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Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Receives Business of the Year Award

Focus on community giving, employee support and retention noted as key points that set them apart

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg
01/18/2024 - Keshena, Wisconsin.
Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, a premier gaming and hotel facility in north central Wisconsin, was the recipient of the Business of the Year Award for 2023. The award highlights high employee retention, positive economic enhancement and community involvement and support.

"The Team at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg is grateful and honored to receive this award," said Executive Manager Fletcher Collins. "The hard work and dedication of the team is what earned us this recognition. I am privileged to work alongside these wonderful people every day."

The award presented by the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce, compared impacts on the community, economy, and enhanced services/products, commitment to employees, keys to success and

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Twelve Clans Announces the Election of Two Newly Appointed Directors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Twelve Clans, the economic development corporation of the Ho-Chunk Nation, announces the outcomes of its recent Board of Directors election, conducted on December 2, 2023. This election marks a significant chapter in the company's leadership.

On December 2, Twelve Clans convened its annual shareholder meeting at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel in Prior Lake, Minnesota. Board of Directors elections are held biennially, and this year Joseph Brown Thunder of the Ho-Chunk Nation and Tanya Gibbs, JD of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians were up for election. Currently, Brown Thunder serves as the Chairman of Twelve Clans, while Gibbs holds the roles of Treasurer and Secretary.

The Corporate Board of Directors of Twelve Clans is a 5-person body responsible for overseeing the strategic direction, policies, and decision-making of the corporation. This year, two of the five seats were due for election.

Brown Thunder garnered 63 affirmative

votes and 4 opposing votes, while Gibbs received 61 affirmatives and 6 opposing votes. Both secured a majority of in-person shareholder votes, securing a 4-year term. Brown Thunder, a distinguished business development consultant and CEO of Buffalo Nickel Creative, assumed his role as Chairman in 2022 after being nominated to the board.

Gibbs, an expert in tribal economic business development and a partner at Rosette, LLP, joined Twelve Clans as a director in 2022 and swiftly assumed the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. "I am honored to have been elected to the Board of Directors here at Twelve Clans. I look

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To: HCN Office of General Council

From: President Jon Greendeer

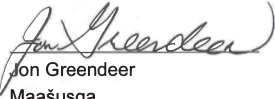
Date: January 15, 2024

Re: 2024 General Council Date

Under Article IV, Section 5 Annual Meeting. *"The People shall meet in General Council at least one time each year, which shall be called by the President, and at other times as provided in Section 6 of this Article. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Annual Meeting of the General Council."*

Therefore, I, President Jon Greendeer, under my constitutional delegated authority as President, do hereby officially call the 2024 Annual Meeting of the General Council on September 21, 2024.

Thank you,




Jon Greendeer

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Ho-Chunk Nation President

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Hoocąk Academy

"Revitalizing Hoocąk Speaking in all Communities"

It Starts With Me Course Coming Your Way February 4th!

The Hoocąk Academy is pleased to announce a new 9-week course designed to help learners at every level fortify their Hoocąk learning efforts. It's entitled, *It Starts With Me*, and each week, the course will offer a new module with topics including how the Hoocąk Academy organizes language learning, how learners can create personal language learning strategies, and where to find and how to use language learning resources.

The course is available online and in-person. The course meeting times for each section of the class are listed below.

Classes run from February 5 – April 5, 2024. Registration is required for all sections. Registration starts on January 24th.

CONTACT: Jessi Falcon, Education Coordinator, Jessi.Falcon@ho-chunk.com or Dana DeBoer, Instructor, Dana.DeBoer@ho-chunk.com

TOPICS:

- Importance of Hoocąk Language
- Getting in the Mindset to Learn: Creating A Learning Plan
- Commitment to Learning
- Tips & Tricks
- Hoocąk Language Resources
- Getting to Know Language Learning Levels: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced

Registration is required for all	Class type	Open Closed	Session Title	Language Staff
Mondays				
9:00 am	InPerson	Open	It Starts With Me	Nekoosa - GiisgaMąąnj
3:00 p.m.	InPerson	Open	It Starts With Me	TOB - Naacgei
Tuesday				
9:00 am	InPerson	Open	It Starts With Me	TOB - Hiwicožu
Wednesday				
1:00 p.m.	InPerson	Open	It Starts With Me	House of Wellness - MąąsųPjį
1:00 p.m.	InPerson	Open	It Starts With Me	TOB - Caašuuc
Thursday				
9:00 am	Online	Open	It Starts With Me	Hiwicožu
2:00 p.m.	Hybrid	Closed	It Starts with Me - Legislature	Caašuuc- Nącgej
Friday				
9:00 am	InPerson	Open	It Starts With Me	Ho-Chunk Museum - TBA
1:00 p.m.	Online	Open	It Starts With Me	TBA

Winter Gathering & Community Listening Session

HO-CHUNK INDIGENOUS ARTS & SCIENCES (IAS)

Saturday, February 3rd 2024

10:00am – 3:00pm

Indian Mission Community Building

W8813 MISSION RD., BRF


Join us for a day of IAS Programming including a guided tree identification hike, storytelling, reflections, traditional games, and a meal.

The community listening session for our IAS Curriculum welcomes community members to speak on what they'd like to see from our IAS program.

Attendance is required for Goja Howaite Hi students pursuing the .5 high school science credit.

Elders, community members, and educators are encouraged to join the event and contribute to the listening session.


Registration: <https://forms.gle/4j3QTzLCrmDyGbHv9>



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FREE EVENT

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Watch For Signs Of Emerald Ash Borer This Winter

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages property owners to watch for woodpecker damage to their ash trees this winter. If damage is found, property owners should make plans to take action in the spring.

Woodpecker damage, often called “flecking,” happens when birds peck away some of a tree’s bark to access the larvae underneath. Flecking is a common early sign that an ash tree might be infested with emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive insect. EAB is the most damaging threat to Wisconsin trees, killing more than 99% of the untreated ash trees it infests.

In 2023, EAB was found in three additional

northern counties of Wisconsin and is now known to be present in 69 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties. It is a common insect in the southern half of the state and woodpecker damage to ash trees is already widespread. EAB infestations are currently uncommon in most parts of northern Wisconsin, and woodpecker damage will be less abundant.

Landowners who spot woodpecker damage in their woodlot ash trees are encouraged to consult a DNR or consulting forester for management advice.

Property owners who detect an EAB infestation in its early stages — often by looking for woodpecker damage — can take steps to protect their high-value ash trees by treating them with

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Woodpecker damage is an early sign a tree might be infested with emerald ash borer. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

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- Children who need guidance
- Children who live with extended families

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- ABILITY TO BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE
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- ABILITY TO TEAM WITH BIRTH PARENT SOCIAL WORKER & OTHERS



DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

HO-CHUNK NATION JOB POSTING

POST DATE: 1/24/2024

This listing can also be located at www.ho-chunknation.com and is normally updated on Wednesday of each week.

*To be considered for this position(s) you must submit a copy of your degree/certification for education beyond high school.

APPLY & INQUIRE AT: Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Personnel, P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615, (715) 284-9465 - FAX

REPORTER 2

Closing Date: 2/7/2024

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - NEWSLETTER - TOB

Location: BLACK RIVER FALLS

Submit: Application and Resume

Pay Rate: 19.57

Status: FULL-TIME

Job Code: 240124I

Qualifications: One year of advanced education beyond high school or several specialized business and journalism or publishing related courses. Experience writing news reports in the AP style. Two years of experience in journalism or equivalent. Two or four year degree in journalism, communications, new media or graphic arts. Valid driver's license, liability insurance and dependable transportation. Able to use copy, FAX and other office machinery. Self-motivated and able to work with little supervision. Ability to establish and maintain filing systems and excellent telephone etiquette. Ability to coordinate and work well with people. Knowledge in all phases of newspaper publishing, the working world and office procedures. Report on assigned activities and stories within the Tribe for publication in the Newsletter or on its website, describing the background and details of events. Maintain consistently high standards of quality writing in addition to the ability to write quickly for both publication and website articles. Arrange interviews with people who can provide information about a particular story. Determine a story's emphasis, length, and format, and organize material accordingly. Research and analyze background information related to stories in order to provide complete and accurate information through research, interviews, experience, and attendance at political, news, sports, social and other functions. Receive assignments or evaluate leads and tips in order to develop story ideas. WORKING CONDITIONS: Office setting and being out in the public at events. Must be able to drive at day and night on weekdays and weekends. Ability to stand for a period of time, carry camera equipment and stacks of newspapers.

NOTE


*Ho-Chunk Preference will be applied in hiring.

*A completed application and resume (if specified) must be submitted and received in the appropriate Personnel or Human Resource office (identified above) no later than 4:00pm on the closing date to be considered for the posted position.

*All applicants will be subject to the Ho-Chunk Nation Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Policy.

*Some of the jobs posted may require a gaming license.

*All employees will be required to attend orientation or training to attain knowledge of the history, culture and traditions of the Ho-Chunk Nation.



February Elders Birthdays

1. Scott Beard

Pinkah Greengrass

2. Harold Blackdeer III

Mark Krause

Peter Matter

Calvin Snowball

Daniel Snowball

3. Georgianna Joey

Rebecca Krause

Laverda Richter

LeAnn Westbrook

4. Carlos Cabasos

Sidney Hall Jr.

Matthew Johnston

Verdie Kivimaki

Sharon Lynch

5. Crystal Herriage

Daniel Brown

John Climer

Janine Houghton

7. Pamela Anderson

Dawn Lopez

Robert Mann

James Niemi

Kevin Niemi

Celena Twinn

8. Tina Blair

Rodney Rave

Jean Stopinski

Frederick White

9. Janet Berg

Forrest Whiterabbit

10. Geneinne Morgan

11. Sharon Bittner

John Huth, Sr.

Caroline Koukos

Martina Little-Boy

Patricia Provost

15. Christopher Allen

Eliza Green

Willow Lawrie

Ralph Payer

16. Lori Gamble

Linda Lowe

Sharon Pierce

Carole Roberts

17. Polly Cholka

Cleopus Delarosa

Heather Hendrix Wright

Steven Pine

Steven Radtke

Dwight Steele

18. Eloise Funmaker

Leon Oknewski

Lynette Smoke

19. Kenneth Cabasos

Nadine Hindsley

Helen Whitehorse

20. Darcia Blackdeer-Lent

Richard Decorah

James Webster

21. Gloria Decorah

Vicki Greendeer

Patricia Matter

Rachel Winneshiek

22. Donald Blackhawk, Jr.

Betty Kingsley

Albertina Mc Arthur

23. Mary Beeman

Suzie Coffey

Michael Sallaway

Patricia Sampson

24. Arlene Keahna

Delia Maisells

25. Ava De Priest

Susan Johnson

Roger Thundercloud

26. Helene Day

Juan Rivera

27. Mildred Decorah

Boye Ladd

Roy Littlegeorge

Jeffrey Nelson

Edith Prescott

Anna Reichenbach

Louise Topping

28. Kathleen Blackdeer

Carole Buchanan

Cher Laubmeier

Kenneth Lemieux

29. Suzette Greengrass

Dawn Lueth

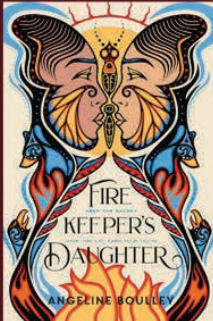

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Angeline Boulley, an enrolled member of the Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Penninsula. She is a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Angeline lives in southwest Michigan, but her home will always be on Sugar Island




Community Presentation
- Thursday, February 1st
@6:00pm
Lunda Theater

The author will host a book signing after the event.

Admission is FREE!





Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be February 2nd which will be published on February 9th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

The Hocak Worak is a periodical published twice monthly by the Ho-Chunk Nation. Editorials and articles appearing in the Hocak Worak are the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or attitude of the Hocak Worak staff or the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Hocak Worak encourages the submission of letters to the Editor. All letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters are subject to editing for grammar, length, malicious and libelous content.

The Hocak Worak reserves the right to reject any advertising, material, or letters submitted for publication. The submission of articles, poetry, artwork and photos is encouraged. The Editor makes the sole decision of what is published in the Hocak Worak. The Hocak Worak will not assume any responsibility for unsolicited material.

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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The logo for Waagax Hakeruxara Hosto features a stylized white tree on a blue background. The tree has a central trunk and several branches, with the branches forming a circular shape at the top. The text "Waagax Hakeruxara Hosto" is written in a white, serif font across the middle of the tree. The background is a solid blue color.


JANUARY 2024

HCN Open Enrollment

Insurance 800-232-0086

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 TOB BRF Cafeteria 9 am – 3 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9 Nekoosa Banquet Hall 9:30 am – 2:30 pm CANCELLED	10 HCG WD 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Upper Dells Ballroom	11 HCG Wittenberg Hotel conf room 10 am - 2 pm	12	13
14	15	16 Nekoosa Rescheduled 9:30 am – 2:30 pm	17 HCG Madison 9 am – 2 pm Upstairs Conf room	18 HHCDA Tomah 9 am – 2 pm	19	20
21	22	23 HCG BRF Bingo Hall 9 am – 2 pm	24	25 HCG WD 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Lower Dells Ballroom	26	27
28	29	30	31 All forms need to be submitted by 4:30 today.			

You may return forms by email to oe2024@ho-chunk.com no response will be sent from that email. Email address will be valid from 1/1/24 and ending on 1/31/24 at 4:30 pm.



Insurance Open Enrollment
2024

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2024 IS NOT MANDATORY
THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

The benefits you currently have will remain the same for 2024 unless you make changes to your elections by January 31, 2024. See below for new updates that you want to consider.

Enroll/Change the following:

- Health Insurance - Dental/Vision **for employees who are NOT Ho-Chunk Enrolled.**
 - Medical Plan – 2 plan options to choose from in 2023 for Non-Ho-Chunk enrolled employees.
 - Option #1** - Current medical plan – No changes to benefits or employee contributions.
 - Option #2** – Value Plan – **Lower employee contributions** and plan structure to encourage members to seek medical services at high quality, low cost providers.
 - Dental and Vision Plan – No changes to benefits or employee contributions.
- Open Enrollment provides the opportunity to make changes to all employee health plans:
 - Enroll if you previously declined coverage
 - Add eligible dependents*
 - Drop currently covered dependents; or
 - Drop all coverage
 - No changes in plan elections allowed after open enrollment unless there is a qualifying event as defined by the IRS as a marriage, divorce, death, etc..

SYMETRA – LIFE AND DISABILITY PLANS


- Short Term Disability
 - Apply for coverage or change coverage amounts
- Life Insurance
 - Increase or add coverage

**If adding any dependents on your major medical health/vision/dental plan, remember to bring their Social Security numbers with you. If the dependent is Ho-Chunk Enrolled, please bring Ho-Chunk Enrollment number. If adding a spouse with a different last name bring a copy of Marriage License.*

All paperwork must be in the Black River Falls Insurance Department by 4:30 pm on Wednesday January 31st, 2024 or it will be too late and not processed!

DON'T MISS OPEN ENROLLMENT!!
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE CHANGES UNTIL JANUARY 2025

Staff will be at various locations at least once to assist employees with questions, updates or changes. See reverse side for scheduled dates and times.



Insurance Open Enrollment
Presentation for 2024


OPEN ENROLLMENT 2024 PRESENTATION
VIRTUAL OPTION – AVAILABLE JANUARY 2, 2024

Open enrollment sessions will be held in January 2024 for the effective date of February 1, 2024 to assist employees with questions, updates or changes. If you are not able to attend an open enrollment session, the open enrollment presentation video will be available as of January 2, 2024 for all employees and spouses who would like to review the 2024 benefit plans on-line on your smartphone, laptop or tablet. **This Open Enrollment is NOT mandatory, so you if do not want to make any changes, you do not need to attend.**

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- Indicate if you are an employee or a spouse **(required field)**

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forward to working collaboratively with my fellow board members to contribute to the company’s success,” expressed Gibbs.

The newly elected directors will play a pivotal role in guiding Twelve Clans through its strategic initiatives, ensuring the company’s growth and

success. “I want to focus on the future and all the positive changes our new CEO and well-qualified board are already implementing with a commitment to openness, effective communication, and a well-defined strategy. This is a new starting point. I hope to have your trust and support as Twelve Clans begins building a brighter Ho-Chunk future,” Brown

Thunder remarked.

Twelve Clans expresses its gratitude to all shareholders who attended the annual meeting, contributing to the election of the duly appointed directors and making this significant step forward possible.

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overcoming of obstacles.

“This is a place where team becomes family,” said Senior Manager Public Relations Jessica White Wing Clark. “Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg’s family team of employees truly makes a difference every step of the way, and it shows.”

The Business of the Year award is a recognition given for over 20 years by the Shawano County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a not-for-profit; membership-based organization that advocates and works with member businesses and works to ensure economic, civic and cultural well-being for its communities.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg provides a wonderful gaming experience, fantastic entertainment and luxurious hotel accommodations along with pleasant customer service. This is the first time it has won the Business of the Year award.

“It’s a great feeling to have been chosen for the Business of the Year Award and we are happy Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg has been able to make such a positive impact within the surrounding communities,” said Marketing Director Tracy Pecore. “We definitely could not have done it without our employees, who offer great guest services

and have worked through the pandemic and other obstacles, they’re the real MVP “

About Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg has been in business since 2008, with a major expansion in 2018, which included gaming space and an addition of a luxury hotel. It is committed to providing excellent customer service to guests while creating an atmosphere that is fun, exciting, and strives to continue to support its employees and communities.



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Sensing Sasquatch Exhibition Opens March 2, 2024

Sasquatch’s Past, Present and Future in the High Desert Region Explored in Works by Five Indigenous Artists

BEND, OR – What does Sasquatch — also known as Bigfoot — represent to you? The unknown? Adventure? Mystery?

Sensing Sasquatch is a major new exhibition opening March 2, 2024, at the High Desert Museum examining the primate-like, reclusive and elusive being in the context of the High Desert region. The exhibit will be on view through January 12, 2025.

Native peoples of the Plateau have long known about, encountered, depicted and told stories about Sasquatch. Sensing Sasquatch will explore Sasquatch’s past, present and future in the High Desert region through an Indigenous lens. Works by five Indigenous artists will be on view, including: Phillip Cash Cash, Ph.D. (Nez Perce, Cayuse), HollyAnna CougarTracks DeCoteau Littlebull (Yakama, Nez Perce, Cayuse, Cree), Charlene “Tillie” Dimmick (Warm Springs), Frank Buffalo Hyde (Nez Perce, Onondaga) and Rocky LaRock (Salish).

“Sasquatch has captivated people in the region and, indeed, throughout the world,” says Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. “However, what many people don’t know is that Native Americans have had deeper relationships with Sasquatch throughout time.”

“Rather than the popular, mainstream view of Sasquatch, this exhibition will show Sasquatch as a protective entity for many Indigenous peoples of the High Desert,” says Whitelaw. “The exhibit will reflect the reverence that Native peoples have for Sasquatch and will be centered on Indigenous art, voices and storytelling.”

The original word for Sasquatch is “Sasq’ets,” which comes from the Halq’emeylem language of Coast Salish First Nation peoples from southwestern British Columbia. Sasquatch is bipedal and much taller than a human. Sasquatch’s habitat is often associated with the wet rainforests of the coastal Pacific Northwest, but Sasquatch also lives beyond the green, lush climate. In the High Desert region, Sasquatch strides among the dry canyonlands, ponderosa pine forests and shrublands.

Popular depictions of Sasquatch can be found everywhere across America. Sasquatch is emblazoned on everything from t-shirts and road signs to beer cans and traveling mugs. Before entering the exhibition there will be an homage to the pop culture icon that Sasquatch has become, but visitors will be asked to leave these ideas and perceptions behind to consider another side of Sasquatch’s story. Outside the exhibition, a “bring-your-own” sticker interactive will encourage visitors to reflect on the popularity and kitsch of mainstream Sasquatch representations. Visitors will place their stickers on the back of a car that’s driving away into the distance — symbolically transporting away their Sasquatch stereotypes

and entering into a new realm of experience and insight.

Visitors will be introduced to the Indigenous Plateau of the High Desert and the arid forests and canyonlands where Native peoples have long come into contact with and exchanged stories about Sasquatch. They will see representations, stories and artwork about Sasquatch and how they vary between tribes and across regions. A contemporary carved mask by Rocky LaRock (Salish) will show visitors that knowledge of Sasquatch is both ancient and contemporary. A digital language map will show the various names for Sasquatch across the Indigenous Plateau and beyond.

The question of whether or not Sasquatch exists is irrelevant to the exhibit’s theme since in many Indigenous traditions, Sasquatch is a bona fide living, breathing, sentient being. Indeed, for many tribes across North America, Sasquatch is regarded as an elder, a relative and a spiritual guide who appears to deliver important message to humans. So, when Sasquatch suddenly comes into view and interacts with humans, it can be a life-changing experience.

Sasquatch as a conscious being with the agency to communicate with humans will be shown in direct opposition to the popular view of Sasquatch as shy and who runs and hides when humans approach. Phillip Cash Cash’s (Nez Perce, Cayuse) commissioned 13-foot-tall “Bigfoot Rattle,” made of cottonwood, that Sasquatch would use. Cash Cash is an artist, writer, endangered language advocate and linguistic anthropology scholar, with doctorates in linguistics and anthropology. As a fluent Nez Perce speaker, he works with communities and professional organizations on projects of cultural advocacy, identity and communication.

Many Indigenous people say that a Sasquatch encounter is a blessing. In turn, many Indigenous peoples have sought to protect Sasquatch’s anonymity and prevent human access to its wilderness habitat. HollyAnna CougarTracks DeCoteau Littlebull’s (Yakama, Nez Perce, Cayuse, Cree) commissioned “Protector” sculpture — will depict Sasquatch as a protective “big sister” — not a predator but one who deserves respect and safeguarding. CougarTracks is an avid hunter and gatherer, grew up on the Yakama Indian Reservation and considers herself “a protector of KwiKwiyai, or Bigfoot. Bigfoot is considered the protector of all living things.” As a contemporary and traditional artist, CougarTracks has many creative pursuits — illustration, animation, saddle making, beadwork, storytelling and writing.

Other art will show visitors that Sasquatch is a being that exists in the past, present and

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HollyAnna Cougar Tracks and Bigfoot sculpture / Photo Courtesy of the High Desert Museum



Study for piece, Frank Buffalo Hyde / Photo Courtesy of the High Desert Museum



HollyAnna Cougar Tracks / Photo Courtesy of the High Desert Museum



Frank Buffalo Hyde / Photo Courtesy of the High Desert Museum



Philip Cash / Photo Courtesy of the High Desert Museum

Rapidly Changing Weather Brings Unsafe Ice Conditions Statewide

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges the public to practice ice safety on all of Wisconsin’s waterbodies and remember that no ice is safe ice.

Temperature swings, mixed precipitation and other factors are making ice unsafe to walk or drive on across much of the state, despite recent snowfall and subzero temperatures.

Get Ice Status From Local Sources
The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. If your plans include access to or use of an ice-covered waterbody, contact your local fishing clubs, bait shops or outfitters for ice conditions.

These places routinely check ice conditions and can give you the best and most current conditions. If you can plan your outing without any travel over ice, do it.

Conditions Vary On Waterbodies
Each waterbody can have its own characteristics. Check if the lake has inlets, outlets, narrows that have currents or is spring-fed, all of which can thin the ice. Some smaller lakes can have aerators that are run throughout the winter, either covering a large area towards the center of the lake or may have smaller aerators placed by private property landowners adjacent to their

shore and piers.
It is equally as important to stay alert for pressure ridges or ice heaves. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and resulting open water. They are often created, move or grow with changes in temperatures and high winds. Pressure ridges and ice heaves can happen on Wisconsin’s largest inland lake, Lake Winnebago, a popular home to sturgeon spearers, and the Bay of Green Bay, among other places.

Ice Safety Basics
Here are a few basic ice safety tips to remember:

- Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going and when you’ll return home.
- Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or a float coat, to help you stay afloat and to help maintain body heat.
- Wear ice creepers attached to boots to prevent slipping on clear ice.
- Carry a spud bar to check the ice while walking to new areas.
- Carry a few spikes and a length of light rope in an easily accessible pocket to help pull yourself – or others – out of the ice.
- If you fall in, remain as calm as possible. While attempting to get out



Temperature swings, mixed precipitation and other factors are making ice unsafe to walk or drive on across much of the state, despite recent snowfall and subzero temperatures. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

of the water, call for help. Anyone who attempts to rescue you should use a rope or something similar to avoid falling through themselves.
• Do not travel in unfamiliar areas or at night.
Have a plan in place noting where you will be and when you plan to return. Along with leaving a written note of

your plans, keeping a charged cell phone is also recommended.
Check out the DNR’s Ice Safety webpage for more information on staying safe on the ice, including tips for creating ice claws and what to do if you fall through ice.

Coming Soon: ‘Star Wars’ in Ojibwe

Plans for a new dubbed version of the 1977 film draws praise from language warriors

Miles Morrisseau
Reprint from ICT

In a galaxy far, far away, they will soon be speaking Ojibwe.

Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Han Solo, and C3PO will be speaking Anishinaabemowin in an upcoming translation and dub of the original 1977 sci-fi classic, “Star Wars: A New Hope.”

Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council and the University of Manitoba in Canada have an alliance with Disney/Lucasfilm to create an official Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) version of the iconic film that started the series.

And yes, it will include another famous line from the film.

Gi-ga-miinigoowiz Mamaandaawiziwin. (May the Force be with you.)

The project drew high praise among Indigenous leaders and language experts.

“This is an exciting project that seeks to restore the Anishinaabe language to the galaxy,” Maeengan Linklater, project leader of the Dakota Ojibwe Tribal Council, said in a statement.

“And DOTC gets to say it did the Kessel Run in less than 12 parsecs,” Linklater added, a reference to Solo’s famous brag about the speed of his spaceship, the Millennium Falcon.

This is not the first time that Disney/Lucasfilm has worked with Indigenous communities on official translations and

dubs of the film. In 2013, a Navajo version of “Star Wars: A New Hope” was released and played in theaters throughout the Navajo Nation. That version is currently available on Disney plus.

“Working on the Navajo version of ‘Star Wars: A New Hope’ was a highlight of my career,” said Michael Kohn, Lucasfilm senior manager of distribution operations. “I am very excited to revisit this type of project again, and hopefully preserve and expand the Ojibwe language for future generations.”

Script translation, auditions for Anishinaabemowin voice actors and sound recording will take place in Winnipeg this year, with sound mixing and post-production scheduled to occur at Skywalker Sound in California.

Plans call for a Winnipeg premiere and showings at theaters across Canada, as well as airing the film on the Aboriginal Peoples Television network, or APTN. Further details and timelines will be announced as the project progresses.

The project is supported in part by the Government of Canada through the Indigenous Languages and Cultures Program from Canadian Heritage. Additional support will be provided by Disney/Lucasfilm and APTN.

“Like the Force, our language surrounds us, penetrates us, and binds our communities and culture together,” said Cary Miller,

associate vice president for Indigenous scholarship, research and curriculum at the University of Manitoba. “Projects like this that make our language more accessible, and are foundationally important to encouraging our youth to carry on our knowledge — including that of science and technology — which are embedded in our Anishinaabe language.”

Summer Bressette, an Anishinaabe educator, storyteller and lifelong Star Wars fan, sees the potential for using the film in classrooms, through online teaching and in her own life.

“I fell in love with Star Wars, like my cousins all did, as children,” Bressette told ICT. “And there was something that spoke to us. We didn’t grow up in a church household, but we grew up in a Star Wars household. I think that there was something that we understood, you know, as little Anishinaabe kids playing and acting out our favorite parts from Star Wars, that we understood about the spiritual connection that they were talking about with the Force.”

Bressette currently teaches a communications course as part of a language immersion project at the Chippewa of the Thames.

“I see myself as an educator, using the ‘Star Wars’ translation,” she said. “My students who have been in my classes know how much I love ‘Star Wars,’” said Bressette. “I would definitely

use that in my classroom. And I would even use it in my personal life to improve my language learning.”

As a self-proclaimed “‘Indiginerd” who has seen the film more times than she can count, Bressette is looking forward to seeing her favorite film with a new set of ears and eyes.

“What I’ve come to appreciate about language learning in my life, is that it changes the way that you view the world,” she said. “When you start to, what I call ‘put on my Anishinaabemowin glasses,’ you see the world through that language. And I feel like translating the ‘Star Wars’ movie, for Anishinaabe people, and for Anishinaabemowin speakers and learners, it will give us a window into the world or into the ‘Star Wars’ universe through the lens of our own language.”

Dominic Beaudry, associate vice president in the Office of Academic and Indigenous Programs at Laurentian University, believes that the film will inspire new hope in language learners.

“It will give the students another opportunity to really want to reclaim their language and to revitalize their language because it becomes more meaningful when you see it in pop culture, when you see it in the media,” Beaudry told ICT. “Everything to do with equity, diversity, inclusion and

Indigenous is always a step forward.”

“What a wonderful opportunity to be able to bring that language together with a pop-culture icon. ‘Star Wars’ always seems to be of interest – doesn’t matter which generation, first generation, second, third or fourth, there seem to be many generations of ‘Star Wars’ viewers,” Beaudry said. “I believe it’s a great opportunity for folks to get to hear the Ojibwe language on the big screen.”

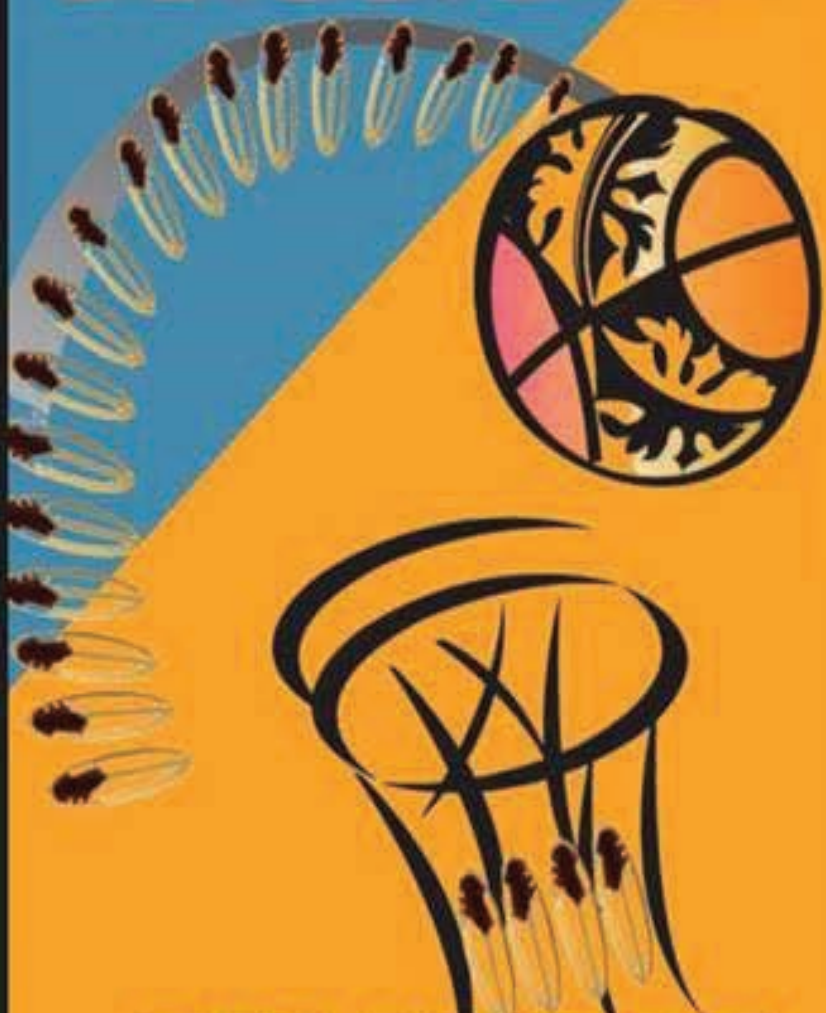
Laurentian University is based in Sudbury, Ontario and it is a part of the country far away from where the movie will be dubbed, but Beaudry has no doubt it will translate.

“In my region, there is still a lot of Anishinaabemowin spoken here,” he said. “So given an opportunity to view a movie that most folks grew up with, ‘Star Wars,’ – here’s an opportunity to watch the film in Anishinaabe. It’s going to be absolutely amazing, not just to myself, but also to the elders.”

Beaudry would like to see the ever-expanding “Star Wars” universe include an Indigenous character.

“I think in the future would be great for them to create an Indigenous character or Anishinaabe character for an upcoming ‘Star Wars’ feature,” Beaudry said. “It would be ideal for that person to share a little bit of their Ojibwe language. That would be absolutely amazing.”

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ALL NATIVE

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

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

Tournament & Hotel info:
contact sgilbeck@ho-chunk.com
608.355.5155 ext. 15512





22ND ANNUAL

MARCH 8, 9, 10

16 MENS & WOMENS

DOUBLE


ELIMINATION

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

8th Annual
Roberta Funmaker
All-Star Womens Tournament

FRIDAY NIGHT:
3PT SHOOTOUT / DUNK CONTEST

SATURDAY:
LITTLE HOOPSTERS
SATURDAY NIGHT:
HAND DRUM CONTEST




HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

HOW DID WE DO?

If you visited us during January...

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

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




Scan me to take the survey online!


For more information, visit us:

Online
health.ho-chunk.com

In-person
Full services available at
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
715-284-9851
House of Wellness
608-355-1240



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HOUSE OF WELLNESS CANNING CLASS

Cedar Jelly

Tuesday, January 30th
4-6pm at House of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Rd, Baraboo

Take home a jar of cedar jelly

Class provided by UW-Extension
Sponsored by HCN Health & Wellness Division
Contact Nutritionist Kyla Ripp to RSVP for your jar of jelly
kyla.ripp@ho-chunk.com OR 608-355-1240 ext. 35554

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January is National Radon Action Month

Radon is an odorless, radioactive gas that occurs naturally in the ground. This gas can enter buildings through the foundation. Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Has your home been tested for radon?

For more information on radon and how to get your home tested contact Matthew.Malimanek@ho-chunk.com

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Division of Public Health

Ask a Question. Save a Life.

QPR GATEKEEPER TRAINING

Virtual Suicide Prevention trainings noon-1

- Tuesday, February 6th
- Wednesday, February 14th
- Friday, February 16th
- Monday, February 19th
- Thursday, February 29th

Space is limited to 20 people per session. Registration required.

Email Ronelle.McKernaneho-chunk.com
Call/text 715.896.2570

Alvin “Shorty” Alderman


March 14, 1940 - November 30, 2023

Alvin “Shorty” Alderman passed peacefully on November 30th surrounded by family. Shorty was born in Tomah, Wisconsin on 3/14/1940 to Ray and Mayvis Alderman. As a child he enjoyed spending time in the woods or on the water, and even as he grew older those always stayed his favorite places to spend time. In 1947, Shorty’s dad got a job at Highway trailer and moved the family down to Edgerton, Wisconsin, and after a few moves the family settled in Newville. Then in 1958 Shorty started his career in construction and would often talk with pride about being part of the crew that built the first interstate bridge in Newville in 1964. However, his proudest moment in life came a few years earlier when he married Patricia “Pat” Wellnitz in 1960, and started his family, they were blessed with 4 wonderful children that they both cherished. After all the kids were born, Shorty would join the Millwright union in 1971, and he was proud to go to those jobs every day.

Shorty was a beloved Elder of the Ho Chunk nation and shared his wisdom with many. In his retirement, he could be found at the Edgerton Care Center conversing and reminiscing with friends and strangers alike. He was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman, and his favorite memories of hunting and fishing are those times where he was able to go out with his children, especially his boys. He could often be found around town talking about times past, whether it was memories about the Newville school, when he served as coach for the ladies’ softball team, or stories from Friday night bowling league at Northern Inn, he was always happy engaging with friend and family.

If you spent any time with Shorty, you know that he always strived to help those around him and he spoke often about the importance of being friendly to everyone in your life. Shorty would tell his family that a quote he tried to live by was “A good friend need not be your relative, but a good relative has to be a good friend”. He truly did exemplify this quote as he was always there to support any friend or relative regardless of the issue.

Shorty was preceded in death by his mother Mavis Goodbear, father Ray Alderman, wife Pat Alderman, and his brothers Ron Alderman and Loren “Wimp” Alderman. His stories still live on through his children; Rod Alderman, Anita Alderman, Shannon Alderman, and Tina (Doug) Turben, his sister Vivian “Vickie” Flitsch, as well as his grandchildren, Jamie Alderman & Ahren Teubert.



Bridgadine Ann (Garvin) Spiegler

February 26, 1950 - January 14, 2024



Bridgadine Ann (Garvin) Spiegler (February 26, 1950-January 14, 2024) passed peacefully on January 14, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. Bridge fought a courageous battle with breast cancer, lived with metastatic breast cancer for the last five years, all the while with a positive outlook on life.

Bridge will be remembered most for her animated story telling, her strength, and generosity. Her smile lit up a room, her laugh was contagious. She dearly loved all three of her daughters; and her grandchildren were her pride and joy. Bridge was an avid and loud Packers fan, she loved going to casinos, fishing, making and selling her crafts, and going to warahahas. More than anything, she loved her family and spending time with them.

Bridge was a 1968 graduate of Wisconsin Dells high school; she attended Mt. Scenario College in Ladysmith where she met the father of her three daughters, the late Daniel DeLong. As a Navy wife, she traveled to Virginia, South Carolina, Hawaii, Connecticut, and Michigan. It was in Michigan that she was divorced and chose a sober lifestyle. Through Alcoholics Anonymous, she met the love of her life, Leonard Spiegler. They met in 1981, married in 1991 and renewed their vows

in 2019. They had multiple fur children: the late J.J., Piggles and Misty, and currently Daisy and Ella.

Bridge is survived by her husband of 43 years, Lenny, daughters, Amy Jo DeLong (Brad Herzberg), Lisa Rae DeLong (Ryan Peters), and Danielle DeLong. Grandchildren Isabella, Dominick, Asia, and Sabra DuBray and Jennifer, Andrew, and Benjamin Adams. Her mother, Lillian Thundercloud and Naani Hattie Walker. Siblings: Twila Garvin, George Garvin, Roger Thundercloud, Beth Thundercloud Anacker (Jim), Mary Thundercloud Eary (Mark), Gary Thundercloud (Patty), Byron Thundercloud (Liz), Sam Thundercloud (Rosie) and nieces and nephews, Tim Decorah, Roy, Rory, and Ria Thundercloud; Micah, Nicole, and Kate Anacker; Hunter and Brandy Thundercloud Eary, Ryan, Kyle, and Brant Thundercloud; Damian and Byron Thundercloud; Matt and April Thundercloud, fur babes, Daisy and Ella. She was preceded in death by her father Ernest Garvin, sister Renee Thundercloud, Naani Frances Wentz, maternal grandparents Daniel and Lydia (Lowe) Thundercloud and paternal grandparents George and Ellen (Winneshiek) Garvin.

Funeral services for Bridge Spiegler will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at the United Church of Christ, W8879 Mission Road, Black River Falls, beginning at 11am. Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 16 from 5pm until 8pm at the Buswell Funeral Home, 106 S. 2nd St. Black River Falls, and also on Wednesday at the church from 10am until the start of services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the United Church of Christ Indian Mission, W8879 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615, 715-284-2625.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

State: Wisconsin
County: Jackson

In the Matter of: Estate of Pamela Decorah

Notice to Heirs

To the heir(s): Donovan P. Scheurich Jr.
Heaven L. Scheurich
Mackenzie E. Decorah
Eden D. Decorah

This NOTICE for decedent, **PAMELA DECORAH**, with date of birth October 17, 1964 and date of death May 26, 2002 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with an address of:

Lot #29 Indian Mission
W8859 Decorah Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Town of Komensky

You have been named as an heir with a legal interest to the decedent's Estate (Property). This NOTICE further extends to any other potential heir(s) who may have a legal interest to the decedent's Estate (Property).

The Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby, makes NOTICE to the heirs that it has a claim of interest to this Estate (Property). This is through: Dept. of Housing/Homeownership Division.

A claim (interest) to the Estate (Property) may be filed with the Representative of the HCN Dept. of Housing. The deadline to submit your claim (interest) shall be within thirty (30) days. If no claim (interest) is submitted, a rescission of Resolution 11-06-07A will commence.

Denise Wright
Homeownership Manager
HCN Dept. of Housing
27374 State HWY 21
Tomah, WI 54660
Ph: (608) 374-1225

NOTICE OF ELECTION – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13th 2024

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Elder Advisory Board

(1 vacancy) – La Crosse area

(1 vacancy) – Madison area

(1 vacancy) – Milwaukee area

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

Voting Process

Ballots will be available at the respective sites. Ballots will be accepted from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm day on Tuesday February 13th. If you are unable to vote in person please contact your local office or the Black River Falls office at 715-284-0811 for an absentee ballot.

For more information contact your local branch office:

La Crosse Office – Paul Sallaway

724 Main Street

608-784-3083

715-299-0153

Madison Office – Lynette Smoke

4724 Trade Wind Parkway

608-277-9964

608-206-9652

Milwaukee Office – Jeanette Decorah

3501 South Howell Avenue

414-747-8680 ext 15471

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,	For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Jon F. Brown DOB: 6/02/21</u> <u>By: Lori J. Gamble</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended Notice to Creditors Case No. <u>PR23-07</u>

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

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

This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues; the first publication date must be within 15 days from the date underneath the Clerk of Court's signature.

Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF Jon F. Brown
A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Lori Jeanne Gamble or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is 4-24-24. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Mary Thunder
Clerk of Court
Name Printed or Typed
1/10/2024
Date

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

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material. §8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE

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insecticide between mid-April and mid-May. Insecticide treatments are seldom practical or economical for woodlot ash trees.

Insecticide treatment of valuable ash trees is more likely to succeed if the trees have low or moderate levels of woodpecker damage. Now is a good time to make plans for insecticide protection this spring.

Treatments are worth considering statewide. The highest risk of infestation is in communities already known to be infested or within 15 miles of a known infestation. More information on EAB protection can be found on the Wisconsin EAB website. Treatments are applied every one or

two years, depending on the product. Homeowners can apply some types of insecticide products, but a certified professional must apply others. Review the available options before selecting an insecticide and treatment method. Visit the Wisconsin EAB and EAB Information Network websites for more insecticide information.

Property owners should consider a tree's benefits — including shade, view, wildlife habitat, reduced air conditioner use and increased property value — along with the financial cost of the treatments. Some ash trees are not worth treating due to pre-existing health or structure problems. For those trees, removal and replacement may
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DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL BRF AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON WAUSAU AREA MEETING
Northcentral Technical College
1000 W. Campus Dr., Wausau, WI 54401
Room E102
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
5:30 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:
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Posted on: 1/20/24



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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 | 6:00 PM
GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 | 6:00 PM
MADISON | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 | 6:00 PM
WM RAPIDS | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 | 5:30 PM
MILWAUKEE | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024 | 5:30 PM

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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, February 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA
MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, February 15, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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Posted on: 1/18/24



HO-CHUNK NATION
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HO-CHUNK NATION
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION

Introduction.

On September 16, 2023 the General Council met and passed a resolution for a Secretarial Election.¹ The resolution advances an effort to amend the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation (hereinafter “Constitution”). If passed, the amendment would permit enrollment by persons who were previously enrolled in other Indian Tribes when they were minors, as long as they met all other Ho-Chunk membership blood quantum and DNA requirements. In addition, the amendment would also allow a person to become enrolled if a committee of elders determined other extenuating circumstances² existed.

After the Office of General Council provided the resolution to the Election Board, it was verified that a majority of voters at the General Council voted for the Constitutional Amendment.³ Following approval of Board minutes on November 22, 2023, the Board referred the proposed amendment to the Attorney General for an Opinion relating to the constitutionality and legality of the proposed amendment. Once this Opinion is completed, it is to be posted in the Nation’s newsletter for two consecutive printings, along with the text of the proposed Amendment.⁴

Text of the Proposed Amendment.

The Resolution seeks to amend Article II, Section 1(d) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation by adding the following *italicized and underscored* language:

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

¹ The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code 2 HCC § 6.21 now refers to this as a Constitutional Election.

² Formal facts or reasons which make one feel it is reasonable to not follow the usual rules.

³ Resolution 09.16.2023 J. The Resolution passed by a vote of Yes – 630, No – 584, Abstain – 163, for a total of 1,377 votes. The quorum number was 1,261.

⁴ Election Code 2 HCC §6. 21.e.(1)

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Opinion.

1. The proposed amendment was adopted by a quorum of the General Council and was properly certified by the Election Board. It is *procedurally* lawful.

2. The language allowing for a committee of elders to determine what extenuating circumstances might allow for membership creates an authority that conflicts with other existing constitutional provisions. Because it does, the proposed amendment is *flawed* and its constitutionality is *doubtful*.

Discussion.

Constitutions typically are made up of two main parts: the creation of a framework for government, and an establishment of rights.

The framers of the Constitution divided power among the different branches of government (General Council, legislative, executive, and judicial). This framework, known as the separation of powers, ensures that no one person is able to gain absolute power and stand above the law. Each branch of government has some level of control or oversight over the actions of the other branches.

When a proposed amendment to a Constitution is considered/evaluated for lawfulness and constitutionality, attention must be focused on whether or not the words and meaning of the amendment agree with the language and framework of the existing Constitution. The amendment should not harbor competing or contradictory principles to those in the existing Constitution. The proposed law must be understandable and able to be applied predictably and uniformly, not arbitrarily. An amended Constitution must maintain balance, stability, and uniformity for governance.

In my opinion, the language of the proposed amendment, if adopted, would conflict with, and be contradictory to, existing structure and authorities established in the Constitution.

The proposed language would give constitutional authority to a continually changing⁵ “committee” of elders who would determine among themselves what facts or reasons provide a person an excuse from complying with the usual rules governing membership. This decision-making process not only lends itself to unpredictable and arbitrary determinations, but it also conflicts with the existing constitutional authority given to the Legislature to enact laws to govern membership.⁶ And, the committee could make their determinations without being subject to control or oversight by any of the other branches of government. Basically, adopting this language creates the potential that this committee of elders could determine membership criteria outside of written law.

⁵ Over time, the Committee would be expected to change members due to natural aging processes.

⁶ Article II, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

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adult when enrolled in another tribe as a minor may be; approving this type of constitutional change to the framework of government, is ill-advised. An amendment seeking to expand individual rights should not do so at the expense of constitutional checks and balances.

Summary.

If this proposed Amendment consisted only of language providing for the right of a person who was enrolled in another tribe as a minor to be allowed to change enrollment to the Ho-Chunk Nation as an adult, I would be fully behind it. **The first part of the proposed amendment language** “unless such person was enrolled in the other tribe as minor and later relinquishes such membership” would be a lawful, as it would not affect any other person’s rights. And it would be constitutional, as it would not affect any other governmental processes included in the current Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The second part of the proposed amendment language “or other extenuating circumstances (as determined by a committee of elders duly appointed as provided by law) exist” creates the deficiencies discussed above and requires me to point out the constitutional risk of adopting this resolution.



William F. Gardner
Attorney General of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 10, 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-EX
- Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
- Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
- 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: Chief Clayton Winneshiek offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-January 3, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 3, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Gaming Commission

A written report was received.

Newly elected Gaming Commission Chairperson Cori Blaschke gave a brief update on the Gaming Commission report.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Heritage Preservation

A written report was received.

Department of Justice

A written report was received.

Department of Natural Resources

A written report was received.

Department of Agriculture

A written report was received.

Department of Treasury

A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-05-23 G Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for a Costquest License

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-10-24 A**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-05-23 G Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for a Costquest License. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Tribal Government Certification of Unserved Areas and Required Disclosures for the National Telecommunication and Information Administration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-10-24 B**, Tribal Government Certification of Unserved Areas and Required Disclosures for the National Telecommunication and Information Administration.

Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Ruth Foundation for the Arts: Wisconsin Special Projects Grant

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 01-10-24 C**, Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Ruth Foundation for the Arts: Wisconsin Special Projects Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Tribal Leadership Conference, July 15-18, 2024, Cabazon, CA

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve any interested Legislator to attend the Tribal Leadership Conference, July 15-18, 2024, Cabazon, CA. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Sewage and Waste Water Use Ordinance (3 HCC § 12)

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-10-24 D**, Adoption of Amendments to the Sewage and Waste Water Use Ordinance (3 HCC § 12). Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Phyllis Smoke requested Legislative Legal to add the name of the ordinance in Ho-Chunk to the title.

Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Property #439 T 2107 for Jason Ennis, Patricia Lowe-Ennis & Michael Ennis d.b.a. Red 6

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-10-24 E**, Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells

Property #439 T 2107 for Jason Ennis, Patricia Lowe-Ennis & Michael Ennis d.b.a. Red 6. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for Wisconsin Department of Health Services Funding for Room and Board Costs for Medicaid Members in Residential Substance Use Disorder (Opioid) Treatment Programs

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-10-24 F**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for Wisconsin Department of Health Services Funding for Room and Board Costs for Medicaid Members in Residential Substance Use Disorder (Opioid) Treatment Programs. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Health Act of 2009 (1 HCC § 5) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-10-24 G**, Authorization to Place the Department of Health Act of 2009 (1 HCC § 5) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Conference-February 5-7, 2024, Washington, D.C.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve up to four Legislators to attend the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Conference-February 5-7, 2024, Washington, D.C., to include February 8th for a day of lobbying. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session

for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:31 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 12:20 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.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-19-23 Q Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan Vision Benefit

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-10-24 I**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-19-23 Q Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan Vision Benefit. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the General Terms and Conditions for Independent Contractor template, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to January 23, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 15, 2024

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-P
- Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P

- Rep. Rodney Rave-P
- Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
- Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P
- Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
- Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX
- Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC
- Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
- Rep. Danielle DeLong-EX
- Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
- Rep. Paul Fox-P
- Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC
- VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:01 p.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox

to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 1:03 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 1:26 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 Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

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future. Sasquatch has appeared in Indigenous artworks and stories for thousands of years and this continues today. Frank Buffalo Hyde's (Nez Perce, Onondaga) commissioned large-scale futuristic Sasquatch painting with 3-D relief elements will illustrate the perception of Sasquatch as an interdimensional enigma who lurked in the forest for millennia to a modern being that continues to live among humans in the present. Buffalo Hyde attended the Santa Fe Fine Arts Institute and Institute of American Indians Arts in New Mexico. His artwork, he says on his website, combines modern culture and technology with Indigenous themes and tradition.

Sensing Sasquatch will include a yearlong series of associated public programs at the Museum that will explore and reflect on the past, present and future of Sasquatch as seen through an Indigenous lens.

Sensing Sasquatch is made possible by Bigfoot Beverages, the Bend Cultural Tourism Fund, Bend Magazine, Brooks Resources Corp., Central Oregon Daily, the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation, the Old Mill District, the Visit Central Oregon Future Fund and The X 100.7 FM with support from Bend Pet Express, Travel Oregon and Waypoint Hotel. Learn more at highdesertmuseum.org/sensing-sasquatch.

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