was held at Conway-Picha Funeral Home on Friday.

Claudine was born on July 24, 1975 in Fort Yates, North Dakota to Bernard and Cleo (DeCora) Mountain Sr. She was a fashionista, well-traveled, caring and humble. Her motto was "Family over everything".

Claudine is survived by her father, Bernard Sr. (Fran) Mountain, brothers, Glen DeCora, Bernard Mountain Jr. (Susan Decorah); sisters, Alana DeCora-Ayesh (TBD), Michelle Mountain (TBD); son, Myles Mountain; and daughter, Khaleesi Mountain; uncles, Joe WhiteMountain, Tony WhiteMountian; Aunties, Suzie Longelk, Nina Mata, Lavina Longelk, Marlene Killscrow, she is also survived by her Standing Rock relatives and many, many extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother.

A special thank you to Stuart and Wendy Lonetree and Janine and Roger Houghton.

# Justine Delana Hill Roybal

January 9, 1995 - November 14, 2021

Justine Delana "Nąącge pįį wii" Hill Roybal, age 26, passed away November 14, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire, WI.

She was born January 9, 1995 in Minneapolis, MN to John Daniel Roybal and Annabelle Mildred Hill. After suffering an accident at only eighteen months, Justine moved to Ladysmith, WI and was cared for by her loving foster parents, Tom and Kathy Silvernail for twenty years. She attended the Ladysmith school district. She later moved to Thorpe, WI where she was cared for by Carrie and Dux Calo for the past six years. As her disabilities progressed and she was confined to a wheelchair, Justine continued her education through special classes up until Covid hit in March 2020.

Justine had a passion for music, enjoyed bright colors and loved to laugh. Her favorite past-time was listening to pow wow music and Native American Church Songs. Above all, Justine loved visits from her family, especially when her sister would bring her nephews to visit. Her face would light up and she wouldn't want to say good-bye.

She is survived by her parents, John Daniel Roybal and Annabelle Mildred Hill; siblings, John, Joanna, James, Jacob and Ryan; grandmother, Julia A. Littlewolf; her beloved Choka Norman Snake Sr.; Larry Waube, Jodi Waube, and Harry Hill and many more relatives, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Harold Hill Sr. and her great grandmother Annabelle Winneshiek Lowe.

Traditional Native American church services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16th at the Mission Community Building with Matthew Mann officiating. Friends are invited for visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Decorah Cemetery.

The Torgerson Funeral Home of Black River Falls is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Joseph Edward Crow, Jr.

January 11, 1995 - November 17, 2021

Joseph Edward Crow Jr., 26, of Green Bay passed away on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. He was born on January 11, 1995 in Green Bay to Mari Tepiew and Joseph Crow Sr.

Joseph was very close to his family and spent a lot of time visiting with his parents, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles and relatives. He loved being a Tega (Uncle) to his many nieces and nephews. Joseph always made sure to attend their birthdays, sporting events or important milestones. In his spare time he enjoyed playing disc golf, going to street races in his Corvette, playing the drums, and going to rock concerts. He was an avid Packer fan and made sure he watched every game. Joseph also loved to travel and has been many places over the years. He enjoyed spending time on the beaches and at the theme parks in Florida. Most importantly; he was one of the kindest, most caring people and would do anything for the people he loved.

Joseph is survived by his parents, Mari Tepiew and Joseph Crow Sr.; his brother, Mitchell Clay Crow; aunts, "Cuwi" Dawn (Richard) Lopez, Kimberly (Chris) Schiesl and Kerry Tepiew; uncles, "Tega" Merlin Crow and Victor Tepiew; niece and nephews, Evan, Jazmyn, and Alex; special cousins who he considered brothers and sisters, Matthew (Brittany) Lopez, Richard (Anika) Lopez III, Shandelle Sackatook, Elizabeth (George) Crow, Mary Lopez and Lori (Jesse) Lopez; also many nieces and nephews he had through his Ho-Chunk kinship.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Evelyn Marie Tepiew; brothers; Edward Allyn Crow and Allyn Eugene-Victor Tepiew; grandparents, Elizabeth Crow, Leroy Crow, Eugene Tepiew and Regina Big Fire; uncles, John Tepiew, Bernard Crow, Alvin White, Leroy "Sonny" Crow Jr., Arnold Tepiew and Randy Big Fire.

Visitation will be held at Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Ave., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, November 20; followed by the Service at 1 p.m. To send online condolences, please go to www.Blaney-FuneralHome.com.

# Timothy Whiteagle

October 14, 1951 - November 11, 2021

Timothy Whiteagle, age 70, of Waupaca, WI, walked on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

A Funeral service was held on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Picha Funeral Home in Lake Delton, WI. Visitation was from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service at 2:00 p.m. Burial was held on Monday, November 15, 2021, at the Dekorra Cemetery in Poynette, WI.

Timothy was born on October 14, 1951, in La Crosse, WI, the son of Calvin and Georgina (Greengrass) Whiteagle. Timothy enjoyed traveling, mostly out West in the mountains with his family. He loved animals and had them most of his life, especially racing horses. He was loving and generous, always optimistic. He is known for being good and kind to people, especially to his family.

Timothy is survived by his children, Calvin (Dustyn) WhiteEagle, grandsons, Calvin Finn and Maxus Julius and his daughters, Summer Dawn WhiteEagle and Autumn Sun Whiteagle.

# Iris Mae Laes

October 5, 1952 - November 12, 2021

Iris Mae Laes, Bear Clan of the Ho-Chunk Nation, age 69 of Black River Falls, WI passed away on Friday, November 12, 2021 at the Mayo Franciscan Hospital in Lacrosse, WI surrounded by her family and friends.

Iris, a beloved Mother, Sister, Gaaga and friend to many was born October 5th 1952 in Wisconsin Rapids, WI to Paul Smith and Bertha Blackhawk. Iris leaves behind three children, Ira “Little Sky” Laes, Autumn Machado, Bobby Wilkinson and Daughter in-law Mandy Laes. She is survived by her beloved nieces Cheyenne and Sommer. Her grandchildren Jocelyn, Rain, Kaya, Naiya, Aerius, Keanu, Uriah and her devoted friends Rae Anna and Patty.

Iris was a natural caretaker, both in her years in healthcare services and with her family. In her earlier years working as a CNA she would regularly bring home patients to be treated as a surrogate relative. Later in life her love for children led her to become a foster mother to many children in her community.

Travel was always coursing in her desires, as she was always looking to the mountains near Plattsburgh, NY where she began her sobriety journey 28 years ago until her passing. Her passions included camping, cooking creatively for her family that birthed dishes such as Billy noodles, Taco nights and Beading jewelry. One of her super powers was her sense of humor, she was known to belt out one of her infectious laughs or an abrasively loud sneeze. Her generosity was well known and she could always be heard saying “My Treat!” when dining out or by gifting her belongings to those around her. She will be missed by many.

A Visitation is scheduled for 10:00-12:00 a.m. on Monday November 15, 2021 at the Torgerson Funeral Home 408 N. Water St., in Black River Falls, WI. Brother Jim Paulley will officiate via remote telecast promptly at 12:00 noon.

The Torgerson Funeral Home in Black River Falls is serving the family. (715)284-4321.

# George P. Smith

December 15, 1961 - November 12, 2021

George P. Smith, age 59, of Squaw Lake, Minnesota, passed away on November 12, 2021, at his home. He was born December 15, 1961, in Neillsville, Wisconsin to Earl and Virginia (Blackhawk) Smith.

George was a die-hard football fan and especially loved to watch the Green Bay Packers.

He is survived by his children, Lyman Smith, George Smith II, and Brandon Smith; and his siblings, Susan Jones, Sharon Pierce, Sherry Smith, and Nola Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings, Earl Smith, Sara Smith, and Ellen Blackhawk.

Traditional Ho-Chunk Services will be held at NOON on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah. Burial will be held in the Blue Wing Cemetery, Tomah. The Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

# Dana M. Deverney

October 4, 1990 ~ November 12, 2021

Dana Marie Deverney “Ahu-Ska-Inga”, age 31, passed away Friday, November 12, 2021 at Froedtert Medical Center in Milwaukee.

Commitment Services will be at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, November 15, 2021 at the Charles Smith Sr. residence in Vesper (Town of Seneca). Charles Smith Jr. will officiate. Visitation will be from 10:00 A.M. until the time of services on Monday at the residence.

Dana was born October 4, 1990 in Marshfield, WI to Dennis Deverney and Dawn Smith.

Dana leaves behind a beautiful son, Kobain Little Elk; mother, Dawn (Jerry) Thoms of Wisconsin Rapids; brother, Jerry (Alissa) Smith of Lac Du Flambeau; her Co-ka, Charles Smith Sr. of Vesper; her Tegas: Charles (Lori) Smith Jr. of Lake Andes, SD, Mitchell (Christine) Smith of Vesper, Taylor (Mary) Yellow Thunder of Green Bay, and Michael Yellow Thunder of Vesper; her Cuwi, Karie Decorah of Black River Falls; her Na-nis: Leona (Joe Ybarra) Smith of Milwaukee and Ellen Smith of Vesper; and her sister, Ruth Georgine Smith (Jose) of Milwaukee.

She is preceded in death by her father, Dennis Deverney; maternal great-grandfather, Lot L. Smith; maternal great-grandmother, Ruth Georgine Twinn Smith; maternal great-grandfather, Vanverd Dick Sr.; maternal great-grandmother, Emaline (Grizzlybear) Dick; maternal grandmother, Lenora Ann (Dick) Smith; and uncle, Terrance Wade Smith.

Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, Wisconsin Rapids, is honored to be assisting the family.

# John W. Stephens

June 2, 1942 - November 9, 2021

Age 79 of Plymouth, MN. John was born in Minneapolis, MN on June 2, 1942 and passed away on November 9, 2021. John was a proud enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. He fought a courageous battle with COVID for six weeks before he died. We are grateful for the compassionate care John received from the Mayo Clinic Healthcare System in Rochester, MN. John’s number one priority in life was staying sober. He helped countless people over his 39 plus years of sobriety. He loved traveling, the Minnesota Vikings, Gopher Hockey, keeping himself in shape by working out and participating in spin classes, his family, friends and his best friend and wife, Vicki. He worked as a typesetter and then at Border States Electric until he retired.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Stacy Stephens, and father, Eric Stephens; sister, Marie Stephens; brother, Earle Stephens; and liver donor, Tim C. Left with broken hearts are his wife, Vicki; sisters, Bonnie Stroessner and MaryEllen Dumas; brother, Dale (LuAnn); sister-in-law, Judy; many nieces and nephews, including Mark, Lisa and Todd Stroessner; Libby Fairchild; Stacy Kehrwald; cousins; a large extended family; and so many, many friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date due to COVID. Memorials preferred. Please consider being an Organ Donor. We were all blessed with an additional 25 years with John thanks to the Gift of Life so graciously donated by Tim. “PLEASE TREAT PEOPLE WITH LOVE AND RESPECT.”

# Rodney Cloud

August 16, 1971 - November 14, 2021

At this time, no obituary description has been created for Rodney Cloud.

**NOV 17**
Visitation
Wednesday, November 17 2021
12:00 PM - 03:00 PM
Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory
305 N. Tenth St
De Pere, WI 54115

**NOV 18**
Visitation
Thursday, November 18 2021
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ho-Chunk Nation - Siga Funmaker Community Center
W17634 Radkw Rd
Wittenberg, WI 54499

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## Holiday Craft Fair

## 2413 Hazelwood Ln.

Ho-Chunk Nation Branch Office, Green Bay,WI

*Showcasing Local Native Artists & Crafters*

*November 5th & 6th, 2021*

CANCELLED NOV. 19th & 20th

*December 3rd & 4th, 2021*

******* 9:00 am - 5:00 pm *******

*Vendors Call 920-490-2775 To Reserve A Table*

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## RED BANKS

## Ho-Chunk Nation Origin Story

In the beginning, Earthmaker sat in space and there was nothing around him. He became conscious and realized there was nothing there. He wondered what he should do, and he began to cry. Tears flowed from his eyes and fell down below him. He looked down and saw something bright: it was his tears which had fallen and formed the oceans, lakes, and streams. Earthmaker thought some more. He realized that if he thought of something, it would simply appear. He thought of light and it became light. Then he wished for the earth, and the earth came into existence. Earthmaker looked at the earth and thought it was fine, but it was not quiet and steady; it moved like waves on the ocean. Then he made the trees, but they did not make the earth steady. Then he made grass and rocks and stones and they helped to steady and quiet the earth, but it wasn't really steady yet. So then he made the four directions and the four winds and he placed one at each corner of the earth to hold it down and steady it. But still the earth was not quite steady. He then made four large snake-beings and threw them down to the earth, and they fell through the earth to the place underneath. Then the earth was steady and quiet.

The earth and the trees were all formed, but Earthmaker thought of something else He took a piece of clay and shaped it so it looked just like him. He talked to the small form, but it did not answer because he had not given it a mind. He talked to it again, and again it did not answer, and he realized that he had not given it a tongue. He made a tongue for it but still it could not talk. He gave it a soul and breathed into its mouth and it answered him.

Earthmaker was proud of this being made in his own likeness, and he made three more of them, and made them powerful so they could watch over the earth. He made these beings the chiefs of the Thunderbirds. And then he thought he should populate the world with other beings, and he made four more beings and they were four brothers. He showed them the earth and told them that they would be living there. Before they left, he gave them a plant, saying, "This is important. I cannot grow this myself, but you can, and if you offer me some I will accept it and give you what you ask." The plant he gave them was tobacco. At the same time, he also gave them fire so they could live on the earth.

The four chiefs of the Thunderbirds brought the four brothers to earth and set them down at a place called *Red Banks* near Green Bay. The first thing they did on earth was to start their fire.

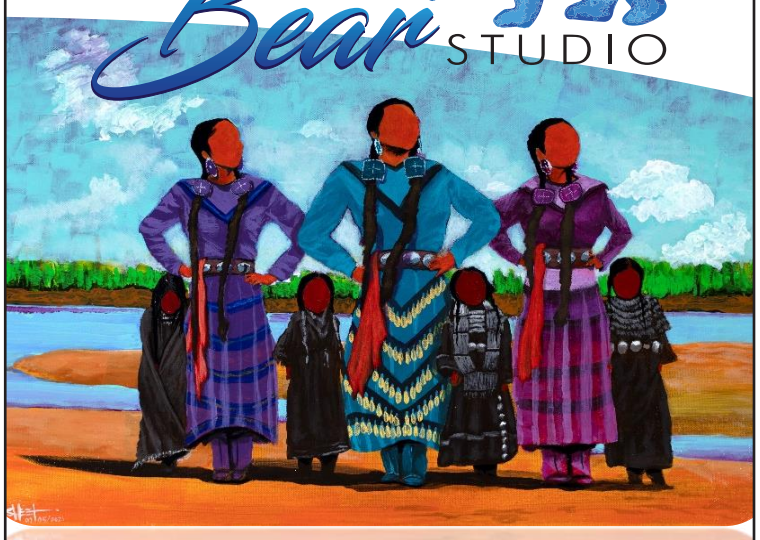
Earthmaker realized that he had not made anything for them to eat, so he made animals and gave them bows and arrows to hunt with. They soon came back to camp with some deer they had killed, and to show their thanks to Earthmaker, they took some of the meat and fat and threw them into the fire so Earthmaker could smell their offering to him through the smoke.

Other people were also on the earth and came to visit the four brothers, who were of the Thunder Clan. The War Clan people came from the west, and were followed by the Deer Clan, then the Snake Clan, the Elk Clan, the Bear Clan, and the Fish Clan. The Water Spirit Clan and all the other clans also came and joined them. They all made a feast and offered some of the meat and some tobacco to Earthmaker. The four brothers showed all of the other clans how to make and use fire. The last clan to join them was the dog or wolf, which came sniffing around camp and eating the cast off deer bones. They took it into their homes and made it one of their clans. From that point forward, the people of the different clans began to marry one another. To prevent them from marrying their own relatives, the people of the upper clans married the people of the lower clan.

One day, the oldest Thunder Clan brother lay down and did not breathe and grew cold. No one knew what was the matter. For four days he lay there, and no one knew what to do. They mourned his passing by fasting and blackening their faces with ashes and charcoal. They built and made a platform and laid him on it. It was snowing and the three remaining brothers traveled to the east to ask the wind spirit there what to do. He did not know what to do, and suggested they seek out the spirit of the north wind. They traveled to the north, where that spirit kept the north corner of the world tied down. The north wind did not know what to do and directed them to seek out the west wind. Again, the west wind did not know what to do, and recommended that they ask the south wind. When they reached the lodge of the south wind, they entered, and all of the winds were sitting around the fire. They asked the west wind what had happened to their brother and what they should do, and all of the wind spirits answered. They explained about death, and that the souls of the deceased would live in a village in the west especially for them. The eldest brother of the Thunder Clan would be the chief of this village because he was the first to die.

The three brothers thanked the spirits and traveled home. There they dressed their brother in his best clothes and buried him facing the west to speed him on his journey. They also brought food and tobacco for his journey to the west to offer to anyone who may hinder his way. Thus the world was created and the Ho-Chunk took their place in it.

# Blue Bear STUDIO



Featuring local
Native American artisans

**Blue Bear Studio**
**Celebrating Native American Artists**
Blue Bear Studio is owned and operated by local Ho-Chunk/Ojibwe artist, Christopher Sweet. What started out as a working art studio for Sweet in May 2021, has since taken on another role. Blue Bear Studio will also be a space to feature the works of other local Native American artists.

Visit Blue Bear Studio featuring the art of Christopher Sweet and other native artists to share their visions of Native American culture past and present.

### GALLERY
Beautiful works of art on display to admire and appreciate.

### GIFTS OF ART
Affordable original paintings, prints, notecards, uniquely painted items and jewelry.

### NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS
Blue Bear Studio is owned and operated by Ho-Chunk/Ojibwe artist, Christopher Sweet. Christopher is an award winning artist and his works have been featured in books, magazines, museums and galleries.

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### CURRENT HOURS

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| MON – THURS | 11 AM TO 5 PM |
| FRI & SAT | Call/email for appt |
| | 608.445.4324 |
| SUN | Closed |

*Hours subject to change based on events

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# Ho-Chunk Nation
# Language & Culture Committee

The Ho-Chunk Nation **Language & Culture Committee** seeks to fill **three (3)** of its seats on its seven member committee in accordance with the Language & Culture Code, Ch. VI, Language & Culture Committee, Sec. 12 Composition:

a. The Committee will consist of seven (7) voting members, Three (3) Elite Ho-Chunk Elders, Four (4) Ho-Chunk Elders and will be formally appointed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.

AND

c. The Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee members shall serve for a three (3) year staggered term. The term of the Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee members shall begin on January 1 following appointment at the November meeting of the Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee. Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee members who are appointed to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, death or removal of a member shall serve for the remainder of the 3-year term. Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee members may be reappointed without limit to number of terms.

Names of Elder and Elite Elder eligible candidates may be submitted to the Language Division Manager (Adrienne.thunder@ho-chunk com) or nominated by their community at a District meeting. The Legislature shall vote on the candidates' appointment, which shall begin January 1.

Please contact Adrienne Thunder, Language Division Manager, at Ext. 11143 or via email at Adrienne.thunder@ho-chunk.com with any questions.

# Employees keep Personnel updated with your current address

*Payroll now charging $5.00 for copies of W-2 forms*

The year is fast drawing to an end! Please make sure your employees have their correct address on file with Personnel so their W-2 can reach them. Remember the Post Office does not forward on any employee's W-2, check or pay stub even if they have changed their address with the Post Office.

Payroll is now enforcing the $5.00 charge for every copy of a W-2 or check stub(s) that is requested. This is stated on the Request for Information that each person must complete and pay for before receiving any copies. We have stacks of pay stubs that cannot be forwarded on to the employees' new addresses and these employees are calling and asking for a copy or copies of missing pay stubs. So please encourage your people to update their address.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kimberly Waukau in the Treasury Department. Thank you.

# James L. Pettibone

June 10, 1958 - November 21, 2021

James L. Pettibone "Hąąpmąnį" (Walks in the day), age 63, of Tomah, Wisconsin, passed away Sunday, November 21, 2021, at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, WI. He was born June 10, 1958, to Leslie Pettibone and Janette Smoke. He proudly served his country in the United States Marines.

James was a jack of all trades and worked at Ho Chunk Casino in many positions including supervisor and shift manager. He liked traveling, hunting, golfing, frisbee golf, shooting pool and attending concerts of all kinds. He was an avid reader and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles. James loved writing and proudly wrote children's books for his grandchildren to enjoy. He was a gun enthusiast and enjoyed target practice in his spare time. He was a Green Bay Packer and Milwaukee Brewer Fan. James was known to his family and friends as always being right but never wrong and he always had a story to tell. He will be missed for his quick wit, great sense of humor and an infectious laugh that could light up a room.

He is survived by his dad, Leslie Pettibone, his children, Clarissa (Raymond) Haapala, Megan Pettibone and Wendell (Niki) Pettibone, his grandchildren, Kastan, Jessie, Linda, Mackenzie, Anthony, Michael, Tyler, Tristan, Atreyu and Roscoe, siblings, John Pettibone, Howard Pettibone, Lynette Smoke, Laurette Pettibone, Joe Czarnecki, Lisa Pettibone, Lanel Pettibone, Lucy Pettibone, Laurie Dorwin and Robin (Ralph) Babcock, his special cat, Gomer, as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Janette Smoke, sister, Jonette Pettibone and brother, Leslie Pettibone Jr.

Private Family services will be arranged by Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah. Online condolences are available at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

# ANNUAL MEETING GENERAL COUNCIL 2021

## December 11, 2021

**WI CENTER**

**400 W. Wisconsin Ave.,**
**Milwaukee, WI**
**REGISTRATION 9 A.M.**

## We the People…

**Inherent Sovereignty –Secure Our Rights**
**Advance General Welfare**
**Safeguard Our Interests - Sustain Our Culture**
**Promote Our Traditions-**
**Perpetuate Our Existence**
**Right to Govern Ourselves**
**UPHOLD THE HCN CONSTITUTION**

**THE FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE IN PLACE:**

- Wear a mask
- *CDC - People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask, until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.*
- *If you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission*

Attend at your own risk

No children under 18 – Per Kiana Beaudin, MPAS, PA-C, ED of the HCN Health Department, stated it is not recommended at this time, as they will likely not be fully vaccinated and they themselves would be most at risk for contracting the disease. Currently, 25% of the US new cases are children.

**HAND SANITIZER & MASKS WILL BE AVAILABLE**
**MEALS SERVED IN BENTO BOXES**
**VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST TRIBAL MEMBERS**

**SUBMIT RESOLUTIONS FOR LEGAL REVIEW - E-Mail:**

**Cfay@ho-chunk.com or Henry.WhiteThunder@ho-chunk.com**