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Historic Preview of the very first Ho-Chunk Library

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

On Monday, February 19, the Library Board hosted a Waagax Hakiruxara Hosto (Library) event at the District 1 Community Center (DICC). The event previewed the newly created tribal community Library, a first for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The event program included: a welcome, a history of the Library, an introduction to the Board of Directors and the Librarian, viewing the evolving collections on a guided tour, and sharing a luncheon. Ho-Chunk matriarchs JoAnn Jones and Janice Rice spearheaded the project.

Janice Rice welcomed everyone. She said that they always start with a blessing.

Roger Snake offered a word of prayer for the Library. He mentioned all those who had a hand in opening the Library, those in attendance at the preview event, those who will make

use of the Library in the future, and that the Library continues to be a place of learning.

Then, JoAnn Jones spoke about how the Library began. "I was in law school, and I knew a Hispanic friend. She was active in the Hispanic way and what people were doing to them. Of course, a lot of them were like the immigrants at the border right now. She was always fighting for them, and her family came up from Texas. They worked the crops all the way up here to

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The Library Board Members (L-R), Hinu Helgesen-Smith, Ryan Crain, Sr., Janice Rice, JoAnn Jones, Priscilla Cleveland, Leslie Falcon, and Bill Lowe.



Hoocak Academy - Highlighting Hoocak Language Learners

Hųchinuknųk
Dana Kinser
Bloomington, Indiana

I was born first daughter during Corn Tasseling Moon 1961 at Round Rock, now known as Janesville, Wisconsin. My naani Helen Whitehorse was born third daughter, seventh of eight children of Ralph and Anne GreenCrow Little Soldier Whitehorse.

I come from people who loved race cars. My teegas, Walter and Harry Whitehorse, both owned race cars. My father drove Teega Walter on the weekends then they worked all week and traveled to different places, mostly around the Midwest. That is also how he met my naani. We followed the races and eventually my naani moved my three brothers and me to Indiana.

After college, in 1982, I married a professional racecar driver and moved to Bloomington, Indiana, where I still live with my husband. We traveled around the United States and Canada, Mexico, Australia, and New Zealand for over 40 years before

retirement.

My Hoocak language journey began long ago as my Kaaka was my first teacher. I treasure those early childhood memories. Lucky for me, I got to visit and stay with her. Those times were too short as we started moving and traveling. I LOVED being

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Wisconsin. That’s how she got here.”

Jones went on to explain the discussion between her and her friend. They shared the experience that other people create so many obstacles for their Hispanic and Ho-Chunk people. Two of those obstacles were the banning of books and the closing of libraries. Janice Rice was a librarian at the University of Wisconsin for over 20 years, and so JoAnn Jones contacted Janice to discuss the two obstacles. Mrs. Rice agreed that they needed to do something.

JoAnn Jones’ friend gathered books to donate and drove them to Wisconsin from Ohio. Meanwhile, Janice Rice contacted employees at the Ho-Chunk Nation Madison Branch Office because Jones and Rice didn’t know where they would keep the books. The Branch Office Manager offered storage space.

At the same time, the Youth Services Division Director, Lori Pettibone, offered the Youth Centers as a place to keep the books. However,

only children are allowed in that space, and adults would not have access to the books. Pettibone then offered to find space in the DICC. That got the ball rolling, and people started volunteering.

JoAnn Jones then spoke with President Jon Greendeer about the Library. President Greendeer suggested talking with Legislators because the Library could spread to other branch offices and different areas outside Wisconsin. Jones and Rice then opened a dialog with Representatives Karena Thundercloud, Rodney Rave, and Phyllis Smoke. Those Representatives supported the Library project and passed a resolution.

After that, the duo (JoAnn Jones and Janice Rice) attended area meetings, and the Library received approval everywhere.

JoAnn Jones expressed her gratitude that everything in the Library was donated and had good feelings behind the work. She began with the topic of banned books by Native American authors. “They banned the book, *Frybread!* They banned

the book by Sharice Davids on her life becoming a Congresswoman. We have almost all the banned books by waaksiks (Natives).”

Jones went on to say, “We want our youth, we want our tribal members to learn anything and everything they can. There are people out there trying to dumb us down by not allowing our people to learn or have access to books.”

Janice Rice introduced the Library Board members and thanked a few individuals who helped along the way. She mentioned Lori Pettibone, Tina Brown, and Mike Rave. The Library Board members are Ryan Crain, Sr., Hinu Helgesen-Smith, Priscilla (C-Ann) Cleveland, Bill Lowe, and Leslie Falcon.

The Library Board members took the opportunity to share some background information.

The Executive Director of Education, Ryan Crain, Sr., spoke first. “Prior to becoming the Executive Director, I was the BIA Grants Administrator. Part of that grant begins with gathering community and family input of what they

would like to see. One of the families said they wanted to see a book club.”

Crain went on to say that Leslie Falcon spearheaded a book club. In that process, Leslie researched books. Crain thought the research was excellent and suggested keeping a library. So, Leslie Falcon started collecting the books. She collected over 500 all-native-authored books in her research library.

Then, Jones and Rice contacted Ryan Crain, Sr. to ask what he was doing about these banned books. He shared the Leslie Falcon collection with them. The duo shared what they had, and then the group decided to move forward.

Next, Hinu Helgesen-Smith shared her journey, “I’m the Executive Director of Agriculture but I am here on my own time. This is a volunteer board.”

Hinu continued to talk about her childhood love of books and how today’s children are growing up with computers, notepads, and tablets. She wants to revitalize the love of books in today’s children

and provide them with the experience of reading a book.

C-Ann Cleveland said, “I’m glad you all came here to witness our first Library preview. (The month of) May will be the grand opening.”

C-Ann also shared her love of reading and the enormous collection she has at home. She said JoAnn Jones approached her while she was cooking and reading in her spare time. Jones recruited C-Ann then and there. C-Ann was a Tomah middle school teacher for 28 years and worked at book fairs. Cleveland also donated some books from her collection to the Ho-Chunk Library.

Bill Lowe is the Vice-President of the Library Board. He said, “When you tour the Library we have, it’s a start. You won’t see it as a Library but it’s coming.”

Leslie Falcon is the librarian. She said, “I’m am super excited to be here. I am grateful to be a part of this.”

Leslie has been researching all-native-authored books for two and a half years. The Library Board collected

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JoAnn Jones (left) and Janice Rice (right) spearheaded the Library project.



Table display of banned books written by Native American authors.



TLAM student presents Janice Rice with a braid of sweet grass.



There is crafting space available near the Library.

2ND ANNUAL

HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

JULIAN BOURDON MEMORIAL

BASKETBALL

Tournament


Join us for a day of an exciting tournament, of fun, remembrance of Julian as well informational prevention health booths, to include medication/gun locks and QPR Suicide Prevention Training!

MARCH 16

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TIME 8AM

"The court is our stage, let's put on a show!"



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NATION VETERANS

1st LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 | 12pm

AT HCN Tribal Office Building- BRF

NEW VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:

MYRA JO PRICE

VETERANS: We are asking for your involvement & ideas. Please join us for lunch while we plan and share information!

** TOPICS INCLUDE: VSO FUNCTIONS, VETERAN UPDATES, VIETNAM VETERANS DAY, MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY FLAGS- VOLUNTEERS**

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March

Elders Birthdays



1 Matthew Amberg

2 Janice Harrison

3 Betty Krause

4 Byron Thundercloud

5 Dolores Greendeer

6 Romona Chevalier

7 Debra Morgan

8 Loren Rave

9 Mary Brockhaus

10 David Decora

11 David Hanson

12 Gary Keller

13 Kelly La Mere

14 Suzanne Shegonee

15 Phyllis Tutor

16 Fredrick Yellow Thunder

17 Leland Denny

18 Brenda Freehill

19 Cheryl Schoper

20 Wayne Johnson

21 William Payer

22 Curtis Penland, Jr.

23 Laurette Pettibone

24 Sheila Ryan

25 Jilleen Scott

26 Lillian Thundercloud

27 Leonard Friday

28 Jennifer Gauthier

29 George Youngthunder

30 Leroy Goodbear

31 Miriam Johnson

32 Debra Sturdevant

33 Patricia Ennis

34 Elliott Garvin

35 Theresa Lerma

36 Mary Bird

37 Kevin Decorah

38 Dennis Lewis

39 Norman Snake, Sr.

40 Janice Stott

41 Mary Whitegull

42 Sandra Blackdeer

43 Mark Ensley

44 Janice Savage

45 Marsha Smith

46 Daniel Topping

47 Rodney Alderman

48 Karen Ellis

49 Bernadette Jannusch

50 Anthony Lonetree

51 Chloris Lowe, Jr.

52 Andrea Storm

15 Garland Decorah

16 Delores Krause

17 Eileen Meers

18 Paul Smith

19 Francis Steindorf

20 Leslie Thompson III

21 David White Eagle

22 John Emery

23 Anne White

24 Elva Brown

25 Harlan Hendrix

26 Dawn Newman

27 Virgil Pettibone, Jr.

28 Howard Pettibone

29 Levi Lincoln, Sr.

30 Maureen Sanford

31 Dennis Whitehorse

32 Jodie Wikstrom

33 Daniel Blumer

34 Perry Carrimon

35 Paula Cleveland

36 Stacy Kehrwald

37 Debra Orth

38 William Youngthunder

39 Leroy Bigsoldier

40 David Lewis

41 Gerald Whitewater

42 Algie Wolters

43 Laurie Zimmerman

44 Fidel Delarosa

45 Daniel Green

46 Melanie Henschell

47 Rana Moser

48 Lance Nikrasch

49 Foster Cloud

50 Glen De Cora

51 Loren Payer

52 Nola Smith

53 Jeanine Catron

54 Frieda Blackcoon

55 Phyllis McCloud

56 Gloria Ward

57 Walter Whitehorse

58 Francis De Cora

59 Maureen Decorah

60 Stephanie Higgins

61 Paul Stott, Jr.

62 Linda Casper

63 Lionel Cloud

64 Priscilla Gakin

65 William Goodbear

66 Debra Lozano

67 Delores Beatty

68 Phillip Carroll IV

69 Cherylene Long

70 Ronald Perry

Letter from Milena

Dear People of the Great State of Wisconsin,
Hello! I am a third-grade student in Northern Virginia. Our class is learning about the United States, and I will be teaching our school about the state of Wisconsin. In May, I will create a display for our State Fair that I hope will make you proud.
Although I have gathered facts about your state from books and websites, I think that I can receive the best information from the people who live there. This is why I am writing to you. I am hoping that you would be willing to send me some items to help me learn more about the best things in your state. You might consider sending items such as postcards, pictures, souvenirs, this newspaper article, or any other unique items that would be useful or show your state's pride. Here are a few questions:
• Why do you live in your state?/What first brought your family there?
• How do you make money?/What is your job?
• What does your state look like?
• What do people do for fun?
• What animals live there?
• What traditional food/recipes does your state have?
• What type of music is native to your state?
• Do you have a state athletic team?
• What geographic features are unique to your state?
I will need to gather all of my information by the second week of May. You can mail items to the address below. I really appreciate your help!
Sincerely,
Milena
Miss Campbell's Class
The Langley School
1411 Balls Hill Road
McLean, Virginia 22101

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Ho-Chunk artist Melanie Tallmadge Sainz to visit UW-Whitewater as the 2024 Schuh Visiting Artist

College of Arts and Communication, Department of Art and Design

(WHITEWATER, WIS.) — The Department of Art and Design in the College of Arts and Communication at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater welcomes Melanie Tallmadge Sainz (Ho-Chunk) as the 2024 Schuh Visiting Artist. The public is invited to a conversation with the artist in the atrium of the Greenhill Center of the Arts on February 28 at 5 p.m. After the conversation, beginning at 6 p.m., an hors d’oeuvres reception will provide an opportunity for everyone to view an exhibition of her work in the Crossman Gallery, also located in the Greenhill Center of the Arts.

Sainz is an artist, curator, and cultural arts educator, as well as the founder and executive director of the Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) in Wisconsin Dells, where she was raised. In her art practice, she works with various natural materials of the Great Lakes area, which she forages and processes herself. Sainz has exhibited her work at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC, the Heard Museum in Phoenix, AZ and the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art in Indianapolis, IN.

The exhibition at the Crossman Gallery, titled “Boundaries vs.

Connections,” will explore the colonialist notion of land and maps that control and define people’s relationship with land through hard lines and divisions, in contrast to the Indigenous relationship to the land and its inhabitants characterized by connections and stewardship. Featuring a variety of arranged temporary installations juxtaposed with diverse cultural objects that reflect an objection to planned obsolescence, the exhibition will also include new work created by Sainz along with pieces made by UW-Whitewater Art and Design students in a studio workshop led by Sainz and Professor Teresa Faris. The exhibition will be on view in the Crossman Gallery from February 22 – March 21.

Please join the Department of Art and Design for these free and public events on February 28:

Conversation with the Artist: 5 - 6 p.m. in the Center of the Arts atrium

Exhibition Reception: 6 - 8 p.m. in the Crossman Gallery

The Greenhill Center of the Arts atrium and the Crossman Gallery are located at 950 W. Main St., Whitewater, WI 53190. The Crossman Gallery is always free and all are welcome. Gallery hours during scheduled exhibitions are Monday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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ALL NATIVE

Must show proof of Tribal Enrollment AND Valid Photo I.D.

Men's	Women's
1st - \$10,000	1st - \$10,000
2nd - \$5,000	2nd - \$5,000
3rd - \$3,000	3rd - \$3,000

Tournament & Hotel info:
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16 MENS & WOMENS DOUBLE ELIMINATION

MENS & WOMENS ENTRY FEE: \$600 PAID IN FULL TO SECURE SPOT

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FRIDAY NIGHT:
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SATURDAY:
LITTLE HOOPSTERS

SATURDAY NIGHT:
HAND DRUM CONTEST

1st Annual Ho-CHUNK NATION

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SATURDAY March 30, 2024

GRAND ENTRIES Noon & 7pm

Contest Singing & Dancing
Moccasin Tournament | Lacrosse Games
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Drug & Alcohol-free event. Not responsible for lost or stolen items. Must bring Tribal or CDIB.

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over 700 all-native authored books; majority are children’s books, but there are books for adults, too. Leslie explained the Library moved into this space in the DICC the week of Christmas. Falcon welcomes any help.

Janice Rice shared a list of collaborators. She thanked the Department of Education, the Department of Administration for providing space for the Library, the Legislature for approving the two resolutions for applying for grants, the DICC staff, and the cooks for today’s event. Janice also thanked the Executive Branch for their support.

Ho-Chunk Nation Jon Greendeer offered insight on behalf of the


Executive Branch. He shared how he is a crafter, and tans deer hides. President Greendeer said the tanning process is hard work and may turn out differently than you think. However, the result of watching people enjoying the craft is worth it. Jon Greendeer shared how excited JoAnn Jones and Janice Rice were when they pitched the idea to him. The duo is a driving force.

President Greendeer went on to discuss the onslaught of folks who have been loyally supportive of anti-diversity and equity initiatives and are literally pulling books off the shelf. Some of these books are in danger of not being exposed.

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EXHIBITION: FEB 22 - MAR 21

BOUNDARIES VS. CONNECTIONS



MELANIE TALLMADGE SAINZ

ARTIST (HO-CHUNK)

EXHIBITION: BOUNDARIES VS. CONNECTIONS

ARTIST: MELANIE TALLMADGE SAINZ, HO-CHUNK

LOCATION: CROSSMAN GALLERY

DATES: FEBRUARY 22-MARCH 21, 2024

PUBLIC EVENT:

FEBRUARY 28, 2024 AT THE CENTER OF THE ARTS

CONVERSATION WITH THE ARTIST (5:00-6:00PM)

EXHIBITION RECEPTION (6:00-8:00PM)

Twelve Clans Shareholder Newsletter

February 5, 2024

Twelve Clans and the Ho-Chunk Nation Convene in Madison for Funding Talks

On Tuesday, January 31, 2024, Twelve Clans and the Owner’s Representative of Twelve Clans gathered in Madison, Wisconsin for their quarterly meeting. The objective of the meeting was to advance ongoing deliberations and discussions regarding Twelve Clans’ capital call issued on May 1, 2023, while also reviewing standard operating and financial conditions.

The meeting was exempt from the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act, thus it did not qualify as a public, official gathering of the Ho-Chunk Nation.



Image via Flickr user Katie Wheeler

Despite the cold high of 40 degrees and gusty winds, the meeting proved to be highly productive for both Twelve Clans and the Owner’s Representative, fostering excitement for the transparent collaboration ahead. Chaired by Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, the meeting was conducted with fairness and effectiveness, ensuring a conducive environment for all parties involved. President Greendeer skillfully managed various deliberations, painting an honest and reputable picture of Twelve Clans and the Nation working together towards a shared goal of building a brighter Ho-Chunk future.

In setting the tone for the meeting, Twelve Clans and the Nation evaluated the need to define Twelve Clans' identity, clarified the roles and responsibilities between the Nation and Twelve Clans, and came to a consensus regarding the substantial competitive advantage of Twelve Clans functioning as an autonomous business entity separate from the Nation. Operating independently, Twelve Clans can fast-track economic stability for the Nation, are free from the uncertainties and fluctuations tied to political decision-making, can assert its business autonomy towards innovation and entrepreneurship, and focus on surpassing a singular goal with unwavering dedication.

Following the initial discussions, Twelve Clans and the Owner’s Representative turned their attention to Twelve Clans’ proposed entry into the cannabis market. Twelve Clans referred to their legal counsel to provide a comprehensive risk assessment regarding their potential venture into the cannabis market at the state level, considering their status as a federally incorporated entity.

Entering the cannabis market poses a risk of federal prosecution, irrespective of compliance with state or tribal marijuana laws. Moreover, Twelve Clans, being a federally incorporated entity, operates under the laws of the United States, making any activity contrary to these laws unauthorized under its charter. While the federal government typically refrains from intervening in businesses operating under state marijuana laws, this does not eliminate potential liability or risk entirely.

In a mutual decision, the Nation and Twelve Clans opted to mitigate the risk of federal prosecution, both within the entity and the Nation itself. Consequently, the Owner’s Representative rescinded funding talks. However, the proposed projects stemming from the May 1, 2023, capital call remain under consideration. The Owner’s Representative expressed willingness to continue discussions regarding the outstanding capital call projects initiated by Twelve Clans. Twelve Clans is currently refining business plans for the outstanding capital call projects.

Despite the deliberate delineation of a significant project, Twelve Clans and the elected officials of the Nation found common ground under this new leadership. Both entities are eager to collaborate closely and commence work on mutually agreed-upon deliverables. A clear line of communication has been established to streamline future operations and financial matters. Previously unanswered questions have been addressed, and the parties have successfully aligned their objectives, finding themselves on the same page – a Ho-Chunk future.



Employee Contribution Updates
Effective March 1, 2024

With the increasing costs in health care across the country, there is a need to minimally increase the employee medical plan contributions. The new employee contribution rates will be effective March 1, 2024.

There will not be an increase to the dental and vision employee contributions at this time.

Listed below are the employee contributions for the Ho-Chunk Enrolled employees, Non Ho-Chunk Enrolled employees and the Tribal Elders as of March 1, 2024.

Ho-Chunk Nation Employee Contributions - Effective March 1, 2024				
2024 Contributions - Final		Employee Weekly		
		Medical	Dental & Vision	Total
Tribal Employees	Single	\$22.67	\$2.08	\$24.75
	Family	\$58.98	\$5.76	\$64.74
Tribal - Wellness Discount	Single	\$16.90	\$2.08	\$18.98
	Family - EE Only Wellness	\$53.21	\$5.76	\$58.97
	Family - EE & Spouse Wellness	\$47.44	\$5.76	\$53.20
Elders	Single	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Family	\$11.35	\$1.22	\$12.57
Non Ho-Chunk Enrolled (Plan 1)	Single	\$45.19	\$3.70	\$48.89
	Family	\$157.27	\$9.10	\$166.37
Non Ho-Chunk Enrolled (Value Plan)	Single	\$21.63	\$3.70	\$25.33
	Family	\$133.83	\$9.10	\$142.93

If you have any questions, please contact the Insurance Department at 715-284-4361.

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MARCH 11-13, 2024:
9:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
and
MARCH 14, 2024:
9:00 A.M. TO NOON

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HO-CHUNK NATION VETERANS
QUARTERLY LUNCHEONS



1st LUNCHEON: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 @NOON

AT HCN Tribal Office Building - BRF

NEW VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER: MYRA JO PRICE

** TOPICS INCLUDE: VSO FUNCTIONS, VETERAN UPDATES, VIETNAM VETERANS DAY, MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY FLAGS – VOLUNTEERS **

VETERANS: WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT & IDEAS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH, PLANNING & THE SHARING OF INFORMATION!!

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STEVENS POINT AREA SENIOR HIGH
2024 SPRING
CHORAL CONCERT

LAKE DELTON DRUM
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SENIOR HIGH CHOIRS





SPASH AUDITORIUM
STEVENS POINT WI

MARCH 12TH, 2024

7:30PM

FREE PUBLIC EVENT

WITTENBERG
CANNING CLASS

Cedar Jelly





Tuesday, February 27, 2024
4-6pm at Siga Center
W17634 Radke Rd., Wittenberg

Take home
a jar of
cedar jelly!

Win a Ball
Canning
Book!

We'll can
winter
squash too!

Class provided by UW-Extension
Sponsored by HCN Health & Wellness Division

Contact Nutritionist Kathy Braaten to sign up for your jar of jelly
kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com OR 715.284.9851 Ext. 35335

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“As we look forward to, what I believe is the horizon, we do see a large facility,” President Greendeer said. “Libraries are not just about books. Libraries are about learning and they are about experience. This goes on to maintaining partial archiving for materials that may not be public but need to be preserved.”

President Greendeer went on to talk about celebrating the work that JoAnn Joes has done and is doing for the Ho-Chunk Nation.


Then, JoAnn Jones added to the list

of thanks and background information. “We don’t want our children to lose their Indian identity.” She spoke about Ho-Chunk values and how they killed off our leaders who knew our ways. Jones wants to re-ignite that knowledge in our young people so that they remember it and work it on the principles of Ho-Chunk values.

“The reason we are opening this Library is because they are shutting down libraries, the state, the federals, and here we are, a sovereign nation. We can keep our libraries open. We

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PREPAREDNESS



TAKE CONTROL IN 1, 2, 3


Assess
Your
Needs

Make a
Plan

Engage
Your
Neighbors

Environmental Health
Emergency Preparedness Survey

Scan me to take the
survey online!



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Be Ready


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Are you ready? What would you need in
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Environmental Health
Emergency Preparedness Survey

Scan me to take the
survey online!



Questions? Would like a paper copy?

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Ho-Chunk Nation • Community Health Department

February Foot Clinic

Clip/file nails, dremel as necessary

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Appt now
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Madison Branch Office • 2/20

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W17956 Witt-Birn Townline Road, Wittenberg
(715) 253-2382

Nekoosa Health Office • 2/29

1021 County Road G, Nekoosa
(715) 886-5444

Please call local contact to schedule an appointment or for more information.

2024 CSA SHARES

SIGN UPS NOW OPEN!

All paperwork is due by April 15th to qualify for a summer CSA share. Shares may fill up early and may close before April 15th, don't wait!

For Ho Chunk enrolled tribal members.

Community Supported Agriculture Shares (CSA's) are a weekly or bi-weekly box of fresh vegetables during the regular growing season (June-October).

Please contact Lorraine Hopinkah at csa@ho-chunk.com or ext. 35337 for an application and farm agreement.

Each facility has it's own sign up procedures and paperwork. Please reach out to Lorraine to obtain the correct paperwork for your area. In lieu of active fitness membership.

PLEASE ALLOW 48-72 hours for a response due to the high call/e-mail volumes.

Health and Wellness Division/modified on 1/16/24 LK



John Beaudin (Ho-Chunk /Ojibwe) commits to Hamline University (MN) as Linebacker

On February 7, at the Baraboo High School in Baraboo, Wisconsin, seniors committed to continuing their football careers at the collegiate level. John Beaudin signed with Hamline University in Minnesota. He plans on majoring in Psychology. Beaudin said, “Put in the extra work, get extra reps at practice and go out on the field during the off season.

You won't see progress right away but keep working because its coming and when it does it's a noticeable improvement. Just stay disciplined, hard work pays off. That same effort that you put into your craft on the field put it into your school work. Your grades are just as important as your output on the field.”



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Dispose of unneeded medication

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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
Division of Public Health

NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY EVENT

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20, 2024
11 AM - 1:30 PM

GET TESTED
KNOW YOUR STATUS

Run, Walk, Roll, or Stroll with us to raise awareness!

The risk is not knowing. 1 more is too many

T-SHIRTS!
DOOR PRIZES
FREE HIV TESTING

*This is an indoor & outdoor event, pending the weather

2 Locations

Black River Falls @ DICC N7261 Warrior Ave., Black River Falls, WI 54615

Baraboo @ House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Road, Baraboo, WI 53913

Questions : 715-284-9851 ext 35016 or Timothygamble@ho-chunk.com



Check Your Mailboxes for the Special Secretarial Election Ballots

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board announced on February 19 that the ballots were mailed out to eligible enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members. The Election Board encourages everyone to keep an eye out for the ballots.

If you did not receive one, the last day to request a replacement ballot is Tuesday, March 26, at 4:00 pm.

The ballots may be returned by overnight mail, and no in-person drop offs will be accepted at the Election Board office.

Please note that FedEx and UPS next-day air does not deliver in Black River Falls on Saturdays.

All completed ballots are due to the Election Board Post Office Box by Friday, April 5 at 4:00 pm.

Election Certification Day is Saturday, April 6, at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells at 9:00 am.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SECRETARIAL ELECTION

HO-CHUNK NATION

April 5, 2024

TO VOTE: Complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s) as shown

AMENDMENT ONE:

TO AMEND ARTICLE II SECTION 1(d)

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Vote YES or NO

ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

"(d) Beginning the date of this amendment is approved, the Ho-Chunk Nation shall no longer consider or accept for enrollment any person who has previously been enrolled as a member of another Tribe (including the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) unless such person was enrolled in the other tribe as minor and later relinquishes such membership or other extenuating circumstances (as determined by a committee of elders duly appointed as provided by law) exist."

A "YES" vote will be in favor of the amendment.

A "NO" vote will be against the amendment, and to leave the Constitution unchanged.

In favor of the Amendment **YES**

Against the Amendment **NO**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SECRETARIAL ELECTION

HO-CHUNK NATION


April 5, 2024

Ho-Chunk Nation

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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1. COMPLETE APPLICATION

2. EMAIL IT TO TUTOR SERVICES

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won't be shut down by the county or the state because as Ho-Chunk's, we can do that. Our people had knowledge of everything, the stars, the spirits, the trees, and the water. They have all that knowledge and that's what we want to have in our books and have access to these things."

Jones thanked all those who made donations and people who assisted with setting up the Library. She thanked the Tribal Office Building Maintenance staff, Theodore Yellowcloud, Cody Shisler, and Waylon Pettibone, for helping move Leslie's collection from the Tribal Office Building to the D1CC. JoAnn also thanked D1CC staff, Tina Brown, Rosalind Funmaker, Thorn WhiteEagle, Clarence Pettibone, and Kenny Greengrass for welcoming the Library into the facility with open arms and a smile.

JoAnn Jones went on to mention individuals. She began with Barbara Blackdeer-Mackenzie for a monetary donation. She also thanked Sarina Falcon, Margaret Falcon, and Victoria Houghton for preparing the luncheon. Jones expressed gratitude to Lori Pettibone for helping the Library Board and assisting with travel to Lac Courte Oreilles. JoAnn mentioned Michael Rave and Tina Brown for providing a Library place. She also thanked President Jon Greendeer for his support, Carol Garvin and the Planning Department for assistance with the grants, Loa Porter for her grant assistance, Ken Lewis for creating the Library flyer and logo,

and Ardith Van Riper for recording the historic Library preview event.

Janice Rice said she didn't want to forget to mention the Tribal Libraries, Archives, and Museums Student Group (TLAM) and the assistance they offered. The TLAM Student Group is dedicated to informing and engaging the community on the unique cultural and information issues in tribal libraries, archives, and museums. Rice introduced Cassy LEEPOT. LEEPOT explained the TLAM program and introduced some of the students. Two TLAM students presented Janice Rice with gifts of tea from Madison and a homemade braid of sweet grass.

The Library has staggered openings. This preview event is just the beginning. The Library needs more help, books, shelves, carts, display cases, funding, and resources. A capital campaign is the next step, and the Library Board will seek contributions.

The duo requested Roger Snake offer a word of prayer for the food. Then, the group held a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

All those in attendance were invited to view the Library. However, the book cataloging still needs to be completed for circulation. Therefore, the books still need to be prepared for check-out. The Library Board requests people read books in the room until the cataloging is complete.

The Library is located on the second floor of the D1CC.

The official grand opening will be sometime during May 2024.



TLAM student presents Janice Rice with tea from Madison.

Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association to host second annual “Wisconsin Cannabis Industry and Policy Summit” Feb. 29


By Madison365 staff
Reprint from Madison365

The Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association (ICIA) will host its second annual “Wisconsin Cannabis Industry and Policy Summit” at the Ho-Chunk Casino & Hotel in Baraboo, Wis., on Thursday, Feb. 29.

Hosted with support from Ho-Chunk Nation, this Indigenous-led cannabis summit will present a timely education and advocacy opportunity for the benefit of the public of Wisconsin, according to a press release from ICIA, and tribal nations from across Wisconsin will convene at the summit to discuss the opportunity of plant medicine and how to approach it equitably and responsibly, for the benefit of all communities across the state.

The Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association (ICIA) was founded in 2022 by Wisconsin-based cannabis entrepreneur Rob Pero, who is also a member of the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The organization looks to create opportunities for Indigenous people in cannabis and empowers the Indigenous community through policy, programming, and outreach initiatives. Pero is also the founder of Canndigenous, the first independent Indigenous-owned hemp company in Wisconsin.

“The Wisconsin Cannabis Summit is a space for industry leaders to come together and address the most pressing issues facing cannabis policy reform in Wisconsin,” said Pero in a press release. “The potential for an Indigenous-led effort to effectively increase Wisconsin’s access to plant medicine and industrial hemp is budding into reality. The ICIA and our members are highly focused on developing strategies for economic opportunity in the state for both the public sector and for Indigenous communities to ensure Tribal sovereignty.”



Mary Jane Oatman, executive director of ICIA, and Rob Pero, founder of ICIA, at the 2023 Wisconsin Cannabis Industry and Policy Summit. Photo: Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association



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Black River Falls WI
Please Contact:
Autumn White
715-284-2622 ext 15100
email
Autumn.White@ho-chunk.com
Submission Date:
April 2, 2024
by
4:30 pm

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

EOPUB 02232024

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Cherwenka, Dawson Joseph	10/10/2022	1/4	George Bud Blackdeer Garvin Ma Choo Zhoo Na Gin Kah 1901 - 00967		Laura Marie Cherwenka
2. Funmaker, Ethan Adam Arrow	10/03/2004	1/2	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 - 00328	Nathaniel Funmaker	Non-Indian
3. Funmaker, Tristan Zane	12/27/2000	1/2	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 - 00328		Anita Jean Funmaker
4. Greendeer, Quill Emerson	10/18/2017	1/4	Will Greendeer Chaw Nauk He Cho Kah 1901 - 00080	David Lyle Greendeer	
5. Greife, Emmerick Jace Wyborn	03/31/2023	1/4	William Decorah Hay Nun Kah 1881 - 00486	Non-Indian	Jamie Lynn Decorah
6. Greife, Lennox Rayne	03/31/2023	1/4	William Decorah Hay Nun Kah 1881 - 00486	Non-Indian	Jamie Lynn Decorah
7. Latzke, Kory Lee	08/07/1988	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL 1901	James William Latzke	
8. Latzke, Sasha Marie	09/04/1992	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL 1901	James William Latzke	
9. Littlegeorge, Claire Faye	01/02/2021	1/4	Harold Fred Blackdeer Sr Ha Gah Kah 1901 - 00969	Non-Indian	Trenton Hawke Littlegeorge
10. Littlegeorge, Olivia Sky	09/24/2022	1/4	Harold Fred Blackdeer Sr Ha Gah Kah 1901 - 00969	Non-Indian	Trenton Hawke Littlegeorge
11. Peeters, Rory Robert	03/30/2023	1/4	Ben Decorra Ha Na Kah 1901 - 00258	Non-Indian	Emily Sue Peeters
12. Schell, Kamora Francine	10/08/2022	699/2048	George Bud Blackdeer Garvin Ma Choo Zhoo Na Gin Kah 1901 - 00967	Non-Indian	Kanani Loy Blackdeer
13. Smith, Cedrick Paul	11/24/2016	1/2	John Mike Jr Hay Shoo Ke Kaw 1881 - 00103	Winter Badger Smith	Shila Elizabeth Pemberton
14. Smith, Oswyn Gibbons	05/14/2021	1/2	John Mike Jr Hay Shoo Ke Kaw 1881 - 00103	Winter Badger Smith	Shila Elizabeth Pemberton
15. Smith, Roberta Grace	08/22/2018	1/2	John Mike Jr Hay Shoo Ke Kaw 1881 - 00103	Winter Badger Smith	Shila Elizabeth Pemberton
16. Thundercloud, Sophia Grace	10/11/2022	1/4	George Green Thundercloud Na He Kah 1901 - 00459	Kyle Richard Thundercloud	Non-Indian
17. Winneshiek, Brielle Royale	02/14/2019	1/2	Will Winneshiek Wa Kon Chaw Kee Wjh Kah 1881 - 00434	Non-Indian	Charlee Renee Winneshiek

I, Eliza Decorah /s/, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this 20th day of February, 2024.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Jon F. Brown DOD: 6/2/21
By: Lori J. Gamble

☐ Amended
Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR23-07

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

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

This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues; the first publication date must be within 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 Jon F. Brown
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, Lori Jeanne Gamble or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is 4-24-24. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.


M. J. Gamble
Clerk of Court
Nam Thunder
Name Printed or Typed
1/10/2024
Date

Form completed by (Name)
Lori Jeanne Gamble
Address
24609 Delight Avenue
Tomah, WI 54660
Telephone
608-567-7642
Bar Number (if any)

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

\$8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE

This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.



IN THE
HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Decedent:
Rocklyn Littlegeorge DOD: 12/30/2022
By: Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr.

RESCHEDULED
NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No.: PR 23-06

To: Attorney Shari Locante- Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr.
sharil@arndtbuswellthorn.com

A **Initial Probate Hearing** in this case will be held at **Wa Ehi Hocira** physically located at **W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, WI 54615**. A failure to attend may result in the entrance of a dismissal or a judgment against the absent party. *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 44(C). The hearing will start promptly at **2:00 p.m. CST on the 5th day of March 2024**.

Parties appearing virtually shall either call the Court **five (5) minutes** before the schedule start time at: 1-312-626-6799 and enter the following meeting number: 827 1802 8955 and passcode: 107809, or access the Zoom meeting at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718028955?pwd=b3QvenN6TVVCaEVZWFlp6cEJ3SDMvQT02>.

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE: I certify that I caused the above notice to be served on the person listed above in accordance with the *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(C) on the 1st day of February 2024.

The notice was delivered by:
☐ Regular Mail
☐ Interoffice Mail
☐ Facsimile w/ Telephone Confirmation

☐ Certified Mail
☐ Personal Service
☒ Electronic Mail (E-Mail)

Jennifer M. Orozco
Jennifer M. Orozco, Assistant Court Clerk

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close to her. She would talk to me a lot, which is great for a young child. Little did I know she was teaching me, and as children, what sponges we are!


I especially liked when relatives visited, which was a lot. I remember her laughing with them, speaking in Hoocąk, and laughing again. They were always doing things and speaking Hoocąk, like bringing supplies to craft baskets and laughing. Sometimes she made me moccasins. Most of the time, when there was company, they would be beading and speaking Hoocąk. That is how I remember it. I ask her to teach me to speak right, and she laughed but that was the beginning of my learning journey.

Learning the language is a way of being connected to our ancestors. It's a way for me to stay connected to my Kaaka. My Kaaka participated

in the translation of the language so it could survive. All those that did so have blessed us. Those that continue to do this work continue to bless us. I think learning the language is a way of honoring our relatives. The opportunities that are available to each and every one of us, this access to learn allows us as a nation to not only survive but to thrive to move forward as a people and to be part of this process. I want to be part of that.

Today I am lucky enough to spend time with my grandchildren, and I use Hoocak with them. Their ability to retain the language is incredible, but I know from my own journey if you do not use it you can lose it. Since the language classes have come online I have participated. I am encouraged by all the opportunities out there I see the Hoocak Nation prospering I hope all of my relatives will want to be part of that.

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE




IN PERSON /VIRTUAL BRF AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON WAUSAU AREA MEETING
Northcentral Technical College
1000 W. Campus Dr., Wausau, WI 54401
Room E102
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
5:30 p.m.


For WebEx information please contact:
karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com
phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com
rodnev.rave@ho-chunk.com

Posted on: 2/16/24



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



WITTENBERG | MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 | 5:30 PM


MILWAUKEE | FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 | 5:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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POSTED 2/19/2024

DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE




IN PERSON /VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Monday, March 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, March 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:
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robert.pilot@ho-chunk.com
danielle.delong@ho-chunk.com
brianna.tahdoahnippah@ho-chunk.com

Posted on: 2/16/24



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE



Spring 2024 Wills Caravan

SOUTHERN TOUR

Attorneys and Marquette Law Students will be at the **Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit on March 11, 2024**, to assist Ho-Chunk Tribal Elders who want help drafting a will, powers of attorney for health care and/or finances, and other basic estate planning services for **FREE**.

HO-CHUNK NATION

(Black River Falls)

March 11, 2024
9 AM - 5 PM

at
Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit
W8825 Decorah Rd
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Appointments are in high demand. We therefore ask that you call us ASAP if you cannot make your appointment.

Please note an appointment will ONLY be scheduled once Judicare receives your completed paperwork.

To Schedule an Appointment


STEP 1:
Call Beth Shampo at (715) 847-4526 or your Tribal Benefit Specialist to **REQUEST** the **REQUIRED** forms.

STEP 2:
Complete the forms.

STEP 3:
Return completed forms to Beth by email (bshampo@judicare.org) or fax (715-841-1010) or to your Tribal Benefit Specialist.
Deadline to return forms: March 1, 2024

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Baraboo, WI 53913

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**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- Roll Call:**
- President Jon Greendeer-P
 - Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
 - Rep. Rodney Rave-EX
 - Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
 - Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P
 - Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
 - Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
 - Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC
 - Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
 - Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
 - Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
 - Rep. Robert Pilot-P
 - Rep. Paul Fox-P
 - Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-P

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. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add under New Business: U. Resolution-Authorization

for the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice-Office for Victims of Crime Fiscal Year 2024 Tribal Victims Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-January 23, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 23, 2024 Legislative Meeting with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Finance Commission-January 25, 2024

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the January 25, 2024 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budgetary Spending Limits

Rep. Phyllis Smoke read the tentative spending limits for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 A**, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budgetary Spending Limits. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

Enrollment Report

A written report was received.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the Enrollment Report. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Pilot asked if Enrollment could provide the percentage of applicants that have been denied enrollment over the past ten years. The President asked if this could be articulated in an email to the Executive Legislative Information Officer to get that information back as soon as possible or included in the next Enrollment Update.

Ho-Chunk Transportation

A written report was received.

Office of General Council Quarterly Report

A written report was received.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to accept the Office of General Council Quarterly Report. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Housing Development, Village West

Collin Price, Heena Development, LLC gave an update on the progress of Village West. Ground breaking and construction could begin June 1, 2024.

Executive Branch Monthly

Reports:

Department of Administration

A written report was received.

Department of Health

A written report was received.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

A written report was received.

Department of Social Services

A written report was received.

Hoocak Waaksik Xete Advisory Board

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to accept the Hoocak Waaksik Xete Advisory Board Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

No items under New Business.

New Business:

The Earth Still Speaks

Tribal Elder Allen Cloud would like to request \$1,000 for expenses for the Ho-Chunk Singers to perform at “The Earth Still Speaks” concert March 12, 2024 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. This event will be highlighted by a new song sung in Hoocak, along with a guest speaker.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the \$1,000 request from the D3 Community

Improvement Funds for The Earth Still Speaks on March 12, 2024 at Spash Auditorium in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Right of Way on Winnebago Heights #439 T 2099 & 439 T 2100 for Wisconsin Power and Light Company

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 B**, Authorization of Right of Way on Winnebago Heights #439 T 2099 & 439 T 2100 for Wisconsin Power and Light Company. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 C**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Brownfields Grant for a Tribal Response Program. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave

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for Battle of the Guards*

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 D**, Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for Battle of the Guards. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Lunar New Year Round Dance

EMERGENCY BASIS
MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve \$4,350 from District 2 Community Improvement Funds and \$4,350 from Charitable Contributions Funds for the Lunar New Year-Round Dance in Tomah, Wisconsin, February 10, 2024. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to make the check payable to Matthew Mann. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Per the Legislative Organization Act: Page 16

“The Legislator making the Motion calls for emergency action to be taken on the Motion and two-thirds of Legislators who vote support the Motion. For purposes of the preceding sentence “emergency action” is defined as a situation that demands unusual or immediate action and that justifies the Legislature circumventing the usual ratification procedures”.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services to Enter in to Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) 2024 Approval of the Older Americans Act Title III Grant

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 E**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services to Enter in to Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) 2024 Approval of the Older Americans Act Title III Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**. *Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room during the vote.*

Resolution-Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program

Elite Elders JoAnn Jones and Janice Rice along with other community members presented an overview of the two grants: The Institute of Museum and Library Services Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program and the Institute of Museum and Library Services Enhancement Grants Program. This is a vision that is coming to life. With the closing of many of libraries and books being banned

pertaining to minorities, there is a need for the Nation to have a tribal library. A group of volunteers have been meeting regularly. There have been people and businesses interested in donating of books, shelving and monetary gifts. On February 19, 2024 there will be an opening/preview for feedback on the library.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 F**, Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Program

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 G**, Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Program. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission Energy Innovation Grant Program

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 H**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission Energy Innovation Grant Program. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud is out of the room at 11:16 a.m.

Community Support Services (CSS) Program Manager NEW Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve Community Support Services (CSS) Program Manager New Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Life Skills Coordinator REVISED Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the Life Skills Coordinator Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud returns to the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Division Coordinator NEW Job Description

Executive Director of Social

Services (EDSS) Sadie Garvin mentioned Social Services was asked by the Office of the President to take over Children’s Learning Village Montessori Academy. The academy is scheduled to close June 2024. There are approximately 49 children at the school that would not be receiving child care services. A federal grant was written and awarded to Naagu Pii to have up to 66 children attend. With the delay of the building and issues with the electric company, hiring personnel has also been delayed. The Center will open on July 1, 2024. The Grant Writer has obtained a federal grant that will pay for daycare for tribal members in the Black Rivers Falls area. The EDSS would like to restructure the Department of Social Services and set up a Child Care Division. They would incorporate language and culture into the child care program.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Division Coordinator New Job Description. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Child Care Cook NEW Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Child Care Cook New Job Description. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Child Care Teacher REVISED Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Child Care Teacher Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle mentioned the Black River Falls area now has two child care centers. If this will be a tribally run program, some of the other areas and tribal parents are in need assistance with child care.

Rep. Stephanie Begay also mentioned when the survey was done, it was only for Jackson County. The survey did not take in consideration Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells, where many parents who reside in other counties, such as Sauk, Juneau, Columbia.

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah would like child care assistance be extended to the Twin Cities, where there are a couple hundred members who would benefit from this as well.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned during the hotel and casino Phase 2 planning, part of that plan was to have child care in Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells. Many employees are still waiting on this to come to fruition.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the Department of Business and for Executive Branch Office of the President look into the feasibility of providing child

care service for the employees and the tribal community in the Baraboo area and specifically look at the vacant Kids Quest area. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include looking into all areas that have gaming facilities. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to request a feasibility study be done for the Twin Cities and Chicago area for the children to have child care facility. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include all areas outside of gaming. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution - Authorization for the Judiciary to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Justice 2024 Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Grant

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 I**, Authorization for the Judiciary to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Justice 2024 Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Grant. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization for Application of FY 2024 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 J**, Authorization for Application of FY 2024 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Approval of Amendment #2 to Intergovernmental Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Wisconsin Department of Transportation

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 K**, Approval of Amendment #2 to Intergovernmental Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**. *Rep. Robert Pilot and Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah were out of the room during the vote.*

Resolution-Timeline and Procedures for Legislative Redistricting

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Paul Fox would like it noted he will be opposing this motion. This is due to the fact that last year in December at the Chicago and Twin Cities meeting where motions were made to hold off and wait until after there was a decision was made on the General Council resolution regarding Blood Quantum, and also to have a census done. There have been rumors of limiting representatives to area districts.

The proposed general timeline and procedures for the conducting the Redistricting Process was read.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 L**, Timeline and Procedures for Legislative Redistricting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-4(Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah, Rep. Robert Pilot)-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Hoocak Nation Children and Family Act (4 HCC § 3)

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 M**, Adoption of Amendments to the Hoocak Nation Children and Family Act (4 HCC § 3). Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Tribal Energy Equity Summit in Tulsa, OK

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve up to four Legislators and interested staff to attend the March 18-22, 2024 Tribal Energy Equity Summit in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice-Office for Victims of Crime Fiscal Year 2024 Tribal Victims Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-06-24 N**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice-Office for Victims of Crime Fiscal Year 2024 Tribal Victims Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to recess for lunch until 12:45 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 12:48 p.m.

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-P
- Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
- Rep. Rodney Rave-EX
- Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
- Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P
- Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
- Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
- Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC
- Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC

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Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-P

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established at 12:49 p.m.

District Meetings:

D3 Tešišik – January 19, 2024

No motions were made.

D2 Ho’unixununik – January 23, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Treasurer the **MOTION** by Myra Jo Price for the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasurer to provide an update report and expenses from 12 Clans. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Hilary Green for the Ho-Chunk Nation to be title sponsor for the cannabis conference and not be a host at Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Wisconsin Dells. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Cannabis Workgroup the **MOTION** by Conroy Greendeer, Jr. for District 2 Legislators to endorse a completion bonus for the UW-Platteville and or

Little Priest College cannabis program in the amount of \$10,000 to be awarded completion of four years’ work back to the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Legal and Legislative Finance Team the **MOTION** by Hilary Green would like a legal and financial report on the return on the investments on NCAI and the cost analysis of the benefit of Ho-Chunk Nation attending NCAI. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Eliza Green to have the next area meeting at the Tomah Youth Center in Tomah.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Administration and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Eliza Green to have Department of Administration provide security cameras at the Ho-Chunk museum in Tomah with additional phones (3 phone) at the location. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Hilary Green with the upcoming budget season for the Legislature to support the museum with providing additional staffing for the

museum. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hoxaikejal/Hogucejaj/ Nižhakisuc – January 24, 2024

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to support a Ho-Chunk Tribal Library “Waagax Hakiruxara Hosto”.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to Justice Department Law Enforcement and Legislature the **MOTION** by Christine Funmaker-Romano for HCN Tribal Law Enforcement to have a monthly written report sent to the Legislators. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal, Twelve Clans and the Attorney General the **MOTION** by Beth Bridges to not provide any more funding for 12 Clans and until all members of the tribe, and Legislators are 100% supportive of 12 Clans. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Attorney General, Legislative Legal and Twelve Clans the **MOTION** by Beth Bridges to have our Attorney General and Legislative Counsel to review the contract details with 12 Clans in regards with the breach of confidentiality by the CEO at the BIZCON conference. Second by Rep.

Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission, Treasury the **MOTION** by Joann Jones that the Legislators for Area 2 bring back the figures for the total financial position of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Legislative Counsel to see what can be provided to the area. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Christine Funmaker-Romano to have the President be present at the next meeting on having no responses on the motions referred to OOP by District 2. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Weta Montelongo to table racism in schools.

MOTION by Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Barb Funmaker to submit the Powwow budget to the Legislature for approval. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **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. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 12:59 p.m.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah is unexcused for the remainder of the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Open Session at 4:20 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to February 20, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL SECRETARIAL ELECTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is calling for Secretarial Election:

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: “Section 1. Requirements. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

(2) The Election Code (2 HCC § 6); and

(3) Article XIII of the Constitution provides: “Section 2. Requests for a Secretarial Election. It shall be the duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two thirds (2/3) of the entire Legislature, at the request of the General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation.”

(1) All Secretarial Elections will be administered by the Election Board.

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AMENDMENT ONE:

To amend Article II Section 1(d) to read as follows

ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP
Section 1

“(d) Beginning the date of this amendment is approved, the Ho-chunk Nation shall no longer consider or accept for enrollment any person who has previously been enrolled as a member of another Tribe (including the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) unless such person was enrolled in the other tribe as minor and later relinquishes such membership or other extenuating circumstances (as determined by a committee of elders duly appointed as provided by law) exist.”

Voters will be asked a Yes or No question. A “yes” vote will be in favor of the amendment. A “no” vote will be against the amendment, and to leave the Constitution unchanged.

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII SEC 1 AND ELECTION CODE SECTION 3.bb, THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS MUST CAST A VOTE EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT TO BE VALID. IF LESS THAN 30% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS PARTICIPATE, THE AMENDMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO NOT PASS.

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POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:
The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

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

SECRETARIAL ELECTION
Friday, April 5, 2024

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, February 5, 2024

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Monday, February 5, 2024

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO Monday, March 18, 2024 4:00 PM

DAY MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT
Tuesday March 26, 2024 4:00 pm

CERTIFICATION DAY:
Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 9:00 am at HO-CHUNK GAMING-WISCONSIN DELLS

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BY Friday, April 5, 2024 4:00 p.m.