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Ho-Chunk Nation Oath of Office Ceremony for Recently Elected Officials

Ardith Van Riper Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation held an Oath of Office Ceremony on July 5 at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Lower Dells Ballroom.

Matthew Mann was the master of ceremonies. Marlon WhiteEagle provided a welcome address. Chief Clayton Winneshiek offered a word of prayer.

The Bearheart and Winnebago Sons drum group were on hand to render honor songs. Sanford WhiteEagle Post 556 and Sanford WhiteEagle Auxiliary posted colors.

Election Board Vice Chair Cynthia Tack guided the newly elected officials through the Oath of Office.

Those officials include: Continued on Page 4





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New Park Equipment in Black River Falls

The Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency showcased new playground equipment at Sandpillow Park near Black River Falls with a barbeque on Monday, July 10.

Additionally, new equipment was constructed by the Ho-Chunk





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Letter from the President

Greetings to our Ho-Chunk Nation! I can't describe the incredible sense of gratitude I have for the opportunity to serve you once again in the President's Office. The first week has been an extremely "high-octane" environment because I know many of our tribal members and employees aren't going to wait for me to get my foot in the door and get settled. I was practically followed into the office

with several requests, suggestions, and most importantly, an enthusiastic welcome. That being said, the growing team has had their hands full cleaning the office and making sense of the tailings left by the outgoing administration.

The daunting task was made easier by so many in HCN TOB Maintenance, Treasury, I.T., and so many more who assembled, planned,

and executed a near perfect mission prioritizing what I feel is most important, which is to review and keep the paperwork flowing. Thankfully, we have had a seamless transition and are working not only to build a strong and responsive office but to also make sure the reconciliation of important financial documents are taken seriously regardless of amount.

I definitely will have more to report

as we move along but until then, thank you. I hope you can sense the positive energy we're building together. We are happy and want anyone who has the privilege of calling themselves an HCN employee or tribal member to feel this powerful lift. We've been waiting for a long time.

Pinagigiwi!

Jon

BROADBAND COMMUNITY EVENT

Please attend to learn more about broadband and how it affects you.

WHEN

Saturday, July 29th two sessions available, 10:00am or 1:00pm

WHERE

District 1 Community Center
N7261 Warrior Ave, Black River Falls

ALL JACKSON COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

This is a community event please be respectful to the individuals that are here to learn, If you must bring children please make sure they are accompanied by an adult at all times.

EVENT ITINERARY

9:00-10:00am Registration (Coffee & Donuts available)

10:00-11:30am Session 1 (Session held upstairs)

12:00pm Lunch provided Provided by: TBD

12:00-1:00pm Registration

1:00-2:30pm Session 2 (session held upstairs)

Door prizes at the end of each session, including 65" Smart TV

Must attend session, be 18, present to win and may only win one prize per day.



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Gra Head Start Center in the Indian Mission.

These projects were eligible activities put into the Indian

Housing Plan as a result of the required listening session. This initiative was championed by Commissioner Kelly J. Funmaker.









The Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President announces the new schedule for the raising and lowering of the United States, Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk Nation Flag each week at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office in Black River Falls, WI.

RAISING: MONDAYS AT 8:30 AM LOWERING: FRIDAYS AT 3:00 PM

Ho-Chunk Nation employees, tribal members and the public are welcome to join as the flags are honored with song as they are raised and lowered each week.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING W9814 AIRPORT RD. BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615



Kijire Naagu Event

This is an update and overview of the Kijire Naagu Event that took place the week of May 15-19, 2023. Let me begin by saying that this event "was held and the results was captivating in the sense that it served as a meaningful purpose." The Kijire Naagu vision has always been to have a gathering of Hocak Wazooki naga Hicakoro for purpose of teaching, listening, embracing one another, sharing, and learning about our natural ways of healing. I believe that each person that attended specifically chose to partake in this event. Our Almighty Creator has always played a vital part in each of our lives.

The first day set the pace for acknowledging each person through introduction and the understanding that we are all here to learn, share and give a bit of ourselves. A brief introduction was given about what Kijire Naagu means "helping each other along life's pathway". We offered a prayer during the day as our ancestors did before us and always praying for our well-being. We used our natural ways of healing, laughing, talking, touching, yawning, crying and in the process accepting these natural elements. I was touched emotionally by relatives who shared a bit of themselves, and I personally did not feel alone with my own personal feelings, and I cried in the process of healing.

The Kijire Naagu presentations had a specific purpose which was presented in such a meaningful way which included writing and journaling. Which led into the Hocak history which is so vital for our Hocak People to know where we came from and the atrocities that WE overcame. This is healing in the sense that WE are survivors and WE have successfully overcome obstacles in history. I want to thank the Traditional Court members that were able to talk with our young men about roles and responsibilities which will be helpful to our young men.

We can be thankful that we have Hocak Clan Mothers to speak to us about Hocak Kinship which captivates a sense of belonging. We, all Hocak tribal members have a continuous flow of relatives that we speak with and feel embraced. I am so honored when I enter a tribal building and acknowledged by either Nani, Cuwi, Nunu, Kaka or Gaga, which warms my heart. Talking circles were held by either doing a craft project or gathering at the end of the day to talk about our feelings, thoughts, accepting of other thoughts and sharing our own concerns. Time was not an element of concern as our intention was to complete each presentation with a specific outcome to help us learn and heal.

The presentation entitled Historical Trauma was so vital in the healing process. The presenter allowed participants to interact and share their thoughts and how this issue impacted their lives. There was time for tears and time to talk about why these tears originated.

Our Hocak People are beginning the healing process by accepting the atrocities and use our own natural healing elements of Native People to continue in the healing process. By using our natural ways of healing through talking and smudging after each heartfelt event which is vital in the healing process.

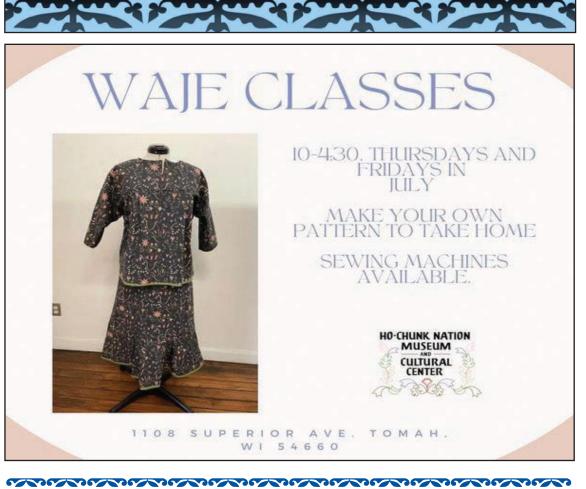
The Kijire Naagu workgroup that developed and created this week-long program of activities has captivated the mission statement of Kijire Naagu which is "Kijire Naagu will offer a nurturing pathway to help people in overcoming their trauma by supporting emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual health by utilizing Native American traditions and beliefs along with individualized intervention.'

I want to especially thank the Kijire Naagu workgroup as WE did this together which will bring together all people in the healing process by using our Natural elements. I especially want to thank Courage Kingswan from Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Department for his relentless efforts to make this camp happen. Thank you to Cusge Matthew Mann for always being there for his cuwi.



Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be July 21st which will be published on July 28th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.





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Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Housing Department

Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

Waiver: In consideration of having the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Department and its respective teams and/or divisions provide public sanitary services for Ho-Chunk tribal member homeowners, hereinafter "the Activity," I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Ho-Chunk Nation or Ho-Chunk Housing Department and its respective teams and/or divisions, its officers, employees, and agents from liability from any and all claims including the negligence of the Ho-Chunk Nation, its officers, employees and agents, resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property damage and/or loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in the Activity.

Assumption of Risks: Participation in the Activity carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid potential injuries. The specific risks vary, but the risks range from inadvertent damage to personal, private property such as lawns, curbs, mailboxes, buildings, vehicles, pets, livestock, etc.

I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in the Activity. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD the Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Housing Department and its respective teams and/or divisions HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of involvement in the Activity and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

Severability: The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the HoChunk Nation and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

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Native American Tourism on the Rise in Wisconsin

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Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) hosted its 2023 Conference and Golf Tournament on June 20-22 at the Menominee Casino and Resort. Leaders there discussed Indigenous destination tourism as being on the rise.

The theme this year was Celebrating Wisconsin Tribal Arts and Culture, and there was a full line-up of panels, presentations, performances, demonstrations and world class entertainment from the Minnesotabased band, Indigenous.

The Indigenous tourism market continues to grow. Having 11 federally

recognized tribes in Wisconsin, native tourism continues to grow.

"The tribal nations, wherever they may be, whatever county they're in, they're normally one of the top employers in that county," said Ho-Chunk NATOW Board Member Casey Brown

NATOW members discussed why the group puts on this conference each year showcasing Indigenous culture.

"All the 11 federally-recognized tribes have a member on the board, and everyone brought whether it be speakers, storytellers, dancers, people that are artisans, builders, beaders," said Brown.





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'They die so quickly': Fentanyl killing 1,000+ people in Wisconsin each year

Many teenagers dying from the drug aren't addicted, says one mother who lost her son to fentanyl. 'They're taking pills to make themselves feel better.'

By Max Stapleton, Wisconsin Watch and Grace Friedman, Wisconsin Watch

Logan Rachwal was 19 years old when he lost his life to fentanyl in 2021.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee student, like many others impacted by the drug, did not know he was taking fentanyl. According to his parents, Rachwal took a fentanyl-laced pain medication and died within minutes.

Fentanyl doesn't discriminate, said Rick and Erin Rachwal, Logan's

parents, "It's going to affect everybody."

Just over a year after his death, the Rachwal family started the Love, Logan Foundation, which aims to educate people about the dangers of fentanyl and reduce the stigma surrounding fentanyl and substance use.

Fentanyl, which has been adulterated into other street drugs since 1979, is roughly 50 times more potent and stronger than heroin and has dramatically increased overdoses and poisonings.

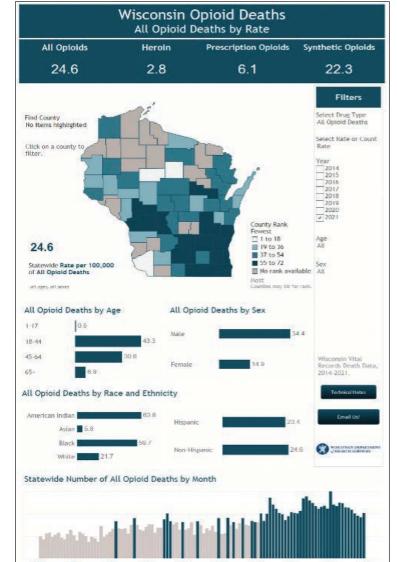
In 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services found synthetic opioids, particularly fentanyl, caused 91% of opioid deaths. In May, the department announced \$18 million in new funding for drug abuse treatment and prevention, including fentanyl.

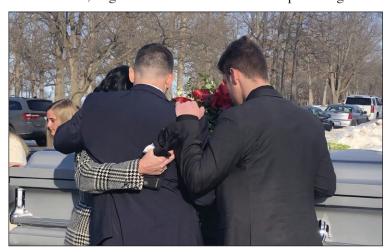
Wisconsin's synthetic opioid crisis worsened in recent years. Provisional data from DHS shows there were 1,358 opioid overdose or poisoning deaths in 2022, a slight decrease from 2021 but still a 62% increase from five years ago.

When illegally selling drugs, individuals can mix fentanyl into their products, allowing them to sell smaller quantities with the effects feeling strong or stronger for the users. Those same dealers can cut costs by quickly adding bulking agents to fentanyl, making it much cheaper to buy than heroin — one reason for the dramatic increase in synthetic opioid deaths in recent years.

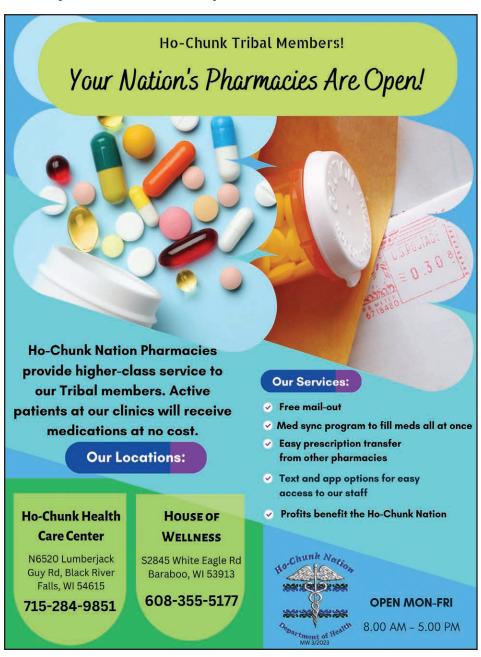
The Rachwal family noticed how readily available fentanyl has become.

"It's not like it was 30 years ago. It's just not. These kids aren't buying needles and powder and injecting their arms at 17, 18, and 19 years old. They're taking pills to *Continued on Page 7*





Erin and Rick Rachwal and their son Caden mourn at the funeral of their son and brother, Logan Rachwal. The family launched a foundation to warn of the dangers of opioids after Logan was poisoned by a pain pill laced with fentanyl on Feb. 14, 2021. Courtesy of the Rachwal family



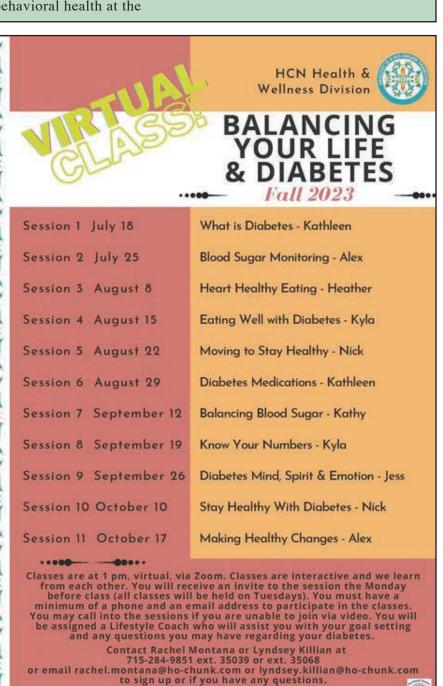




Wisconsin Department of Health Services June 25. Facebook Post

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services Office of Tribal Affairs joined family and friends of the late Terry Greendeer, (Ho-Chunk name Hominuk Honingga), at the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department on June 23 for the re-dedication of the behavioral health wing in Terry's honor. Terry was the former director of behavioral health at the

department and worked tirelessly to have a certified behavioral health program for the Ho-Chunk Nation. She was also an advocate for substance use disorder services for Ho-Chunk citizens and tribal members across the state. Terry passed away in 2021 at the age of 68.





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WI Dells Tribal Aging Unit • 7/20 (608) 253-2185

La Crosse Three Rivers House • 7/25 (608) 783-6025

Wittenberg Tribal Aging Unit • 7/25 (715) 253-2382

Nekoosa Health Office • 7/27 (715) 886-5444

Please call local contact to schedule an appointment or for more information 7/5/23 MH



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Let us know how we did by taking the quick survey below!

Including in-person, telephone, and virtual visits or services





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Online health.ho-chunk.com In-person

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715-284-9851

House of Wellness 608-355-1240



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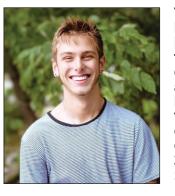
Continued from Page 6 make themselves feel better," said Erin Rachwal. "Which they can get all over. A lot of kids aren't even getting to a point where they have an addiction yet because they die so quickly. Logan was young."

Addiction started with oxycodone

Logan Rachwal was 14 years old when his family first noticed his addictive tendencies. Logan had knee surgery and was prescribed oxycodone to deal with the

pain. "About three days postsurgery, we noticed he was enjoying being high. ... He was sitting in a recliner, and Rick and I looked at each other, and we just were like, 'Holy cow, we need to get this medicine away from him," said Erin Rachwal.

Erin and Rick Rachwal described Logan as a sweethearted, somewhat anxious child who endured adversity at a young age. They emphasized that he became very intense when passionate about something and tried to learn as much as possible. To help with Continued on Page 9



This is a photo of Logan Rachwal while he was a senior in high school. Rachwal died from fentanyl poisoning in his dorm room the following year at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is among more than 1,000 Wisconsinites who died of a synthetic opioid overdose or poisoning in 2021. Courtesy of the Rachwal family

ATTENTION: Ho-Chunk Nation Employees AUXIANT INSURANCE POLICY HOLDERS

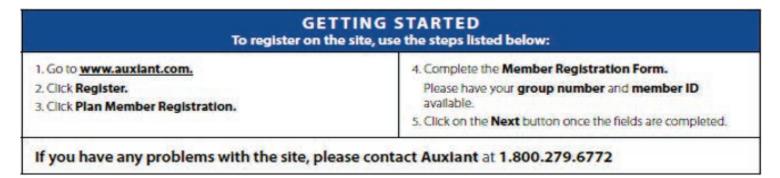
If you have Auxiant insurance as an employee of the Ho Chunk Nation, annual Coordination of Benefits (COB) form is set to be mailed out by Auxiant in July.

Coordination of Benefits (COB) Form

COB forms are sent to all employees that are on the health plan with FAMILY coverage.

1. Members can complete the COB forms Online.

- a) Members who have an Auxiant.com user account established will receive an email notification indicating a new correspondence is available on Auxiant.com.
- b) Members can simply click on the email link to direct them to our secure and encrypted website where they can login and respond.
- c) If any user has forgotten their password to Auxiant.com, click on the lost/forgot password link beneath the login area.
- d) All members will continue to receive a paper copy in the mail and can always respond via traditional paper/mail or by calling customer services and a representative will accept the information over the phone.



To complete the COB physical document for mailing or faxing.

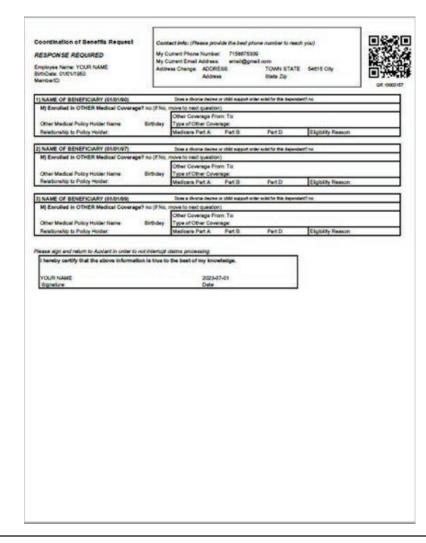
Please remember to fill out the back of the form, make any changes, and sign it.

Return the physical document to the fax number or address listed on the front of the form as soon as possible.

If you need assistance completing this process, please contact a Benefits Coordinator at either House of Wellness (608)-355-1240 or Ho Chunk Health Care Center (715)284-9851 for guidance.

Below is an example of what the form will look like:





HEALTH / ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Family Healing Camp

August 8-10, 2023

Pre-Registration now Available!



Andrew Blackhawk Pow-wow Grounds Black River Falls, WI 54615

Childcare available!

Parent/Legal Guardian must register their child to attend this camp.

Copy-Follow link to register!



*A confirmation page will appear once successfully registered.

2023 Family Healing Camp Frequently Asked Questions

Who can attend?

Tribal members and their families, Ho-Chunk Nation employees and their families, Placement Homes with Ho-Chunk Children, Foster Homes with Ho-Chunk Children. HCN employees must have supervisor approval prior to attending the Family Healing Camp.

Is there Paid Administrative Leave to attend the Family Healing Camp?

Yes there is. All employees are required to have supervisor approval prior to attending. All employees using paid Administrative Leave are required to sign in/out daily at the Registration Booth, also may be required to sign in/out at the break-out sessions. Sign in/out sheets will be provided to supervisors to verify attendance.

Is there a cost to attend this Camp? No cost

What if I do not have a tent?

There is a limited number of tents available to use and are on a first come, first serve basis. Please request one on Registration form.

Are meals included? Yes they are.

Will there be childcare available?

Yes, for newborns to 11 year olds and only during the break-out sessions.

What should I bring to this Camp?

CHAIR(S), a tent, bedding, pillows, clothing, warmer clothes for evenings as it does get chilly, personal hygiene items, refillable water bottles, sunscreen and bug spray.

Please bring chairs for each of your family members

Family Healing Camp is not responsible for accidents, injuries or thefts. Alcohol, drugs and acts of violence are strictly prohibited.



JULY 2023 HO-CHUNK NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00AM - 11:45PM 1:00PM - 3:45 PM

> SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PHONE: 715-284-7461 EXT. 35038



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OPEN BRF	CLOSED 4 TH HOLIDAY	5 WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM-12:30 PM	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF
OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	WIS. DELLS DISTRIBUTION 10:00 AM-1:30 PM	OPEN BRF	WIS. DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF
OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	TOMAH DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM	OPEN BRF	21 LACROSSE PICKUPS OPEN BRF
OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	NEKOOSA DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM	CLOSED SHIPPING & RECEIVING	28 LAST DAY FOR JULY PICK-UP OPEN BRF
INVENTORY CLOSED				

CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS

What are some signs of an opioid overdose?

- unconsciousness
- very small pupils
- slow or shallow breathing
- vomiting
- an inability to speak
- faint heartbeat
- limp arms and legs
- pale skin
- purple lips and fingernails

The National Institute on Drug Abuse lists these signs that a person may be suffering an overdose or poisoning from fentanyl or another opioid. Continued from Page 7

his anxieties, Erin and Rick felt that he naturally wanted to teach himself about self-medication.

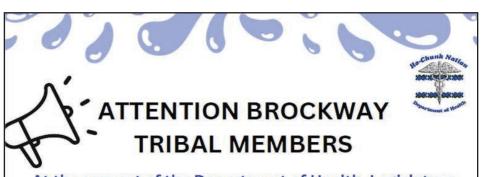
Logan's parents tried all sorts of treatment strategies with him, from switching schools to different therapists and more.

"There's no perfect family, but... I think to this day we still sort of look at each other like 'How could this have happened?' "said Erin Rachwal. "We were good parents, you know, I feel like we were very involved with our kids... I now know the answer to how this could happen because it's happening to so many families and so many people."

Awareness could have saved life

Logan was on the phone with his girlfriend when he died. His parents pointed out that if his girlfriend, and others, knew the signs of a body's response to an opioid, Logan could have been saved.

"Two years ago... even for us... the



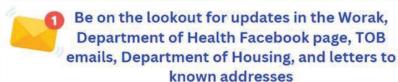
At the request of the Department of Health, Legislature approved funding for reverse osmosis units and private well water testing for Brockway Tribal members impacted by PFAS contamination

What will be offered?

- Reverse osmosis systems for Tribal members on the Brockway water system (including Department of Housing rental units)
- Testing of private wells for Tribal homeowners in Brockway

When will this start?

· Anticipated start date: August 2023







awareness was not there. So yes... the girlfriend didn't know, Logan didn't know, we didn't know what to do... the schools didn't know" said Erin Rachwal. "So all of this lack of knowledge got us to a point where we decided to start a foundation."

Erin and Rick started the Love,
Logan Foundation last summer
after attending a Drug Enforcement
Administration summit in Washington,
D.C. Although the foundation is still
young, it's doing as much as possible
to spread awareness about fentanyl's
dangers. The parents mainly run the
foundation, alongside a board of six
people who help make decisions.

The Rachwals have spoken at several Wisconsin schools. They've erected a new billboard on I-94 and plan to host a golf fundraiser. Both parents emphasized the importance of raising awareness among Wisconsin's youth.

"The largest group I've spoken to so far was about 120 kids in February."

Erin said. "That was such an awesome feeling when I left there. I had left, and I was just on Cloud 9 because ... you just felt like you were actually impacting the people you need to impact."

'Slow-moving thing' to change drug policy

Erin Rachwal has met with Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction and DHS several times since starting the foundation. She has tried to get legislation passed, but she described it as "a real slow-moving thing."

Although both Democrats and Republicans tend to agree that there is a national crisis regarding fentanyl, they differ on how to respond to it.

Republicans see the fentanyl crisis as a border issue, often referring to evidence that most of the supply of fentanyl and related synthetic opioids is made and brought in from Mexico. In February, 21 Republican state *Continued on Page 10*

Continued from Page 9 attorneys general wrote a letter to President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken calling on Biden to designate Mexican drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations. Last September, a bipartisan coalition of 18 attorneys general pushed for Biden to declare fentanyl a "weapon of mass destruction."

Democrats view the fentanyl epidemic as a public health crisis and tend to blame pharmaceutical companies and the roles of prescription drugs. Researchers Daniel C. Stokes and Anish K. Agarwal at the University of Pennsylvania describe the Democrats' response to fentanyl as focused on funding and more treatment.

At the federal level, Rep. Scott Fitzgerald and Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, along with three of their Republican Senate colleagues, introduced the Stopping Overdoses of Fentanyl Analogues (SOFA) Act in March. The bill was first introduced by Johnson in 2017.

"Fentanyl is more potent than morphine and heroin and the leading cause of overdose deaths in 2021," said a statement attributed to Fitzgerald, who passed similar legislation while in the Wisconsin state Senate. "Too many families are losing loved ones to drug overdoses fueled by fentanyl."

The bill would classify synthetic drugs similar to fentanyl as Schedule I, making it easier to prosecute individuals who make and traffic the drugs. Schedule I drugs are those with "no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse," including heroin and LSD.

Johnson said in a press release that the bill aims at "preventing new fentanylrelated substances from entering our communities."



Erin and Rick Rachwal formed the Love, Logan Foundation after their son, Logan Rachwal, died of a fentanyl poisoning in 2021. This billboard along Interstate 94 in eastern Wisconsin is one of the foundation's projects. Courtesy of the Rachwal family

Rescue boxes deployed

At least six University of Wisconsin schools, including UW-Madison and UW-Oshkosh, have installed overdose or poisoning rescue boxes in buildings on their campuses.

Wisconsin Voices for Recovery, an advocacy group that raises awareness and helps individuals struggling with substance abuse, has placed the boxes on Wisconsin campuses. The group calls its project Nalox-ZONE.

These kits, funded by the DHS, contain a potentially life-saving medicine, Naloxone Nasal Spray, which helps reverse the effects of an overdose or poisoning from heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone or morphine. The boxes contain two doses of the nasal spray and instructions on how to use it.

University Health Services (UHS) and University Housing have been educating students on the dangers of fentanyl-laced drugs and poisonings. Staff at university housing also have received training on administering the nasal spray. UHS plans to expand the program to other campus locations in the future.

Erin Rachwal spoke about the importance of providing kits on campus and educating students on how to use them — but also having people who can tell personal stories about the dangers of fentanyl.

"To me it's like the Narcan (a brand name for naloxone) goes hand in hand with a presentation, an understanding and education," she said. "If you do one without the other, you're not being effective."

More naloxone, less stigma

Although the boxes can help with emergencies, data that Wisconsin Voices for Recovery has collected shows



A box containing free naloxone, also commonly known by the brand name Narcan, hangs in Gordon Dining and Event Center on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. The box was provided through the Nalox-ZONE Program which aims to increase naloxone availability throughout Wisconsin to reduce opioid deaths. Drake White-Bergey / Wisconsin Watch

many people are grabbing the boxes — just in case.

"What we really want is the Narcan to get out there in the community," said Cindy Burzinski, director of Wisconsin Voices of Recovery. "We want people in Wisconsin to be safe, and so the fact that a lot of people are taking the Narcan that's not for an emergency, is really encouraging."

"People are becoming more comfortable accessing the boxes," Burzinski added, "which is, in turn, maybe reducing the stigma around having Narcan on hand."

Wisconsin Voices for Recovery seeks to combat this stigma that discourages many people from seeking help. The group interviews people in recovery about their experiences through a program called Saturday Night Recovery Chatter. The conversations are posted to social media to provide connections for people seeking recovery.

Rick Rachwal believes the stigma surrounding substance use is "holding so many people back from talking about it."

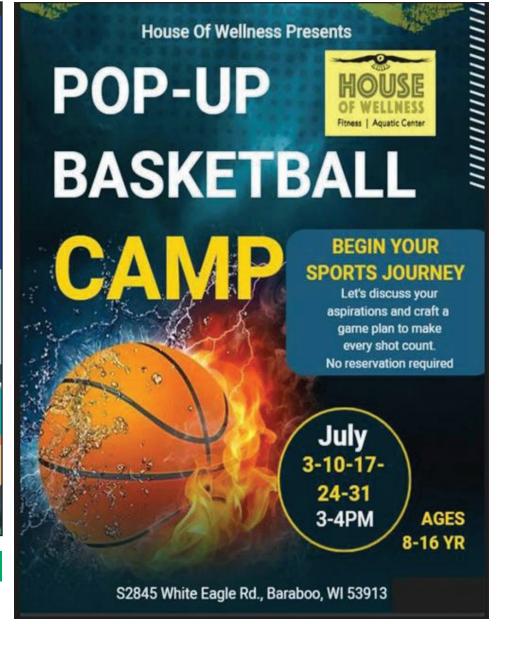
Burzinski agreed awareness is a key in the fight against the opioid epidemic. People in recovery need to know that "they're not alone" and that a previous substance abuse or disorder "does not define" them.

Find treatment and resources for opioid addiction in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services sponsors a Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline, which offers free, confidential, statewide resources for finding substance abuse treatment and recovery services. Call 2-1-1 or visit 211wisconsin.communityos.org/ for more information.

IMPACT 211, which serves Southeast Wisconsin, conducts free assessments to determine an appropriate level of care and connects clients to treatment programs and recovery support services. The Access Point program is open to Milwaukee County residents aged 18 years or older. People who are insured or uninsured individuals are encouraged to ask about options. Call 414-649-4380 for more information or email APmobile@IMPACTinc.org to schedule an





DNR Announces 2023 Elk **Hunt Application Winners**

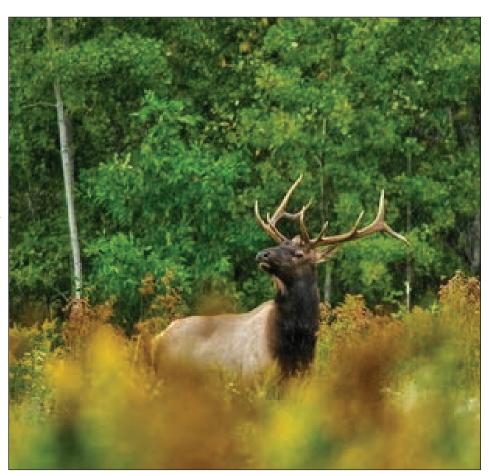
MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that four Wisconsin residents won a once-in-alifetime opportunity to hunt elk during the 2023 elk season, which opens Saturday, Oct. 14.

The DNR randomly selected these hunters from more than 21,300 applicants. This drawing is random, with all applicants having an equal chance to be selected. All four hunters have been contacted by the DNR and are from Cedarburg, Green Bay, Sparta and Mount Horeb.

"The winners are excited to pursue elk right here in their home state and create memories with family and friends – something they will hold onto for the remainder of their lives," said Josh Spiegel, DNR Wildlife Biologist. "We wish them the best of luck." In May, the DNR presented the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board the eight-bull harvest quota within the northern elk management zone, the same quota that was approved for the 2021 and 2022 seasons. Of the eightbull quota, the DNR awarded four licenses to state hunters. The Ojibwe tribes have declared the remaining four elk, per their treaty rights within the Ceded Territory.

The 2023 elk hunting season will take place only in Wisconsin's northern elk zone, which covers portions of Ashland, Bayfield, Price, Rusk and Sawyer counties. This area includes the 1995 reintroduction effort, which began with 25 elk from Michigan. The northern elk herd population is projected to reach 355 animals this year. The central elk herd is estimated near 155 elk this year, bringing the statewide post-calving population above 500 elk.

The DNR thanks everyone who applied for this year's elk permits. Those applications contribute directly to the future of the state's elk population. For each \$10 application fee, \$7 goes to elk management, habitat restoration and research. In 2023, some applicants chose to give amounts above the \$10 fee, and their additional donations totaled more than \$8,000. For more information on the elk hunt, visit the DNR's elk hunting webpage. Additional information about Wisconsin's elk can also be found on the elk in Wisconsin and elk reintroduction webpages. Sign up for updates on current translocation efforts by joining the "Elk in Wisconsin" and "Wildlife Projects" email distribution lists.



Four Wisconsin residents have won a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hunt elk during the 2023 elk season. Photo Credit: Jim Kuchler

StrongHearts Announces Blue Campaign Collaboration

EAGAN, Minn., June 24, 2023 - MMIR Intersects with **Human Trafficking**

"We recognize that the crisis of our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) intersects with human trafficking and that eradicating violence against Native people hinges upon our ability to educate the public," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "That is why we are embracing a partnership with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Blue Campaign."

The Blue Campaign is a public awareness campaign created to educate the general public, law enforcement and industry partners to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and how to appropriately respond to possible cases. DHS Blue Campaign works closely with other DHS components and various partners to develop general awareness training, as well as specific educational resources to help reduce victimization of human trafficking.

DHS Blue Campaign and StrongHearts Advertising Campaign

Blue Campaign and StrongHearts' are collaborating on advertising efforts between the months of July and September 2023 to be distributed throughout the state of Washington. More importantly, StrongHearts and DHS staff will develop training for StrongHearts advocates on best practices when responding to Human Trafficking.

"We are diversifying training

for StrongHearts advocates to enable them to better serve the needs of our people," Jump added. "Washington is a progressive state that has implemented a Missing Indigenous Person Alert (MIPA) as well as launched a cold case unit for missing and murdered Indigenous people. Engaging in this partnership with the DHS will help to eradicate violence against our relatives."

Expanded Reach

The DHS partnership expands the reach of StrongHearts by creating another avenue for spreading awareness that culturally appropriate support and advocacy is available for Native Americans experiencing human trafficking, domestic and sexual violence. It's a collaboration that will open lines of communications between Native centered service providers and our relatives who need help.

The Blue Campaign leverages partnerships with the private sector, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), law enforcement, and state/ local authorities to maximize national public engagement. Blue Campaign's educational awareness objectives consist of two foundational elements: prevention of human trafficking and protection of exploited persons.

Recognizing Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is an exploitation-based crime against a person that involves force, fraud and/or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial

sex act - victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Key indicators can include:

• The person appears disconnected from family, friends, and community.

• The child stopped attending

• The person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior.

• A juvenile engages in commercial sex acts.

• The person is disoriented or confused/showing signs of mental or physical abuse.

• The person may have bruises in various stages of healing.

• The person is fearful, timid, or submissive and shows signs of neglect.

• Someone else seems to be in control of where they go or who they talk to.

StrongHearts Can Help

If you are experiencing domestic violence and/or sexual violence, StrongHearts advocates can help by providing: peer support and advocacy, personalized safety planning, crisis intervention, referrals to Native-centered service providers; and support finding health facilities and crisis centers trained in the care of survivors of sexual assault, general information about jurisdiction, and legal advocacy referrals.

Serving all individuals who reach out for their services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor protected by local, state, or federal law, StrongHearts Native Helpline can be reached by calling or texting 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or by online chat at strongheartshelpline. org, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days

To report suspected

human trafficking, please call DHS tip line at 1-866-347-2423. To get help from the National **Human Trafficking** Hotline call 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733).



HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee has five (5) vacancies. We seek interested and eligible persons to serve on this committee as an oversight body of the Nation's investments.

Eligibility for appointment: Must be an enrolled adult member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have one or more of the following qualifications:

- Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst
- Bachelor's degree preferred in accounting, business or finance
- ◆ Possess a Financial Professional Certification: CFP,CFS, CFC, CIC, CIMA, CMT, or PFS
- At least three years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf

Qualified individuals are encouraged to email a LETTER OF INTEREST and a RÉSUMÉ

by JULY 25, 2023 to

Rep. Kristin K. White Eagle: Rep. Darren Brinegar: Kristin.WhiteEagle@ho-chunk.com Darren.Brinegar@ho-chunk.com

Hard copy submissions can be sent to:

Ho-Chunk Nation LEGISLATIVE BRANCH Attn: Trust & Investment PO Box 640 Black River Falls, WI 54615

SUMMONS & SUBPOENA

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Jasmine Domenget, Petitioner, v. Alec Lopez, Respondent.

Case No.: CPL 23-04

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Alec Lopez

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT.

You are hereby informed that you have been named the respondent in the above-entitled child custody action. This legal notice of the *Petition for Custody and Placement* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide proof of that service to the Court. *See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(B). Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *could result in a default judgment against you.*

The Court shall commence an *Initial Child Custody Hearing* at 10:00 a.m. CDT on the 14th day of September, 2023. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying *Certificate of Service* to the presiding judge. See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 5(B).

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: 'THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.' THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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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 15 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: 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, for the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is (Light 25 2003) Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.							
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Ben Hopinkah

August 9, 1949 - July 6, 2023

Ben Hopinkah, *Naacge maaniga*, age 73, passed away on July 6, 2023, at his home. Ben was born on August 9, 1949, in Black River Falls, WI, to Benjamin and Lorraine (Decorah) Hopinkah.

Ben attended Milwaukee Area Technical College. He enlisted in the United States Army and completed two tours, 1967-1969 and 1971-1972, in the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in October 1972. His decorations include; the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Air Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

He worked for Turtle Lake Casino in maintenance and was a recovery counselor at Ain Dah Ing, Inc. Halfway House.

Ben was an avid Packer fan. He took pride in having a great lawn,



his lawn was cut to his standard and upkeep was always priority. He liked cruising here and there, he enjoyed sharing stories and offered the best advice he could whether you wanted it or not, he was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever he could, and he enjoyed having breakfast with close comrades. He will be remembered for his quirky sense of humor and his unconditional love for his family.

Ben is survived by his children, Scott (Dawn) Hopinkah and Lynette Hopinkah. Nieces and nephews Nehomah Thundercloud, Sara Dobbs, Scott Lowe, Eric Hopinkah, Lindsey Whitegull, Arielle Whitegull, Nick Whitegull, Nolan Whitegull, Ian Whitegull, Ryan Decorah, Benjamin, Charles, Ty Rae Hopinkah, Dylan, Ethan, Pricilla, Sohm, Candace Ringham, Alexis Thundercloud, Shana Walker, and Paul Krause. His grandchildren, Lorraine, Lacey, Lucas, Jeffrey, Destina, Kaimery, Izzy, and three great grandchildren. His siblings, Loretta (Steve) Hopinkah, Charles (Janelle) Hopinkah, Sr., and Marlene Hopinkah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Jeanette Hopinkah, Cheryl Hopinkah, Judith Ann Thundercloud, Lori Rieder, and Harriet "Kitty" Hopinkah, along with other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Ben Hopinkah will be held Sunday, July 9, at the Ho Chunk District One Community Center, N7261 Warrior Avenue. Visitiation will be held from 10am until 11:45am, with interment at Decorah Cemetery at noon. A meal will follow at the District One Community Center.

Frederick Decorah January 14, 1938 - June 23, 2023

We are saddened to announce the passing of Frederick "Chief" Decorah of Baraboo, WI. Fred walked on June 23, 2023 at his home surrounded by loved ones.

Fred was born on January 14, 1938 to Patrick and Eliza (Big Soldier) Decorah in Holmen, WI near Hunter's Bridge. He attended Neillsville Indian School and graduated from Holmen High School. Fred proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps touring in Korea. Upon returning home, he became a truck driver and drove big rigs all around the country, finally retiring from Baraboo Concrete after twenty-two years of service.

after twenty-two years of service. Anyone who knew Fred, knew he was an avid sports fan of all types. While he enjoyed football, baseball, boxing, golf, and Nascar, nothing kept him more active than his favorite sport - horseshoes. Fred was a world champion horseshoe thrower and won many trophies and titles during his lifetime. No one could make a ringer look so easy as Fred could. But it wasn't just the trophies that he racked up; he gained and treasured many friendships along the way with whom he kept in touch all these years.

Fred's fun-loving personality made him friends wherever he went. He had funny stories about his own life adventures that kept everyone around him entertained and he loved sharing those stories around the card table in later years. You knew you were accepted in his circle when you were given your own special nickname. He gave everyone a nickname. Fred was an excellent teammate, friendly neighbor, charming jokester, and a great friend. He was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Nancy Smith, brothers Ralph, Orlando, and Raymond, and granddaughter Christi.

He is survived by his wife of nearly sixty years, Karen (Fosgate) Decorah; step-children Craig (Teresa) Parchem, Sandy Parchem, and Kim Stebbins, all of Baraboo; daughter Lori, of the Chippewa Valley, a son, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Services will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023 at the Redlin-Ertz Funeral Home with visitation from 10:00 – 11:00 am with funeral services at 11:00, followed by internment at Walnut Hill Cemetery with Military Honors. Greg Blackcoon will be in charge of services. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.redlinertzfuneral.com

ADS / LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JUNE 28, 2023

<u>Call to Order:</u> Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P Rep. George Stacy-VC (10:03 a.m.)

Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P (10:04 a.m.)

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC

Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC

Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux -VC

Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC

Rep. Robert Pilot-VC

Rep. Paul Fox-VC Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:01 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. MOTION IS AMENDED to add under New Business: F. June 20, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes. Second concurs. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

10:04 a.m. Rep. Stephanie Begay arrives.

New Business:

Resolution-Approval of 2023-2034 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Recommendations for the Ho-Chunk Nation

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt *Resolution* 06-28-23 A, Approval of 2023-2034 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Recommendations for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg-Liebert Chilled Water Units MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt *Resolution* 06-28-23 B, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg-Liebert Chilled Water Units. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-13-23 Z Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Department of Education Development of a Tutor Services Division

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt *Resolution* 06-28-23 C, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-13-23 Z Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Department of Education Development of a Tutor Services Division. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Compliance Officer Executive Government Relations Officer

President Elect-Jon Greendeer was present

and mentioned there are a number of compliance issues to address. Without this position, the President would have to absorb these issues. The Executive Compliance Officer (ECO) position will get the organization in shape, review the important actions of the prior administration, and look at establishment acts. The ECO is an integral position for looking at the law and compliance. The President Elect is looking to reinstate these positions.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer the Office of the President Budget Modification to the next Finance Commission meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. MOTION IS AMENDED to reinstate **Executive Compliance Officer** and Executive Government Relations Officer positions pending budget modification/ true increase to be presented at the July 6, 2023 Finance Commission. Second concurs. 11-1(Rep. George Stacy)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. George Stacy said he opposed this due to the Legislature having set the spending limits. There was a number they were working with in regards to the Budget Bills that were approved. Rep. Stacy would like to see an overall plan from the Executive Branch, and other departments before the Legislature looks at one specific division, that way they could all get a fair chance across the board.

Legislative Meeting-June 20, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the June 20, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment to the Agenda:

Air Quality

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to amend the agenda, adding Air Quality to request Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin or any designee to talk about the current air quality, and any recommendations/ suggestions from the Health Department at this time. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Randy Poelma, Department of Health was present via video conference to talk about the air quality and the high level of particulate matter from the Canadian fires. At this time, we are in an unhealthy category. There is a website Airnow.gov where people can enter a zip code or state, and it will give a reading of the current air quality index in that area. With the unhealthy category common symptoms can be eyes burning, hard to

breath/respiratory issues.

Recommendations:

- Stay inside with air conditioner running.
- Keep windows closed.
- Reduce level of exertion when outdoors.
- Wear an N-95 mask.

Kevin Scholze, Emergency Officer provides Weather Awareness Updates through Outlook. The Public Health Director would be the person to put out more information. There is a potential grant to help Tribal members regarding the air quality. The National Indian Health Board would help with Hepa air filtration units, there is just a limited number of units. The requirement to enter in this program would be for the Nation to declare a State of Emergency related to air quality. The program can only provide 120 units, however this would not be provided to all Tribal members. Health has no budget to buy more filters.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request Legislative Counsel to draft a State of Emergency resolution on air quality for the July 5, 2023 Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-2(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Stephanie Begay) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request Legislative Counsel to work with Quarles to set up dates for lobbying with State Representatives and Governor Evers for funding to make the air better for the Nation's membership and elders. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Danielle DeLong was out of the room during the vote.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Intergovernmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a m

Call for Submissions

"Teejop and Beyond" at Madison Public Library

Each fall, Madison Public Library and Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison welcome a variety of Native artists, storytellers, and community leaders for a series of programs celebrating Indigenous people in and beyond Teejop (pronounced day-JOPE, meaning Four Lakes, or Madison). Beginning on Indigenous People's Day each year, Native folks from different nations lead programs highlighting both traditional and contemporary practices, stories, and community relationships.

Now accepting applications for Teejop and Beyond 2023!

We invite program ideas from any Native person living in Wisconsin, whether their homelands are in the Great Lakes region or elsewhere in the world. In the past, this series has included art workshops, youth storytimes, in-person or virtual presentations, outdoor guided activities, and more. We welcome any ideas that offer opportunities for participants to learn and connect with you and with each other.

The content is up to you, but here are some places to start:

- Creation stories
- Cultural celebrations and seasonal customs
- Food, herbs, and crops
- Skills and crafts
- History: removals, returns, important figures, other topics
- Indigenous peoples in community or government
- Relationships between different nations, or collective efforts towards decolonization



Programs for this series will take place October-December, 2023

If you have questions before applying, please contact community@madisonpubliclibrary.org

Apply at: madpl.org/teejopandbeyond Deadline: July 30









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Make an appointment with one of our women's health providers to learn more about

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Kim Mackey, MDSpecialized obstetrics (prenatal care) and gynecological care.



Michael Balistreri, MDMaternal and fetal medicine care for high-risk pregnancies.

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HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING HO-CHUNK GAMING-WISCONSIN DELLS UPPER DELLS BOARDROOM BARABOO, WI JULY 5, 2023

<u>Call to Order:</u> President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P

Rep. Rodney Rave-P Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P (1:42

p.m.)

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P

Rep. Darren Brinegar-P (1:35 p.m.)

Rep. Shelby Visintin-P

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P

Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC

Rep. Robert Pilot-P

Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:34 p.m.

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

Rep. Darren Brinegar arrived to the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke.

12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Visit ssmhealth.com/BarabooBaby or call 608-355-3800.

Resolution-Appointment of Presiding Officers to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Finance Commission

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to nominate Rep. Kristin White Eagle as the Presiding Officer of the Finance Commission. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 07-05-23 A, Appointment of Presiding Officers to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Finance Commission. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. MOTION IS AMENDED to include Rep. Darren Brinegar as Second Presiding Officer of the Finance Commission. Second concurs. 11-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-13-23V Ho-Chunk Signature Authority

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt *Resolution* 07-05-23 *B*, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-13-23V Ho-Chunk Signature Authority, adding all representatives, excluding the Vice President, and Presiding Officers of Finance, and leaving the signature plate as is. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. arrived to the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Resolution - Nomination to Wisconsin State-Tribal Relations Committee and Rescission of Resolution 06-23-20D

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt *Resolution* 07-05-23 C, Nomination to Wisconsin State-Tribal Relations Committee and Rescission of Resolution 06-23-20D with the name change, excluding the rescission 06-23-20D from the title, and adding in the reference to the final BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this action rescinds all prior actions. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-1(Vice President Karena **MOTION** Thundercloud) CARRIED.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned this resolution will appoint the President and Vice President to the Tribal Relations Committee.

HTA Assistance, HC Cinema

Chief Roads Officer Brett Blackdeer was present via video conference and gave an update. Transportation Ho-Chunk Authority (HTA) has separate funding that can be used to repair the parking lot. HTA contacted a few contractors however, most of their schedules are full for the rest of the year. There is one contractor that could do the fog sealant, which is a liquid asphalt application in September. It is HTA's recommendation to do a fog sealant, and then if the parking lot would need full reconstruction, they would be able to help.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request and authorize Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority to engage in work of fog sealing the parking lot at the Ho-Chunk Cinema in Tomah, and documented follow up with the Legislative Office. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. MOTION IS AMENDED for Ho-Chunk Transportation to present a couple options back to the Legislature. Second concurs. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Twelve Clans, Inc. Selection of Legislative Branch Liaison

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to nominate Rep. Robert Pilot as the Legislative Branch Liaison to Twelve Clans Inc. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-2(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Stephanie Begay)-1(Rep. Robert Pilot) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Vice President Thundercloud Karena nominate Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. as the Legislative Branch Liaison to Twelve Clans, Inc. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 3-8(Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah)-2(Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.) **MOTION DEFEATED**.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to accept the nomination and appointment of Rep. Robert Pilot as Legislative Branch Liaison to Twelve Clans, Inc. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-1(Rep. Robert Pilot) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Disaster Declaration for Ho-Chunk Nation and Tribal Members Due to Health Risks Associated with Poor Air Quality from Wild Fires

MOTION by Rep. Darren

Brinegar to adopt *Resolution 07-05-23 D*, Disaster Declaration for Ho-Chunk Nation and Tribal Members Due to Health Risks Associated with Poor Air Quality from Wild Fires, and request the air purifiers the Nation receives are on a priority basis. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 2:21 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting moved to Open Session at 3:19 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud.12-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.



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