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Spring Pow Wow at Madison College honors Native American traditions and culture

Saturday, April 27 event is free and open to the public

The Madison College Annual Spring Pow Wow promises to be a vibrant celebration of Native American heritage and culture. Set for April 27 at Madison College's Truax Campus, the event will bring together singers and dancers from tribal nations across Wisconsin.

The lineup of invited drummers, including Wind Eagle, Fire Nation, Twin Tails, Ho-Chunk Station, and Little Priest Singers, along with the award-winning host drum Hay Creek promises to have the Redsten Gym rocking. Dancers will showcase their skills and have the opportunity to earn prize money while competing in dance styles, including men's dance, women's dance, applique special, singer championship, potato dance, and bells. The color guard presentation by Lac du Flambeau Veterans will pay homage to the community's military service.

"The pow-wow isn't solely focused on singing and dancing; it's a holistic experience with art,

food, and a silent auction," says Madison College Student Program Advisor Katie Ackley. "With over 20 vendors offering traditional crafts and apparel, attendees will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Native American culture."

Organized by Madison College's Native American Student Association (NASA), in collaboration with the Madison College Intercultural Exchange and the Division of College, Culture and Climate the event underscores the college's commitment to fostering cultural understanding and inclusivity.

For anyone interested in experiencing the beauty of Native American traditions firsthand, the Madison College Spring Pow Wow is a must-attend. And the best part? It's free and open to the public, welcoming everyone to join

in the April 27 festivities. The pow-wow afternoon session will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening session will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit Madison College's Native American Student Association Facebook page.

MADISON COLLEGE EVENT

WHAT: Madison College Annual Spring Pow Wow, free and open to the public.

HOSTS: Madison College Native American Student Association (NASA), Madison College International Exchange, and the Madison College Culture and Climate department.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. with grand entry times at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

WHERE: Madison College Truax Campus, Redsten Gym, 1701 Wright St. Free parking.



Golden Sands RC&D hosts Water Appreciation Day Event at Little Plover River Park

PRESS RELEASE: Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc

The Water Appreciation Day Event will be held at the Little Plover River Park on May 17th, 2024 (with a severe weather date of May 24th, 2024). The event is being coordinated by Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc. Approximately 70 fourth grade students will attend the event.

The field day encourages fourth graders to get outside and learn about water conservation and offers students five hands-on field stations. The students spend the day rotating through the stations.

Field stations are facilitated by local natural resource professionals from organizations including: Trout
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BRF Heart Spirits Project

April 12, 2024
Facebook Post

Njoxawani Naqce Waxopiñi~BRF Heart Spirits is a group committed to making a difference locally and in Wisconsin concerning the issue of MMIW and human trafficking in general. Last year, they collaborated with Canadian artist Cheryl Ring, the founder of the Heart Spirits art display in Saskatchewan. She traveled to Black River Falls to help with multiple workshops at the high school that involved students from the district, community members, and even Governor Tony Evers. The permanent display that is now housed in the high school commons is meant to be a constant reminder of those who have walked on or are currently missing from Wisconsin. Njoxawani Naqce Waxopiñi~BRF Heart Spirits mission statement is as follows: We vow to raise awareness in our community about human trafficking and its impact on Indigenous people. Through art, we honor and dedicate our BRF Heart Spirits Project to focusing on our youth who have the power to make changes that are real, compassionate, and long-lasting.

This spring, Heart Spirits has sponsored two community workshops. One was held at the Hub in the Lunda Community Center and one was held at Interfaith with the "A Time for Me" clients. Each workshop allowed

community members to create clay hearts to be used for future displays. The BRF Middle School will proudly dedicate their Heart Spirits display on Thursday, May 2. There will be a FREE community dinner at 5pm with a guest speaker and heritage demonstrations to follow at 6 pm. The dinner will be in the Middle School commons with the guest speaker appearing in the Lunda Community Theater. The Heart Spirits committee would like to extend an invitation to everyone in the community to be a part of this unveiling and unique event.

On Friday, May 3, there will be a MMHR Awareness Walk. Registration will begin at the high school football field at noon. The walk will begin promptly at 12:30. Participating community members will join the high school students on their walk from the football field down Main Street to the foot of the bridge and then back again. On the day of the event, red ribbons will be posted along the walkway on signs and street lamps to symbolize solidarity for those that will be walking and with the passing vehicle traffic. This community event is designed to raise awareness about the national May 5 MMIW, but to focus on our Missing & Murdered Ho-Chunk Relatives more specifically. Walkers will be asked to focus on those who are no longer with us and honor

them with their steps that are fueled by one common heart as the community walks together.

One of the strongest

and effective prevention methods for abuse, violence, addiction, and trafficking that we know is to build relationships with others.

The community is urged to be a part of one or both of these events that will open the eyes of the heart.
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UPCOMING Events



Thursday, 5 PM
Free Community Dinner

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May
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Leading up to May 2 & 3
Downtown Businesses

Some downtown businesses will have red dresses on display with information for the public to learn about the tragic statistics that surround MMIW and what can be done to make a difference.

Month
Leading
up to
Events

Heart Spirits Project

Financial aid upheaval puts college students at risk

Students and colleges are scrambling as a May 1 deadline looms for the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA

Renata Birkenbuel
Reprint from ICT

Maureen Ford has already been accepted to nine colleges and universities as she waits to graduate from Navajo Preparatory School on May 20. She wants to be the first generation in her family to graduate from college.

But first she needs to get her federal financial aid fixed as the clock ticks toward a May 1 deadline. Like many students across the country, Ford will rely heavily on financial aid to meet her goals.

Although she filed her application in January, the system still won't allow her to complete the process.

"It's very frustrating because I really want to know and submit my application because a lot of my colleges are asking for it," Ford told ICT. "May 1 is coming up, and I need to make my decision on where I want to go to college. I really need to find out how much aid I am getting because I need financial aid for every

college."

Ford is among millions of students whose financial aid remains up in the air after changes to the national Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA, have upended the application process.

Online system glitches, calculation errors and incorrect tax information have all contributed to the data exchange madness between the U.S. Department of Education, on-the-ground school specialists and students.

The changes could hit particularly hard for students at tribal colleges and universities and historically Black colleges and universities, where as many as 70-90 percent of students rely on financial aid, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Typically, 17 million students submit the form each year, but applications were down 40 percent nationwide as of March 29, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Delays have pushed back the timelines on the FAFSA process, which typically opens in October and responds to students by March. Most college award letters will start to arrive in May.

"The amount of stress that it's causing students is pretty monumental," said Sam Bader, a Kānaka Maoli teacher at Navajo Prep in Farmington, New Mexico, who helps students navigate the college application process.

The uncertainty is creating headaches not only for Native students and their parents, but also school counselors, college admissions administrators and executives.

Twyla Baker, Mandan-Hidatsa and Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College president, voiced concerns on social media about how the delays and glitches are affecting Native students.

"Requiring changes in FAFSA without funding resources to do so is a great way for politicians to cause

problems for our most vulnerable students," Baker wrote on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter.

"Millions of college students [are] in limbo."

What is FAFSA?

The application system for financial aid was originally set up under the 1965 Higher Education Act under President Lyndon B. Johnson to establish the U.S. government as the primary provider of financial aid for college students.

The application was initially called the Financial Aid Form, or FAF, as an optional form for colleges and universities. In 1992, when the Higher Education Act was reauthorized by Congress, the form was standardized to FAFSA for all prospective students.

Federal financial aid can include Pell Grants and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, or SEOGs, which do not need
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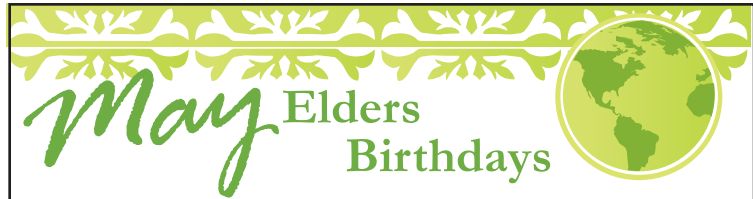
BRF's Bella Falcon makes All-Conference

By Garrett Aleckson
Reprint from Banner Journal

The Coulee Conference announced its All-Conference selections for the 2023-2024 girls basketball season. The Black River Falls (BRF) Tigers had one athlete earn All-Conference recognition. Bella Falcon,

a junior, was named an All-Conference honorable mention. Falcon averaged over 10 points per game, including 25 points against Independence/Gilmanston Feb. 8.

BRF went 2-23 overall and 2-10 in conference play.



May Elders Birthdays

<p>2 Richard Amble 3 Veronica Espinoza 4 Douglas Maisells 4 Paul Krause 5 Joyce Penland 5 Michael Goodbear 6 Allen Cloud 6 Jennifer Kearnes 7 Natalie Bird 7 Clyde Blackdeer 7 Roberta Funmaker 7 Kent Mallory 7 Clinton Thunderchief 7 Charles White Eagle 8 Margaret Hoffman 8 James Latzke 8 Anna Salinas 9 Myra Cunneen 9 Carl Hernandez 9 Nancy Prescott 9 Lance Tallmadge 9 William Tucker, Jr. 10 Patrick Day 10 Yvonne Delarosa 10 Nellie Peoples 10 Donna Sposito 11 Dawn Campion 11 Kelly Wiese 12 Cecil Garvin, Sr. 12 Lawrence Littlegeorge, Jr. 12 Lisa Stroessner 12 Raymond Tipton 12 Carolyn Toews 13 James Funmaker, Jr. 13 Gregory Smith 13 Glenn White Eagle 14 Larry Garvin 14 Kerwin La Mere 14 Melissa Olvera Marquez 14 Jeremy Rockman 14 William Walker 15 Pamela Folz 15 Anna Winneshiek 16 Mark Myers 16 Claire Revels, Jr. 16 Michael Sherwood 16 Pauline Ward 17 Linda Goodwin 17 Lita Snake 17 Mark Stroessner</p>	<p>18 Tony Delarosa 18 Wayne Peters 18 James Rogers 18 Gloria White Thunder 19 Orval Tipton, Jr. 19 Kevin Vasquez 19 Daniel Whitehorse 20 Wilfrid Cleveland 20 Jayne Dawson 20 Louisa Decora 20 Joan Greendeer-Lee 20 Joyce Warner 21 James Ensley 21 Maxine Kolner 21 Kate Martin 22 Anita Nevsimal 22 Casey Whitegull 23 Alicia Barker 23 Marilyn Lowe 24 Larry Gleason 24 Trevor Littlesoldier 24 Francesca Medina 24 Robert Pilot 25 Cynthia Decorah 26 Raymond Armendariz 26 Christine Jendrisak 26 Leigh Schulte 26 Arlene Shegonee 26 Patricia Swartling 27 Herbert Cleveland 27 Colleen Greengrass 27 Kirk Hopinka 27 Rena Hudson 27 Nancy Masiello 28 Duwayne Link 28 Ruth Rave 28 Sherry Smith 28 Sandra Whitewing 29 Anthony Dick 30 Jack Britton 30 Lawrence Delarosa 30 Glenn Prescott 30 Susan Walczak 30 Truman Williams, Sr. 31 Sherman Funmaker 31 Linda Johnson 31 Lonnie Rich 31 John Steindorf</p>
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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be May 3rd which will be published on May 10th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

2024 HHCA MEET & GREET SERIES

Together, we can create a better future.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY
Join us for a productive discussion about our services over a light meal.

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Learn about our grant-funded assistance programs.

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Learn about the latest changes within admissions and occupancy policies.

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Submit your ideas for the 2025 Indian Housing Plan (IHP)

DATES & LOCATIONS

- April 23, 2024 | 4-6 PM**
House of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Rd, Baraboo
- May 7, 2024 | 4-6 PM**
Winnebago Heights Tribal Aging Unit
E8863 Winneshiek Drive, WI Dells
- May 21, 2024 | 4-6 PM**
Indian Mission Community Building
W8813 Mission Road, BRF
- June 4, 2024 | 4-6 PM**
Siga Funmaker Community Center
W17634 Radke Road, Wittenberg
- June 18, 2024 | 4-6 PM**
Three River House
724 Main Street, La Crosse
- July 2, 2024 | 4-6 PM**
Madison Community Building
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy, Madison
- July 16, 2024 | 4-6 PM**
Blue Wing Community Building HHCA
300 Epinal Avenue, Tomah

WIN By attending, participants can win a snow blower, a self-propelled lawn mower, and outdoor tools.

For any questions, contact Doris Cummings at Doris.Cummings@ho-chunk.com or call 608.374.1245.



Saturday, May 18, 2024

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8:00am PACE & PEDAL DUATHLON
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8:30am 5K WAZEE COLOR FUN RUN/WALK
3.1 Mile Run/Walk, \$10 per person, 12 & under FREE

10:00am YOUTH COLOR FUN RUN/WALK
1.0 Mile; FREE for 12 & under



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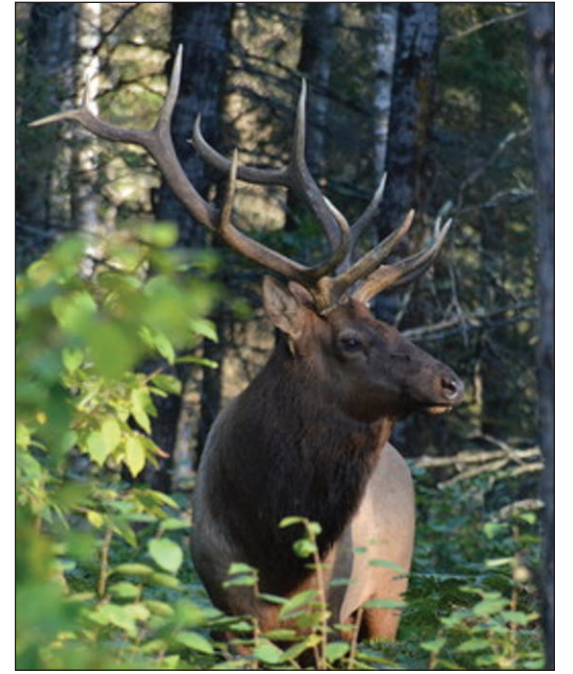
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How can an employee get a chip-enabled card if they have not received a deposit in the last 30 days?	Once the bulk upgrade is completed, any additional cardholders that did not receive a chip-enabled card can request a card through customer service or the mobile app/website.

Apply Now For The 2024 Elk Season

Application Period Ends May 31

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that the application period for the 2024 elk hunt is now open through May 31. New this year, the Black River Elk Range will be open to hunting for the first time since elk were reintroduced to the state. Once widespread, elk were eliminated from Wisconsin in the 1880s due to unregulated hunting and habitat loss. Reintroduction efforts began in 1995 by releasing 25 elk into the Clam Lake Elk Range, and a second herd was established in the Black River Elk Range in 2015. The state elk population is projected to reach over 500 animals after this year's calving season, 180 of which belong to the Black River Herd. Due to this new opportunity, applicants are required to select between the Black River Elk Range or Clam Lake Elk Range when applying. Wisconsin residents can purchase an elk license application online through the Go Wild license portal or in person at a license sales agent. The application fee is \$10 and is limited to one per person. The DNR recommends that all applicants check and update their contact information to ensure contact with successful applicants. For each application fee, \$7 applies directly to elk management, monitoring and research. These funds are also used to enhance elk habitat, which benefits elk and other wildlife. If selected in the drawing, an elk hunting license costs \$49. Winners will be notified by early June. Wisconsin residents can only draw an elk tag once in their lifetime. Before obtaining an elk hunting license, all

winners must participate in a Wisconsin elk hunter education course. The class covers Wisconsin elk history, hunting regulations, biology, behavior and scouting/hunting techniques. This year's elk quotas for the Black River and Clam Lake Elk Ranges will be presented to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board as an informational item later this spring. For more information on the elk hunt, visit the DNR Elk Hunting webpage.



The application period for the 2024 elk hunting season is now open. / Photo Credit: Jeff Morden

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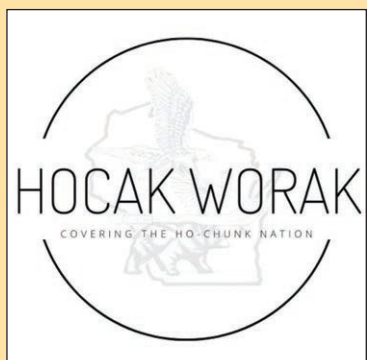
Graduate Showcase 2024

A special section of the *Hocak Worak* will showcase 2024 graduates. Graduates include college, high school, and head start. Email Newsletter@ho-chunk.com if you would like your graduate to appear in this showcase.

Submit the following before June 21:

1. Photo
2. Name of Graduate
3. Hooak Name (Optional)
4. Parents/Guardians Names
5. Place Graduating From
6. Degree Name (for college grads)
7. Future Endeavors or Extra-Curricular Activity

The 2024 Graduate Showcase will appear in Issue 12, which publishes June 28.



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An all-new season of PBS Wisconsin's Why Race Matters is available to stream now

Four new episodes premiering Tuesdays beginning April 23

Why Race Matters, a digital series elevating issues of importance affecting Wisconsin's Black communities, returns to PBS Wisconsin with four all-new episodes.

Stream the first episode now at whyracematters.org and on the free PBS App on all streaming devices and Smart TVs. New episodes premiere each Tuesday through May 14.

Host and producer Angela Fitzgerald connects in conversation with everyday people whose work and commitments center on race, identity and achieving racial equity in the state. The program shares the layered, lived experiences of Black people in Wisconsin, exploring topics simultaneously historic and urgent — offering hope, guidance and resources to thrive.

"It is our hope that *Why Race Matters* sparks conversations, shifts thinking and ultimately continues to provoke the change that we need to become a more equitable Wisconsin," Fitzgerald said.

In this season premiere episode, available now, Fitzgerald speaks with Chevon Bowen, a Workplace Culture Strategist at Madison Area Technical College, about how equity, diversity and inclusion practices are prioritized and executed within specific schools, disciplines and departments.

Premiering April 30, episode two discusses the issue of gun violence with Aaron Hicks, an outreach worker for Focused Interruption, an organization that uses a holistic approach to reduce generational trauma by providing evidence-

based intervention and prevention services to people, neighborhoods and families impacted by firearm-based violence.

Premiering May 7, episode three investigates the racialized lived realities of charter schools and school choice policy and practice, the persistence of anti-Blackness in education and culturally relevant and restorative justice approaches in education that were brought to light by COVID-19 with Dr. Kevin Lawrence Henry Jr., an assistant professor of educational leadership and policy analysis at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

And, in the season finale premiering May 14, Fitzgerald explores ways to create and sustain an empowering environment for LGBTQ+ students and allies with Tiffany Lee, a Crossroads coordinator at UW-Madison. Each new episode will stream at whyracematters.org and on the free PBS App beginning the day of their release.

Funding for *Why Race Matters* is provided by UnityPoint Health - Meriter, Park Bank, donors to the Focus Fund for Wisconsin Programs, and Friends of PBS Wisconsin.

PBS Wisconsin is a service of the Educational Communications Board and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.


PBS Wisconsin is a place to grow through learning on WHA-TV, Madison; WPNE-TV, Green Bay; WHRM-TV, Wausau; WLEF-TV, Park Falls; WHLA-TV, La Crosse; and WHWC-TV, Menomonie-Eau Claire.

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Unlimited-Frank Hornberg Chapter, UW-Madison Division of Extension, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Portage County Planning & Zoning, and Golden Sands RC&D.

The field day is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin. Additional sponsors are needed to ensure that the field day continues in the future.


For more information about this event, please contact Golden Sands RC&D at (715) 343-6215 or info@goldensandsrcd.org.
Golden Sands RC&D

is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization celebrating over 50 years of solutions for a healthy economy and a healthy environment in Central Wisconsin. We serve 12 counties in Central Wisconsin, including Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marathon, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Taylor, Waupaca, Waushara, Wood, and Columbia. Program areas include sustainable agriculture, clean water, abundant wildlife, and healthy forests. For more information about Golden Sands RC&D, visit www.goldensandsrcd.org.




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Spring Foraging Walk

in Black River Falls

with *Nicholas WazeGale*

May 11, 2024

in the Mission

(at the State Trail 0.7 miles in on Pettibone Pass, at the bridge)

10:00am - 2:00 pm

Please bring bug spray, your own water bottle and a jacket if appropriate!

We'll also go to the District 1 Community Center to prepare some simple foods with what we gather! Lunch provided.

Sign-up is requested for planning purposes. To sign up and for questions, contact Kathy Braaten at 715.284.9851 ext. 35335 or kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com

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HCN Health and Wellness Div

Mommy Meet Up

Breastfeeding Support Group

COME FEEL SUPPORTED AND TALK TO OTHER MOMS AND A CERTIFIED LACTATION COUNSELOR ABOUT YOUR SUCCESSES AND WORRIES WITH BREASTFEEDING YOUR NEW BABY OR NURSING TODDLER, AS WELL AS SOON-TO-BE MOTHERS WITH INTEREST IN BREAST FEEDING.



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LOCATION: Lunda Center Hub
Upcoming dates:
Tuesday March 26, 2024
Tuesday April 23, 2024
Tuesday May 21, 2024
Tuesday June 18, 2024
Tuesday July 23, 2024

TIME: 5:30- 6:30 pm
Hosted by Dr. Shelby Nykiel

Open to the public. No membership required

Light snacks provided by Jackson County Breastfeeding Coalition

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WED. MAY 29, 2024

for an Offsite All Staff Meeting

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Department of Health
Division of Environmental Health
Tribal Response Program

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MAY 2024

HO-CHUNK NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM-12:30 PM	2	3
6 OPEN BRF	7 OPEN BRF	8 WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION FOOD DEMOS WITH ALEX RICHESON 10AM-130PM	9 OPEN BRF	10 OPEN BRF
13 OPEN BRF	14 OPEN BRF	15 TOMAH DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM	16 OPEN BRF	17 WIS. DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF
20 OPEN BRF	21 OPEN BRF	22 NEKOOSA DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00PM	23 SHIPMENT CLOSED	24 LACROSSE PICKUPS OPEN BRF FOOD DEMOS WITH KATHY BRAATEN
27 CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	28 OPEN BRF	29 CLOSED 5 TH WED.	30 LAST MAY PICK UP DAY OPEN BRF	31 INVENTORY CLOSED

CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS

Free Rabies Clinic!

Ho-Chunk Department of Health
Division of Environmental Health

Pet owners: We are having a rabies vaccination clinics for your pet!
It is very important that your animal be vaccinated to protect its health and the health of your family. Puppies and kittens need to be at least 3 months old to receive the vaccination.

May 8th	Nekoosa TAU 4910 Winneshiek Lane	9:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.
May 8th	Blue Wing Community Center 320 Epinal Lane	1:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
May 15th	Winnabago Heights TAU E8863 Winneshiek Road	9:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
May 15th	House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Ln	2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
May 22nd	Wittenberg: Community Center W17634 Radke Road	11:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.
May 29th	BRF Indian Mission W8802 Mission Road	9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
May 29th	BRF Sand Pillow Community Center	1:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DOGS ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CRATES!

Distemper/Parvo vaccine available for dogs at \$5.00 per dog!
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Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at:
1-888-685-4422, ext. 35062 or 35011

Keep Wildlife Wild: Know What To Do If You Find A Fawn

MADISON, Wis. – Spring is baby animal season in Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds the public to leave fawns alone while they're out exploring the state during the warm weather months. If you encounter a fawn while outdoors, the DNR urges you not to touch it or intervene in any way – there's a good chance it's right where it's supposed to be and its mother isn't far away.

In the first few weeks of life, fawns are left alone most of the day and stay hidden while their mothers stay some distance away to avoid drawing attention to their fawns' location. They lie still in brush or grass, keeping quiet until their mothers return. Although the mother can return at any time of day to nurse the fawn, white-tailed deer are crepuscular or more active at dawn and dusk, which means the fawn can be alone for long periods between feedings.

"Fawns have specialized dietary needs that are not easily met, and they

need to learn normal social behaviors from their mothers. Keeping your distance and not intervening gives the fawn its best chance for survival," said Jenna Fastner, DNR Captive Wildlife Health Specialist.

It is rare that an unaccompanied fawn has been abandoned. If you find a fawn lying still and quiet, leave it alone. Leave the area and do not go near the spot again. Do not touch the fawn or bring children, pets or friends to look at it. Doing so could endanger the fawn by giving away its location to a predator, and its mother won't return to nurse the fawn while people or pets are nearby.

"Fawns can walk from birth but need a few weeks to grow fast enough to keep up with their mothers and avoid predators. By the Fourth of July, most fawns are on the move alongside or nearby their mothers because they have the speed and agility to run from danger," said Fastner. "Until they reach that point, their spotted coats and minimal scent are their best

defenses from predators."

If you have further questions or encounter a fawn that appears sick or injured, call the DNR or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for guidance. Please note it is against the law in

Wisconsin to possess a wild animal without the proper license.

For more information on what to do if you find a fawn or any other baby animal, visit the DNR's website.



If you find a fawn lying still and quiet, leave it alone, even if it appears sick or injured. Leave the area and do not go near the spot again. / Photo Credit: Cavan Images

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to be repaid. Students can also receive federal direct student loans, which require repayment, and can participate in federal work-study programs.

With the details provided in FAFSA, the government uses a formula to calculate a student's aid index – how much the government estimates the family can provide for college tuition and expenses.

A key component is that families are not required to be low-income to qualify for assistance. Students whose parents earn as much as \$200,000 a year can be eligible for aid.

Many don't ever apply, however. According to the College Board, millions of dollars in federal aid are left on the table because students failed to file a FAFSA. The College Board is a nonprofit organization that provides information to help students succeed in college.

This year, changes ostensibly to make the system easier have instead caused delays, with the government pushing back the deadlines from March 1 to May 1 for applying.

The revamped system does include some advantages, however. The number of questions on the form has been reduced from 103 to about 30, and applicants can fill out their income and college choices in a way that is considered more streamlined.

A new formula for determining financial aid will also make more students eligible for assistance, by making more low-income and medium-income families qualify. It also opens up eligibility requirements for homeless youth, foster care youth and incarcerated individuals, and allows more than one member in a family to attend college on aid.

"One of the big things, of course, is the new formula," said Ruben Reyes, a public outreach coordinator for the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation who holds FAFSA workshops for counselors, parents and students.

"So that's a positive thing," Reyes said. "More students are going to be able to get more federal aid."

Most college officials tout the new rollout, despite the roadblocks.

"It is a lot easier for a student and family members to complete the FAFSA than it ever was before," said Michaela Willis, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at South Dakota State University.

"It doesn't take very long," Willis said. "You don't have to give up three hours of your time. Fifteen minutes to a half-hour, and you could be finished with that FAFSA. So go out there, check it out, and get it done. It's pretty quick and easy."

Meanwhile, counselors are encouraging students in limbo to apply for state and private scholarships, the applications for which are usually readily available in high school and college financial aid offices.

New Mexico, for example, offers free in-state tuition to state residents to attend public colleges now, plus offering the New Mexico Opportunity grant and the lottery scholarship.

Some states also offer free tuition to Native students, but financial aid experts said the students are still eligible to apply for other grants and scholarships to help offset costs.

Counselors, also in wait mode, expect their jobs to extend into the summer months and maybe even into the fall.

"Unfortunately, financial aid staff will be under a massive workload in processing records for aid due to all the system glitches, calculations, and tax errors," Reyes said. "Many corrections will need to be addressed, further delaying the process of awarding student aid for the fall."

Impact on TCUs

The upheaval is creating problems for tribal colleges and universities as well.

In New Mexico alone, about 28 percent fewer graduating high school students – including Indigenous students – have yet to file their FAFSA.

Reyes said the year has been hectic.

"We are all working as hard as we can to try to ease the pain to all the students and families being Native American or any New Mexico student residents here in

New Mexico," Reyes said. "The new FAFSA rollout has been quite a challenge."

At South Dakota State University, Willis said about 23 percent of self-identified American Indian and Alaska Native students did not complete the FAFSA for the 2023 or 2024 academic years.

"That does mean that 75 to 80 percent are relying on federal financial aid in part for their schooling," Willis said. "We also know that within a specific group of students are Wokini Scholars, who must be tribally enrolled to be eligible for that scholarship. About 18 percent did not complete the FAFSA."

At the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, counselor Scott Whitaker said that the institute staff cannot view even the applications submitted in January, further delaying the process.

"We can't bring them in like we normally do and load them into our computer systems and start awarding financial aid based on that," Whitaker said.

About 75 percent of IAIA students are Native American – about the same percentage as those who attend one of the 37 tribal colleges in the nation.

"I imagine it's similar because we're all drawing from a very similar population," said Whitaker, a 35-year veteran in college financial aid.

Looking ahead

Meanwhile, as her high school graduation approaches, Ford faithfully returns to the online application in hopes of making the corrections the system has flagged.

It hasn't been as simple as promised.

"I filed it back in January, but I'm currently waiting to make corrections," she said. "There's a button and it's not letting me press it. There's a notification saying that I'll have to wait a couple more weeks in order to make corrections."

Aiming to study human health or biological sciences, Ford dreams of attending Emory University in Georgia or Reed College in Oregon. She's also interested in the University of Colorado.

"When I got most of my acceptances, it kind of boosted my confidence and made me want to finish high school," Ford said. "I'm just really excited for what the future holds for me."

Despite the hold-ups, Ford remains determined.

"I can't really do anything," she said. "I just have to wait and see. I check every day, every hour of the day."

Julia Begay, another Navajo Prep senior, was accepted to 11 of the 14 colleges she applied to, but has received only two financial aid award letters. Waiting four months to hear back from FAFSA was a bit excruciating, but she has since committed to attend Seattle University.

"It was really torture," said Begay, also a first-generation student to attend college. "My Mom, you know, has never experienced this before. So it was a first for both of us, and we were both just getting really impatient because I had to make these college decisions. But I couldn't make it without my financial needs. It was really, really frustrating."

After going through the process, Begay has sage advice for peers.

"Have patience and don't worry about it too much," Begay said. "Keep yourself busy and fill out what you need to fill out and do what you need to do."

Reyes also tells students and parents not to lose faith.

"You're still going to get that state aid, but just know that that federal aid will come in time," said Reyes. "The schools may be a little bit behind on getting everything processed for you, but they will get it done eventually."

He continued, "Just go through the process, make sure you get your admissions application done. Make sure you attend orientation in the fall. That's very important at your chosen college. Go through all the steps and just move forward. Even if your financial aid award offer is not ready yet, just pretend that it is okay."

Earth Day Clean Up and Tree Planting

Thank you to employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation who took some time out of their day to help pick up trash and

some who learned how to plant trees.
Happy Earth Day!



Justice Department steps into Enbridge Line 5 dispute

Government attorneys raise questions about pipeline shutdown order

Mary Annette Pember
Reprint from ICT

The Biden administration has weighed in for the first time on legal challenges against Enbridge's Line 5, a 645-mile, oil-and-natural-gas pipeline crossing Wisconsin and Michigan before terminating in Ontario, Canada.

In court brief filed with the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, attorneys for the U.S. Department of Justice agreed with a lower-court ruling that Enbridge is trespassing on about 12 miles of Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa lands.

But they also urged the court to reconsider its order shutting down the pipeline altogether, saying the pipeline falls under international commerce regulations in the U.S. dealings with Canada.

"The court should also fully consider the possible consequences of an order requiring the shutdown of the pipeline, including its effect on the U.S.'s obligations under the Transit Pipeline Treaty and the U.S.'s diplomatic and commercial relationship with Canada," attorney's wrote in the brief published Wednesday, April 10.

Government attorneys also wrote that the lower court underestimated the \$5.1 million restitution payment Enbridge should make to Bad River, and said the amount due should be greater.

"The total restitution award constitutes 0.47 percent of Enbridge's profits and avoided costs attributable to Line 5 as a whole, a paltry amount that permits Enbridge to profit handsomely from its trespass," the

attorneys wrote. "The district court's calculation was in error. Remand is appropriate to allow the court to recalculate this award."

In 2022, U.S. District Judge William Conley in the Western District of Wisconsin ruled that Enbridge was illegally trespassing on Bad River lands. In 2023, the same court ruled that Line 5 posed a public nuisance and ordered Enbridge to shut down the pipeline crossing the tribe's lands within three years, and ordered the company to pay the tribe \$5.1 million in unlawfully accrued profits.

Both Bad River and Enbridge appealed to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Bad River wants the court to order Enbridge to shut down its pipeline immediately. The 7th Circuit Court called upon the U.S. government to weigh in on the issue before the court issued a ruling.

The Department of Justice response drew mixed reactions.

"We are grateful the U.S. urged the court not to let Enbridge profit from its unlawful trespass," Bad River Chairman Robert Blanchard said in a statement, "But we are disappointed that the U.S. has not unequivocally called for an immediate end to Enbridge's ongoing trespass, as justice and the law demand.

"Enbridge should be required to promptly leave our Reservation," Blanchard said. "We are hopeful that the appeals court will put an end to Enbridge's shameful decade of trespass and not condone its exploitation of our land and sovereign rights."

Bay Mills Indian Community

President Whitney Gravelle said the potential for disaster remains.

"The filing leaves more questions than answers," Gravelle said in a statement provided by the Native American Rights Fund. "It also leaves Bad River and other tribal nations throughout the region and the 40 million people that rely on the Great Lakes at risk of a catastrophic spill."

In a statement emailed to ICT, Juli Kellner of Enbridge Communications

said the brief is part of the ongoing dispute over the pipeline.

"This latest step traces back to June 2023, when a federal judge ruled on a legal challenge brought by the Bad River Band regarding Line 5, which the Band argues is trespassing and poses a threat to its land and lifeways," Kellner wrote. "The judge ordered Enbridge to remove the pipeline from the tribe's land within three years or face a shutdown. Both

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The Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa reservation in northern Wisconsin, shown here in March 2021, is known as Mashkiiziibii or Medicine River. Ojibwe believe all the medicines needed to remain healthy grow along the river banks. A federal judge ruled Sept. 7, 2022 that Enbridge should pay the band damages for trespassing on tribal lands by operating the Line 5 pipeline without a proper easement. Photo by Mary Annette Pember/Indian Country Today

Local Hospital Now Accepting Volunteer Program Applications

Summer volunteer program for high school students at Black River Memorial Hospital

Applications are now available for the 2024 Summer Volunteer Program sponsored by the Volunteers of Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH). Students must be 14 to 18 years of age to apply. Volunteer application forms are available online at www.brmh.net/volunteer. The registration deadline is May 15, 2024.

Students must commit to volunteering a minimum of four hours each week at the hospital and

attend a training/orientation session. Orientation will be Tuesday, June 11, from 11:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. at the hospital. Applicants will be contacted if the date changes.

BRMH Volunteers assist in greeting and escorting patients and visitors, delivering mail, staffing the information desk, and assisting departments with various duties.

One benefit of the Volunteer Program is "shadowing," in which

Volunteers have the opportunity to spend time with someone in a particular profession they wish to explore. Examples of areas students can shadow include but are not limited to: nursing, laboratory, rehab therapy, dietary, and radiology.

The objectives of the Volunteer Program are to broaden students' abilities to interact with other people in a professional environment; learn to handle responsibilities; experience

the satisfaction of helping others; gain a sense of self-worth and self-esteem; build confidence; get an inside look at health careers; learn work ethics; and develop work skills.

The Volunteer program is sponsored by the Volunteers of BRMH. For more information about the program, contact Sarah Osegard at osegards@brmh.net or call 715-284-3606.

Request for Proposals

The Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court is seeking to Contract For a Defense Bar Attorney to work with the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing To Wellness Court and to serve as a guide for the participants who face criminal incarceration, but are being offered an opportunity to participate in an intensive therapeutic program for overall sobriety and wellness, under the watchful eye of a probation agent, a Healing To Wellness Court Team, and a Judge.

The contracted Attorney would participate fully as a Wellness Court TEAM Member with a commitment to the Program's mission and goals and will work as a partner to ensure success for all participants.

1. Contracted for 12 months.
2. 8-10 hours per month, possibility of flexibility.
3. Budget \$1,300 per month.
4. Meets for Staffing every Monday at 1 p.m., may appear virtually.
5. Meets for Hearing every other Monday at 2 p.m., may appear virtually.
6. Prefer Attorney to have criminal law background.
7. Must obtain admission to the Ho-Chunk Nation Bar.
8. Follow the HO-CHUNK NATION HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT CODE, 4HCC15, found online at www.ho-chunknation.com

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9. Able to attend annual and necessary trainings provided by Ho-Chunk Nation, may include travel
Please, send a letter of interest, an updated resume, and any Certificate of Training for Healing To Wellness Courts and Programming, if applicable. Looking to Contract on an expedited basis. Will keep posting Open Until Filled.
If you have any questions, feel free to call the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing To Wellness Court Project Coordinator Robert Mann at (715) 284-2722, ext. 13402 or email Robert.Mann@ho-chunk.com



Notice of Community Informational/Input Meeting

Webex and In-Person

Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE)

Date: May 8, 2024
Time: 6 pm – 7 pm
Location: HHCA admin. Bldg., Tomah, WI
Address: 1102 E. Monowau Street, Tomah, WI 54660

PRICE Is Grant Funding:

The Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) will provide \$225 million in funding for communities nationwide to preserve and revitalize manufactured housing units and manufactured housing communities (MHCs). This grant competition is first-of-its-kind and builds on HUD's recent actions to support manufactured housing residents. For more information: grants.gov/search-results-detail/352690

Ideas For Discussion:

- o Land Acquisition
- o Manufactured Housing Communities
- o New Construction
- o Land Acquisition For Future Manufactured Homes, Including Modular

Comments Period, May 9 – 23, 2024.

For comments, questions, or Webex link, contact Angie Hindsley 608-374-1245, 18804, or email: Angelina.hindsley@ho-chunk.com

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sides appealed the decision — the tribe thought that was too generous, the oil company thought it was too drastic.”

Kellner also noted in the statement that justice department attorneys supported dismissal of a claim by the band that a public nuisance claim against Enbridge should be dismissed. In the brief, attorneys said that the district court erred in making a decision on the nuisance claim, saying that the Pipeline Safety Act provides authority to the U.S. Department of Transportation to address environmental risks and damage caused by pipeline operators.

Ongoing legal disputes

The legal barrier presented by the 1973 International Transit Pipeline Treaty has been an effective legal sticking point for Enbridge against challenges to Line 5.

In a separate case, Enbridge

invoked the treaty in its arguments that a lawsuit filed by Michigan against the pipeline should be kept in federal court. That decision is pending.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel recently asked the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeal to reject U.S. Circuit Court Judge Janet Neff's decision to shift Michigan's case against Enbridge out of the federal court and back to the state.

The giant Canadian energy company has been fighting Bad River to keep oil flowing through its oil-and-natural-gas pipeline for more than 10 years. The line originates in Superior, Wisconsin, and travels east through Bad River before it runs through Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Ojibwe lands, then under the Straits of Mackinac toward its final destination at a terminal in Sarnia, Ontario.

Enbridge first secured easements

for its pipeline from the Bad River tribe in the 1950s, renewing them in the 1970s and the 1990s. Initially, the Bureau of Indian Affairs negotiated the 20-year easement agreement, for which Enbridge paid \$3,800. All of this was conducted without tribal consent.

The easements expired in 2013. The tribe balked at renewing the easements, and in 2017, the tribe's governing body approved a resolution outlining their unwillingness to agree to new easements, noting that the lands, rivers and wetlands on tribal lands were considered sacred and that an oil spill would be "catastrophic."

The tribe filed a lawsuit in July 2019, claiming Enbridge's pipeline was trespassing on tribal lands and calling for an immediate halt to the flow of oil and removal of the pipeline. In the lawsuit, the tribe argues that it has the right not to renew pipeline easements as a matter

of basic property rights.

Looking ahead

Native American Rights Fund staff attorney Wesley James Furlong said the Department of Justice's arguments seem to put treaty rights with Canada over treaty rights with tribal nations.

"While the United States' brief acknowledged both that Enbridge has been trespassing for more than 10 years and the importance of tribal sovereignty, we are perplexed by the false equivalency that the United States suggests between its tribal treaty and trust obligations to Indian Country and its diplomatic relationship with Canada," Furlong said in a statement.

As of now, the 2023 federal court decision allowing Enbridge to operate Line 5 across Bad River lands until 2026 still stands as the appeal process moves forward.

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL BRF AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON WAUSAU AREA MEETING
Northcentral Technical College
1000 W. Campus Dr., Wausau, WI 54401
Room E102
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
5:30 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:
karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com
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Posted on: 4/24/24



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



WITTENBERG | MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 | 6:00 PM
GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 | 6:00 PM
MADISON | WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 | 6:00 PM
WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 | 5:30 PM
MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 | 5:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 Main Street, La Crosse, WI
MONDAY, May 13th, 2024 6:00PM
IN PERSON

TOMAH AREA | TOMAH YOUTH CENTER
430 Julie St, Tomah, WI
TUESDAY, May 14th, 2024 6:00PM
IN PERSON

BARABOO/WI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | House of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Rd, Baraboo, WI
WEDNESDAY, May 15th, 2024 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
REP. ROBERT FUNMAKER robert.funmaker@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-7723
LEGISLATIVE AIDE, Damian Thundercloud damianthundercloud@ho-chunk.com (800) 294-9343, Ext. 11151

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DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Monday, May 13, 2024
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA
MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, May 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:
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robert.pilot@ho-chunk.com

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HO-CHUNK NATION
DISTRICT ONE COMMUNITY

NOTICE

NEW
FACILITY USE APPLICATION
SUBMISSION & COMMUNICATIONS
OUTLOOK EMAIL ADDRESS

Please submit 2024 D1CC Facility Usage Application
Forms and related correspondences to:

d1facilityreservations@ho-chunk.com

Thank you. 😊

N7261 Warrior Ave. Black River Falls, WI
Phone 715-284-0905 | Fax 715-284-0487

Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP # 2024DWS01
Energy Strategic Plan Consulting

c/o Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department-Procurement Division
Attn: Dakota Walton-Smith, CPPB
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho-Chunk Nation is inviting sealed proposals for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Request for Proposal document and submit Proposals.

Sealed proposals must be submitted by 2:00 PM CST on May 16, 2024. Any Proposals received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at https://ho-chunknation.com/procurement-opportunities/. Search on the bid number and bid title.

Please call Dakota Walton-Smith at (715)284-1660, Ext. 11271 or Steve Sallaway at (715)284-1660, Ext. 11227 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this 26 day of April, 2024.

Dakota Walton-Smith, CPPB
Procurement Agent
Ho-Chunk Nation

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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 04262024

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Ackley, Caleb Dale	04/29/2000	1/2	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL
2. Bighorn, Ezra Bryson	07/11/2017	1/2	George Cloud Son Nik O He Way Kah 1901 - 00149		Amber Lynn Blackcoon
3. Blackhawk, Koko Justine	08/11/2021	1/4	John Blackhawk Ha Gah Kah 1901 - 00686	Justin Ashley Blackhawk	Non-Indian
4. Decorah, Cameron Owen	06/12/2004	1/4	Frank Decorra Hay Na Kah 1901 - 00427	Non-Member	Non-Member
5. Dublin, Mandylynn Whitewing	02/15/2011	1/4	Elijah Whitewing Ha Gah Kah 1901 - 00195	Non-Indian	Non-Member
6. Greengrass, Annalise Vera	04/23/2020	5/16	Charlie Greengrass Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah 1881 - 00286	Kenneth Robert Greengrass	Emily Rose Collins
7. Greengrass, River Lennon	11/27/2022	3/8	George Bud Blackdeer Garvin Ma Choo Zhoo Na Gin Kah 1901 - 00967	Blaze Allen Greengrass	Non-Member
8. Houghton, Cameron Patrick	03/29/2023	17/64	Taylor Houghton Homp Pe Ska Kaw N-1910 - 00323	Fabian Patrick Houghton	Non-Indian
9. Ortiz, Olivia Rosita	06/22/2022	3/8	Barclay Payer N-1910 - 00002	Izaak Enrique Ortiz	Non-Indian
10. Pettibone, Fenrir Leslie Dude	08/03/2022	3/8	Peter Pettibone Monk Shootch Kah 1881 - 00582	Wendell James Pettibone	Non-Indian
11. Portillo, Nayeli Mary	01/25/2022	1/4	Leonard Whitewater Sr. N-1910 - 00007	Non-Indian	Non-Member
12. Thunder, Zeke Levi	07/06/2007	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL	Andrew James Munden	
13. White Eagle, Ruby Rose	03/19/2023	1/4	White Dog 1881 - 00153	Calvin Joseph Whiteagle	Non-Indian

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 **22nd day of April, 2024.**

John Patrick Emery

March 17, 1961 - April 13, 2024



John Patrick Emery (Moraje), 63, of Tomah walked on April 13, 2024, at Gundersen Hospital in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He was born on March 17, 1961, in Portage, Wisconsin. John loved his family, golfing, hunting, and fishing. No matter where you were in the state, he would have a restaurant suggestion. He loved to tease, was quick to laugh, and a good friend to many.

He was always coming up with ideas for business ventures, even though few came to fruition, he never stopped dreaming and planning. John was a self-taught

handyman who was always willing to help anyone.

John was a beloved cook, nephew, father, and husband who loved spoiling his grandkids.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Greendeer, and a sister, Estelle.

He is survived by his wife, Patti Emery, children Malachi (Amanda Sweeney) of Tomah, MicahMarie (Jordan) McCann of Holmen, Marishah (Zach) Schwanke of Tomah, ManaenJohn (Kara) of Tomah, stepson Jon (Sara) Bohnsack of Portage, Kaleena Emery of Tomah as well as 9 grandchildren, Macy, Zaden, Jadali, Alice, Mereck, Mavreck, Evelynne, Bruin, and Ellyana. He is further survived by many other relatives and friends.

Traditional Ho-Chunk Services will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 11:00 a.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah. Richard Mann will officiate. Burial will follow in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. The Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

Arielle Lynn Whitegull

March 15, 1989 - April 17, 2024

Arielle Whitegull "Earl", 35, passed away on April 17, 2024, at Gunderson Medical Center in La Crosse, WI.

Arielle Lynn Whitegull "Snow Baby" was born on March 15, 1989, to Hariett Marie Hopinkah and Casey James Whitehall of Black River Falls.

She was a kindhearted fun-loving mother of four, Leah Jaylyn, Jason, Sheri Hayden, and Tyrel "Hayna", Jason Jr. She loved her children and was a great homemaker. She was a homebody and loved to cook. She was very artistic. She worked seasonally and looked forward to each new season. She had a competitive streak and loved to play cards, basketball, softball, and many other sports. She enjoyed being outdoors and reading James Patterson novels. She loved being around friends and family.

She is preceded by her mother, Hariett "Kitty"; grandmother, Bernice Whitegull; uncles, Rex and Kim Whitegull; infant brother Quinn Whitegull; and aunt, Rebecca Legarde.

She is survived by her father, Casey (Jill) Whitegull; Lindsey (Michael), Nolan, Ian (Hailiegh), Ryan, Scott;

children, Leah Jaylyn, Jason, Sheri Hayden, Tyrel "Hayna", many nieces and nephews and good friends.

The funeral service for Arielle will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Buswell Funeral Home in Black River Falls. A visitation will be held on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Decorah Cemetery. A meal will be held at the District 1 Community Center after burial.



In Loving Memory of

*Traci Renee
Mayo*

February 29, 1960 - September 19, 2023

Traci Renee Mayo passed away in Clifton, Texas.

She was born in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her adoptive parents, Homer Sayers and Glenda Mayo. She is survived by

her daughter, Sarah Wethington.

Any family members who would like more information, please reach out to:

Office of Enrollment

Email: enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com

Phone: 715-284-7824

Fredrich John Leonard

August 25, 1962 - April 20, 2024



Fredrich John Leonard, 61, of Antigo, passed away at home with family by his side on April 20th, 2024.

He was born August 25th, 1962, in Wausau, to the late Marvin Leonard Sr. and the late Maryann (Weso Leonard) Shegonee.

"Fast Freddy" was a FORD fanatic and a mechanic at heart. You could always find him in his garage working on everything from electronics to small engines to basically everybody's vehicle. One of his fondest memories was being a street stock mechanic, traveling to tracks in Antigo, Three Lakes, and Eagle River. Also, he lived to deer hunt. He looked forward to it every year and it wasn't often that he didn't get that buck. Speaking of buck, he was always wheeling and dealing, hitting up the casinos, and of course he could not pass up those Goodwill finds.

Freddy was quite the talker, teaser, and B.S.er. As much as he loved to push people's buttons

he loved all his friends just as much. He was extremely grateful for his closest friends Lenny, Alvin Jr, Johnny Knockers, Lee Christjohn, Charles, and as much as he won't admit, his former wife, Roxanne.

Survivors include: the mother of his children Sonja; two daughters: Nichole and Erlene; his sons: Cash and Roman; his grandchildren: Piersyn, Jaylen, Aniya and Lynken; his siblings: Faith (Ben), Nick, Anna, Marvin (MJ), Tom (Tina), Rose (Evan), half siblings: Joe (Sara) and Patricia, among cousins and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, stepfather Bill, stepmother Linda, brother Gerald, nephew Kenneth, and nieces Monica and Nicole.

A dinner will be on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 5:30 PM, at the Fredrich Leonard residence (1309 10th Ave, Antigo, WI), a devotional service will follow. A Celebration of Life with family, friends and food will be held at 1PM on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at the Fredrich Leonard Residence, (1309 10th Ave, Antigo, WI).

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

The Leonard family thanks the staff at the Aspirus Cancer Clinic and LeRoy Hospice for the care given to our father. Also for everyone's thoughts and prayers throughout his courageous battle.

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One voice, one heart. We CAN make a difference together.

During the month leading up to the events on May 2 & 3, some downtown businesses will have red dresses on display with information for the public to learn about the tragic statistics that surround MMIW and what can be done to make a difference. Red dresses have become a national symbol of MMIW as a visual reminder of those that are no longer with us. During the week leading up to May 5, the national MMIW Day, some businesses will be offering special products focusing around the symbolic color of red that will also bring a greater awareness to the community.

"This project is about women, but the scope goes beyond the female demographic. It is a general call to action, a subtle call to action. An invitation to view our world with softer eyes and kinder thoughts. As nuanced as it is a call to action is a gentle reminder to all women that we matter... What I know for sure is that missing and murdered Indigenous Women and Girls is not solely a First Nations issue, not just a women's issue but a human one... and we all have to care about it."

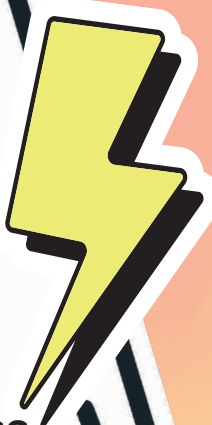
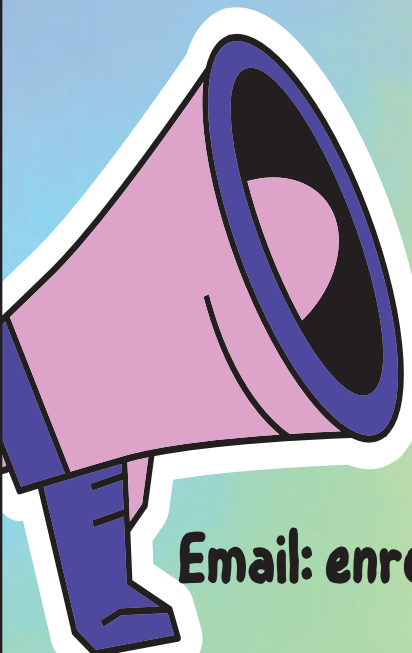
- Cheryl Ring, Heart Spirits founder and BRF High School guest artist

IMPORTANT NOTE!!

The link for the online Address Verification form (AVF) for 2023 will be CLOSING May 31, 2024. Questions? Contact Enrollment

AVF 2023 Link:
<https://avf.ho-chunk.com>

Enrollment:
Phone: 715-284-7824
Email: enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com

General Inland Fishing Season Opens May 4

DNR Reminds Anglers Of New Regulations

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds anglers the 2024-2025 general inland fishing season will open on Saturday, May 4.

Fisheries biologists expect anglers to find success on opening day. No matter where anglers decide to fish, all Wisconsin residents and nonresidents over the age of 16 are required to purchase a fishing license. Anglers can buy licenses through Go Wild, the DNR’s license portal, or from a license agent.

This year, new fishing regulations are in effect, including a new small tournament registration requirement and a statewide daily bag limit of three walleye/sauger per day on all inland waters. There are also bag and length limit changes for fish species in the following counties: Brown, Chippewa, Dane, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iowa, Iron, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marquette, Oconto, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, Walworth, Waukesha and Waushara.

The full 2024-2025 hook and line fishing and trout fishing regulations are available online and in print in English, Spanish, Hmong and large print versions.

As anglers head out to their favorite fishing locations, the DNR would like to remind them to:

- Minimize the spread of aquatic invasive species by removing plants and animals from their boat before and after launching, draining all water from compartments and never moving live fish away from any waterbody.
- To prevent the spread of fish diseases, remove all water, aquatic vegetation and/or mud from fishing equipment before leaving

their fishing location. All fishing equipment, including boats, trailers, boots, waders, nets and float tubes, should be thoroughly cleaned and dried completely before being used again.

- Practice responsible catch and release if they are letting their catch go.

- Follow safe boating procedures and always wear a life jacket.

Those looking to fish one of Wisconsin’s 13,000 miles of trout streams can use the recently updated Trout Regulations and Opportunities User Tool (TROUT) to learn regulations and find locations of DNR fishing easements, public lands and classified trout waters. For anglers looking for spots with easy access, try one of the several ponds stocked with catchable trout in the area.

With more than 15,000 inland lakes, 42,000 miles of perennial streams and rivers, 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline and 260 miles of the Mississippi River, Wisconsin offers anglers of all skill levels a variety of places to cast a line.

Discover new places to fish, launches, fishing locations and other fishing information on the DNR’s fishing webpage or by contacting your local fisheries biologist.



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI APRIL 3, 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-P
- Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
- Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P
- Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
- Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
- Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC
- Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
- Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
- Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
- Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add under New Business: K. Farm Bill. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-March 26, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the March 26, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-

1 (Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

Enrollment Report

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the Enrollment Report. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority

A written report was received.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Report. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to accept the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Report. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration

A written report was received.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke mentioned District 1 Representatives still have not received the report from Executive Director of Administration Michael Rave. President Jon Greendeer said it will be received before the end of the meeting.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle asked for an update regarding the buffering request for the facilities. President Greendeer said that request can and will be done.

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. asked about getting an update on the budget modification for the House of Wellness. Executive Legislative Information Officer Malachi Emery will follow up with Executive Accounts Manager Amanda DeCora.

Department of Health

A written report was received.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

A written report was received.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle would like to request a meeting with Personnel for a verbal report on Class & Comp. President Greendeer said that request can and will be done.

Rep. Stephanie Begay would like to have an update on the Property and Casualty Insurance Brokerages, Risk Management Services, Employee Benefits Brokerages and Consulting Services RFPs. President Greendeer said absolutely, he was also looking for that information.

Department of Social Services

A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:

No items under Unfinished Business.

New Business:

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Resolution-Enactment of Ciira Ruz'ez'e (Raze) Ordinance (3 HCC § 66)

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-03-24 A**, Enactment of Ciira Ruz'ez'e (Raze) Ordinance (3 HCC § 66). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 (1 HCC § 16)

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-03-24 B**, Adoption of Amendments to the Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 (1 HCC § 16). Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution - Approval of Department of Natural Resources to Enter into an Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Black Box Germplasm Storage of Black Ash

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-03-24 C**, Approval of Department of Natural Resources to Enter into an Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Black Box Germplasm Storage of Black Ash. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chief Operations Officer Revised Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the Chief Operations Officer Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Retail Development Manager Revised Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the Retail Development Manager Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Per-Capita Declaration for May 1, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-03-24 D**, Per-Capita Declaration for May 1, 2024. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-20-24M, Timeline and Procedures for Legislative Redistricting

Rep. Shelby Visintin mentioned the new deadlines within this resolution. Tribal Members will have until April 26, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. to submit any proposed Redistricting scenarios. The Legislature will schedule a meeting, hearing or forum around May 9, 2024 for Tribal Members to explain and discuss any proposed scenarios they have submitted.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 04-03-24 E**, Rescission and

Restatement of Resolution 02-20-24M, Timeline and Procedures for Legislative Redistricting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Confirmation Hearing for Executive Director of Housing Nominee

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned the process of holding the Confirmation Hearing. The Confirmation Act guides this process in reviewing the paperwork and provide the opportunity for the nominee to introduce herself and speak on her experience, goals and objectives. The Legislators will have an opportunity to ask questions of the nominee. There are two potential resolutions drafted to confirm or deny. Under the law the Legislature can take one more session to make their decision.

Acting Executive Director of Housing Denise Wright was present and went over her education, work history and fielded questions from the Legislature.

Resolution-Confirmation/Denial of Denise Wright to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Housing

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Confirmation/Denial of Denise Wright to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Housing. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Karena Thundercloud is out of the room at 11:05 a.m.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Maawakacak Property Tract #439 T 2170 for Howard Hartmann

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Maawakacak Property Tract #439 T 2170 for Howard Hartmann until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Karena Thundercloud returns to the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Farm Bill

The Native Farm Bill Coalition has issued a request for tribes to send letters to the USDA in support of expanding *Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act* (Pub.L.93-638) authority to the programs, services, and functions of the U.S. Agriculture Department by April 5, 2024.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve having the Ho-Chunk Nation sign on to a letter provided by Powers and the Native Farm Coalition, and to have the Vice President sign and execute for delivery to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal

Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:10 a.m.

President Jon Greendeer is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The Executive Session recessed for lunch at 11:11 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the Executive Session to order at 12:00 p.m. Quorum was established at 12:01 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 1:49 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah is offline during the vote.

New Business: (Revisited)

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Maawakacak Property Tract #439 T 2170 for Howard Hartmann

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-03-24 F**, Authorization of Land Lease on the Maawakacak Property Tract #439 T 2170 for Howard Hartmann. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to April 9, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. **MOTION RESCINDED.**

Amendment to the agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to amend the agenda to add New Business: L.Ho-Chunk Basket Bee. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-1 (Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Basket Bee

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve \$1,600.00 from the Elder Assistance Fund for the Ho-Chunk Basket Bee event. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release that as confidential and privileged information for tribal membership only for area

meetings, mark the document as for tribal use only and not for further release, and authorize release of this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release the March 20, 2024 motion to Open Session that will allocate the remaining ARPA funds of \$42,645.95 to Housing Department for rental upkeep and maintenance, and to request a resolution for the April 9, 2024 agenda and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

March 20, 2024 Executive Session Motion Released to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Legislative Legal to draft a resolution allocating remaining ARPA funds for housing rental upkeeps for next session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to April 9, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



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