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Maya White Eagle signs her letter of intent to play basketball with Triton College in River Grove, Illinois

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

Maya Lyn White Eagle (Ho-Chunk), a senior at Baraboo High School, has signed a letter of intent to play NJCAA Division I basketball for the Triton College women's basketball team beginning fall of 2021.

"I saw Maya at a showcase over the summer, and I fell in love with her game," said the Triton's Head Woman's Basketball Coach, Marques Hatch. "I think she embodies the type of players that we are trying to recruit to change our program around. She works hard. She loves basketball. She is a gym runt. All the things we want to build into our program - she exemplifies."

Maya, daughter of Stephanie and Joseph White Eagle, Sr., accepted a full scholarship to the college about 15 miles from Chicago. White Eagle was introduced to basketball at the age of five.

"My older brothers, Kyle, Jordan, Joe (Jr.), Sanford, and Storm," Maya reminisced about the introduction.

"I saw them playing outside one day and was like, I want to try this. They got me into it, and they coached me. My mom helped out."

White Eagle grew up in Baraboo and then moved to Madison with her Grandparents Bill Anderson and the late Mary Anderson when she started high school and spent her first three years at Madison Memorial. She returned this year and played for the Baraboo Thunderbirds.

Baraboo Athletic Director Jim Langkamp welcomed everyone, briefly introduced Maya, and directed how the evening signing ceremony would go on March 25.

"Obviously, we are here for basketball. I heard Maya's name probably when she was in seventh grade and that we had a really

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Maya White Eagle signs her letter of intent. Her parents, Stephanie and Joseph White Eagle, Sr., and Triton Head Women's Basketball Coach Marques Hatch with his two assistants witness her signature.

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No Per Cap for May 2021

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Per an April 6 Facebook post from the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch, there will be no per capita dispersal for May 2021. Tribal members should plan accordingly.

Per the post, "Due to limited Net Gaming Revenue, there was not enough to fund regular quarterly per capita distributions at previous levels."

Following this announcement, tribal members have not received four consecutive per capita payments. May 2020 marked the last disbursement.

Tribal members who have applied for HELP will continue to receive the \$700 monthly payments through June. Eligible applicants are enrolled members of the Ho-Chunk Nation and 18 years (within the month of

disbursement) or older.

Applications for HELP are located at www.ho-chunknation.com. The Department of Treasury also has a helpline at 715-284-7720

extensions 11223 or 11215 for any questions.

Decisions beyond the May distribution have not been made.




The Legislature has decided there will be no Per Cap for May 2021. Due to limited Net Gaming Revenue, there was not enough to fund regular quarterly per capita distributions at previous levels. Had an effort been made to pay out the per capita at previous levels, the payment would have been below expectations.

As the economy begins to stabilize and recover, there is a greater likelihood of approving and issuing a per capita payment next fiscal year.

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A Letter from the President

Letter to the editor,

When I threw my hat into the ring to run for president, I knew the job was not going to be easy. I knew I was going to have to make some difficult decisions that wouldn't please everyone and I would have to give up a lot of my personal and family time for the job.

I knew that I would be criticized at times, just because all Ho-Chunk Nation presidents had been criticized. There is a track record.

In fact, a majority of Ho-Chunk presidents had faced the possibility of removal at the next General Council meeting.

It's not an easy job.

One thing that I've found, during my service to the Nation, is that there needs to be a clarification of roles in the service to our tribal members.

Within the Ho-Chunk government, there are four equal branches: Executive, Legislative, Judicial, and General Council.

One branch of government is not over another branch. We each have our own roles and duties.

Along with that responsibility

of duties, we need to have respect for what each of us do. Know each of roles, it's imperative that we allow each other to do those duties without overstepping our bounds.

Ever since I have been president, I have respected the boundaries of each of the branches. As well, I have been open to communication from anyone.

So often in any organization, people have a tendency to want to make their jobs secure and to make themselves a vital part of the system. The unfortunate downfall of that need is that people may infringe on the rights of other people.

That's why clear and distinct boundaries exist between the different branches of government and there is a need to respect and observe those boundaries.

There is no one distinct "Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation." It's a team effort, with each of us doing our parts.

We need to act in a mature fashion, knowing that we need to abide by the rules. Disrespect by one branch

of government for another branch is not helpful. In fact, it deteriorates the situation and makes everything worse.

As a Nation, we only grow when we allow each other to do the duties that is beneficial to everyone, not just the people in their own corner of the world.

Sir John Dalberg-Acton, better known as Lord Acton, was an English Catholic historian, politician, and writer. He once said, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

I believe that is why our founders divided our government into four equal branches: so that all the power would not be held by one person or one group of people. In essence, there would be a type of checks-and-balances system.

By having four equal branches of government, it is designed so one branch doesn't have dominance over another. We can each do our parts with infringing upon another. But if that should happen, there are means of correcting that – through the court system, which is one of

the equal branches.

If we all keep in our own places and do our own jobs without overstepping on an-

other branch, we can all get along famously and excel in everything we do.

That is our hope.



Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon White Eagle.

Court strikes key provision of Indian child welfare law

A 325-page decision was released Tuesday and attorneys for both sides were reviewing it late into the night

Joaqin Estus
Reprint from Indian
Country Today

Legal experts are deeply concerned about an "incredibly divisive" ruling from a federal appeals court that

struck down parts of a law giving Native American families preference in the adoption of Native American children.

The ruling by a sharply divided U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals is seen as a defeat

for tribal leaders who said the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act was important to protecting their families and culture.

Mary Kathryn Nagle, Cherokee, is a partner with the law firm Pipestem and Nagle, and

specializes in federal Indian law. She called the 5th Circuit ruling "incredibly divisive" and said "certain parts of this decision are incorrect."

The complex ruling from 16 judges of the 5th Circuit court upholds a lower court's finding that the Indian Child Welfare Act's preferences for Native American families or licensed "Indian foster homes" violate constitutional equal protection requirements.

It also said some of the provisions of the law "unconstitutionally commandeer" state officials' duties in adoption matters. Attorneys for both sides were reviewing the 325-page document late Tuesday.

The National Indian Child Welfare Association issued a statement as part of the Protect ICWA Campaign, a coalition of the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the National Congress of American Indians, the Association on American Indian Affairs, and the Native American Rights Fund.

The association said while it's pleased the court recognized that ICWA generally is within Congress's authority, "we are deeply concerned that aspects of this opinion misunderstand the unique relationship between the United States and tribal nations."

The full implications of the

decision on adoptive children in this and future cases were not immediately clear. Some of the key points were the result of 8-8 votes. The lack of a majority meant the lower court's ruling prevailed on those points, but that no binding precedent was set by the appeals court.

"It's clear that the court could not quite make up its mind," Nagle said. "And the question of whether or not the Indian Child Welfare Act is unconstitutional or constitutional, it does not merit a 325-page written decision. It's actually not that complicated."

Nagle said the legal questions at issue in the lower court case, Chad Brackeen v. Ryan Zinke, "could and should be answered in a 10- or 20-page decision, not a grand 325 pages... things that are clearly within Congress's constitutional authority when it comes to Indian affairs have been made incredibly messy and complicated."

The case could wind up at the U.S. Supreme Court.

The makeup of the Supreme Court has changed with the addition of two justices appointed by former President Donald Trump.

"We're in a new era where, especially with the addition of Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, there

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Rosa Soto Alvarez, of Tucson, holds a flag of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe as she and others stand outside the federal appeals court in New Orleans, Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020. Parts of a federal law giving Native families preference in the adoption of Native children were effectively struck down Tuesday by a sharply divided federal appeals court. AP Photo/Kevin McGill

Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers, Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, and DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake visits and tours a Ho-Chunk Nation COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

Evers, Barnes, and Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Timberlake visited the District 1 Community Center (D1CC) on Thursday, March 25. The group toured the Ho-Chunk Nation point of dispensing COVID-19 vaccine site near Black River Falls.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health (DOH) offered COVID-19 vaccine community events each Wednesday and Thursday in March. Clinics on Wednesdays were at the House of Wellness (HOW) in Baraboo and clinics on Thursdays were at D1CC.

The DOH administers the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and dispensed 658 vaccines that day.

"I've had the opportunity to visit a lot of sites like this across the state," shared Gov. Evers. "I'd say the joyfulness is a little higher. Everybody I've talked to whether it's getting a shot in the arm, doing technology work behind the scenes, or people actually putting shots in arms. Everybody is happy. They are smiling, you can tell even with the mask on."

"I have to congratulate President (White Eagle), you

and your staff. Everything is so well organized. It is a friendly organization. People feel welcome here. It's done in a way that people are getting shots and they are being treated well. They are walking out of here with a smile on their face."

HCN President Marlon White Eagle and HCN Department of Health Executive Director Kiana Beaudin joined the visitors for a press conference in the Youth Services Gym. Wisconsin State Senator Jeff Smith was also in attendance. He represents District 31 which includes areas between Eau Claire, Prescott, Trempealeau, and Black River Falls.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health opened the clinics beyond Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members, descendants, employees, and their household members to anyone 18+ with underlying medical conditions in the counties of Columbia, Monroe, Jackson, Juneau, Sauk, and Wood on March 23.

"As soon as you are eligible, make sure you take advantage of that opportunity and get vaccinated, for yourself, for your community, for our entire state," expressed Lt. Gov. Barnes during the press conference, "Thanks again



Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Executive Director Kiana Beaudin spoke during the press conference in the District 1 Community Center Youth Services Gym.

for doing the hard work to not just vaccinate members of the Ho-Chunk but also the broader community because that's what leadership is all about. Making sure that the entire community is taken care of and you've done that."

Per the HCN COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard, HCN DOH dispensed a total of 5,379 COVID-19 vaccines as of March 29. From that number, 47% were tribal members and 53% were non-tribal.

"Ho-Chunk Nation has been great partners to our state and the communities. Not only vaccinating members of the tribal nation but others. Today is a good example of that. We know that when people get vaccinated, we are all safer, not just the people that are getting that vaccination. Thank you Ho-Chunk Nation, Executive Director Beaudin, and other officials that have done such a great job," said Gov. Tony Evers

The day following the visit, HCN DOH opened their COVID-19 vaccine community events to anyone 18+ with no county or underlying medical condition restrictions. By approximately 4:30 PM, registration was closed for the Baraboo event because of the



Lt. Gov. Barnes, DHS Secretary-designee Timberlake, Gov. Evers, and President White Eagle listen as Executive Director Beaudin provided a brief update on HCN's COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

overwhelming response.

On March 30, Gov. Tony Evers announced everyone 16 and older will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine starting April 5.

The HCN DOH continues to offer the COVID-19 vac-

cine to tribal members and employees during the month of April. The goal is to vaccinate between 70% – 80% of tribal community members. Watch the HCN DOH and Hocak Worak Facebook pages for community event updates.

Evan Everett Yellow Thunder December 1, 1961 – March 25, 2021

Evan E. Yellow Thunder, 59, died on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

He was born on December 1, 1961 in Wausau. The son of Joseph and Lillian Mae (Long Tail) Yellow Thunder.

Evan worked at various jobs doing general labor. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending time in the woods, fishing and hunting.

Evan is survived by three siblings, Fredrick (Deb) Yellow Thunder, Aleta Yellow Thunder and Thomas Yellow Thunder and special friend, Mona.

Evan was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings, Joseph, Rachel and Quinn.

A Devotional Service will be held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at The Native American Church,



Wittenberg. Mr. Corwin Roth will preside. Burial will be in Sox Minak Cemetery, Wittenberg. Visitation will be on Sunday from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM when a brunch will be served at the church.

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

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Justice Department working with tribes on missing persons

There is no plan for when a tribal citizen goes missing off a reservation or outside tribal lands

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HELENA, Mont. — Jermain Charlo vanished in June 2018. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribal member hasn't been seen since.

Valenda Morigeau, Charlo's aunt, reported her missing to the Missoula Police Department in the days after her disappearance. But Morigeau said the detective initially assigned to the case failed to take the report seriously and was slow to act, a pattern she said is common when Native Americans report missing loved ones.

"You would think that there would be more urgency to go find the person that is missing," Morigeau said. "Here we are, three years later, because they assumed she was avoiding responsibilities."

Charlo's case brought the problem of missing and murdered Indigenous women to the fore in the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes. Now, almost three years after her disappearance, the tribes on Thursday became the first in the nation to complete a community response plan — a Justice Department initiative aimed at creating collaboration between law enforcement agencies, including tribal police, county police and federal authorities, when Native Americans go missing on tribal land.

Still, there are major holes. Among the most glaring: There is no plan for when a tribal citizen goes missing off

a reservation or outside tribal lands, as Charlo did.

In 2018, an Associated Press investigation found that 633 Indigenous women made up 0.7 percent of open missing persons cases despite being 0.4 percent of the U.S. population.

The situation is especially alarming in states such as Montana, which have large Native American populations. Native Americans make up less than 7 percent of Montana's population but account for 25 percent of reported missing person cases.

It is not a federal crime for an adult to go missing, and the FBI generally would only step in if there was clear evidence that a crime has been committed that led to a disappearance. The federal government could lend its resources to local law enforcement officials to help in the search.

"The things that we will learn and implement from the work that the good people here have done can be utilized nationwide," said Terry Wade, an FBI executive assistant director, at a news conference Thursday on the Flathead reservation.

The Justice Department sees its work with local law enforcement and tribal communities as a major initiative. President Donald Trump initiated a federal task force and his then-Attorney General William Barr, who visited the Flathead Reservation in Montana, committed to hiring 11 coordinators at U.S. attorneys offices across the country.

The new plan aims to increase communication among local law enforcement officials, especially in places

where there is overlapping jurisdiction. For example, in the immediate area around the Flathead Reservation, there are eight police and sheriff's departments in addition to the Montana Highway Patrol, the tribal police and federal investigators.

As part of the initiative, the police departments are now sharing dispatch information, meaning that when one sheriff's office receives a missing persons report, it can be shared quickly and widely. Also, the U.S. attorney's office and the FBI would offer resources and make a sheriff's office aware of how the federal government could help.

Craig Couture, police chief for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, said the plan will eventually extend to address cases that occur beyond tribal land and even in other states.

Over the past two years, the federal government has tried to put in place the tribal plans, holding listening sessions and working with tribes to "establish model protocols," said Ernie Weyand, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person coordinator for the Justice Department in Montana.

Weyand, a former FBI official and the first coordinator to be hired, has helped to develop the protocols with other coordinators and tribes across the country.

"They are a community deeply affected by its members who have gone missing or been murdered," Weyand said in an interview.

Officials around the Flathead Reservation are also working to create a common missing person policy, shared



Photo by Jourdan Bennett-Begaye

by all the agencies working on the reservation, and have discussed storing information on a secure information server, he said.

It seems to be working. In early 2020, when 16-year-old Selena Not Afraid disappeared from a New Year's party in Big Horn County, Montana, the reaction was swift and the response from law enforcement was robust. The FBI dispatched its elite child abduction team and offered its vast resources to the local sheriff's office.

It was too late. But unlike so many others who have never been found, her body was discovered 20 days after she went missing. An autopsy found she died of hypothermia. Her family still questions how she died.

Rae Peppers, a former Montana state House member who has worked to address the crisis through legislation and nonprofit work, said several of the federal initiatives have come across as disingenuous and unproductive.

"It looks like we're at a standstill," she said, calling Trump's efforts "a political move and not a compassionate move for the Native people."

But President Joe Biden's administration has brought the prospect of revitalized efforts. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced Thursday the formation of a new unit within the Bureau of Indian Affairs to address the missing and murdered Indigenous

persons crisis, with a goal of coordinating different federal resources to investigate cases.

The move on the part of Haaland marks the fulfillment of a hope by Native activists, including Peppers, that the first American Indian to lead the Department of Interior would bring greater attention to the crisis.

"Violence against Indigenous peoples is a crisis that has been underfunded for decades. Far too often, murders and missing persons cases in Indian country go unsolved and unaddressed, leaving families and communities devastated," Haaland said in a statement.

In tribal communities in Montana, hardly anyone can remain untouched by the crisis. Peppers recounts that no charges were pressed in the killing of her neighbor, who was her husband's cousin.

Peppers said the Tribal Community Response Plan could prove effective, but it remains to be seen whether such an initiative can translate to all tribal communities and whether it brings real change.

Native Americans who have seen their neighbors and loved ones disappear agree that while the political attention may be new, the problem is not.

"It's a crisis that has happened clear back to Columbus' time," Peppers said. "It's always been, 'Oh, another dead Indian.' That was always the discussion, and it's still like that."



Interior Secretary Deb Haaland attends a Cabinet meeting Thursday with President Joe Biden in the White House AP Photo/Evan Vucci

2021 Ojibwe Spring Harvest Season Underway

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MADISON, Wis. – Spring in Wisconsin means warmer weather, melting ice and the start of the 2021 Ojibwe spring harvest season.

With the Ojibwe spring harvest season officially underway, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds Wisconsinites of the protected tribal right to fish in certain Wisconsin waterways and the legal consequences they could face if found interfering with that right.

“We fully support Ojibwe sovereignty and treaty rights,” said DNR Secretary Preston D. Cole. “The department has zero tolerance for harassment of tribal members who are exercising their treaty rights.”

Each tribal harvest season, tribal members harvest using a variety of high-efficiency methods including spearing and netting. The DNR collaborates with the Ojibwe tribes to uphold these tribal rights.

The spring tribal harvest usually begins in mid- to late-April through May, or shortly after the ice melts. The season typically starts in the southern portion of the Ceded Territory and moves north as the season progresses. The tribal harvest is not a date-regulated activity and as a result there is neither an open nor closed season.

There are 2,300 lakes larger than 25 acres in the Ceded Territory, including 919 walleye lakes and 623 musky lakes. Each year, the Ojibwe tribal members fish a portion of these lakes outside of

reservation boundaries during their spring harvest season. Tribal members rely on these lakes to preserve their cultural heritage and which also act as a vital food source for their communities.

Every season, each tribe declares how many walleyes and muskellunge they intend to harvest from each lake by March 15. Harvest begins shortly after the ice melts, with nightly fishing permits issued by the tribes to their members and allows a specific number of fish to be harvested, including one walleye between 20 and 24 inches and one additional walleye of any size.

All fish that are taken are documented each night with a tribal clerk or warden present at boat landings. Once the declared harvest is reached in a given lake, no additional permits are issued for that lake and the harvest ends. The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) provides daily reports to the DNR for all fish harvested off-reservation by spearing or netting in the Ceded Territory.

Tribal Rights

In the mid-1800s, the Lake Superior Ojibwe Tribes ceded more than 22,000 square miles of tribal territory across Northern Wisconsin including all or parts of 30 counties through a series of treaties with the United States federal government.

When the Ojibwe ceded lands to the federal government, they maintained their rights to hunt, fish and gather off reservation land within the Ceded Territory. After Wisconsin became a state, however, state and local officials

frequently assumed statehood superseded Ojibwe treaty rights and regulated or prohibited off-reservation hunting, fishing, and gathering by tribal members.

In 1983, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ruled – in what is commonly known as the Voigt Decision – that the 19th-century treaties had retained off-reservation hunting, fishing, and gathering rights for the Ojibwe in the Ceded Territory, including the right to catch fish by spearing and netting.

Interfering With Tribal Rights

It is illegal to interfere or attempt to interfere with tribal members who are exercising treaty rights, including the spring harvest of walleye. Prohibited conduct against any tribal member includes, but is not limited to, stalking, obstructing access to lakes, recklessly operating watercraft, creating hazardous wakes, threatening violence and committing acts of violence.

“The DNR is committed to making sure all tribal spring harvest seasons are safe and enjoyable,” Cole said. “The Ojibwe spring harvest which includes spearfishing is an integral and respected part of Wisconsin’s history. The DNR is actively engaged with tribal law enforcement officers to protect tribal rights not only for the upcoming season but for generations to come.”

These treaties and court decisions remain in place today, ensuring the Ojibwe retain their right to hunt, fish and gather off-reservation in the Ceded Territories. To assist in regulating those activities, 11 Ojibwe bands have formed the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC), which provides fully trained wardens who patrol the Ceded Territory to make sure tribal members are following applicable conservation laws. Ojibwe spear-



ing and netting are carefully monitored and regulated by staff from both GLIFWC and the Wisconsin DNR.

Anyone violating tribal rights could be charged under several Wisconsin laws, fined up to \$10,000 and sentenced up to 9 months in prison. Additionally, any tribal member whose rights are violated may bring civil action for damages and seek a restraining order.

Wisconsin’s Hate Crime Provisions

Wisconsin law includes hate crime penalty enhancements for many crimes if they are committed, at least in part, based on a “belief or perception regarding the race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry of” the victim. For example, when a hate crime penalty enhancement applies to a felony, the maximum fine can be increased by up to an additional \$5,000 and the maximum prison term can be increased by up to an addi-

tional 5 years.

Reporting Tribal Rights Infringement

If you have witnessed or been subject to infringement of tribal rights to hunt, fish and gather that is active and involves physical harassment or a verbal threat of physical harm, report that to local law enforcement immediately by calling 911.

If the threat has passed, please contact local law enforcement at the non-emergency number. Call or text the confidential DNR Tip Hotline at 1-800-TIP-WDNR, as soon as possible to make a report of the event. Report violations online here.

The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) also recommends reporting any instances of infringement in order to maintain a record and provide appropriate follow up. Call GLIFWC Enforcement at 715-685-2113 to document an incident.

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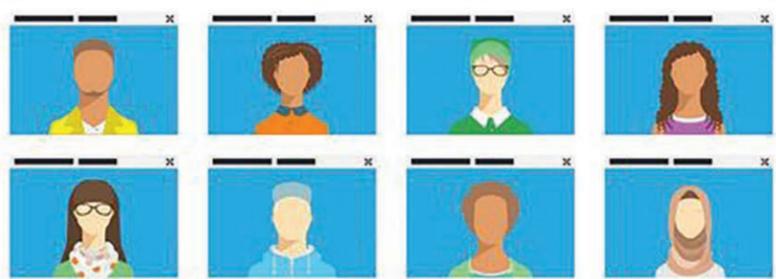
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Continued from Page 2 is an opportunity for other justices, who maybe haven't approached Indian law with the intellectual rigor that it deserves, to see Indian law in its true light. And I think that there is an opportunity here," Nagle said.

The 1978 law has long been championed by Native American leaders as a means of preserving Native American families and culture. In arguments last year, an Inte-

rior Department lawyer said Congress passed the law after finding that adoption standards at the state level were resulting in the breakup of American Indian families.

Opponents of the law include non-Native families who have tried to adopt Native children in emotional legal cases.

"Our clients brought this case to protect their families from being torn apart by a discriminatory federal law," Mat-

thew D. McGill, lead attorney for the plaintiff families, said in an email. "We are very pleased that today's ruling has confirmed that ICWA's discriminatory placement preferences are unconstitutional."

Multiple couples seeking to adopt Native American children, a woman who wishes for her Native American biological child to be adopted by non-Natives, and the states of Texas, Louisiana, and Indiana were among the plaintiffs

challenging the law.

The ruling marked a reversal for the appeals court. In 2019 a three-judge panel voted 2-1 to reverse the district court and uphold the law. But a majority of the 17-member court agreed to rehear the case. With one member recused, 16 judges heard arguments in the case last year.

The resulting decision included multiple partial dissents and partially concurring opinions. On some issues, a

majority of the court agreed. On others, the court tied, meaning the original district court decision on the issue prevailed, although the appeals court ruling on the issues won't be considered precedential in future cases.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Joaquin Estus, Tlingit, is a national correspondent for Indian Country Today. Based in Anchorage, Alaska, she is a longtime journalist.



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- Increase Dist. 4 Services
- Create New Economic Growth & Employment Opportunities through Diversified Investments
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4-16-21***

VOTE ROBERT PILOT 'Wakanja Hari'

District 4 - Seat 1

612 -240-6391

robertpilot4hochunkd4@gmail.com  RobertPilot4HoChunkD4

VOTE (RAM) Robert A. Mudd

HCN Primary election was recently held and I am both humbled and honored that you have placed your confidence and support in me during this Election.

I would like to thank my family and friends for their unending love and support.

Congratulations to all those candidates that took up the challenge to seek office on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation and their respective districts. Now it is on to the General Election

First and foremost is the need for the Office of the President to address the balance of power between the Legislative and Executive Branches working in conjunction with the General Council.

Second is the challenge to diversify our economy! How long can we survive solely on just gaming revenue?

Third is to ensure transparency in terms of release of information to the Ho-Chunk Nation members on a regular basis

Qualifications and experience:

- Twenty years (20) construction experience.
- Twenty-seven (27) Executive Business management experience.
- Viet Nam, era veteran “Paratrooper 101st Airborne Division”
- Bachelor degree from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) University Phoenix, AZ



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April: Fish Appearing Moon

HARVEST OF THE MONTH
CUQSEREKEHU
 (FIDDLEHEAD FERNS)



ABOUT

- Fiddlehead ferns are young ferns that are still tightly curled like the head of a violin.
- They grow in shady land areas, in woods and near streambanks.
- Nutrition:** A serving of fiddlehead ferns provides 34 calories, 6 grams of carb., 5 grams of protein and zero grams of fat.

GATHERING

- They are harvested by snapping off the fiddleheads with your hands in early spring before the fiddleheads uncurl.
- Avoid collecting more than half of the fiddleheads from one root to keep the plant healthy.

Be sure to identify edible fiddlehead ferns as some types of ferns are toxic.

STORE

- Keep refrigerated until you are ready to prepare them.
- For longer-term storage, blanch them for two minutes, then freeze in sealed containers.

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FIDDLEHEAD FERNS AND POTATOES

Ingredients
 Makes 4 servings

- 1-2 pounds small potatoes, squash or other starchy vegetable, cleaned and chopped.
- 1/2 pound fiddlehead ferns, cleaned and trimmed
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1-3 ramps, onions, or shallots, sliced (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon salt and ground black pepper (optional)



Directions

- In a medium pot, boil fiddleheads, potatoes, squash or other vegetable until fork-tender (about 10-15 minutes).
- Drain and set aside.
- Heat oil in medium skillet. Add ramps, onions, or shallots and cook until golden (about 2-5 minutes). Add vegetables and fiddleheads and cook until lightly browned (about 3-5 minutes).
- Season with salt and pepper.

Be sure to cook fiddleheads well & avoid raw or undercooked fiddleheads to prevent possible food-borne illness.

Nutrition
 1 serving = 1/4 a recipe
Calories: 222
 Total Fat: 7 g
 Total Carbohydrate: 37 g
 Protein: 7 g

For more Information Contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/ Nutritionist:

BRF, TOMAH, WITTENBERG AREAS:
 (888) 685-4422, EXT. 35335
 BRF, LA CROSSE AREAS:
 (888) 685-4422, EXT. 35340
 DELLS, NEKOOSA, MADISON AREAS:
 (888) 552-7889, EXT. 35554

Updated 4/2021 HJ. Info source: Alaska Plant Profiles, Fiddlehead Ferns; <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-safety-fruits-vegetables/fiddlehead-safety-tips.html>
 Recipe adapted from: Fiddlehead Fern and Potato Hash Recipe/Martha Stewart.



GROW CELERY INDOORS

Celery can be difficult to grow outdoors because it likes cool and rainy climates, but it can be a breeze growing it inside because you can control the environment!

STEPS:

- Cut the base off of one bunch of celery. Leave about 2 inches of the stalks attached to the base.
- Rinse off the celery base and put in a small bowl of warm water, stalks facing upward. Place the bowl near a window.
- Leave celery base in the bowl of water for about 7 days.
- After 7 days, prepare a planting pot with potting soil. Bury the celery base in the soil with only a small amount of the celery stalks sticking out.
- Water regularly. Soon, the celery will grow!




HOW CAN I USE CELERY?

- Make ants on a log. Spread peanut butter, low-fat cream cheese, or hummus on a celery stalk. Top with your choice of raisins, sesame seeds, or chopped peppers.
- Chop celery and add to soup.
- Use the leaves or stalks in a casserole or stuffing to enhance the flavor and add some crunch.
- Top tacos with chopped celery.
- Add chopped celery to a salad.
- Pack it as a healthy, fresh snack on the go.

Photo credit: blogspot.com, stockpilingmoms.com
 "Eat Together, Eat Better", 2018 Calendar and Nutrition Guide
 Updated 6/20 KR

Health and Wellness Div.
<http://health.ho-chunk.com>



COVID-19 VACCINE COMMUNITY EVENTS

11AM-4:30PM

WEDS. IN APRIL: 7TH, 14TH, 21ST:
 HOUSE OF WELLNESS,
 52845 WHITE EAGLE ROAD, BARABOO, WI

THURS. IN APRIL: 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH:
 DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER,
 N7261 WARRIOR AVE, BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- Enrolled Members/Descendants, 18+ Any Tribe
- HCN Employees, 18+
- Household Members, 18+ of enrolled tribal members/descendants & HCN employees

First doses will ONLY be available to those groups listed above.

- Community Members returning for 2nd dose, who received 1st dose at our events

PRE-REGISTER BY PHONE:
 (Those attending for a second dose do not need to pre-register)

(608) 355-1240,
Extensions:
 35411
 33126
 35418

REQUIREMENTS / NOTES

EMPLOYEES -
 bring HCN Employee ID Badge, or recent pay stub along with ID

TRIBAL MEMBERS / DESCENDANTS-
 bring Tribal ID/CDIB or proof of descendency.
 (Expired Tribal ID accepted)

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS/DESCENDANTS & EMPLOYEES -
 bring ID to verify address.

Vaccine will be administered inside the building and all safety precautions including masking and social distancing will be followed.

You will be observed for 15-30 minutes after receiving the vaccine.



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 N6520 LUMBERJACK GUY RD.
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 (715)284-9851

HOUSE OF WELLNESS
 52845 WHITE EAGLE RD.
 BARABOO, WI 53913
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COVID-19 VACCINE COMMUNITY EVENTS

9AM-2PM
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH:
 SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER,
 W17634 RADKE ROAD, WITTENBERG, WI

TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH
 CHAK-HA-CHEE COMMUNITY BUILDING
 916 CHAK-HA-CHEE LANE, NEKOOSA, WI

TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH:
 BLUEWING COMMUNITY BUILDING,
 320 EPINAL ROAD, TOMAH, WI

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THESE EVENTS ARE FOR THOSE RECEIVING FIRST DOSE, OR RETURNING FOR SECOND DOSE FROM SAME SATELLITE LOCATION.

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED FOR SATELLITE EVENTS,
 CALL: (608) 355-1240,
 Ext. 35545 Patient Services



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If you are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 you can:

- ✓ Reduce the number of deaths in our community
- ✓ Reduce the number of hospitalizations in our community
- ✓ Reduce long term complications of COVID-19
- ✓ Increase ability to get community members back to work
- ✓ Increase our ability to practice our culture and traditions more safely
- ✓ Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- ✓ Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- ✓ Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic



Pre-registration Link:
<http://health.ho-chunk.com/CV19/Vaccine>

Pre-registration by phone:
 715-284-9851
 Ext. 35041 or 35092

COVID-19 VACCINE

COMMUNITY EVENTS

9AM-5PM*

WED. APRIL 28TH

**HOUSE OF WELLNESS,
 52845 WHITE EAGLE ROAD, BARABOO, WI**

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 MEMBERS/DESCENDANTS &
 EMPLOYEES -**
 bring ID to verify address.

*** IF RECEIVING 2ND DOSE,
 ARRIVE 9AM-11AM***

*** IF RECEIVING 1ST DOSE,
 ARRIVE 11AM-5PM***

Vaccine will be administered inside the building and all safety precautions including masking and social distancing will be followed.

You will be observed for 15-30 minutes after receiving the vaccine.

BRMH Remains Vigilant

April 2, 2021
 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Barbara Brower
 Communication Specialist
 711 West Adams St.
 Black River Falls, WI 54615
 Phone: (715)284-3629
 Email: browerb@brmh.net

Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) continues to adapt its response to the COVID-19 pandemic based on guidelines from the CDC, Wisconsin Department of Public Health Services, and Jackson County Public Health. As reported in recent news, the current public health emergency was overturned by the Wisconsin State Supreme Court which ended the mask mandate. Although the mandate was lifted, BRMH will continue requiring masks for all employees, patients, and visitors. BRMH Infection Prevention Nurse, Julia Smith stated, "As a healthcare facility, we have a responsibility to keep our community, patients, and workforce safe. The added precaution of wearing

masks gives us an advantage over a possible increase in the number of COVID cases."

Patient visiting hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and all visitors will be screened at the door until further notice. For more information about activities and services provided at BRMH, visit brmh.net or call 715-284-5361.

ABOUT BLACK RIVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Black River Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit 25-bed Critical Access Hospital in west-central Wisconsin offering the best in patient care since 1968. Key services available include family medicine and behavioral health clinic, emergency care, infusion center, rehabilitation, obstetrics, transitional care, surgical services, respiratory care, and wound care center. Also offered are home-based services, a retail home medical equipment store, and much more. BRMH is one of the largest employers in the area employing over 360 staff and providers in addition to visiting specialists in more than 20 specialties.



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CORRECTION: Numbers 22 – 30 did not appear in Issue 6.

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. In cases of adopted Applicants certain identifying information will be neither published nor released pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws. **This determination may be appealed to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary by any adult enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes the Notice of Eligibility for Membership.**

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APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Thompson, Naomi Jean	10/07/2019	¼	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881-00328	Ricky Cass Thompson	Non-Indian
2. Herriage, Natalie Lynn	04/26/2019	¼	CONFIDENTIAL	Matthew Travis Herriage	Non- Indian
3. Martinez, Kiara Helen Faye	09/04/2019	¼	War Con Jar Nick Nickaw Young Thunder 1881-00090	Steven Anthony Martinez	Non-Indian
4. Mendoza, Alec Zuniga	01/02/2020	¼	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881-00328	Richard Zuniga Mendoza, Jr	Non-Indian
5. Von Helmst, Elias Clarence	11/11/2019	¼	White Dog 1881-00153	Non-Indian	Michelle Joy Von Helmst
6. Mitchell, Tallulah Joy	06/30/2010	¼	Hae She Sheck Kaw Ruth Henry N1910-00655	Stephen Andrew Mitchell	Non-Indian
7. Mitchell, Madylinn Paige	11/26/2004	¼	Hae She Sheck Kaw Ruth Henry N1910-00655	Stephen Andrew Mitchell	Non-Indian
8. Decorah, Alares Kolt	06/17/2019	¼	Na He Kah Ed W. Decorra 1901-00254	Non-Indian	Menissa Rita Decorah
9. Worthy-Daily, Genesis Celine	11/13/2019	¼	CONFIDENTIAL	Non-Indian	Christina Marie Worthy-Daily
10. Littlewolf, Owen Gregory	02/13/2019	½	Shunk Chunk Nik Kah Edward John Littlewolf 1901-01093	Justin Dean Littlewolf	Chiara Lou Blackcoon
11. Deer, Jerome Robert Adonis	08/09/2019	¼	Chep A Hip Kah George Deer 1901-00300	Jerome John Houston	Non-Indian
12. Rolo, Brennan Nicholas	04/28/2017	¼	Ha Ga Kah Harold Blackdeer, Sr 1901-00969		Particia Anne Smekofske
13. Rolo, Jasper John-Paul	09/20/2019	¼	Ha Ga Kah Harold Blackdeer, Sr 1901-00969	Nicholas Brennan Rolo	Particia Anne Smekofske
14. Forcia, Audrey Mae	06/18/2011	¼	War Con Jar Nick Nickaw Young Thunder 1881-00090		Meagan Mina Martinez
15. Forcia, Ruby Cole	06/25/2006	¼	War Con Jar Nick Nickaw Young Thunder 1881-00090		Meagan Mina Martinez
16. Forcia, Jariya Jewal	11/15/2007	¼	War Con Jar Nick Nickaw Young Thunder 1881-00090		Meagan Mina Martinez
17. Mountain, Khaleesi Kleo	07/17/2017	½	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881-00328	Keramy Mister Funmaker	Claudine Renee Mountain
18. Bird, Emmett Jordan	05/28/2019	¼	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL
19. Cloud, Edward Joseph	12/31/1992	¼	Mau Ke Tak Cha E Kah John C. Frisk Cloud 1901-00150	Nathan Rodrick Cloud	Non-Member
20. Salazar, Evalette Spring	07/05/2018	¼	Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah Charlie Greengrass 1881-00286	Non-Indian	Candy Louise Greengrass

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21. Barbour, Jr. Jonathan Tyrone	09/16/2012	¼	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud 1901-00149	Non-Indian	Maya Abril Vasquez
22. Banuelos, Faxon Gabriel	11/23/2019	¼	Coo Noo Kah Frank H. Johnson 1901-00595	Non-Indian	Sierra Ethel Banuelos
23. Sallaway, Tahira Leilani	05/02/2019	31/64	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881-00328	Jayce Gage Sallaway	Tama Leigh Sallaway
24. Stacy, Jr. John Porter	05/29/2019	¼	Wah Cho Moo Na Kah Mike Stacy 1881-00054	John Waldo Stacy	Non-Indian
25. Funmaker, Amira Ezmay	10/10/2014	¾	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud 1901-00149	Sheldon Lee Cloud	Ashley Amethyst Funmaker
26. Luxon Bird, Wicapi Wiyakpakpa Lonetree	02/04/2015	¼	Hoonch Ha Ta Kah George Lonetree 1901-00808		Cherish Minnie Lonetree White Mouse Luxon
27. Newton, Jr. Nathan Noah	12/12/2013	¼	Monk Schootch Kah Peter Pettibone 1881-00582		Amber Marie Downwind
28. Thompson, Summer Elizabeth	07/03/2019	¼	Na He Kah John Thompson, Sr. 1901-00631	John Jesse Thompson	Non-Indian
29. Littlegeorge, Eldric Wilson	07/22/2019	23/32	Ha Gah Kah Harold Fred Blackdeer 1901-00969	Roger Bruce Pettibone II	Desiree Jo Ann Pettibone
30. Logan-Cappo, Brooklyn Edward	11/16/2018	15/32	Wa Na Soon Wa Luch Kaw Paul Edward Bearskin Logan N1910-00798	Non-Member	Denise Lynn Logan
31. Norton, Jace Frankie	02/13/2014	59/128	War Con Jar Nick Nickaw Young Thunder 1881-00090	Non-Member	Justina Louise Norton
32. Norton, Jazelle Lea	11/17/2015	59/128	War Con Jar Nick Nickaw Young Thunder 1881-00090	Non-Member	Justina Louise Norton
33. Norton, Vincent Justin	11/01/2012	59/128	War Con Jar Nick Nickaw Young Thunder 1881-00090	Non-Member	Justina Louise Norton
34. Hisgun, Jaylen George	10/24/1997	¼	Na He Na Kee Kah Alex Lonetree 1881-00016		Non-Member
35. Pettibone, Jelissa Anne Mariam	3/14/2013	¼	Monk Schootch Kah Peter Pettibone 1881-00582	Emerson Joseph Pettibone	Non-Indian
36. Dick, Jared Nathan	3/13/2020	¼	Mauh Tis A Kah Nat Sager Dick 1901-01178	Crandall Melvin Dick	Non-Member
37. Blackdeer, Ryver Jordan	02/15/2019	½	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881-00328	Michael David Blackdeer	Tanjia La Trice Blackdeer
38. Blackhawk, Emilio David	01/19/2016	¼	Ha Ga Kah John Blackhawk 1901-00686		Kelly Jean Blackhawk
39. Raese, Rowen Lee	06/02/2020	3/8	Na He Kah Mark Green 1881-00066	Joseph Parker Raese	Erika Leigh Fay
40. Crain, II Ryan John	04/14/2020	¼	Wau Kon Chaw Jho Noo Kah Frank Winneshiek 1881-00395	Ryan John Crain	Non-Indian
41. Hall, Zaza Walker	10/20/2019	5/8	Chau Zap Kah Black Deer 1881-00174	Robert Wayne Blackdeer	Linden Spring Funmaker

I, **Rita Gardner /s/**, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this **18th day of March, 2021**.

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 good basketball player in the middle school. So I only really knew her as a basketball player," said Langkamp.
 The athletic director explained, "Early in the year, I stopped after a JV practice to talk to the JV team. The varsity players were kind of hanging around, they were just arriving, and the JV was kind of getting done. Maya's there. The freshmen and sophomores are there. Maya's coming up to them, 'Hey, how was your day today? Hey, how are you doing?' to the freshmen and the sophomores. That was one of the coolest things I've seen. I told her that night, 'Maya, that's tremendous leadership.' That's amazing. The best player on the team can welcome the freshmen and making them feel comfortable and be friendly. What a great teammate. What a great leader!"
 Maya averaged 20.1 points, 3.8 rebounds, 3.1 assists, and 2.5 steals per game during her season with the Thunderbirds. She surpassed the 1,000 point mark for her career in a Baraboo-Reedsburg game on

February 5. White Eagle was one of the basketball players selected for the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division 2 All-Star Game to be held in July.
 The 5-foot-6 guard talked about her trainers, "My mom is one of them. Reggie Rainey, he is from the Madison area. Eddie Fernandez, he is from Wisconsin Dells. They spent time, countless hours, trying to make me better and becoming the person I am today."
 Baraboo's Head Varsity Coach Michael Behl shared stories and information about Maya's basketball abilities and then challenged Maya, "#1 Continue to be inspired by the game. Keep finding ways to improve and extend your game both physically and mentally."
 "#2 Be ok with making mistakes and being frustrated. Don't allow those feelings to hinder. Instead, let them drive you and inspire you. Be the best example of you on the team."
 "#3 Lead by being in the moment. Encourage and support your teammates. Be their

biggest fan. Help them be in the moment and move on.
 "Finally, stay in contact with your Baraboo basketball family, especially me. You will always be a part of this team."
 "You will get great coaching next year and beyond. I will no longer be your coach, but I will always be available for support. I can't wait to watch you play, and from now on, I will be your biggest fan. Congratulations, Maya!"
 Head Women's Basketball Coach Marques Hatch revealed, "Maya is at the top of our list. She was our top recruit this year. So, I think a lot of what we want to do from a recruiting standpoint started with her. Now, with her in the fold, I think everything else will sort of take care of itself because a lot of players that know her will want to come to play with her. That's what I am hoping for."
 Maya, whose paternal grandparents are the late Morgan and Marie White Eagle, plans on majoring in sports broadcasting and journalism. She repeatedly expressed her gratitude throughout the evening for all the support she's



Maya White Eagle plans on majoring in sports broadcasting and journalism while playing basketball for Triton College.

received.
 "The person I need to thank the most is God. He blessed me with the basketball ability, and I'm going to give Him all the credit and all the glory for the things He's done in my life," said Maya.
 All of Triton College wom-

en's basketball home games are streamed online at Triton-Athletics.com. Away games will be based on the other school. Triton Athletic Department has a Facebook page that shares a link to away games if one is available.



Family of White Eagle show support and celebrate Maya's dedication and decision.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act, on March 25, 2021 Ho-Chunk Member, LaVerda Richter, has submitted a Request for Title for permanent improvements located at:

W8787 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

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

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

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

By or before **May 10, 2021.**

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

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Amended
 Claude Perry Payer **FILED**
 DOD: January 25, 2021 IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Olivia Rave
2021.03.25
11:03:00 -05'00'

Case No. PR 21-02

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- A *Petition for Probate* was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth 12/19/1961 and date of death 1/25/2021 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 428 Chestnut St, Black River Falls, WI 54615.
- The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
- The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Hunter, on (Date) 05/25/2021 at (Time) 11:00 a.m.

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

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Mary Thundler
 Clerk of Court
Mary Thundler
 Name Printed or Typed
 04-01-2021
 Date

DO NOT PRINT the following text when publishing this notice.

*** IF not all of the addresses of the interested parties are known, give this form once it is returned to you filled out by the Clerk of Court to the newsletter staff for publication ***

Notice to Petitioner:
 The petitioner is responsible for providing a copy of this notice, a copy of the will and codicils (if any), and a copy of the petition to all interested persons by certified mail or personal service at least 45 days before the hearing. If the address, or identity of any person is not known and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence, the petitioner must post a copy of the notice in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Nation at least forty-five (45) days before the time set for the hearing and publish the notice in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation, currently known as the Hockak Worak, for three (3) consecutive issues. See 8 HCC § 13.65a(2).

Notice to Newspaper:
 Notice must be given by publication of this form in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation for three (3) consecutive issues with the first publication occurring at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the hearing date noted in Section 4.

PR002, 04/18 Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims 8 HCC § 13.47b, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE
 This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Amended
Dorothy G. Decorah **ENDORSED**
 Notice to Creditors Filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court / Superior Court this:
MAR 04 2021
Olivia Rave
 Case No. PR21-11 Attorney

Case No. PR21-11

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

The personal representative is responsible for providing the deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate to all known or reasonably ascertainable creditors.

This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues; the first publication date must be within 16 days from the date underneath the Clerk of Court's signature.

Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Dorothy G. Decorah
 A *Petition for Probate* was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, LaVerda Richter, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is June 30, 2021. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Mary Thundler
 Clerk of Court
Mary Thundler
 Name Printed or Typed
 3-8-21
 Date

Form prepared by: (Name) Janet J. Ott
 Address: Sherman Law Offices
P.O. Box 487
Black River Falls, WI 54615
 Telephone: 715-299-955 (Area Number) (City)

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material. 88 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MARCH 23, 2021**

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call:

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

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:06 a.m.

Opening Prayer:

President Marlon White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Special Legislative Meeting-March 8, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the March 8, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Legislative Meeting-March 9, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the March 9, 2021 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Administration Committee-March 11, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the March 11, 2021 Administration Committee minutes with corrections. Second

by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Committee-March 11, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the March 11, 2021 Special Finance Committee minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

**COVID-19 Executive Branch Update
Department of Health**

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present via video conference and gave the Department of Health COVID-19 update. The Vaccine events have been going really well, and the Nation is helping out our County partners. The Health Department has vaccinated multiple school districts, food service, essential workers, and grocery store employees and have opened it up to adults over 40 years old with high risk conditions. The Department of Health have vaccinated school districts from Reedsburg, Black River Falls, Melrose, and Baraboo. For other school districts they can contact their County Partners.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud mentioned that Health is to report at every meeting and Office of the President Emergency Management Coordinator is to report at every other meeting, if this is ok. That is why it is left on the agenda. President White Eagle said yes.

Department of Business

Executive Director of Business (EDOB) Michael Rave was present to address the Legislature. EDOB Rave wanted to publicly acknowledge the Department of Health for doing an excellent job with delivering COVID vaccines and the Black River Falls Mayor wanted to express his thanks for assisting Jackson County residents receive the vaccines. EDOB Rave reports the Department of Business continues to work with the Health Department, Safety and Gaming Commission to monitor the current situation. Gaming will resume bus tours at each of the properties. Guests can resume self-service beverage service and the bars are now open.

There is an issue with the recall list and this is creating a bottleneck to onboard staff. It takes weeks to go through the recall list and at least two months to fill positions. Mr. Rave presented two resolutions for Quick Passage regarding recall change options.

Rep. Darren Brinegar said that this was not on the agenda and they do not have the resolutions to look at.

President White Eagle said this came up yesterday afternoon and it was a Quick Passage they are trying to comply with the gaming regulations. Executive Legislative Information Officer Nathaniel Longtail will e-mail this out to the Legislature.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE until next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 9-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-1(Rep. Matthew Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Greendeer, Jr.'s reason for opposition was the Quick Passage could have been reviewed and brought back later in the meeting.

Office of General Council

Cari Fay, General Counsel Advocate, was present via video conference and gave a brief update. They held a Town Hall networking meeting and there was four workgroups created.

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

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt Resolution-Grant an Easement to Town of Sumpter on Maa Wakacak for Access to Pioneer Cemetery. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Grant an Easement to Town of Sumpter on Maa Wakacak for Access to Pioneer Cemetery until later in the meeting. Second by Rep. George Stacy. **MOTION AMENDED** to after Executive Session. Second concurs. 11-1(Rep. Paul Fox)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CARES Act Proposals

President Marlon White Eagle stated there are no new proposals at this time.

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (Recall List)

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 03-23-21 A**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (Recall List) on include 12 month period. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of

Broadband Network Planning and Feasibility Workgroup

Museum Director Job Description-TABLED at the March 9, 2021 Legislative Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Resolution-Establishment of Broadband Network Planning and Feasibility Workgroup and the Museum Director Job Description. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of room at 11:28 a.m.

New Business:

Collections Assessment for Preservation Program (CAP)

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE the Collections Assessment for Preservation Program. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns at 11:31 a.m.

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

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 03-23-21 B**, National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Nomination Hearing for Treasurer Nominee

President White Eagle introduces Mr. Jerome Longbottom, he found him on the LinkedIn website and they had discussion of what the Nation is looking for.

Mr. Jerome Longbottom was present via video conference, and introduced himself to the Legislative Body. He is currently working with La du Flambeau as the Chief Financial Officer. He worked as the Chief Financial Officer with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota. He has also did cultural work for the Hopi Nation. Mr. Longbottom has an Engineering Degree from Ohio State and MBA from Northwestern Kellogg School of Management. He states that everything President White Eagle wanted he has pretty much done and understands every Tribe is unique. He is very honored and humbled to be considered for this position.

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy asked if Mr. Longbottom was familiar with the process with the nomination and the confirmation. This is

a two-step process and if the Legislature accepts his nomination, he would then become the Interim Treasurer today. There would be a period of time for a background check and a 45 day window that the Legislature would have to confirm Mr. Longbottom. Legislative Counsel asked if Mr. Longbottom is approved today, would he be vacating his current position and starting as Interim Treasurer. Mr. Longbottom could not leave his position at this time, he would have to give sufficient notice.

Nomination Hearing for Treasurer Nominee (Continued)

President White Eagle would like to give Mr. Longbottom some time to properly vacate his current position and make the transition.

Mr. Longbottom would be willing to give notice and he understands there is a risk of not being officially confirmed.

Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Application of Jerome Longbottom to be Interim Director of the Department of Treasury

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 03-23-21 C**, Acceptance of Application of Jerome Longbottom to be Interim Director of the Department of Treasury and adding within the resolution that it will take effect once he has transitioned to the position, with a status change or contract. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

HHCDA Performance Report FY 2020

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the HHCDA Performance Report FY 2020. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Cooperative Agreement with Shawano County for County Highway N

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 03-23-21 D**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Cooperative Agreement with Shawano County for County Highway N. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-1(Rep. Matthew Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Presentation:

Presentation of Legislative Citation to the Family of Hope B. Smith at 11:58 a.m.

Lunch Break:

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MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:15 p.m.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.,

Roll Call:

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

District Meetings:

D1 Black River Falls/Wausau-March 10, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to Legislature the Motion by Cari Fay to provide the comments submitted for 45-day comment period on laws and ordinances to District meetings. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to Crystal Deschinny Legislative Project Manager the Motion by Carol Garvin to establish a system for performance-based criteria budgeting to secure reporting to actual and spending to maintain a more accurate budget reporting system. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to Executive Session the Motion by Lori Pettibone to cover the cost for Judge Hunter to retain an attorney of her choosing, at the next Legislative meeting and to refrain from referring this issue to Legislative Legal Counsel for legal opinion. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to the Development Committee the Motion by Cari Fay to have Legislature create a new law, making it illegal to hunt wolves on Ho-Chunk Nation Lands, which include trust and fee simple lands. To also negotiate an agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources through Tribal

Consultation to assist with enforcement and sanctions regarding this issue. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to Legislature, Finance Committee and HHCDA the Motion by Carol Garvin to have Legislature look into a Section 16 build, create cybersecurity ordinances, and begin purchasing of buildings within the area, to address the homelessness issue within the community. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to the Election Board the Motion by Carol Garvin to have Election Board provide the option to vote absentee vote or in person voting with protective procedures in place for upcoming election. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to Development Committee the Motion by Carol Garvin for the HCN Legislature to create a 7871 Office (Non-profit) to receive donations and solicit funding for our people and programs. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to Legislature, Personnel and Office of the President the Motion by Lori Pettibone to have all recalls have bridge service credit, because it was not continuous employment, not recalled into another position. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Tomah/La Crosse-March 15, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Committee the Motion by Melanie Stacy for Legislature to consider having internal auditors in the Legislative Branch and to bring back a report/update at next month's area meeting. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 9-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Tara Chapman for the District 2 Representatives to vote appropriately for the Nomination Confirmation of Executive Directors based in their qualifications.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Office of General Council the MOTION by Tara Chapman to request a history of Office of General Council legal billing, services and breakdown of \$18k and representation in court matters. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Tara Chapman for Legislature to revisit the spending caps based on the lack of the completion of the annual audit. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Staff the MOTION by Tara Chapman for Legislature to provide Lynwood/Southland history of annual budgets, money spent with reconciliation and audit completion during the unaudited timeframe. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Mauston/Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo-March 22, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to District 2 Representatives, Legislative Legal and Department of Justice the Motion by Lucinda Lone Tree to have District 2 Reps address the issue stated regarding the budgeting attorneys in Executive Session, if this issue falls under the 8 items for Executive Session and /or does it fall under the Open Meetings Act. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Cindy Tack for District 2 Legislators to vote in favor for the nomination of Treasurer at the March 23, 2021 Legislative Meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to District 2 Representatives, Office of the President and Department of Business the Motion by Patti Ennis to have D2 Legislators support the funding for UVC Lighting Project at the gaming facilities. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Department of Health and Office of the President the Motion by Jon Warner to request the Legislature to have the Executive Director of Health provide her opinion on the CDC recommendations for small meetings with fully vaccinated people attending in person District meetings and in collaboration with virtual meetings for unvaccinated tribal members. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Finance Committee the Motion by Jon Warner to have District 2 Legislators preform budget reform on the current budget process to use previous fiscal caps and maintain a establish an annual and release on quarterly revenue, use TRAP percentage. The last 3 months based on

actual profits rather than theoretical, as stated in the Per Cap Ordinance. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Joyce Warner to select Lucinda Lone Tree to be the D2 Baraboo, WI Dells and Mauston Alternate for the election board.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to appoint Lucinda Lonetree as District 2 Election Board member. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Karena Thundercloud arrives at 1:39 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Office of the President the Motion by Joyce Warner to request each and any active boards or committees to provide a monthly report the WI Dells, Baraboo, & Mauston District Meetings and place these items on the future District agendas. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Stephanie Begay would like to say thank you to Legislative Aide, Michelle Ramberg, for getting the minutes done from last night's meeting.

D3 Madison-March 10, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Counsel and Representatives the Motion by Dan Blumer to ask for their (12 Clans) resignation, they were given 5 years to show what they can do. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Counsel and Representatives the Motion by Karen Martin requesting an in-depth report from 12 Clans or submit their resignation. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of the President, Health and LOA Workgroup the Motion by Marlys WhiteEagle to have Legislators go back to in person meetings and continue with zoom meetings for their constituents and shortly go back to area meetings be in attendance. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Wittenberg-March 15, 2021

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Community would like General Council Planning Committee to attend a District meeting.

D3 Green Bay-March 16, 2021-No motions

D3 Milwaukee-March 17, 2021-No motions

Rep. Sarah Lemieux stepped out of the room 1:48 p.m.

D4 Twin Cities-March 18, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Finance Committee the Motion by Libby Fairchild to pay the remaining amount from the sponsorship donation from the motion made in May 2019 for the Native Roots Radio Show out of the District 4 Community Improvement line item. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Sarah Lemieux returned to meeting 1:50 p.m.

D4 Chicago-March 15, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Matthew Mullen to refer to Legislative Legal Counsel and Finance Committee the Motion by Ben Krause to have the Legislators insure that all future per capita payments will be issued under the General Welfare Act, so that these future payments to Tribal members are tax free. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Matthew Mullen to refer to Office of General Council the Motion by Sunshine Thunderchief that the District 4 Tribal membership support the re-staffing of the GCA. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Matthew Mullen to refer to Legislative Office Staff the Motion by Sunshine Thunderchief that the Legislators start posting a notification of the District 4 area meetings by way of the Ho-Chunk newspaper, the Ho-Chunk website and where possible, by individual email. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to revisit New Business: Collections Assessment for Preservation Program (CAP). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Revisit-Collections Assessment for Preservation Program (CAP)

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 03-23-21 E**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Heritage Preservation Museum & Cultural Center Division To Apply for the Foundation for Advancement Conservation Collections Assessment for Preservation Program. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-1(Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED**
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RIED.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

2:00 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-1(Rep. Matthew Mullen) MOTION CARRIED.

4:49 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken

in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt *Reso-*

lution 03-23-21 G, Grant an Easement to Town of Sumpter on Maa Wakacak for Access to Pioneer Cemetery. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 7-3(Rep. Matthew Mullen, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

DISTRICT 1 MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS & WAUSAU VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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

Due to the Pandemic and Social Distancing for the safety of our constituents, we will be hosting WebEx meetings.

Posted on: 03/30/21



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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



La Crosse /Tomah
Virtual WebEx Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Baraboo & Mauston/Wisc. Dells
Virtual WebEx Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Pandemic Precautions: Due to the high number of Covid cases we will be holding District 2 meetings all virtual.

Contact a District 2 Representative for the WebEx link or the meeting phone number.
Rep. Stephanie Begay stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com - 608-408-0339
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. conroy.greendeer@ho-chunk.com - 608-387-2163
Rep. Kristin K. White Eagle kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com - 715-299-0583

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



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Posted on 3/30/21

DISTRICT 3 MEETING NOTICE



MADISON DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

WITTENBERG DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Monday, April 12, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

GREEN BAY DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Wednesday April 14, 2021 -6:00 p.m.

WI RAPIDS DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Thursday, April 15, 2021- 6:00 p.m.

Pandemic Precautions: Due to the high number of Covid cases we will be holding District 3 meetings all virtual.

For Webex information please contact:
Rep. Sarah Lemieux at sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com or 715.315.8071

Rep. Darren Brinegar at darren.brinegar@ho-chunk.com or 715-315-1031

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. at lawrence.walkerjr@ho-chunk.com or 715-299-0815

Posted 03/30/21



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DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING
Monday, April 12, 2021
6:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA MEETING
Thursday, April 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Due to the high number of Covid cases we will be holding District 4 meetings virtual.

For WebEx information please contact:
paul.fox@ho-chunk.com
robert.twobears@ho-chunk.com
kathy.whiterabbit@ho-chunk.com
matt.mullen@ho-chunk.com

Posted on: 03/30/21



HO-CHUNK NATION
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NOTICE AND RULES OF MAIL BALLOTING

GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 14a) & (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

14. Mail Ballot Voting.

a. Mail Ballot Voting.

i. Determination as to whether to conduct an Election by mail balloting. (a) At the discretion of the Election Board, elections shall be conducted by mail ballot.

(2) Procedures for Mail Balloting. (a) The Election Board shall designate a Post Office Box rented by the Board as the place where Ballots shall be returned. Ballots must be received at the Post Office Box designated by the Election Board not later than the day of the Election.

(b) The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election. The Election Board shall mail ballots forty-five (45) calendar days before the date of the election; and, if said date falls on a weekend, then on the first working day thereafter.

(c) A Voter may obtain a replacement ballot from the Election Board if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received by the Voter.

(d) The Election Board shall not mail a replacement ballot later than ten (10) working days before the day of an Election. If pursuant to *Section 14, subparagraph a. (3)* a voter requests a replacement ballot, the Election Board shall only give a replacement ballot if the request for the replacement ballot is made fifteen (15) working days before the day of the Election.

b. Ballots. The Ballot package mailed out by the Election Board shall consist of a ballot which otherwise meets the requirements of Section 12, an outer envelope, instruction sheet, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope.

c. Voting Procedure. The Voter shall mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter shall then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope shall be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope and he or she shall return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board.

d. Returns. The Board shall verify that the returned envelope bears the signature of the voter. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot shall be rejected. The entire rejected ballot shall be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid

ballots. If the envelope is signed, the ballot shall be deposited in the locked ballot box. For ballots placed in the locked ballot box, the Election Board shall make a notation in the poll book, next to the Voter's name, that indicates that the Voter has returned his or her ballot.

e. Multiple Ballots. If a Voter to whom a replacement ballot has been issued pursuant to *Subsection a. (2) (c) of this Section* votes more than once, only the ballot with the earliest postmark shall be counted. If there are two (2) or more ballots with the same postmark date for one (1) Voter, neither ballot shall be counted.

3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

- (1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with
- (2) three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e.
- (3) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the
- (4) General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and
- (5) in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

(3) Any candidate who received fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total votes cast shall be deemed as winner.

Therefore the following were declared winners as of Wednesday, March 10, 2021:

LEGISLATURE:

District 2, Seat 3
July 2021 – June 2025
Stephanie Begay

District 3, Seat 2
July 2021 – June 2025
Myrna J. Thompson

District 4, Seat 4
July 2021 – June 2025
Danielle DeLong

Supreme Court Associate Justice 1:
July 2021- June 2025
Tricia Zunker

b. General Elections

(1). General Elections shall be held in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, which states:

Section 1. General Elections. General Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of odd numbered years. Offices of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary shall be filled at General Elections.

Therefore the following will be placed on the ballot for the HCN Mail Balloting General Run-Off Election on Tuesday, June 1, 2021

LEGISLATURE:
July 2021 – June 2025
District 1, Seat 1
Robert A. Mudd
Karena Thundercloud

District 1, Seat 3
July 2021 – June 2025
Hinu Helgesen Smith
Phyllis Smoke

District 2, Seat 2
July 2021 – June 2025
Derrick Stout
Kristin K. White Eagle

District 4, Seat 1
July 2021 – June 2025
Robert Pilot
Archie White Eagle, Jr.

District 4 Seat 3
July 2021 – June 2025
Brianna Littlegeorge
Robert V. Two Bears

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. *See Election Board Code Sec. 11 (c).*

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii,

(Deadline Thursday, May 13, 2021).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
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After 4:30 pm and the weekend please call (715)299-6104

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board will certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

GENERAL RUN-OFF ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Thursday, March 11, 2021

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Friday, April 30, 2021

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

THE DAY MAIL BALLOTING WILL BE MAILED
Friday, April 16, 2021

LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

ALL BALLOTS DUE TO P.O BOX 247 BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

POSTED 3/11/2021