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Clan Mother Event Promotes Ho-Chunk Cultural Teachings

On November 8, 2023, the Waaksik Ho I Pii Hirusja Kii (Preparing One's Self For A Good Life) grant sponsored the Ho-Chunk Nation's Clan Mother Event. The intention of the event was to promote Ho-Chunk cultural teachings to include information on kinships as it relates to family, clans and spiritual names. In addition, the Clan Mothers introduced themselves to include their Ho-Chunk name, which Clan they belonged to and their roles and responsibilities as Clan Mothers.

There were great conversations that happened between the Clan Mothers and participants. Many compliments were received on the event by participants to include interest in future events. The Education Department is looking forward to more in-depth conversations with the Clan Mothers to include virtual event options and collaborations with other respected community members to come!

If you would like to learn more about the Waaksik Ho I Pii Hirusja Kii (Preparing One's Self For A Good Life) grant, email goodlife@ho-chunk.com.







Clan Mothers pictured are from left to right; Bernice Blackdeer, Marie Lewis, Roberta Decorah, Janice Rice, Crystal Young, Barbara Goodbear, Annie Winneshiek, Ruth Decorah and Cecilia Rave. Not pictured – Myrtle Long and Ernestine Helgeson



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Swearing-In Ceremony for Legislature District 3 Lambert Cleveland, Jr.

Ardith Van Riper

On Wednesday, November 22, the newly elected Representative Lambert Cleveland, Jr. was sworn into office at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building, near Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Matthew Mann was the master of ceremonies. Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek offered a word of prayer.

The Andrew Blackhawk Legion 129 and Auxiliary Post 129 brought in the colors. The Bearheart Singers were on hand to render all the appropriate honor songs.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President, Karena Thundercloud, offered opening remarks. Then, Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Members were introduced.

The Election Board Chairperson Myrna Littlewolf administered the oath of office.

The event concluded with an honor song, retreat of colors, refreshments, and a meal



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Limited space is available so send your request in early.
Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

Non-Indigenous News Orgs: this Thanksgiving commit to year round Indigenous affairs coverage

Indigenous Journalists Association (IJA) calls on news outlets to move beyond "Thanksgiving hot takes" that perpetuate stereotypes during Native American Heritage month

November. Native American Heritage Month. Thanksgiving. It's the time of year again when requests flood inboxes of Indigenous journalists, academics, tribal government officials, activists etc. with interview requests from mainstream outlets asking Indigenous people to speak about what Thanksgiving "means" to us, or to set the record straight about the "true history" of the holiday. This type of unethical framing makes Indigenous people only seem to exist to the rest of America during these 30 days and not the other 11 months of the year.

Indigenous people are tired of these requests. IJA is tired of these requests. It's well past time to move beyond this type of problematic "coverage."

These stories almost never bring new information to the table or move the conversation forward. They tend to feature any "Indian with an opinion" rather than actual subject matter experts. IJA strongly discourages this type of calendar journalism, often employed by news organizations drastically out of touch with reporting on and for Indigenous communities.

We encourage non-Native outlets to scrap this annual, perfunctory Thanksgiving story and instead commit to covering Indigenous communities ethically and accurately all year long.

If you absolutely can't resist, consider centering Wampanoag voices. Asking

Indigenous people who belong to other nations to reflect on this moment in Wampanoag history perpetuates the myth that all Indigenous peoples in the United States are all the same. But also remember that Wampanoags may be receiving many requests at this time of year and may not have the bandwidth. Consider working year round to build relationships through consistent coverage with Wampanoag sources and communities.

To truly commit to covering Indigenous communities by centering our voices, newsrooms must also commit to hiring Indigenous reporters, editors and executives, and empowering them to make year round editorial decisions. In addition to helping with that, IJA as a well established resource, has guides and consultation available for further improving your newsroom's Indigenous affairs coverage.





Know Your Legal Rights: Is your online shopping secure? Protect yourself with these 8 tips

By Atty Z. Usman

The popularity of online shopping continues to grow thanks to abundant choices and convenience. Yet this convenience comes at the expense of consumer security. Fraud, scams, and identity theft are on the rise. Follow these simple steps to protect yourself and avoid the legal processes and hassles that could arise in the event you are the target of fraud.

Create unique usernames and passwords

Online shoppers should create unique usernames and passwords for each online account. If it sounds daunting to remember multiple usernames and passwords, try a password manager. A password manager will generate and store your unique passwords, all in one place. You will have to remember only one username and password to access

your password manager account.

Never give out your social security

number
This one is easy. If you are asked to

This one is easy. If you are asked to provide your social security number, you should shop somewhere else. Online retailors never need your social security number. Ever.

Be wary of promotional emails

Scammers are good at what they do, and they know where you shop. If you

receive an email from a retail store, even if it is one that you shop at, think before you click. Some cybercriminals send emails that trick consumers into thinking it is coming from a reputable store. If a shopper clicks through the fraudulent email, they will be directed to a fake, replicated website. Once there, scammers can access your personal information and steal your identity. *Continued on Page 7*

Make Safety Your #1 Target This Hunting Season

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters to make safety their number one target as they head out into the field this gun deer season, Nov. 18-26.

DNR conservation wardens investigated eight hunting incidents, including one fatality, during the 2022 gun-deer season. Four of those were self-inflicted gun shots.

Hunters can do their part to reduce the number of hunting incidents by following the four basic rules of firearm safety:

- T Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- A Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- B Be certain of your target, what's before it and what's beyond it.
- K Keep your finger outside your trigger guard until you are safe to shoot.

"I especially want to stress the importance of muzzle control – as you can see from 2022, there are quite a few people who accidentally shot themselves. If those same people had proper muzzle control, that likely would not have happened," said Lt. Mike Weber, DNR Hunter Education Administrative Warden.

In addition to TABK, hunters must follow all hunting regulations and only take aim during legal shooting

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law. To learn more about safe hunting in Wisconsin and to register for a hunter education course,

visit the DNR's website.

Blaze Orange Or Fluorescent Pink Avoid incidents and be visible. At least 50% of the outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Hats or head coverings also must be at least 50% blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Faded or stained clothing is unsafe, may not be legal and should be replaced immediately.

When hunting from a ground blind on state property during the gun-deer season, a minimum of 144 square inches of solid blaze orange or fluorescent pink material visible from all directions is required.

Tree Stand Safety

Stand-related incidents are one of the leading causes of injury to hunters. Unfortunately, most hunters overestimate their ability to avoid accidents and do not take proper safety precautions. Always inspect your tree stand, including straps, prior to each use.

- Always wear a safety harness when you hunt from any elevated stand, no matter what type of stand it
- Always unload your firearm before attaching it to your haul line. Your haul line is used to raise and lower your firearm or other gear.
- Always maintain three points of contact while climbing in and out of the tree stand. This means two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand
- Use a lifeline so you're connected and safe at all times – while climbing up, while sitting and while climbing
 - Check for worn or torn straps

holding the stand to the tree.

• Take your time getting in and out of the stand. Think about each move you are making and be deliberate with your actions.

To learn more about tree stand safety, visit the DNR Tree Stand Safety webpage.

Deer Drives

Deer drives can be an effective way to harvest deer while enjoying the fellowship of family and friends. With many people hunting or walking in the same area, it's essential that safety is everyone's top priority.

- Plan your hunt and hunt your plan. Make sure that everyone knows their role and sticks to it. No one deviates from the plan.
 - Each hunter should have a safe

zone of fire and only shoot at deer within their safe zone of fire.

- Reconfirm you have a safe backstop if you plan to shoot.
- Everyone involved with the drive should follow blaze orange clothing requirements.

DNR Violation Hotline

Anyone with information regarding natural resource violations may confidentially file a report by visiting the DNR's Violation Hotline website or calling or texting 1-800-847-9367. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Trained staff will relay the information to conservation wardens for further investigation.

The DNR wishes everyone a safe and successful season.



Make safety your number one target as you head out into the field this gun deer season. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center host Stitched Together: Celebrating **Ho-Chunk Applique Opening Reception**

The opening reception for the Stitched Together: Celebrating Ho-Chunk Applique took place on November 10 in Tomah, Wisc. The exhibit showcases the hard work and creativity of many Ho-Chunk artists. Ribbon work applique has a long tradition of storytelling.

Many Ho-Chunk applique patterns directly reflect the world around us, like patterns of plants, leaves, animals, and other items significant to the artist. Some patterns belongs to the artist's family.

Special thanks for the exhibit went out to Winona Mann, Myra Jo Price, Clayton Winneshiek, Eliza Green, Ashlev Rave, Paula Cleveland, Carly Yellowcloud, Mary Funmaker, Teala Edwards, Josie Cleveland, Willa Redcloud, Priscilla Cleveland, Bonnie Bird, Cheyenne Reel, Rosalind Cleveland, Joan Greendeer-Lee, Brandon Winneshiek, Dana DeBoer, Ho-Chunk Nation Department Continued on Page 5



Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be December 1st which will be published on December 8th. 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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Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.

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Gov. Evers Urges GOP-Controlled JFC to Release Already-Approved Funds to Bad River and Lac du Flambeau Native Nations

JFC Republicans continue withholding already-approved Tribal Assistance Grant Program funds from two federally recognized Native Nations in Wisconsin

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today directed the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) to submit a formal request to the Republican-controlled Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) to release \$2 million in already-approved funding for Tribal Assistance Grants—which are funded by Tribal gaming revenue—that Republicans on the Committee are withholding from the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

The governor's directive to DOA comes after Republicans on the JFC recently rejected DOA's original s. 13.10 request to release the full \$11 million appropriated in the 2023-25 biennial budget for Tribal Assistance Grants, which would have ensured

each of the 11 federally recognized Native Nations in Wisconsin received \$1 million in grant funds.

Republicans on the Committee instead voted to withhold any grant funds from being distributed to the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa while distributing \$1 million each to the nine other federally recognized Tribes. Republicans' vote to exclude these two Native Nations came with no explanation or justification—and despite the source of these funds being Tribal gaming revenue that Tribes generate and pay to the state of Wisconsin.

"Wisconsin would not be the state we are today without the significant contributions of Indigenous people to our history, culture, economy, and to our future, and our success as a state is inextricably tied to the success of the Native Nations who call this land home," said Gov. Evers. "The actions by Republicans on Joint Finance to withhold already-approved funds, which are paid for by Tribal gaming revenue, from two Tribes in Wisconsin without any justification or rationale flies in the face of our work to build strong, meaningful government-to-government partnerships with the Native Nations. This is just yet another in a long list of examples of Republicans' ongoing efforts to obstruct basic functions of government.'

The request was submitted under the Committee's s. 13.10 process to explain that the intent of the Evers Administration is for \$1 million to be distributed to each Tribe for the Tribal Assistance Grant Program, which was created in the 2023-25 biennial budget adopted by the Joint Finance Committee, passed by the Republicancontrolled Legislature, and signed by Gov. Evers earlier this year.

"My request to Republicans is simple: stop playing politics with the Native Nations in this state and release these funds that are essential for Tribes to provide governmental services to their citizens and communities," concluded Gov. Evers.

An online version of this release is available here https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/37bf3e0.



REPRESENTATIVE RAVE NOMINATED TO THE U.S. DEPT OF H.U.D. TRIBAL INTER GOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed resolution 11-21-23 B. Nominating Rep. Rodney Rave to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

Rep. Rave is familiar with the Nations housing program, the housing needs of the membership, and is also familiar with federal housing programs.

Rep. Rave is committed to improving housing for the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members, as well as housing programs and administration in Indian Country.



December Elders Birthdays

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- 4. Gene Cloud, Sr.
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- 5. Katherine Burgess
 Terrance Conery
 Angela Mc Cabe
 Gloria Perez
 Patrick Red Eagle
 Sharon Thompson
 Shelley Thundercloud
- Andrew Delarosa
 Rose Marie Funmaker
 Jeffery Hendricks
- 7. Debra Baublit
 Gordon Fitzpatrick III
 Mark Taylor
- 8. Debra Bundy
 Sandrea Radtke
 Margaret Showers
- 9. Nina Garvin
 William Hall
 Maribeth Jones
 Patricia Logan
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 Rosemary

Thundercloud

- 10. Marilyn Hilling Kathlyn Hodge Valerie Kempen Russell Poulton
- Eileen Blackdeer
 Joycelyn Buchanan
 Howard Ryan
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 Byron Steele
 Charles Yellowthunder
 Ruth Yellowthunder
- 13. Darlyn Banuelos Rosemarie Davison James Day Movita Rodriguez
- 14. Douglas De Cora Donald Deere Carl Owen
- 15. Donald Barta
 Susan Greengrass
 Angelina Liazuk
 Lisa Nichols
 Amelia Ortiz
- 16. Barbara Lewis
 Steven Link
 Aleta Yellow Thunder
- 17. Joseph Keenan Clayton Winneshiek 18. Jean Climer

Gloria Visintin

- 19. John Denny Gregory Lonetree Josephine Shegonee Charles Smith
- 21. Albert Carrimon Sybil Grey Owl
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- 23. Levi Blackdeer Cornelius De Cora Carole Laustrup Ronald Nichols Kenneth Twin Susan Twinbear
- 24. Christina La Mere
- 25. Ronald Anwash Meredith Decorah James Hellerud Crystal Pettibone Mary Taylor
- 26. Christopher Keenan
- 27. Virgil Duke, Jr.
 Joy Lightstorming
 Ronald Mallory
- 28. Frank Big Soldier
- 29. Audrey Beverly
 Conner
 Sharyn Buchanan
 Eric Thundercloud
 Gwendolyn Whitegull
- 30. Frank Dikeman Willa Redcloud
- 31. John Holst
 Kimberly Waukau
 Anita Whiteeagle
 Winneshiek



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Museum Director Josephine Lee organized a beautiful event.

Check out the new exhibit at the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. The museum is located at 1108 Superior Avenue in Tomah, Wisc.











Ho-Chunk CEDS Community Sessions

All Ho-Chunk Tribal Members Welcome

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November 30, 2023 at HOW, 5-6 pm
December 4, 2023 at SFCC, 5-6 pm
December 6, 2023 at Cexhaci CC, 5-6 pm
December 16, 2023 at DICC, 11 am-12 pm

WebEx links:









Cexhaci CC

For More Information Email: economicdiversification@ho-chunk.com

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES MILESTONE OF \$100 MILLION INVESTED IN RESEARCH IN 2023

- Largest single year investment in research since the organization's founding
- In Wisconsin nearly \$450,000 has been awarded to advance research efforts

MILWAUKEE, WI, NOV. 8, 2023 — The Alzheimer's Association today announces a landmark \$100 million investment into research initiatives in 2023. This unparalleled commitment stands as the largest single-year investment since the organization's founding in 1980.

In 2023, the Alzheimer's Association funded 271 scientific investigations from researchers at all career levels examining topics across the spectrum of dementia science. The Association's global, cumulative impact on research now includes more than \$360 million invested in over 1,000 active research projects in 53 countries, spanning six continents.

Here in Wisconsin, nearly \$450,000 has been awarded

to advance research efforts. This includes research being conducted in Madison investigating how fasting may promote healthy aging and protect against the risk of Alzheimer's disease and a new tool that could help emergency departments better meet the needs of people living with dementia.

"The FDA's recent approval of the first-ever treatment proven to slow the progression of Alzheimer's is a monumental step forward in our fight against the disease," said Dave Grams, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter. "Research funding is so critical in allowing us to get closer to these kinds of discoveries, not only in treatment, but also in diagnosis and prevention."

In addition to research grant funding, the Association's investment in research supports a wide range of global leadership initiatives:

- Global scientific/medical conferences, including the field's largest and most prestigious event: the annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference® (AAIC). Nearly 11,000 scientists attended AAIC 2023 from 110 countries.
- Three influential peerreviewed journals, including the flagship Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association.
- TrialMatch® a free clinical studies matching service.
- The Alzheimer's Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and

Treatment (ISTAART) — an inclusive global network of more than 10,000 members representing over 120 countries.

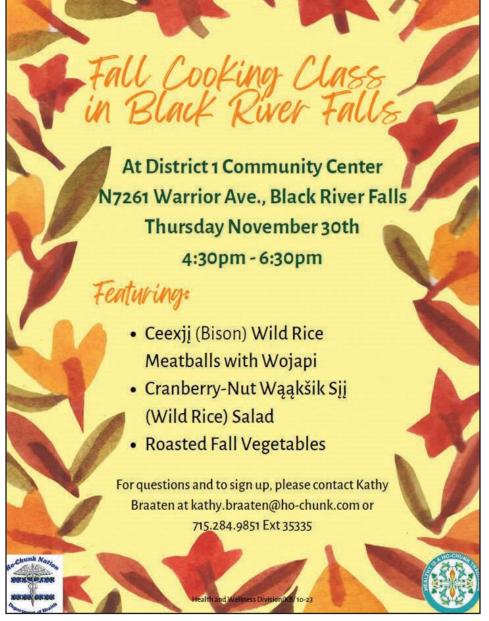
Alzheimer's is the sixthleading cause of death in the United States. It kills more Americans than diabetes, and more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, according to the Alzheimer's Association 2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. By 2050, the number of people with Alzheimer's is projected to increase to nearly 13 million, barring the development of medical breakthroughs to prevent, slow or stop the disease. In Wisconsin, there will be 130,000 living with

the disease by 2025 and there are over 191,000 individuals serving as their unpaid caregivers. More than 53% of those caregivers report having their own chronic health conditions.

About the Alzheimer's Association®

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia®. Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.









Ho-Chunk Nation Trust & Investment Committee Vacancy

The Legislature is seeking two more applicants for the Trust & Investment Committee. The Trust & Investment Committee was established to strengthen the fiduciary oversight and provide enhanced protection over the Nation's investments, including investments on behalf of minors and legally incompetent members, employer retirement plan funds (401(k) plans), and any other investments made by the Nation with a time horizon of at least one year, and the Nation's long- and short-term portfolios.

Committee members must be an enrolled member of the Nation who is eligible to vote, has an acceptable background check, and has one or more of the following qualifications:

- Certified Public Accountant or Charter Financial Analyst
- An Associates or, preferably, a bachelor's degree in accounting, business, finance.
- Certified Financial Planner
- Financial Professional Certification (Certified Fund Specialist, Chartered Financial Consultant, Chartered Investment Counselor, Certified Investment Management Analyst, Chartered Market Technician, Personal Financial Specialist)
- At least 3 years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf

Applicants interested in appointment to the Committee should send a letter of interest and resume to CrystalDeschinny@ho-chunk.com by December 8, 2023.

All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and a criminal background check prior to appointment.

The information will be submitted to the T&I Committee for review with a recommendation to Legislature.



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Only shop at reputable online sites and watch out for deals

When shopping online, you should look at the Uniform Resource Locator (URL). A secure website should always begin with "https" not "http" and should have a lock icon.

Websites that begin with "https" are encrypted and secured, which allows you to enter your personal information without fear of being hacked. However, just because the website begins with "https" and has a lock icon does not automatically mean it is safe. Cybercriminals know to incorporate these into fake websites. Watch for misspellings and wrong domain names. You should always be on the lookout for deals that seem too good to be true. They probably are.

Don't use free wi-fi in public places when shopping online

It is easy for hackers to access personal devices, and steal personal information when you use free wi-fi in public places while shopping online. Typically, when using free wi-fi, consumer data is not encrypted. This leaves you vulnerable to attack.

If you must shop online using free wifi, use a Virtual Private Network (VPN). A VPN encrypts data and acts as a protective channel so your data will not be visible as it passes through a network.

Update software to protect against cybercriminals

It is easy to ignore software update notices that pop up on mobile devices, computers, laptops, and tablets. Though it may take a few minutes to complete, it can save hours and headaches.

If you skip the updates, devices may have compromised security and privacy settings which hackers can easily exploit. Software updates protect you from viruses and malware (short for malicious software) that scammers can use to infect your computer. Once infected, cybercriminals can control your computer and gain access to your personal data. Updating software will help keep scammers out.

Keep personal information personal Keeping your information private will help prevent identity theft. Your personal information is the gateway into financial information, including credit cards and bank accounts. Think before you post. Even if you are providing personal information to a group of trusted friends and family, the information is not safe. Scammers can find it.

Deleting personal data does not mean it is gone forever. Cybercriminals can gain access to data even in deleted files. If you post and then delete personal information, the post does not disappear. It will remain for years, or possibly forever, online.

Check your credit card account statements

At a minimum, you should carefully review your credit card statements monthly. Doing so will help spot fraudulent or unfamiliar charges and unauthorized cash advances. If you notice anything suspicious, you should immediately call your credit card company. If fraudulent charges are found, you are a victim of identity theft. You should change your passwords, monitor your credit card statements carefully, and check your online shopping accounts for fraud.

Conclusion

Understanding your legal rights is the first step in protecting yourself online. If you are a victim of a cybercrime, you are not alone and you are not without help. Contact an attorney immediately.

Z. Usman is an attorney at Usman Law in Madison. He helps people struggling with debt and those who have been injured in accidents. Know Your Legal Rights is sponsored by the State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral Service, which connects Wisconsin residents with lawyers throughout the state. Learn more at wislaw.org.



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Hocak Woga

It is that time of year again, where Child and Family Services provides Christmas presents to the children that receive services through the Tribal Child Protection, Indian Child Welfare, Child Welfare Investigation and Assessment, Adventures in Parenting and Independent Living Skills Programs.

This year Children and Family Services have 211 children/youth which we are hoping to locate sponsors for Christmas gifts. This can be an individual project donation or a group project for a department. Each tag represents an individual child and designates the age and whether the gift is for a boy or a girl. We are requesting gifts that are valued between \$20 and \$25.

Child and Family Services request that you return the present unwrapped, with the provided gift tag attached and return the gift to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services-Division of Child and Family Services offices in Black River Falls by December 1, 2023.

Child and Family Services thanks you for your continued generosity. Thank you in advance for helping to make Christmas special for our children.

CONTACT ROBIN BLACKDEER #15194 OR LUANN KRPATA #15190 OR JACKIE MOEN-KADLEC AT #15134



Conroy Greendeer Jr. appointed as Legislative Public Relations Officer



Conroy Greendeer Jr. was appointed as the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Public Relations Officer on November 13th by Legislature.

Greendeer received a Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia Southern University in 2017 with a Major in Hospitality.

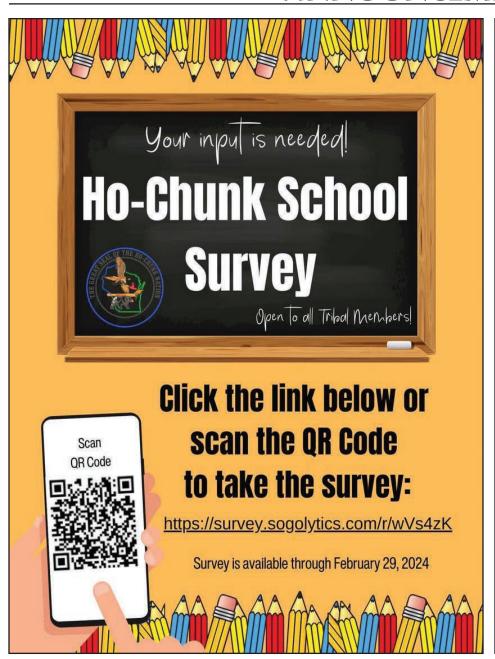
He was most recently a District 2 Legislator from July 2019- July 2023.

Prior to his elected position he was in the United States Army and Wisconsin National Guard from August 2003 – August 2018.

As a Soldier, Greendeer attained the rank of Sergeant First Class, served two tours (OIF/OEF), and received multiple skill badges and awards.

"I am honored to continue to serve the Ho-Chunk Nation and elevate the work of our elected officials."





Something Special from Wisconsin[™] Celebrates **Local Businesses this Holiday Season**

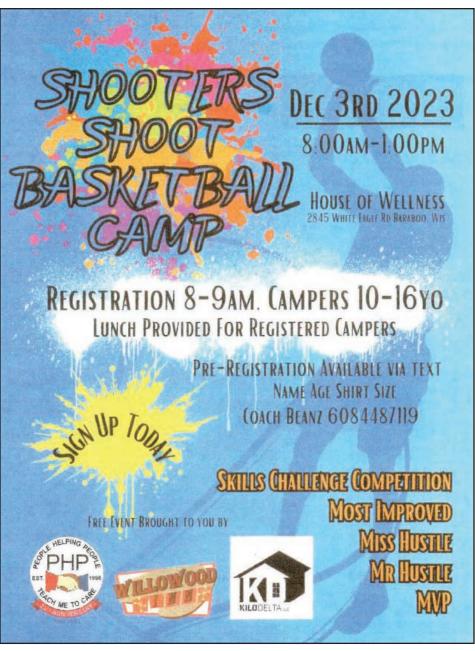
MADISON, Wis. – The holiday season is officially here, which means storefronts, television commercials, and online advertisements are filled with ideas for meals to share and gifts to give. As you make your holiday buying decisions, it's easy to choose products that support local Wisconsin businesses by looking for the Something Special from WisconsinTM (SSfW) logo.

The red and yellow SSfW logo is a quick, reliable way to identify genuine Wisconsin products. Nearly 500 companies are SSfW members, which means you can find a wide variety of products including meats, cheeses, wines, sodas, snacks,

candies, condiments, syrups, soaps, lotions, candles, books, and more.

To help you pick the perfect Wisconsin product this holiday season, Ashley Hagenow, the 76th Alice in Dairyland, will be featuring products from several SSfW members through television and radio interviews, newspaper articles, blog posts, and social media starting November 13, 2023. You can follow the campaign on the SSfW Facebook and Instagram pages, or the Alice in Dairyland website as well as following your local media. For more information and a complete listing of all the SSfW members, visit Continued on Page 10





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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/04/10 and date of death 06/02/3 domiciled in 09/04/09/00 County, State of 0 h. 0 mailing address of 14030 Tervace Food, Cle 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reas	was with a with a weland, DHID onably ascertainable: Privative Tomah William Wil	
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.	On Our	

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and Wisconsin Kinship Care, Petitioners, v. Skyler Medicinehorn, Respondent.

Case No.: CS 23-03

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Skyler Medicinehorn

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this child support action. This legal notice of the filed Petition for Child Support is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of service to respond to the Petition for Child Support. Failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation, which may result in the entry of a Default Judgment against you. An Answer (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below, and must be served on all parties to the action. The Court shall convene an Initial Child Support Hearing as permitted by CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE,

The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The <u>Initial Child Support Hearing</u> shall be held at <u>2:00 p.m., CST</u> on the <u>7th</u> day of <u>December, 2023</u>. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of

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. <u>The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615</u>. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is

Fall Harvest Event

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Agriculture hosted the Fall Harvest Event on November 13 at the Neeshla Powwow grounds near Baraboo, Wisc.

It was a great collaboration with UW-Madison Rural Partnerships Initiative and the Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Wellness Division.















Diabetes Management Conversation Maps Nov & Dec 2023 HOW Alberta Day Room - Nov 21st - 3 to 4:30 pm Tomah Health Office - Dec 4th - 1 to 2:30 pm La Crosse Three Rivers House - Dec 6th - 12 to 1:30 pm Wittenberg Siga Center - Dec 6th - 1 to 2:30 pm Madison Branch Office - Dec 6th - 1:30 to 3 pm Nekoosa Health Office - Dec 14th - 1 to 2:30 pm Black River Community Health - Dec 13th - 12 to 1:30 pm HOW Alberta Day Room - Dec 13th - 1 to 2:30 pm Black River Community Health - Dec 19th - 3 to 4:30 pm

Only 6 per class! Sign up now!

A one time, 90 minute session providing information on lifestyle changes such as healthy eating, medication management and physical activity in a supportive group setting.

To sign up please contact one of the Program Recruiters below.

- Rachel Montana
 Program Recruiter
- 9 715-284-9851 Ext 35039
- rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com
- Lyndsey Killian
 Program Recruiter
- 9 715-284-9851 Ext 35068
- Uyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com





Due to changes in state and federal level reporting and the end of the emergency declaration.

What has ended:

- contact tracing
- · cleaning supply drop offs
- comfort supply drop offs (tylenol, gatorade, masks etc)

We will continue:

- · testing in clinic by appointment
- · at-home tests from pharmacy
- antiviral treatment when ordered by a provider
- vaccines available by appointment



ANNOUNCEMENTS / **HEALTH**

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Corn, Real Wisconsin Products, SEHR Essentials, Sheboygan Pasty Company, Stanton Legacy Acres, Sweet P's Pantry, Tom & Ma's Maple, White Jasmine LLC, White Winter Mead, Cider, Spirits, Widmer's Cheese Cellars, and Wisconsin Candle Company.

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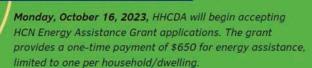
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HHCDA ADMINISTERING

HO-Chunk Nation

Energy **Assistance Grant**



STEP 1 APPLY EFFECTIVE 10.16.2023.

application, or use the QR Code

STEP 2 SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION

Completed applications and backup documents can

- Online through the application
 Email 2023heatingassistance@ho-chunk.com
 Fax (608)374.1251
- · Mailed to: HHCDA, P.O. Box 730, Tomah, WI

Questions? Call the Energy Assistance Grant **Specialist**

(608)374.1245 x 18825 or 18821



THIS ONE TIME GRANT OF \$650 CAN BE DIVIDED BETWEEN UTILITY AND HEATING COSTS IF REQUESTED ONLY THE APPLICANT AND CO-APPLICANT MAY INQUIRE ABOUT AN APPLICATION STATUS.

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ABOUT ELK/MOOSE

- · Wild game like elk and moose are excellent sources of protein, B-
- Elk and moose are also considerably lower in fat than beef. These meats have between 0.3g and 4g of fat per 4oz of meat, while beef has 34g.
- Wild game can be a bit tougher than beef due to the activity level of the wild animals. Try simmering the meat in small amounts of liquid in a covered pot to make it more tender.
- · Wild game should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165°F
- In addition to the nutrition benefits, eating wild game can also help you save money if you can harvest and process the meat yourself.





ELK STEW

From The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen Cookbook

Ingredients:

- 4 pounds elk or moose shoulder
- Pinch smoked salt
- · Pinch crushed juniper
- 2 tablespoons sunflower oil
- · 2 wild onions or small shallots, diced · 1 pound wild mushrooms sliced
- 1/4 cup corn flour
- 3 cups corn stock, or vegetable stock
- · 1 cup cider, hard or not sweet
- 1 sprig sage
- 1-2 tablespoons maple vinegar to taste Dash maple suga

Steps:

- Generously season all sides of the meat with the salt and juniper. Put a cast iron pot with the oil, over high heat. Add the meat and sear on all sides until golden brown, about 4 minutes per side. Remove meat and set aside.
- Reduce heat, add onions and mushrooms to pot and cook, stirring until they brown.
- Stir in flour until dissolved; then stir in stock, cider, and sage and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a low simmer. Cover and cook until meat pulls away easily from the bone, about 1-1/2 to 2 hours.
- Taste and season with vinegar and sugar.
- · Transfer the meat to a cutting board and remove the bone. Slice the meat into chunks and return to the pot. Discard the sage.
- Serve in shallow bowls over wild rice, hominy, or roasted squash.

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\35511

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HO CHUNK NATION

Office of the General Council

Office of General Council Quarterly Report

To: General Council Members

From: Nathaniel Longtail Jr. - General Council Advocate NL

Date: November 3, 2023

Re: November 2023 Office of General Council Quarterly Report

General Council Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a report. The Office of General has been working towards finalizing payments to vendors and monitoring activity in regard to the General Council Resolutions that were passed at the 2023 Annual General Council.

On October 31, 2023 the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature discussed the 2023 Annual General Council Resolutions and passed **Resolutions of Acknowledgment** 10.31.23L-Q:

- 10.31.23L Acknowledging Receipt of Gen Council Res 091623H and Lack of Quorum during vote
- 10.31.23M Acknowledgment of Gen Council Res 091623I (Reclaiming Traditional Territory)
 10.31.23N Acknowledgment of Gen Council Res 091623I (Amend Constitution-Allow Minors
- 10.31.23N Acknowledgment of Gen Council Res 091623J (Amend Constitution-Allow Minors to Enroll)
- 4. 10.31.23O Acknowledgment of Gen Council Res 091623F (Rights of Nature)
- 5. 10.31.23P Acknowledgment of Gen Council Res 091623G (Four Fourths Blood Quantum)
- 6. 10.31.23Q Est. of Legis Workgroup to Review Enrollment and Membership Code

Shortly after these Legislative actions an email was sent to Attorney General Gardner with a formal request for legal counsel. This office will require legal advice and may also need representation for litigation purposes in regards to filing court actions against public officials for not adhering to the constitutional language located in powers retained by the General Council as The Constitution does not recognize "acknowledgements," as a way to properly address policy set by the General Council, it only reflects the following time parameters and actions:

Section 3. Powers Retained by the General Council.

a. The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. This policy shall be resolutions proposed and approved at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. This policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes by the Legislative Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation within forty-five (45) days after a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings. The Executive Branch shall enforce this policy within sixty (60) days of the majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. <u>In the event that this policy is not</u> enacted by the Legislative Branch or enforced by the Executive Branch within fifteen (15) days of the aforementioned deadlines, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council shall file suit in the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court against elected officials of the Ho-Chunk Nation branch of government. The Supreme Court of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall have original jurisdiction within fifteen (15) days of filing date of suit. [Amendment X adopted on August 14, 2012 which became effective on September 28, 2012 by operation of law.]

Additionally a legal screen was requested that would include confidentiality/attorney client privilege from both the remaining Department of Justice attorneys & staff and from the Attorney General in his individual and official capacities.

This request was made in compliance with the Department of Justice Establishment Act 1 HCC 8 8:

4. Functions. The Department of Justice shall:

b. Provide expert legal advice and competent representation for all the Branches of the Nation on those matters that concern the Nation's interest and welfare.

No response with a decision has been granted as of yet from the Executive Branch's Department of Justice, or from Attorney General Gardner. In the event that the Department of Justice does not provide legal assistance per 1 HCC § 8 then the Office of General will have no choice but to submit for a Budget Modification - Increase for a full-time attorney.

As always thank you for your time, and If you have any questions please reach out to this office directly.

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Office of the General Council

Office of General Council UPDATE

To: General Council Members

From: Nathaniel Longtail Jr. - General Council Advocate

Date: November 13, 2023

Re: November 2023 Office of General Council UPDATE

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a report. The Office of General Council is pleased to share information regarding the 2023 Office of the General Council request for a full-time assigned attorney from the Department of Justice.

On October 31, 2023 a formal request was made to Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Gardner for a full-time assigned attorney for the following reason: $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$

The Office of General Council will be requiring legal advice with the possibility of litigation action against public officials for not adhering to constitutional language located in powers retained by the General Council.

Section 3. Powers Retained by the General Council.

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Later on November 7, 2023 Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Gardner sent a response letter. It was a denial of the request. Attorney General Gardner's response included this language:

After reviewing the Office of the General Council Establishment and Organization Act, 1 HCC § 18, it is clear that the OGC is an Independent Agency and not a Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Department of Justice provides legal counsel to the Nation's Branches of government, but does not provide legal representation to independent entities.

Of course this is only the opinion of Attorney General Gardner, it is obvious that in the past the Department of Justice has represented this office in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. In addition to that, some of the Resolutions presented at this year's Annual General Council include language that the Office of General Council or the resolution presenter has been granted the authority to act on behalf of the General Council. (see below)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Council through the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of General Council and/or [NAME OF PRESENTER] will have the authority to file suit on behalf of the General Council for all matters of non-enforcement to Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch to ensure that this Resolution is strictly implemented in accordance to the requests defined within this General Council Resolution 09.16.2023 - _pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution:

Today this Office has submitted a Budget Modification to the Department of Treasury in the form of a True Increase in the amount of \$67,836.15 to retain Legal Counsel. This will then move through the proper channels to be addressed at the November 30, 2023 Legislative Finance Commission Regular Meeting.

Thank you for your time, If you have any questions please reach out to this office directly.

Office of General Council Main Phone: 715-284-9343 ext. 11237

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DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL BRF AREA MEETING Tribal Office Building

W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 Wednesday, December 13, 2023 6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON WAUSAU AREA MEETING Northcentral Technical College

1000 W. Campus Dr., Wausau, WI 54401 Room E102 Tuesday, December 12, 2023 5:30 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact: karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com

Posted on: 11/20/23



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



WITTENBERG | MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 | 5:30 PM

MILWAUKEE | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 | 6:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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About Alice in Dairyland Alice in Dairyland is a

full-time communications professional for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The Alice program is supported by several partner organizations including Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Kettle Moraine Mink Breeders Association, Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board, Midwest Jewelers Association, Wisconsin Potato Industry Board, Ginseng Board of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Beef Council. For more information about the Alice in Dairyland program, visit aliceindairyland.com/ and follow Alice on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE 724 Main Street, La Crosse, WI MONDAY, December 11th, 2023 6:00PM IN PERSON

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING

28370 Epinal Avenue, Tomah, WI TUESDAY, December 12th, 2023 6:00PM IN PERSON

BARABOO/M DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | Waksikma 5826 43rd St, New Lisbon, W WEDNESDAY, December 13th, 2023 6:00PM IN PERSON

REP. STEPHANIE BEGAY stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-0339
REP. KRISTIN K. WHITE EAGLE kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (608) 477-3007
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Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging

P.O. Box 430, W8825 Decorah Road Black River Falls, WI 54615

Notice of Vacancy

The Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Division is currently seeking (1) applicant from the **Wisconsin Dells** area and (1) applicant in the **Wittenberg** area to fill a vacant position on the Elder Advisory Board.

Board members are elected to a three year term. Meetings are held on a monthly basis as current conditions allow.

Interested candidates can pick up a brief application at the Wisconsin Dells Tribal Aging Unit (608-235-2185) or the Wittenberg Tribal Aging Unit (608-372-4547) by December 7th, 2023. Elections will follow based on the number of nominations.

Phone: 715-284-0811 Fax: 715-284-3180

DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING Chicago Branch Office

4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630 Monday, December 11, 2023 6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA MEETING

All Nations Indian Church

1515 East 23rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404 Thursday, December 14, 2023 6:00 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:

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Posted on: 11/20/23



DNR Confirms Cougar Killed In Buffalo County

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has confirmed the fatal shooting of a cougar in Buffalo County. The incident was reported to the DNR's Violation Hotline on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023.

Cougars are a protected species in Wisconsin, so DNR conservation wardens conducted a thorough investigation into the shooting and provided the information

to the Buffalo County District Attorney. After careful review and consideration, no charges will be filed.

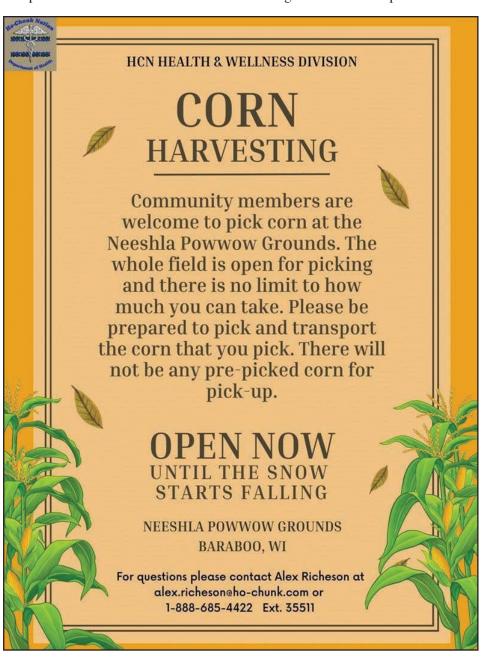
The incident involved an archery deer hunter who encountered the cougar while hunting and felt their safety was at risk. The hunter shot the cougar and self-reported it shortly afterward to the DNR. The DNR collected the cougar carcass as part of the investigation.

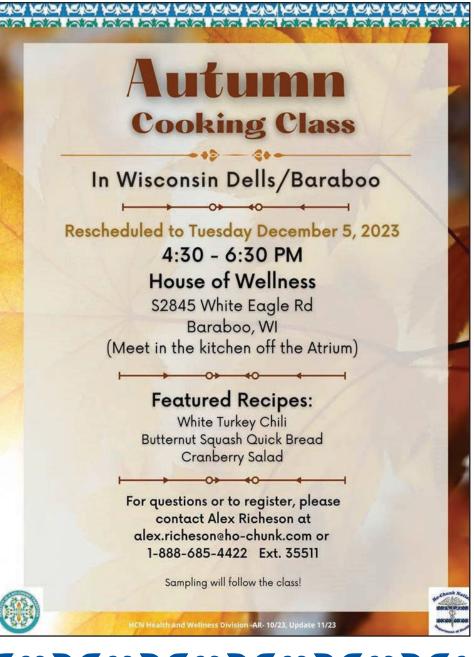
Cougars are a native species to

Wisconsin but were extirpated from the state in the early 1900s. The DNR has not confirmed evidence of a breeding population of cougars. In the last 20 years, observations of cougars have been increasing but are still rare, with an average of 15-20 reports verified by the DNR annually. All evidence to date suggests that most, if not all, of these observations are of dispersing individuals from established populations out west.

Dispersing cougars also do not tend to stay in one location for long and have been recorded traveling up to 1,600 miles.

The public is encouraged to report cougar sightings via the DNR's Wildlife Observation Tool. Additional information on cougars and verified observations is available on the DNR's Cougars in Wisconsin webpage.





HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE **OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI OCTOBER 31, 2023**

<u>Call to Order:</u> President Jon MOTION by Rep. Paul Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P

Rep. Rodney Rave-P Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX

Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P 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 10:02 a.m.

Opening Prayer: President Jon Greendeer offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous **Meeting Minutes:**

Legislative Meeting-October 24,2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the October 24, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Commission Reports:

Commission-Finance October 26, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the

October 26, 2023 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Establishment and Funding of Ho-Chunk Nation Childcare Center Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 A, Establishment and Funding of Ho-Chunk Nation Childcare Center Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

Resolution-Approval True Increase to Resolution 06-13-23 Y Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Ho-Chunk Gaming - Black River Falls

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt Resolution **10-31-23 B**, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-13-23 Y Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Ho-Chunk Gaming - Black River Falls Slots. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1(Vice President Thundercloud) Karena MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Approval 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 Justice Election Board

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution **10-31-23** 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 Justice Election Board. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act Restricted Account for Sound Buffering at Wittenberg Community Center and Gymnasium, Madison Gymnasium, Mauston Community Center and La Crosse Branch Office

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 D, Authorization of Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act Restricted Account for Sound Buffering at Wittenberg Community Center and Gymnasium, Madison Gymnasium, Mauston Community Center and La Crosse Branch Office. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

UNITY Conference

Danielle Rep. DeLong mentioned the Legislature had not received the reconciliation from last year's UNITY Conference.

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to TABLE UNITY Conference until next Legislative Meeting hopes that Youth Services Director and Treasury can provide confirmation reconciliation. Second Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

Continued from Page 13 Rep. Stephanie Begay asked if the Executive Legislative Information Officer could look into this matter. President Greendeer said yes, he will look into this.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> No items under Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Truck Driver-Housing REVISED Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Truck Driver-Housing Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

Resolution-Establishment and Funding of Ho-Chunk **Economic** Assistance Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 E, Establishment and Funding of Ho-Chunk Economic Assistance Restricted Account. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Economic Assistance for **Adults and Minors**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 F, Ho-Chunk Economic Assistance for Adults and Minors. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Employee Appreciation

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 G, Employee Appreciation. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MÔTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment and Funding of Land Acquisition Restricted Account

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt *Resolution 10-31-23 H*, Establishment and Funding of Land Acquisition Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Funding Surveillance Capital Project from Fiscal Year 2021 Unexpended Funds

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 I, Funding of Surveillance Capital Project from Fiscal Year 2021 Unexpended Funds. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

Consideration of Quick Passage to Amend the Hoocak Nation Children and Family Act

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong for Consideration Quick Passage to Amend the Hoocak Nation Children and Family Act. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 6-5(Vice President

Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Quick Passage Amendments to the Hoocak Nation Children and Family

Danielle DeLong Rep. mentioned Chapter 18 of the Children and Family Act has been amended for the transfer of cases. This was a collaborative effort by Legislature, Social Services and the Department of Justice.

Legislative Attorney Nicole Homer said this is extremely important to the Nation and their families, to ensure that the Nation is able to provide for the best interests of the children. The Nation does not want to be put in a situation when transferring these cases, that the Nation does not have the manpower for the services or financial resources to place the children when the county is able to do so. Children and Family Services have to have the ability to make a determination as to whether they have the resources. The number one priority is the families of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud asked if and Families Children Services (CFS) is working on the manpower and services to take over the cases in the future. This has been going on for years where CFS have not taken any cases from the counties. Does CFS have goals set to where they will be addressing these shortages?

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt Resolution **10-31-23 J**, Quick Passage Amendments to the Hoocak Nation Children and Family Act. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 5-6 (Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED**.

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Hoocak Nation Children and Family Act out for Forty-Five Day Public of Comment

> **MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to Place the Hoocak Nation Children and Family Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. MOTION IS AMENDED to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 **K**, Authorization to Place the Hoocak Nation Children and Family Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second concurs. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

> Resolution-Acknowledging Receipt of General Council **Resolution** 09-16-2023-H and Lack of Quorum during

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 \hat{L} , Acknowledging Receipt of MOTION by Rep. Robert

General Council Resolution Funmaker, Jr. to adopt 09-16-2023-H and Lack of Quorum during Vote. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 MOTIÓN CARRIED.

 $R \ e \ s \ o \ l \ u \ t \ i \ o \ n \ -$ Acknowledgement General Council Resolution 09-16-2023-I and Legislative Action Regarding a Special Election to Amend the Constitution for Reclaiming Traditional Territory

Attorney General William Gardner mentioned the Election Board took this matter under consideration on October 28, 2023. The Election Board considered and denied moving forward on this resolution because it failed to meet the minimum requirements. The official minutes will possibly be approved on November 22, 2023 when the Election Board meets again.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 M, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 09-16-2023-I and Legislative Action Regarding a Special Election to Amend the Constitution for Reclaiming Traditional Territory. Second by Rep. Lemieux-White Sarah Eagle. 8-1 (Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-2(Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 09-16-2023-J and Legislative Action Regarding Amendment to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation Allowing Individuals to Enroll if They Were Enrolled in Another Tribe as a Minor and Have Now Relinquished

General William Attorney Gardner mentioned the Election Board met on the particular request for Constitutional Amendment on October 28, 2023. The Election Board determined that they would move forward on this amendment, and felt it was appropriate to put on the ballot. The official minutes will possibly be approved on November 22, 2023, with a referral to the Attorney General for an opinion on the language.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 10-31-23** N, Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 09-16-2023-J and Legislative Action Regarding Amendment to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation Allowing Individuals to Enroll if They Were Enrolled in Another Tribe as a Minor and Have Now Relinquished. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

R e s o l u t i o n -Acknowledgement General Council Resolution *09-16-2023-F* and Legislative Action Regarding Rights of Nature Policy and Implementation Plan

Resolution 10-31-23 \overline{O} , Acknowledgement of General Council Resolution 09-16-2023-F and Legislative Action Regarding Rights of Nature Policy and Implementation Plan. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

Resolution-Acknowledgment General Council Resolution 09-16-2023-G to Modify the Blood Degree of Ho-Chunk Nation Members Enrolled as of December 31, 1999 and Referral of Said Resolution to a Legislative Workgroup for Further

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 P, Acknowledgment of General Council Resolution 09-16-2023-G to Modify the Blood Degree of Ho-Chunk Nation Members Enrolled as of December 31, 1999 and Referral of Said Resolution to a Legislative Workgroup for Further Action. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Review the Enrollment Code and Constitutional Membership Requirements

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 \hat{Q} , Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Review the Enrollment Code and Constitutional Membership Requirements. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 MÔTION CARRIED.

Resolution-To Amend the Tribal Membership and Enrollment Code

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer Resolution-Amend the Tribal To Membership and Enrollment Code to the Legislative Workgroup to Review the Enrollment Code and Constitutional Membership Requirements. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Street Lights

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Street Lights until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

Resolution-Per-Capita Declaration for November 1,

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 10-31-23 R, Per-Capita Declaration for November 1, 2023. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-1(Rep. Paul Fox)-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

District Meetings:

D3 Tešišik - October 19, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to Legislature and TAU Workgroup the MOTION by Val Kempen for all Legislators to take action on the TAU Establishment Act as was worked on, and do not put out for comment again. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Department of Administration the MOTION by Heather Schulz that the Milwaukee Branch Office forwards or sends emails on events in Milwaukee and the Nation that pertain to the Tribal membership. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Melody Whiteagle to get another maintenance person specifically for Milwaukee for the rental units. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer District 3 Legislators the MOTION by Leona Smith that any passed motions from other areas cannot pertain to any singular or subset of Legislators. All passed motions must be applied equally to all District 3 Legislators. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **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. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Themeeting moved to Executive Session at 10:48

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

The meeting returned to Open *Session at 12:17 p.m.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was not online during the vote.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to the University of Wisconsin-Madison on November 7, 2023 in Madison, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED. Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was not online during the vote.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.



Teejop & Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations



Teejop & Beyond at Madison Public Library welcomes a variety of Native artists, storytellers, and community leaders for a series of programs celebrating Indigenous people in and beyond Teejop. We invite you to attend programs!

The Seven Fires Prophecies: Storytelling & Native History

Nov 28, 7-8:30pm | Central Library

Dawn Moneyhan of The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will tell the story of the Seven Fires Prophecies as recorded from many Indigenous tribes & elders



over many generations. No registration required.

Tom Weso's Food Memoirs: Menominee Places and Stories

Dec 6, 7-8pm | **VIRTUAL**

The Menominee author Tom Weso's wife and copy editor Denise Low, a writer herself, will speak about his books, <u>Good Seeds: A Menominee Indian Food Memoir</u> and <u>Survival Food: North Woods Stories by a Menominee Cook--their humor, good stories, and places important to this northern Wisconsin tribal nation. <u>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</u></u>

Come Home, Indio: An Evening with Jim Terry

Dec 7, 7pm | Central Library

Famed Ho-Chunk writer and illustrator Jim
Terry will appear in-person at Central Library
to discuss his memoir Come Home, Indio.
Copies of the book will be available for
purchase and Jim will sign books after the
event. No registration required.

This program was made possible by <u>Beyond the Page</u> with the support of Madison Community Foundation and National Endowment for the Humanities and hosted in partnership with the <u>Wisconsin Book Festival</u>.







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