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Legislature Issues Recognition Citation to Neil Whitegull

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature honored Wakajaziiga, Neil Whitegull, during their Regular Meeting on June 13 with a rare distinction of a Legislative Recognition Citation. This Citation thanked Neil for his achievements, hard work, sacrifice, dedication, commitment, and long service to the Ho-Chunk people.

Neil worked in both gaming and non-gaming enterprises. He is most known for his time spent in Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HHCDA).

In part, the Citation reads, “Neil was integral part of providing safe and healthy homes to tribal members with over 26 years of service with the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency as both the Modernization and Development Director and the Executive Director, and in the Department of Business, totaling over 31 years of service to the Ho-Chunk Nation. Since beginning with HHCDA on February 7, 1997,

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Wausau Area Honors Representative Stacy

Submitted by Tricia Zunker

Those at the Wausau area meeting on June 13, honored outgoing Legislative Representative George Stacy for his service.



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Ho-Chunk Nation Commends Supreme Court Decision Upholding the Indian Child Welfare Act

PRESS STATEMENT
June 16, 2023

The Supreme Court decision to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) reaffirms the importance of keeping Native children safe and connected to their Tribal Nations. This ruling is a victory for Native families and communities so that Tribal Nations never again return to a federal policy that legitimizes the forcible

removal of children from their tribal communities and into assimilative boarding schools and non-Native foster and adoptive homes, a practice that went on for well over a century, destroying Native communities across the continent.

Passed in 1978 after lengthy hearings in Congress, ICWA is a landmark law that protects

the rights of American Indian and Alaska Native children in the foster care and adoption industries. The Supreme Court’s decision in *Haaland v. Brackeen* upholds key provisions of ICWA, including the requirement that tribes be notified of child welfare proceedings involving Native children and the placement preferences for relatives or members of their tribe.

In his concurring opinion, Justice Neil Gorsuch states that in upholding the constitutionality of ICWA, “the Court also goes a long way toward restoring the original balance between federal, state, and tribal powers the Constitution envisioned.”

This 7-2 decision is a strong signal that this Court will continue to not only protect the rights of Native

children but also uphold the sovereignty that is the foundation for all Tribal Nations and their citizens.

Native children deserve to be safe and connected to their culture and ICWA is essential to protecting these rights. The Ho-Chunk Nation joins with hundreds of other Tribal Nations in commending this Court’s decision.

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24	Wittenberg Potch Chee Nunk				29	30

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Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Housing Department

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

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Ho-Chunk Community Water Quality Reports

Water Quality Reports for calendar year 2022 are now available on the Ho-Chunk Health Department website. To view the reports online, access the HCN Health Department website at <https://health.ho-chunk.com>, then click the following tabs: “Helpful Links”, “Ho-Chunk Nation Community Water System Reports”, and then “Reports”.

Alternatively, if you would like one of the Water Quality Reports sent to you by email, or through the US Postal Service, please contact Steve Christopherson at 715-284-9851 ext. 35091, or by email at Steve.Christopherson@ho-chunk.com.

Letter from Steve M. Schwanebeck, Tribal Sanitarian

Ardith,
There has been a mix-up on rabies vaccination clinics for 2023. The clinics were held in the month of May. There will be no more clinics this year. I apologize for the wrong information being published.

Steve M. Schwanebeck, RS
Tribal Sanitarian
715-284-9851 ext. 35062

Field Notes

June 2023 Edition

Expressions from Executive Director

Thank You

Hižąkišąą hinqkragiwi. Hoocąk raašre Nąącgepiwina hijgairena. A.K.A. Tina Brown. For this month’s Field Notes, I am going to stray a bit and take the opportunity to express myself as my appointed four year term as the Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources comes to a close.

For starters, I am very grateful for this experience. When I was in college at Stevens Point and finishing up in La Crosse, having the opportunity to fill a position like this seem like just a dream. By the grace of the creator, my dream came true. Thank you to President Marlon WhiteEagle for the opportunity and to the Legislative body for the approval of confirmation. Wa’nap to the DNR team, all the Nation’s employees who collaborated and helped along the way, tribal member support, feedback and engagement, the patrons who contributed to our enterprises enabling the Nation’s government the ability to operate, and most of all the creator who makes everything possible.

In 2019 when I came aboard we were nearly at full staff, not long after, news of a COVID-19 pandemic began to impact decisions and planning going forward for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The effects as a Nation and personally were profoundly difficult, however, I believe we can all reflect and learn much from the trials and tribulations place before us. Now in 2023, the Nation, more specifically, the DNR is full staff and engaged in many new and exciting projects.

The Ho-Chunk Nation can be confident in what has been done within the Department of Natural Resources over this past administration through our Strategic Plans, grants, new initiatives, and it’s very capable and dedicated team of employees. Whether the next administration appoints fresh perspective or gives opportunity for our existing team to continue, I wanted to share these words and again express my sincerest gratitude for this opportunity.

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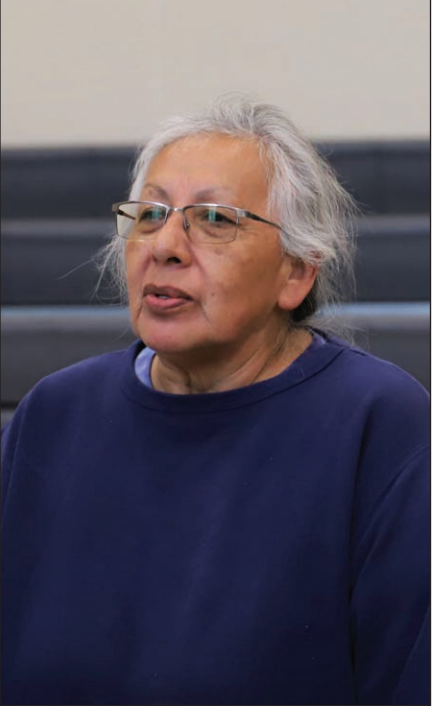
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we have more than doubled the amount of rental homes available to our underserved population. More recently, HHCDCA administered the Nation's COVID Assistance programs, providing life sustaining financial assistance in our families' time of greatest need.
"Neil was an effective advocate on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation as well as other tribes and tribal housing entities with his service as the Chairman of the Great Lakes Intertribal Housing Association, the Legislative Committee Chair of the Native American

Indian Housing Council, and on the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Council Tribal Advisory Committee."
Neil Whitegull resigned from the HHCDCA.
Staff from HHCDCA and members of the HHCDCA Board of Directors organized a luncheon at the District 1 Community Center on Thursday, June 15. Matthew Mann emceed the celebration and several guest speakers mentioned their gratitude to Neil. A drum group was present to render honor songs. Gifts were exchanged and Neil's mother cut the cake.



July Elders Birthdays

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| 1 Toree Jones | 18 Pamela Mael |
| Gregory Littlejohn | 19 Jerry Kines |
| Decorah Mach | John Ward |
| Ardella Quackenbush | William Winneshiek Jr. |
| 2 Richard Bittner | 20 Rosalee Faga |
| Sarah Littlegeorge | Janis Pesek |
| Jo Anne Small | 21 Elaine Bear |
| 3 Barbara Danke | Cheryl Christianson |
| Diane Whiteeagle | William Goff Jr. |
| 4 Timothy Cabasos | Mary Rowley |
| Mary Funmaker | Tara Tindall |
| Patricia Hall | Thomas Yellow Thunder |
| Tracy Jourdan | 22 Doran Goodbear |
| Martha Martinez | Colette Trumpy |
| Loylee Mike | 23 Roberta Chrisjohn |
| John Myers | Ronald K. Decorah |
| Albert Naquayouma | Tina Topping |
| 5 John Funmaker | 24 Colleen Fanning |
| Terry Steindorf | Dale Holst |
| Charlene Tebo | Constance Lonetree |
| 6 Cyril Delarosa | Terrie Staples |
| Mary Dick | 25 Genevieve Bollig |
| Sadie Garvin | Lucinda Naquayouma |
| Michael Mullen Jr. | Catherine Rawson |
| 7 Priscilla Cleveland | Ruth Wilson |
| 8 Diana Demarrias | Edward Winneshiek |
| Priscilla Niemi | 26 Rosemary Blackhawk |
| 9 Virgil Clausen | Ritchie Brown |
| 10 Lavinia Alan | Michael Hellrud |
| Lorrie Johnson | Susan Jones |
| Dale Stephens | Marguerite Lebeck |
| Nadine WhiteEagle | 27 Myra Price |
| 11 Peggy Davison | Unga Diane Stacy |
| Reginald Delarosa | Paul Thundercloud |
| Kevin Funmaker | Marlys Whiteagle |
| Henry Pine | Dawn Wiley |
| 12 Barbara Rave | 28 Janice Lopez-Roska |
| Corwin Roth | William Quackenbush |
| 13 Bonnie Stroessner | George Redhawk |
| Dana Thundercloud | Pamela Riddle |
| 14 Barbara Smith | 29 Valerie Bartlett |
| 15 Richard Anderson | Loretta Hopinkah |
| Virginia Littlegeorge | Bruce La Mere |
| Roley White Eagle | 30 Marilyn La Mere |
| Robin Yellowthunder | Ralph Snake |
| 16 Mark MacKinnis | Wendland White |
| Cecelia Sine | 31 Lana Dobbs |
| Randall Taylor | Cheri Snake |
| 17 Christopher Blackdeer | |
| Mona Funmaker | |
| Faith Morris | |



HELP Ends and General Welfare Payments Begin July 1

Ardith Van Riper
Editor
The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature authorized appropriations this month. The \$800 HELP ended with the June 2023 disbursement. Replacing this is the General Welfare Payment of \$900 to all adult tribal members July 1, 2023 through June 2024.
The Ho-Chunk Nation Economic Legacy Project (HELP) was established in 2020 by Legislature to achieve a social benefit and promote the Nation's general welfare.
All enrolled minors are to receive \$400 per month, to be distributed quarterly. This also runs July 1, 2023 through June 2024.

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Member Payments

1

\$900 Monthly - All adult tribal members (replaces \$800) July 1, 2023 through June 2024

2

\$1,000 One-Time - All tribal members, distributed before June 23, 2023

3

\$400 Per Month, distributed Quarterly - All enrolled minors

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Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.

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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be July 7th which will be published on July 14th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Five Local Ho-Chunk Members Travel to Peru

Kaili Berg
The nonprofit Mundo Esperanza (World Hope) based out of Madison, escorted five local Ho-Chunk tribal members to Cusco, Peru, on Friday June 16.

Mundo Esperanza was founded in 2021 to promote greater awareness of Indigenous communities and sponsor the Madison Cusco Sister City partnership.

The Ho-Chunk tribal members who are traveling include; Bill Quackenbush, HCN tribal historic officer; JoAnn Jones, former HCN president; Linda Hopinka, tribal elder; Kyla Beard, HCN gaming manager; Randall Blackdeer, tribal veteran service officer.

During the trip, travelers will meet and exchange information with Peruvian Q'ero elders of an Indigenous community in the high Andes. Travelers will also tour a remote farming village, celebrate the Andean New Year with a trip to Peru's Sacred Valley, and be honored guests at a 500-year old sun festival called "Inti Raymi."

Mundo Esperanza plans to arrange a trip for Q'ero elders to visit the Madison area and connect with the Ho-Chunk community. With these two trips, the hope is that two different communities with very different cultures will connect and learn from each other.

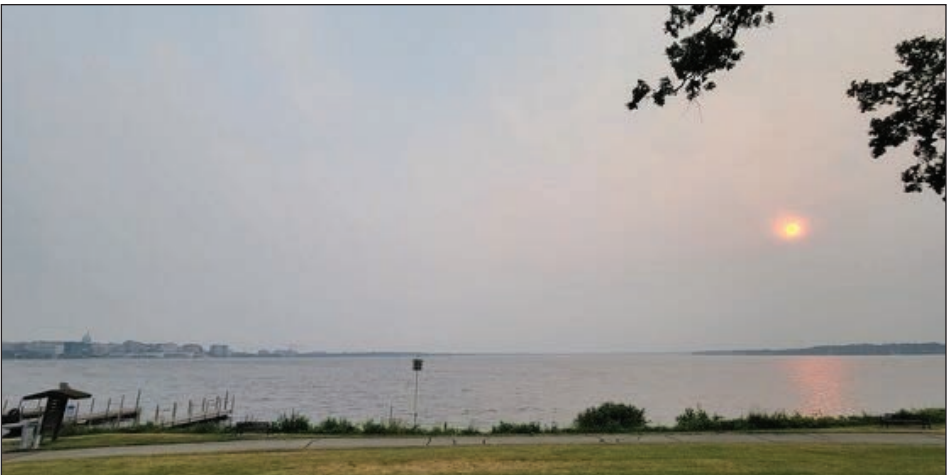
DNR Recommends Wisconsinites Limit Time Outside Due To Canadian Wildfire Smoke

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is recommending Wisconsinites to reduce their time outdoors due to ongoing air quality alerts resulting from Canadian wildfire smoke.

Health impacts are expected across most of Wisconsin today, where the air quality index is expected to range from the UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS to the UNHEALTHY level.

People with heart or lung disease, older adults and children should consider making outdoor activities shorter and less intense and reduce

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The DNR is advising Wisconsinites to reduce their time outdoors due to ongoing air quality alerts resulting from Canadian wildfire smoke. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

All-Abilities Stroll Promotes Activity

On Saturday, June 10th, 2023 the All-Abilities Stroll took place at the Ho-Chunk Nation District 1 Community Center. The 1.2 mile walk promoted activity for everyone and raised funds for the All-Abilities Playground.

Before the Stroll, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls and Ho-Chunk Nation presented a \$25,000 donation for the All-Abilities Playground to be built in Black River Falls in the fall.

Thanks to all of the event sponsors - Jackson In Action, Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health, District 1 Community Center, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, and Ho-Chunk Nation Health & Wellness Division.



Green Bay Area Hosts End of the School Picnic

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

There were seventy five in attendance at the End of the School Picnic. The bash took place at Bay Beach Amusement Park on Friday, June 16. Ho-Chunk Nation District 3 tribal members and families were invited to attend.

Green Bay General Facilities Manager Pamela Wilber greeted attendees at shelter #3, located near the Zippen Pippen roller coaster.

Tickets for the rides were given to Green Bay students. Christian Wilber grilled and people brought dishes to pass.

The picnic concluded with door prizes.

Parents and staff would like to thank the Green Bay Parent Committee for their fundraising efforts making these events possible. A huge thank you to the staff with the assist in planning, organizing, and cooking for the event

making it the success that it is. Great job to our students for completing the school year and hope you enjoy your summer! See you all in the fall for our Back 2 School Bash at Colburn Park.



End of the School Year Picnic - Bay Beach '23

Jon Fredric Brown July 4, 1956 - June 2, 2021

With great sadness we inform you that our brother has walked on after suffering a stroke.

Jon Fredric Brown, age 64 of Cleveland, Ohio passed away on June 2, 2021 at Franklin Plaza Extended Care after two months stay.

He was born on July 4, 1956 in Madison, WI to Clarence (Brownie) and Vivian (Kingswan) Brown during the fireworks display at Vilas Park. His mother referred to him as “my little firecracker”. The family moved around Madison, Middleton and ended up living on the East Side of Madison, where Jon made quite a name for himself playing basketball at Madison East High School. Following high school, he worked at the Oscar Mayer plant for many years. Jon loved sports, the outdoors, camping when possible, and enjoyed talking with others. He also sponsored children from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

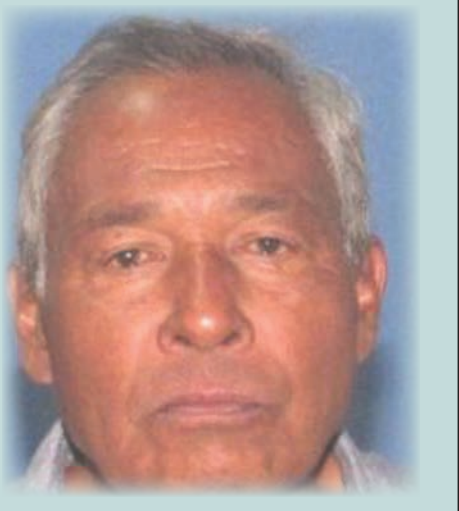
Jon is preceded in death by his parents Brownie and Vivian, maternal grandparents Fred and Alice Kingswan; paternal grandparents John and Rose Brown; a sister Mari Lynn Brown; brother Robert (Bud) Brown; nephew Robert (Bobby)Brown Jr., many of his wonderful Aunts and Uncles who went before him.

He is survived by two sisters,

Lori Jeanne Brown Gamble, Liane Joy (Bill) Brown, and one brother Anthony (Bonnie) Kingswan, 23 nieces and nephews, and many more great nieces and nephews, loving relatives, and friends.

Jon will be laid to rest June 23, 2023 with our mother at Forest Hill Cemetery, 1 Speedway Rd, Madison WI. at Noon. A family and friends picnic meal will follow at Vilas Park, 1602 Vilas Park Drive. Bring a salad to share so folks driving by can “wonder what kind of salad they’re eating” a favorite phrase of mom’s

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women-Relatives (MMIW-R) cause.



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Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council
Selected as DOE Clean Energy Innovator Fellowship Host Site

In an effort to accelerate transition to Green Sustainable Energy production and increase Energy Conservation measures across the United States, the U.S. Department of Energy Grid Deployment Office (GDO) and Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) has established the *Clean Energy Innovator Fellowship program*.

Innovator Fellows will have hands-on learning experiences participating on projects the Host Institutions identify as critical to enhancing grid resilience and/or advancing decarbonization while ensuring energy affordability and grid reliability. Innovator Fellows can spend up to two years participating in the program.

This fellowship is for recent graduates and early career energy professionals to “to support efforts to advance clean energy solutions” in diverse communities. Fellowship candidates must **apply by June 12, 2023**, at 3PM C (4PM ET). For more information you can also visit the website ([CEIF link](https://www.energy.gov/ceif)). Applications need to be submitted online at the application website ([link](https://www.energy.gov/ceif)).

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC) located in Lac du Flambeau, WI has been selected as one of [37 Host Sites nationwide](#) to sponsor a Department of Energy *Clean Energy Innovator Fellow*. In Wisconsin, 3 sites were selected and GLITC is the only rural organization, with the other 2 in Madison. Also, only 5 Tribal Nations or organizations were selected as Host Sites nationwide.

TRIBAL SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS AND GRID RESILIENCY NEEDS - GLITC represents twelve Tribal Nations across two states, each with diverse needs and capacities. To achieve the desired impacts of our mission, GLITC supports Tribal Nations around six Strategic Priorities all of which are dependent upon sustainable resilient energy: Housing, Drug Crisis, Mental & Behavioral Health, Economic Development, Healthcare, and Emergency Management Planning Support. Access to clean sustainable energy is important to all Tribal Nations, especially in remote rural communities. The DOE Fellow will be an asset to all member Tribes delivering needed services to those requesting assistance, improving grid resiliency, implementing energy efficiency strategies, and transitioning to sustainable energy systems. In addition to improving energy efficiency within the Tribal Nations, the DOE fellow will assist with improvements to existing and new GLITC managed facilities including the GLITC Headquarters in Lac du Flambeau, GLITC Satellite offices and a new Healthcare Facility and other projects in development.

GLITC Mission
To enhance the quality of life for all Native Americans

Ashley Anne Funmaker January 10, 1992 - June 16, 2023

Ashley Anne Funmaker, “Hūc Hinuk”, age 31, passed away at her home on Friday, June 16, 2023. She was born January 10, 1992 to Max Perry Funmaker Sr. and Eileen Link in LaCrosse, WI.

Ashley went to Black River Falls throughout High School, but finished her last two years and graduated from Eau Claire High School. During that time she was active in Volleyball, Softball, and spending time with her friends. She enjoyed spending her time outdoors, swimming and with

her friends and family. She will be remembered for always being the joker in the family, but beyond that, for how much she deeply cared for people.

She is survived by her children, Rayvon Walker, Jalil Funmaker, and Messiah Williams; significant other, Austin Williams; mother, Eileen; siblings, Earl (Samantha Windsor) Funmaker, Mamie Funmaker, an Alissa (Chad Gaertner) Funmaker; aunts and uncles, Diane (Rene) Wallace, Duwayne (Anita) Link, James Link, Gary (Patty) Hall, and Gwyn Link; along with numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

Ashley is preceded in death by her dad, Max Sr.; grandparents, Norman and Mildred Link, and George and Alice Funmaker; and Uncle Jeff Link.

Visitation for Ashley will take place Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at the Buswell Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. and following the service there will immediately be burial at the Decorah Cemetery. Shannon Rave will officiate.

The Buswell Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements, 715-284-2231.



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heavy exertion. Consider rescheduling or moving events indoors.

Protect Yourself From Wildfire Smoke

- Check your local Air quality index.
- Get current air quality conditions from the statewide air monitoring network - Wisconsin Data Map
- Download the free WisconsinAQM mobile app to receive air quality updates from anywhere using their mobile device. Download in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.
- Sign up to receive air quality advisory notices to your email or via text.

- Stay indoors.
- Close doors and windows.
- Avoid activities that increase indoor pollution - vacuuming, frying

food, burning candles or using gas powered appliances.

- Install a high-efficiency air filter.
- Use an N95 mask if outdoors for long periods.

Cleaner air is streaming in from the northeast today and should bring much of the state below the air quality advisory threshold by early Friday morning.

This is the sixth time this spring that an air quality advisory has been issued in Wisconsin. All six have been a direct result of Canadian wildfire smoke. Air quality alerts are expected to continue through the summer, as wildfires continue to occur. The DNR asks the public to stay vigilant as alerts are issued.



Abbie Rose Thundercloud

Grandparents: Sam and Rosie Thundercloud
Wisconsin Dells High School



Arion Scott Pettibone

Parent: Kristin WhiteEagle
Grandparent: Tari Youngthunder
Great Grandparents: George and Patricia Youngthunder
Black River Falls High School



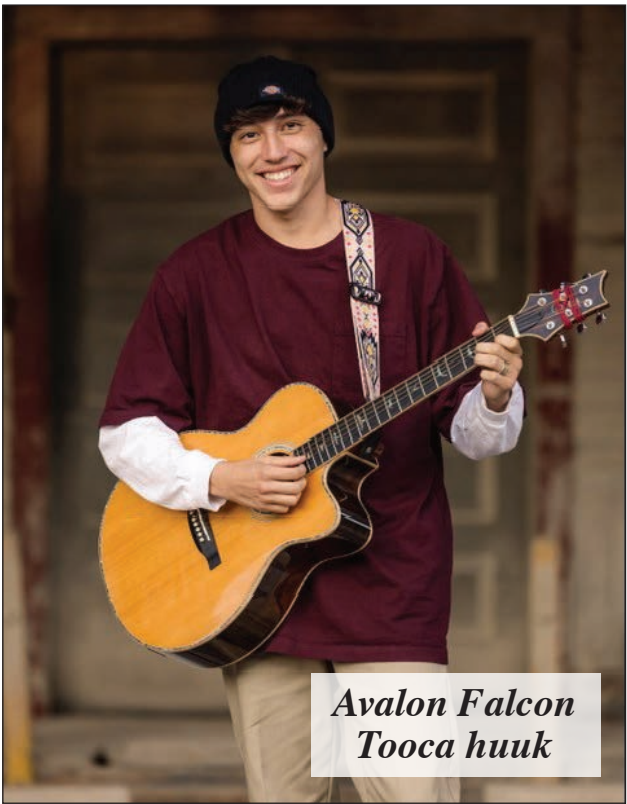
Brent Mitchell Littlegeorge

Parent: Janalyn Littlegeorge
Baraboo High School
Attending UW Milwaukee majoring in Psychology
and Criminology.



**Andrew Rave, Jr.
Huųcsga**

Parents: Andrew Rave and Marsha Funmaker
Black River Falls High School
Play basketball at the collegiate level and attend
a two year tech school then transfer to a four year
college to finish degree.



**Avalon Falcon
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Parent: Leslie Falcon
Black River Falls High School
Future Endeavors: UW Milwaukee; School of
Applied Science and Engineering for
Civil Engineering
Extra-Curricular Activities: Waaksik Wacek Club,
Heart Spirits, Soccer, Musicals, Choir, Band, and
Goja Howaite Hi



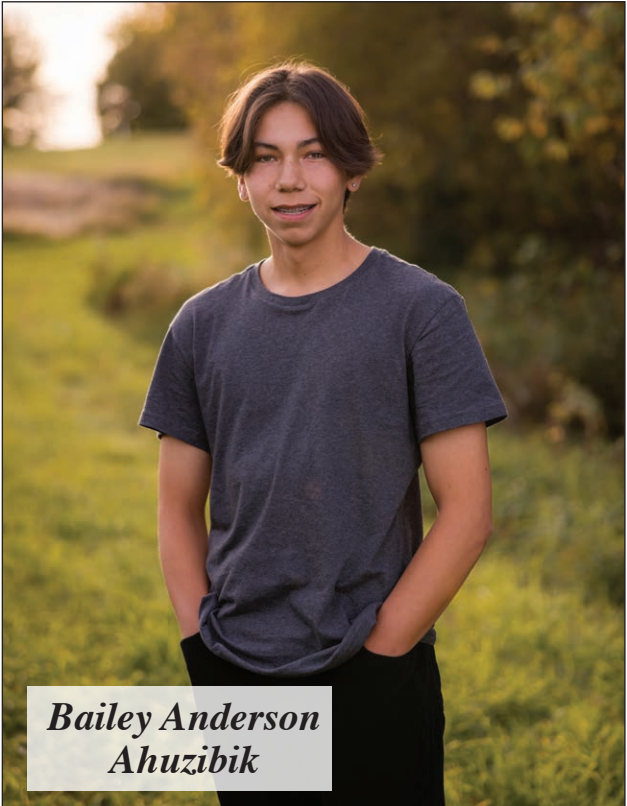
**Bruce Redbird
Wakjexiwiruka**

Parents: Curtis and Bethany Redbird, Gabriel and
Stephanie Aguilar
Black River Falls High School



**Ariana Waukau
Sanehuj ga**

“Bright light coming in”
Parents: Scott Bourdon and April LaMere
University of Wisconsin-Stout
Double major Supply Chain Management and
Business Administration.
Working as a Buyer/ Planner for Wausau Window
and Wall Systems.



**Bailey Anderson
Ahuzibik**

Parents: Ira & Rhonda Anderson
Black River Falls High School
Will be attending Western Technical College -
Graphic Design Program



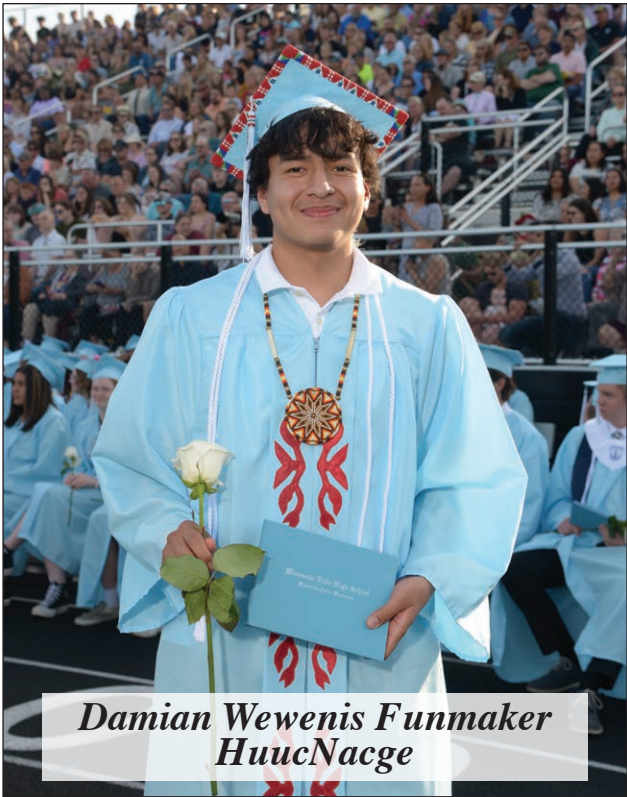
**Cameron Kruse
Xawico**

Parents: Adam & Stella Kruse
Logan High School
Participating in NAIG this summer. Attending
college in La Crosse this fall



Canaan Christopher Youngthunder
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Mother: Marissa Dickey
Father: Michael Youngthunder, Sr.
Black River Falls High School
Future Endeavor: United States Air Force



Damian Wewenis Funmaker
HuucNacge

Parents: Gabby & Kelly Funmaker
Cum Laude from Wisconsin Dells High School
Damian plans to attend Western Technical College in
Lacrosse, WI, majoring in Exercise Science, while
continuing his athletic career playing basketball for
the Cavalier's.
Congrats Hena! We're proud of you and all your
hard work!



Elicia Leonard
Hoocqk xunujik

Parents: Morning-Star & Elijah Leonard
Class of 2023 early graduate from Wisconsin Dells
High School
Planning to enlist in the United States Marine Corps.



Cassandra Shawley

Parents: Daniel & Rebecca (Blackdeer) Shawley
Grandparents: Ron & Joan Shawley, Randy & Betty
Blackdeer
Sparta High School
Attending Western Technical College this fall for
Business Management.



Deonna A Tourtellot

Family Members: Susan Johnson (Mother), Virzena
Kofol (Grandmother)
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PhD Language, Reading, and Culture (Major: Early
Literacy, Minor: Children's Literature)
Future Endeavors: Elementary Teacher/ Teacher
Researcher
Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Higher Education
Department for your support and scholarship during my
college years. A special thank you to Carla Stenulson
for helping navigate the scholarship application process.



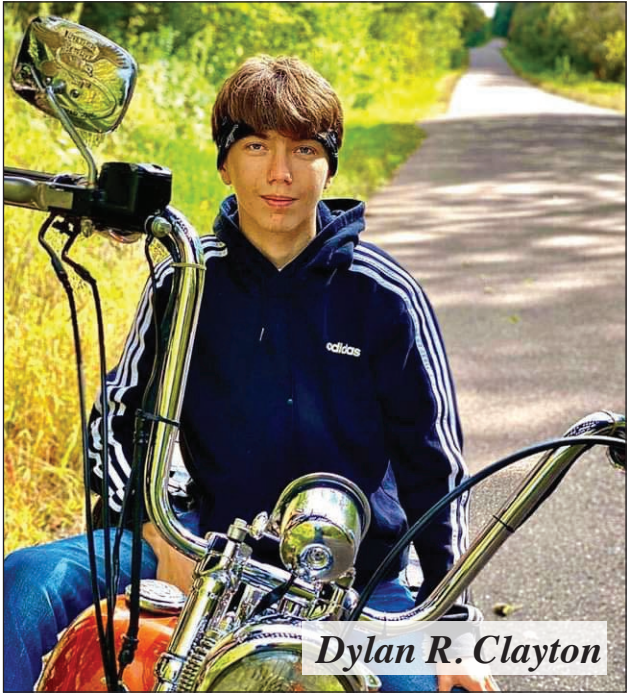
Gerald Redbird
Hohaapi

Parents: Curtis & Bethany Redbird
Black River Falls High School
Attending University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in
Fall 2023.



Chloe Star Hysel

Parents: Tamara Riddle & Craig Hysel
LaFarge High School, LaFarge WI
Plans on attending UW-La Crosse for Psychology.



Dylan R. Clayton

Parents: Fred & Angela Clayton
Colfax, WI High school



Gysela Ortega

Parent: Laura LaMere
Wisconsin Dells High School
Attending UW-Oshkosh in the fall to study
Anthropology.



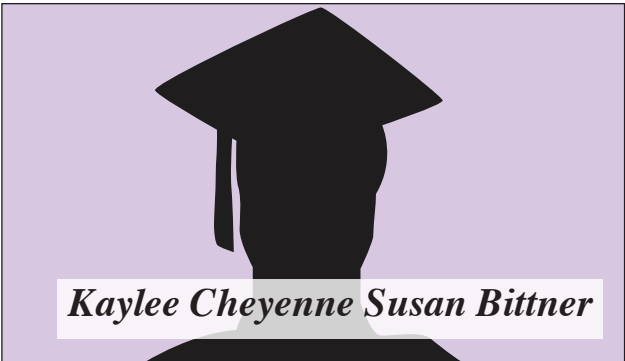
Jaidon Rodriguez
Brandon High School, Brandon, South Dakota
Mother: Corale Burnette Anderson
Maternal Grandmother: Carole Buchanan
Maternal Great Grandmother: Rebecca Stacy
Paternal Great Grandfather: Harold Buchanan



**Jase Christopher Sweet
Huuc Xete Gaa (Big Bear)**
Father: Christopher Sweet
Mother: Shirley Keezer
Cloquet High School, Cloquet, Minnesota.
Exploring options in the skilled trades.



**Jason M. Bird
Nqqtisak**
Parents: Christian & Bonnie Bird
Tomah High School



Kaylee Cheyenne Susan Bittner
Parents: Richard Bittner & Laurie Bittner
University of Wisconsin Madison
English Major with History minor.
Kaylee will find a job involving writing, editing, or copywriting; anything to do with creative writing.



Kelly Noel Mann
Parents: Anna Bollmann, Richard & Michelle Mann
UCLA
BA in Psychology
Pursuing a master's degree in clinical psychology.
We are all very proud of her accomplishments.



Kiara Rayne Peters
Parents: Lisa Peters/Kline, Keith Kline, and
Leander Peters
Black River Falls High School
She graduated with Cum Laude Honors.
She will be continuing her education by going to
WWTC Lax in the fall for Radiology.



Landan Blackhawk Olson
Parents: Kevin & Yvette Olson
Belvidere High School
Fall 2023, attend Rock Valley Community College
in Illinois with plans of transferring to NIU for
Engineering Degree.



Madison Christine Mann
Parents: Anna Bollmann, Richard & Michelle Mann
Sun Prairie West High School
Plans to attend Madison College this fall.



**Mason Y. White Eagle
Hiwikerekereš**
Parents: Karen Kreeger & Cameron (Sarah) White Eagle
Auburndale High School
Will be attending the University of Wisconsin –
Madison.



Mikaila Thompson
Parents: Dennis & Shannon Thompson
Montana State University
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Mikaila plans to continue her education to
a higher degree.



Milanni Khlap

Parents: Ren Khlap & the late Melissa Khlap
Grandmother: Sandra Radtke
DC Everest Senior High School
Cosmetology/Esthetician and Business Management
at Northcentral Technical College.



Rio Elise Greendeer
Ciinąk Honqąžijiga

Stevens Point Area Senior High
Attending University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
studying Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology.



TeAnn Marie Decora

Parents: Geri & Orville Decora
South High School Minneapolis, MN
Plans on attending Minneapolis Community
Technical College this fall and transferring to the
University of Arizona this winter. TeAnn's goal is to
become an FBI agent. She wants to resolve and stop
crimes against missing and murdered indigenous
woman. That is her way of leaving a mark on this
world and hopefully inspire other indigenous people
to leave their mark, so it shows how proud we are to
be indigenous.



Morgan Spohn

Parents: Cheryl Spohn Cordie and Garland Decorah
Juris Doctorate from UW Madison
Future Plans: Plan on spending the next several months
studying for the Alaska Bar exam and taking it at the end
of July. After that, I plan on clerking for a Trial Court
Judge in Minnesota.



Mya DeRuyter

Parents: Craig DeRuyter & Jenna Randall-DeRuyter
Magna Cum Laude from Grafton High School
Will be attending UW-Milwaukee majoring in Nursing.



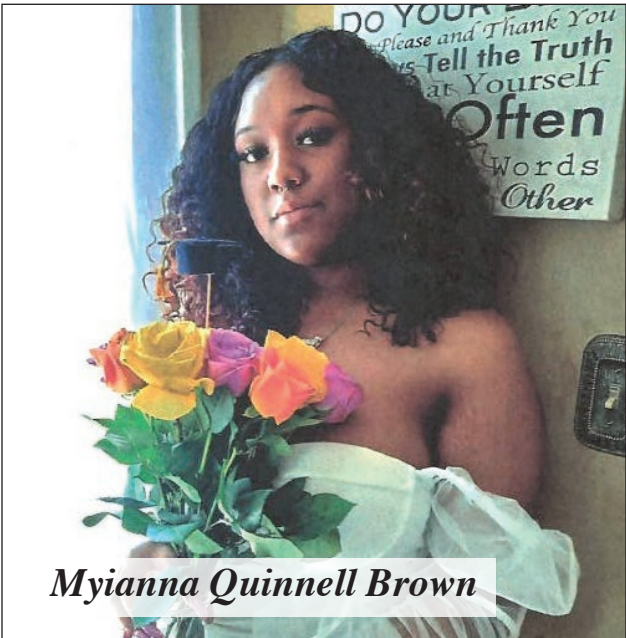
Sarora Rae Thundercloud
WII-RA-GU SGE

Parents: Weylin & Beth Littlewolf
Wausau East High School
Attend school in Denver Colorado, majoring in Arts
of psychology.



Titus Smith

ChakhaChee Headstart
Congratulations to this handsome guy on graduating
from Nekoosa ChakhaChee Headstart! Pittsville
Kindergarten here we come! Love your family!



Myianna Quinnell Brown

Parents: Clifford & Joannie Brown
North High School in Sioux City, Iowa
Obtain a Dental Hygiene A.A.S. license attending
Iowa Western Community College in Council
Bluffs, Iowa.



Sylence Smith

Pittsville School
Congratulations to this handsome young man on his
graduation from Pittsville 8th Grade Junior High!
We're so proud of you! Keep up the great work!
Love your family.



Vanetta Waukon Cloud

Parents: Darcy Funmaker & Lohman Cloud
Black River Falls High School

Supreme Court affirms ICWA

Kolby KickingWoman
Reprint from ICT

The Supreme Court handed down a major decision Thursday in the *Haaland v. Brackeen* case, affirming the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act by a 7-2 vote.

Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito were the lone justices to dissent.

The decision represents a major victory for federal Indian law and tribes across the nation.

In the opinion, authored by Justice Amy Coney Barrett, said the court “declines to disturb the Fifth Circuit’s conclusion that ICWA is consistent with” Congress’s authority under the Constitution in Article I.

“The United States, joined by several Indian Tribes, defends the law,” read the opinion. “But the bottom line is that we reject all of petitioners’ challenges to the statute, some on the merits and others for lack of standing.”

Challengers cited that ICWA was against “federal authority, infringes state sovereignty, and discriminates on the basis of race.”

Justice Neil Gorsuch, the justice with extensive federal Indian law knowledge and experience of all the justices, wrote in support:

“Often, Native American Tribes have come to this Court seeking justice only to leave with bowed heads and empty hands. But that is not because this Court has no justice to offer them. Our Constitution reserves for the Tribes a place—an enduring place—in the structure of American life. It promises them sovereignty for as long as they wish to keep it. And it secures that promise by divesting States of authority over Indian affairs and by giving the federal government certain significant (but limited and enumerated) powers aimed at building a lasting peace.

“In adopting the Indian Child Welfare Act, Congress exercised that lawful authority to secure the right of Indian parents to raise their families as they please; the right of Indian children to grow in their culture; and the right of Indian communities to resist fading into the twilight of history. All of that is in keeping with the Constitution’s original design.”

Haaland v. Brackeen wasn’t the only Supreme Court case affecting Native people directly. The court also released a decision regarding *Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians et. al. v. Coughlin*.

The third federal Indian law case this term, *Arizona v. Navajo Nation*, has yet to be decided by the end of the month along with 22 other cases.

“For purposes of comparison, between June 13, 2022, and the last opinion day of the 2021-22 term (June 30, 2022), the court issued 29 decisions,” wrote former editor and reporter of SCOTUSblog Amy L. Howe.

President Joe Biden also weighed in shortly after the *Haaland v. Brackeen* ruling was released. He said ICWA is a vital law he is proud to support and stands with tribes.

The ruling keeps in place a vital law that protects tribal sovereignty and Native children, Biden said in a statement.

“Our Nation’s painful history looms large over today’s decision. In the not-so-distant past, Native children were stolen from the arms of the people who loved them. They were sent to boarding schools or to be raised by non-Indian families—all with the aim of erasing who they are as Native people and tribal citizens,” the statement reads. “These were acts of unspeakable cruelty that affected generations of Native children and threatened the very survival of Tribal Nations. The Indian Child Welfare Act was our Nation’s promise: never again.”

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, called the decision “a welcome affirmation across Indian Country of what presidents and congressional majorities on both sides of the aisle have recognized for the past four decades.”

“For nearly two centuries, federal policies promoted the forced removal of Indian children from their families and communities through boarding schools, foster care, and adoption. Those policies were a targeted attack on the existence of Tribes, and they inflicted trauma on children, families and communities that people continue to feel today.”

Angelique EagleWoman, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (Dakota), described the decision as a “full circle moment” for Haaland. EagleWoman is a professor of law as well as the director of Native American Law & Sovereignty Institute at Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

“How wonderful it is to see Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, have her name on a case, 7 to 2, that upholds the Indian Child Welfare Act,” she said. “I’m sure she breathed a huge sigh of relief to have her name in history in this manner.”

EagleWoman added that Gorsuch heavily relied on the investigation Haaland started through the Bureau of Indian Affairs into boarding schools to give historical context in his concurring opinion.

“We have a full circle moment here. We have cultural affirmation, we have true justice,” EagleWoman said. “So there’s a lot of good here.”

Tribes, Native organizations, advocates and allies cheered for the decision reposting sentiments like “tribal sovereignty wins” or “ICWA stands!”

Mary Kathryn Nagle, Cherokee, is a Native rights attorney and Counsel to the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center for which she filed an amicus brief on behalf



The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, in *Haaland v. Brackeen*, a case that will decide if the ICWA is constitutional. Outside, ICWA supporters were on site in numbers. (Jourdan Bennett-Begaye, ICT)

of in the case.

She emphasized what the day means to Indian Country, “we just could not have gotten better news. This is an incredible, incredible victory.”

“It’s definitely a day for Indian Country to celebrate,” Nagle told ICT.

Like many, she was still reading through the 133 page opinion as the news broke Thursday morning. She noted that there will be a number of Native attorneys and federal Indian law lawyers who will comb through the court’s opinion.

The first thing she said that jumped out at her was the overwhelming win for tribes.

“Just the fact that we won on every single issue and Gibson Dunn (the law firm representing the petitioners) is not taking home anything,” Nagle said. “They’re not winning on a 10th amendment issue. They’re not winning on Indian as a race-based classification. They’re not winning on anything is huge.”

The Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted in 1978 and its purpose is “...to protect the best interest of Indian Children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families by the establishment of minimum Federal standards for the removal of Indian children and placement of such children in homes which will reflect the unique values of Indian culture...,” the Bureau of Indian Affairs website states.

For years, ICWA has been long seen as the “gold standard” for child welfare policy.

The Protect ICWA campaign, which includes the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the National Congress of American Indians, Native American Rights Fund and the Association of American Indian Affairs, said they are all “overcome with joy” that ICWA has been upheld.

“One thing is certain: ICWA is crucial for the safety and well-being of Native children and families and the future of Native peoples and Tribal Nations,” the campaign said in a statement. “The positive impact of today’s decision will be felt across generations.”

The campaign said they will give a deeper analysis Thursday afternoon after a legal review.

The ruling is an affirmation of rule of law and the constitutional principles of the relationship between Congress and tribes, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Morongo Band of Mission Indians Chairman Charles Martin, Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill and Quinault Indian Nation President Guy Capoean said in a statement.

They hope that this decision will slow the “political attacks” aimed at diminishing tribal sovereignty.

“By ruling on the side of children’s health and safety, the U.S. constitution, and centuries of precedent, the justices have landed on the right side of history. With these latest political attacks on ICWA now behind us, we hope we can move forward on focusing on what is best for our children,” the statement says.

Native members of Congress, Tom Cole, Chickasaw, and Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk, shared a joint statement as co-chairs of the Congressional Native American Caucus. Echoing many, they said ICWA has protected vulnerable Native children since it was enacted and applauded the Supreme Court.

“This landmark decision rightly upholds protections for Native children and reaffirms the sovereign rights of tribal governments,” their statement reads. “We applaud the Supreme Court in rejecting these challenges and standing with Native American children and their right to remain in their own cultures.”

Indigenous peoples woke up to the news as early as 6:07 a.m. in Alaska. Social media reactions range from ICWA supporters saying they’re “really emotional” or “grateful for today.”

Charitie Ropati, Yup’ik and Samoan, wrote on Twitter, “Celebrate today, celebrate indigenous youth joy.”

Medical student and Forbes contributor Victor Lopez-Carmen, Hunkpati Dakota and Yaqui, gave kudos to the lawyers involved. “Just wanna throw a big party for all the Native lawyers who bodied this. Wow. Y’all really are incredible,” Lopez-Carmen wrote on social media.

In an April 2021 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit upheld certain sections of ICWA and flagged constitutional concerns about others, prompting appeals on both sides. The U.S. Supreme Court granted petitions to review the Fifth Circuit’s decision and heard the case last November. Congressional members, 87 in total, filed a bipartisan, bicameral amicus brief defending ICWA’s constitutionality in *Haaland v. Brackeen*.

Oral arguments on the landmark case took place in November. Indigenous people from around the country traveled to Washington, D.C., for the hearing.

Kimberly Jump-CrazyBear, Osage and Oglala Lakota, was one of many who showed up to show support for the Indian Child Welfare Act.

“I’m just here on behalf of all of you who can’t be here today. To help lend my voice,” she told ICT before the oral arguments for *Haaland v. Brackeen* began. “Without our children, we don’t have a people anymore.”

While it is a day for celebration, Nagle said it is also important for tribes to stay vigilant and to support and heal one another after enduring the trauma of this long legal fight.

“They’re gonna probably try to find a different way to attack us. And so we have to celebrate, then we also have to kind of come back together and understand where the next attack is going to come from. And that’s unfortunate, but I think that’s just what it means to be Indigenous in the United States. So, but I think the first thing to do is to really celebrate because this is, I think, next to McGirt, the most incredible decision, victory we’ve gotten in the Supreme Court ever.”

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, **PHYLLIS SMOKE**, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: **W9018 NAC GE PI RD BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615**

And more particularly described as: **LOT 14 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division
Attn: Register of Deeds
P.O. Box 310
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: (715) 284-9343 Ext 11032

By or before JULY 11, 2023

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Elder Advisory Board

Wisconsin Dells - (1 vacancy, 2 candidates)

According to Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) Advisory Board

Voting Process

Ballots can be obtained from the Wisconsin Dells Tribal Aging Unit.

Elections will be held on Monday, June 26th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

CANCER

SUPPORT GROUP

4th Thursday

of Each Month

5:30-6:30pm

BRMH-Oak Room or Zoom

Please enter through the Emergency entrance

For more information or to RSVP, please visit brmh.net/cancersupport or contact Kathleen at 715-299-0870

Black River

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Check it out!

Introducing our first annual public/environmental health report! Includes Ho-Chunk data like population, death, and ER/hospitalization statistics, community conditions, and health outcomes like maternal/child health, STIs, asthma, water quality, and more!

Ho-Chunk Nation

Department of Health

View online at <https://health.ho-chunk.com>

Health Profile Report

Public Health & Environmental Health

2023

WAŽA HIGIRAWI

(We care)

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Philip A. Brownwood

☐ Amended

Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR 22-07

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

MAY 15 2023

Mary Shunder
Clerk of Court / Assistant

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 Philip A. Brownwood

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, Andrew S. Stelm, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is August 25, 2023. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Mary Shunder
Clerk of Court

Mary Shunder
Name Printed or Typed

5/15/23
Date

Form completed by: (Name)

Address

Telephone

Bar Number (if any)

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

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

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

MAY 16 2023

Carly Yellow Cloud
Clerk of Court / Assistant

IN THE

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Annabelle Mildred Hill

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No. PR 22-10

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Annabelle Mildred Hill

1. A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, located at W9598 Hwy 54 East, P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

2. The decedent, with date of birth August 21, 1972, and date of death July 29, 2022, was domiciled in Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, with a mailing address of 2107 Cedar Avenue S. #309, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404.

3. You have (90) days from May 26, 2023, the date of the first publication of this notice, to present your claims to Ms. Julia A. LittleWolf, Personal Representative, c/o Atty. William F. Gardner, P.O. Box 837, Black River Falls, WI 54615; or to the Ho-Chunk Nation Clerk of Court, W9598 Hwy 54 East, P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

4. The deadline for filing claims is **August 25, 2023**. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2023.

Mary Shunder
Clerk of Court

Ho-Chunk Nation

Department of Health

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has reported a recall on frozen fruits (see below images of affected products) due to a potential Hepatitis A contamination.

Hepatitis A is a contagious liver disease that results from exposure to the Hepatitis A virus, this can occur in food.

If you have these products DO NOT EAT them.

Symptoms include:

Fatigue

Abdominal Pain







Jaundice (yellow skin)

Dark urine

Pale stool

If you have these symptoms or have eaten the below products contact your doctor.

To read the full press release visit <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts> and select "great value and rader farms"



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HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MAY 23, 2023

Call to Order: Tribal Secretary Rep. Stephanie Begay called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

- President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX
Vice President Karena Thundercloud - EX
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Robert Pilot-EX
Rep. Paul Fox-EX
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

Opening Prayer: Rep. Kristin White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-May 9, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the May 9, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Special Finance Commission-May 10, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the May 10, 2023 Special Finance Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Commission-May 11, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the May 11, 2023 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to amend the agenda ADDING under Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: B. Emergency Special Legislative Meeting-May 12, 2023. Second

by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Emergency Special Legislative Meeting-May 12, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the May 12, 2023 Emergency Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

HHCDA Report

Neil Whitegull, Executive Director of HHCDA was present via video conference and gave a brief update. A written report was submitted.

- HHCDA and Ho-Chunk Nation Village West Partnership-The Nation was awarded the LIHTC for the Village West Housing project in Baraboo, Wisconsin for 40 units.
- HHCDA Fiscal Year 2022 Audit-Wipfli LLP-The audit is complete, and received a “clean audit”.
- Ho-Chunk Nation Heating Assistance-HHCDA is still trying to share this program with Nation members that have not heard about the program.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request HHCDA do a reconciliation and request a new MOU for the next fiscal year’s heating season that will begin in November. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay thanked Mr. Whitegull for his years of service, and helping the Nation get through the pandemic.

Rep. Daren Brinegar also thanked Mr. Whitegull on being a fantastic technical advisor, and for his expert knowledge.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Business

Scott Marecek, Business Analyst was present via video conference and gave a brief update. A written report was received.

Department of Education

Nehomah Thundercloud, Executive Director of Education was present. This month is Culture & Community Education and Waaksik Ho’i Pii Hirusja Kii, The Good Life updates.

Michelle Cloud, Division Manager, Culture & Community Education was present and gave a report on the Financial Literacy. In April, the program received the Governor’s Award for Financial Literacy from the State of Wisconsin. At the request of the Legislature, an RFP has been drafted and posted on the Nation’s website. The deadline to submit proposals is June 23, 2023.

Ryan Crain, Sr. was present via video conference and gave the Waaksik Ho’i Pii Hirusja Kii, The Good Life update. The program is going into its third year, this grant will end

September 2025. Over 715 books have been purchased and will be handed out to the students and youth centers.

Department of Housing

Tracy Littlejohn, Executive Director of Housing was present via video conference and gave a brief update. A written report was received. Tenants from the Homeownership Program and rentals are making payments toward their arrearages. Tenants are doing what they can to catch up. Regarding the Brockway water issue, the Nation is waiting for the Town of Brockway’s report. The Department of Housing went to Menards to purchase additional water to give to the tenants.

Rob Voss, Environmental Health, said the Nation is waiting on Town of Brockway for the confirmatory test results. This will take about a month to receive. The Health Department will be purchasing Brita water filters as a temporary solution, and then looking at longer term solutions. There will be a presentation at the first Legislative Meeting in June. Part of the proposal will be for reverse osmosis for the 80 tribal households affected by the PFAS contamination.

Angela Ward, Executive Director of Labor mentioned a grant that can help with the water issues. There will be a meeting set up with Tracy Littlejohn, Rob Voss, Kevin Gunderson, and Kevin Scholze for more discussion. Bottled water is still available at the Food Distribution Building.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke would like to thank the Department of Labor, Department of Health, and the Department of Housing for assisting the District 1 members during this time.

Department of Labor

Angela Ward, Executive Director of Labor was present via video conference and gave a verbal report.

Unfinished Business:

Consideration of Outreach & MOU with WiDPI

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned the history of a motion made in March 2023. The motion was a request for a recommendation and executive summary from the Education Department in regards to obtaining the MOU with WiDPI. That has not occurred, this request was mentioned multiple times during the Legislative Meetings. President WhiteEagle also mentioned he would be setting up a meeting with the Executive Director of Education. The Legislature had authorized Legislative Legal to work with outside counsel to start looking at options to obtain the MOU. Some of the topics to be included but are not limited to: systemic racism in schools, teaching culture and history, removing assimilation, incorporate cultural awareness, and support language.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to reaffirm the MOTION from March 7, 2023 to work with the State of

Wisconsin and WiDPI to fulfill this requirement of Legislature from March 7, 2023. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Family Healing Camp

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE to the end of the meeting for representation. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance, Child Support Garnishment

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned that child support garnishment is allowed and outlined within the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance, including foreign orders. Currently, only tribal court child support orders are processed by the Treasury Department and that can easily get modified and corrected. A means to encourage those who are in arrears to catch up, and to allow for support to go to families that are legally entitled to it, is presented now. A form can be authorized for the remitter to make voluntary payments from their General Welfare distributions. This is similar to the housing form that was created recently.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle for Treasury to create a form for voluntary deduction from the General Welfare Payments for child support, this will be subject to the withholding limitations of Section 23 of the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance, and that the forms to be made available immediately. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 9-0-1 (Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #1391 on Lot #2 of Garvin Subdivision #439 T 2152

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 A**, Cancellation of Lease #1391 on Lot #2 of Garvin Subdivision #439 T 2152. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #2 of Garvin Subdivision #439 T 2152 for Minette Snowball

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 B**, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #2 of Garvin Subdivision #439 T 2152 for Minette Snowball. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Fee Lease on Lot #7 of Ho-Chunk Prairie for Amber & Cody Greendeer

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 C**, Authorization of Residential Fee Lease on Lot #7 of Ho-Chunk Prairie for Amber & Cody Greendeer. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for

Department of Administration to Complete the Rezoning and Conditional Use Process for the Madison Branch Office

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 D**, Authorization for Department of Administration to Complete the Rezoning and Conditional Use Process for the Madison Branch Office. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Agreement Between the Ho-Chunk Nation and The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) and Approval of the Older Americans Act Title III 2023 Grant

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 E**, Agreement Between the Ho-Chunk Nation and The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) and Approval of the Older Americans Act Title III 2023 Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Acceptance of WI Department of Health Services Grant Award for Public Health Infrastructure

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 F**, Authorizing Acceptance of WI Department of Health Services Grant Award for Public Health Infrastructure. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing the Department of Labor to Apply to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Potable Water Funds

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 G**, Authorizing the Department of Labor to Apply to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Potable Water Funds. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Investment Advisor Consultant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle that the Legislature select FSA Investment Group, LLC, to be an Investment Advisory Consultant to the Nation, acting through its Legislature; and that Legislative Legal work with the Legislative Chief Financial Officer to notify FSA and negotiate an agreement for such services, consistent with the RFP bid from FSA, and authorize the Vice President to sign any necessary documents. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. George Stacy is out of the room at 11:14 a.m.

Front Desk Manager Revised Job Description

Steve DeCloux, Executive Manager-Black River Falls Hotel said he has talked with HCG-WD and HCG-WITT managers, they are in consensus
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with the revised job description. The old job description did not include any customer service experience, this is a key for a Front Desk position.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Front Desk Manager Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 8-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Senior Support Specialist New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE the Senior Support Specialist New Job Description. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Board of Directors

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 H**, Confirmation of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. George Stacy returns to the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Resolution-Nomination of Brett Blackdeer to the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee for the Midwest Region

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 I**, Nomination of Brett Blackdeer to the Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee for the Midwest Region. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission of Resolution 12-13-22 F, Approval of Budget Modification for Tribal Employee Loan Fund within the Department of Treasury

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 J**, Rescission of Resolution 12-13-22 F, Approval of Budget Modification for Tribal Employee Loan Fund within the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting a Right-of-Way to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on the Tribal Courts Walking Trail

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 K**, Granting a Right-of-Way to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on the Tribal Courts Walking Trail. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Reappointment of Samantha Day as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-23-2 L**, Reappointment of Samantha Day as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Kristin White

Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Reappointment of Corrina Blaschke as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 M**, Reappointment of Corrina Blaschke as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Reappointment of Dolores Greendeer as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 N**, Reappointment of Dolores Greendeer as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Reappointment of Toni Blackdeer as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 O**, Reappointment of Toni Blackdeer as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of James Dakota as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-23-23 P**, Appointment of James Dakota as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D1 Howasa – May 9, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Bruce LaMere to request the HCN to donate \$10,000 to qualify for gold sponsorship for the 2023 Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples Day Pow-wow. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislative Executive Session under Legal Advice the **MOTION** by Penny LaMere to send representation opposing the proposed budget cuts by the Republican Party to the State of Wisconsin proposed budget for diversity programs. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D1 Niioxawani – May 10, 2023

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to refer to HHCDa and Legislature the **MOTION** by Forrest Funmaker to have HHCDa enter into a MOU with the United Church of Christ located in the Indian Mission to improve the basketball court area. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. George

Stacy to refer to Treasury and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Forrest Funmaker to have the Legislature contact the Treasury Department to release the General Welfare payment scheduled for June 1, 2023 to be disbursed a week early. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 5-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Stephanie Begay)-3(Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to refer to Department of Business and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to allow newly hired gaming employees to begin working with the temporary license while waiting for their gaming license. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include that this needs to be completed within 10 working days. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Department of Justice and Legislative Counsel. Second concurs. 7-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have Legislative to renovate to premium style seats in the Ho-Chunk Cinema to premium seating and reopen the Ho-Chunk Cinema. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Forrest Funmaker to hold the next General Council at the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-wow grounds. 14-5-1 **MOTION CARRIED.** Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Danielle DeLong is out of the room at 11:43 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Lori Pettibone to contract for an attorney for the remainder of this year and for the next fiscal year. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Legislative Counsel and Legislature. Second concurs. 8-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Danielle DeLong returns to the meeting 11:45 a.m.

D2 Ho’uni Xununik – May 9, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Justice and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Myra Jo Price to resubmit nomination for Roberta Decorah for Law Enforcement Commission as the area representative. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 7-0-3(Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah, Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Finance Commission the **MOTION**

by Myra Jo Price for the Ho-Chunk Nation to donate \$30,000-\$50,000 to the Wyeville Elementary Playground. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 9-0-1 (Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Housing and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Liza Green for City of Tomah residents to be included in the Department of Housing fall cleanup. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 9-0-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Health and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah to have the ground water tested by Environmental Health for tribal members living on Dogwood Avenue near the new cranberry marshes. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 9-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Rights of Nature Workgroup the **MOTION** by Myra Jo Price to obtain a Rights of Nature update for all communities at the June Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc – May 10, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to support and expedite planning improvements for the Village West project. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to request a forensic audit on Twelve Clans. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Legislative Chief Financial Officer. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Veterans Service Officer the **MOTION** by Christine Romano for the Veterans Service Officer to check on all members at the assisted living facilities. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Heritage Preservation and Office of the President. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Tribal Aging Unit the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for TAU to offer \$500 or once in a lifetime benefit to elders to help offset the cost of a generator. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Social Services and Office of the President. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Christine Romano for Legislative Legal Counsel to contact Judicare to coordinate

drafting those resolutions. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to approve \$126,000 for the Neeshla Powwow budget. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTE FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Darren Brinegar said he opposed the motion since the Legislature has only given \$100,000 for powwows. This request exceeds that amount.

D4 Guušgonak – May 15, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Heritage Preservation requesting Ho-Chunk Nation art or signage to be displayed at the Southland Facility in regards to the **MOTION** by Sunshine Thunderchief for Heritage Preservation Department to have cultural identity and signage to be put on display. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Legislative Branch Staff. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislative Clerks the **MOTION** by Sunshine Thunderchief for D4 representative to research previous motions that passed regarding Southland. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Legislative Legal. Second concurs. 9-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Sunshine Thunderchief to have General Council at the Kalahari on September 16, 2023. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief for the Legislative Meeting Minutes to be distributed in the district e-packets.

D4 Maanico Horuzra – May 18, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Twelve Clans and Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild that Twelve Clans Inc. give a presentation before or during General Council. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild to have General Council at the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-wow grounds. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Libby Fairchild to *Continued on Page 14*

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deny the request for funding due to lack of budget presentation.

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislature and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Kathyeleen Lonetree-Whiterabbit for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to issue a certificate of special recognition for Neil Whitegull’s years of service. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke 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. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Session recessed for lunch at 12:08 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Tribal Secretary Rep. Stephanie Begay called the Executive

Session to order at 1:02 p.m. Quorum was established at 1:04 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Open Session at 2:43 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Social Services and TAU the **MOTION** by Frances Littlewolf for gutters including the guards and to revise the TAU Home Repair Policy. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Stephanie Begay abstained, since her father was the second on the motion.**

Unfinished Business:

Consideration of Outreach & MOU with WiDPI

Rep. Kristin White Eagle gave a brief update. Efforts were made in March 2023 regarding how our children were being treated in the public school system. In response to that, the Legislature requested to have a MOU with DPI and the State of Wisconsin be prepared to address some of these issues. There are currently five other Tribal Nations in the State

Presentation:

Emerge Wisconsin

Arvina Martin from Emerge Wisconsin was present via video conference and gave a slide show presentation. Emerge Wisconsin is an organization empowering Democratic women to run and win in various levels of government.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer the Emerge Wisconsin request to the July Finance Commission Meeting.

Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to June 6, 2023. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to adjourn to Prior Lake, Minnesota. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
DAKOTAH! ICE CENTER
PRIOR LAKE, MN
JUNE 6, 2023**

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

Roll Call:

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX
Vice President Karena Thundercloud -P
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-EX
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC (P-10:07 a.m.)
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. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-May 23, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 23, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Finance Commission-May 31, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the May 31, 2023 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

Tribal Enrollment Numbers

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the Tribal Enrollment Numbers report. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority

No Representation. A written report was submitted.

Office of General Council Report

Nathaniel Longtail, Jr., General Council Advocate was present via video conference. A written report was submitted.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration

Darcy Funmaker, Executive Administrative Assistant was present on behalf of Mark Leonard, Executive Director of Administration. A written report was submitted.

Rep. Robert Pilot arrives to the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Department of Health

Kiana Beaudin, Executive Director of Health(EDOH) was present via video conference. A written report was submitted. The Department of Health gave over 20,000 COVID-19 vaccines, and limited COVID deaths to .4% within Ho-Chunk Nation versus 1% for all Wisconsin residents. Thank you to all the Legislators for your help during COVID. It was a stressful time and tensions were high. Thank you to the Legislature for your support, and all other departments within the Executive Branch.

Rep. Paul Fox would like to thank the EDOH and her team for all their help during the pandemic. It was greatly appreciated.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud said thank you to the EDOH for all her work over the past four years. It is greatly appreciated, all the hard work the Health Department did.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

No representation. A written report was submitted.

Department of Social Services

No representation. A written report was submitted.

TAU Advisory Board

Call for Submissions

“Teejop and Beyond” at Madison Public Library

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

Now accepting applications for Teejop and Beyond 2023!

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

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

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



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

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

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



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with the President. Since then, the World Health Organization, and United States Government have rescinded their declaration of emergency. There will be some follow-up actions needed to the ERA with the adoption of this resolution.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-06-23 B**, Rescission and Termination of Declaration of State of Emergency for Ho-Chunk Nation Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay for Legislative Council to draft a resolution for next session to address the ERA items following the termination of the Declaration of State of Emergency Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appropriation of Unexpended Funds from Ho-Chunk Nation Fiscal Year 2021

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-06-23 C**, Appropriation of Unexpended Funds from Ho-Chunk Nation Fiscal Year 2021. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D3 Pac cinak – May 22, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Caroline Koukos to hold General Council at the Kalahari. Second by

Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tee hoikšek – May 23, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of General Council the vote count: Alliance Energy-three votes; Kalahari-14 votes; Powwow grounds-one vote. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Andi Jo Cloud to have the Ho-Chunk Nation sponsor the 24th Annual Ho-Chunk Co-ed Softball Tournament in the amount of \$6,850. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tejop – May 24, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to review the Fleet Policy to ensure in-person attendance at the District meeting. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to HHCDa the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle for there to be Village West type project to be created in the Teejop area. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee to deny the AES request.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to provide \$1,000 from the Madison Community Foundation.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Choka U Gym, LLC the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to have Choka U Gym, LLC provide self-defense workshop in the Madison area. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Saresa Ryckman for General Council to be held at the Kalahari. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Robert Pilot was out of the room during the vote.

D3 Tešišik – May 25, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Bridgette Schulz to have Branch Office report include a monthly calendar. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to Social Services Youth Services Division the **MOTION** by Heather Schulz to receive a monthly calendar from Youth Services. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to Social Services and Education the **MOTION** by Heather Schulz to have Youth Services back under Education. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to Office of General Council to refer the **MOTION** by Lisa Mendez to have General Council at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Bridgette Schulz to put the unexpended funds toward per cap revenue account.

D3 Nikusara – May 25, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Social Services and TAU the **MOTION** by Ona Garvin to find out how much money is paid to the Nekoosa Elder Site from young & able. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Attorney and Attorney General the **MOTION** by Ona Garvin to have the Legislative Attorney research the legality of Nathaniel Longtail’s appointment to the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Robert Pilot) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Janice Buffalo to have General Council at the Kalahari. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to collect all Veterans Advisory Board votes for the delegate and alternate so the

Legislative Staff can forward that to Veterans Affairs. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 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. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:53 a.m.

Rep. Shelby Visintin is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Open Session at 12:51 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to June 13, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.



Calling all Tribal Elders...



✓ Are you 55 or older and interested in earning non-reportable money?

✓ Do you enjoy helping other elders in the community visiting with them, or driving them to appointments?

✓ Are you interested in mentoring our younger generation about indigenous culture?

If you answered **YES** to the questions above, please call Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council today and ask for the *FGP SCP Department* at:

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