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Ho-Chunk wellness court graduate to speak at statewide conference

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For the first time, a Native American graduate of a tribal wellness court will speak at the Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals' annual conference.

Karie Decorah, Ho-Chunk, will serve on a panel with other treatment court graduates on Thursday, April 29, as part of this year's WATCP three-day gathering at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells.

A main focus of WATCP's mission, according to its website, is to reduce substance abuse, crime and recidivism by promoting and advocating the establishment and funding of treatment courts.

Decorah graduated from the Ho-Chunk Nation Family Wellness Court in August 2017, and on the same day, had legal custody of children returned to her after two years. It was the beginning of a new chapter in her life after struggling with substance abuse issues for 15 years.

"The Family Wellness Court

has given me the support and resources to rebuild a healthier life in recovery," said Decorah, who works as a pre-K-12 grant specialist at Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education in Black River Falls and attends Western Technical College where she is studying for an associate degree in the accounting program. "The Family Wellness Court also held me accountable for my choices that weren't always in my best interest. Because of this, I was able to look within myself and take responsibility for my choices."

A 2014 report by the California-based Tribal Law and Policy Institute stated that since tribal wellness courts were started in 1997, they have "spawned a new generation of drug courts and, more importantly, a new beacon of hope for the continually devastating

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The Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals held their annual conference in Wisconsin Dells on April 28-30. Karie Decorah (right) and other treatment court graduates served on a discussion panel.

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Sheriff: Wisconsin casino shooter was fired employee Gunman kills 2, wounds 1 at Oneida Nation casino; gunman also killed

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — A man who shot and killed two people and wounded a third at a northeastern Wisconsin tribal casino restaurant before police killed him had been fired from the eatery and banned from the property, authorities said Monday.

Brown County Sheriff's Lt. Kevin Pawlak said investigators believe the gunman was seeking a specific person he was angry at.

"He was targeting a spe-

cific victim who was not there, but he decided to still shoot some of the victim's friends or co-workers, it appears," Pawlak said.

Brown County Sheriff Todd Delain identified the victims and gunman during a press conference Monday. The victims are Ian Simpson, 32, Jacob Bartel, 35. Daniel Mulligan, 35 was wounded and is in critical condition at a hospital in Milwaukee.

The gunman was Bruce K. Pofahl, 62, of Brown County.

He shot Simpson and

Bartel at a waiter station at close range with a 9 mm handgun as dozens of patrons looked on, the sheriff said during the news conference. Pofahl then went outside and shot Mulligan, another restaurant employee.

The sheriff defended the officers' decision to fire on Pofahl, saying "certainly this individual was a threat."

Pofahl was a former employee at the Duck Creek Bar Grill located inside the Radisson Hotel. The hotel

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Treasury Launches Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Deliver \$350 Billion

Aid to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments will help bring back jobs, address pandemic's economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong, equitable recovery

PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Department of the Treasury

May 10, 2021

WASHINGTON — Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. Treasury also released details on the ways funds can be used to respond to acute pandemic-response needs, fill revenue shortfalls among state and local governments, and support the communities and populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 crisis. Eligible state, territorial, metropolitan city, county, and Tribal governments will be able to access funding directly from the Treasury Department in the coming days to assist communities as they recover from the pandemic.

“Today is a milestone in our country’s recovery from the pandemic and its adjacent economic crisis. With this

funding, communities hit hard by COVID-19 will be able to return to a semblance of normalcy; they’ll be able to rehire teachers, firefighters and other essential workers – and to help small businesses reopen safely,” said Secretary Janet L. Yellen. “There are no benefits to enduring two historic economic crises in a 13-year span, except for one: We can improve our policy-making. During the Great Recession, when cities and states were facing similar revenue shortfalls, the federal government didn’t provide enough aid to close the gap. That was an error. Insufficient relief meant that cities had to slash spending, and that austerity undermined the broader recovery. With today’s announcement, we are charting a very different – and much faster – course back to prosperity.”

While the need for services provided by state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments has increased – including setting up emergency medical facilities, standing up vaccination sites, and supporting struggling small businesses – these governments have faced

significant revenue shortfalls as a result of the economic fallout from the crisis. As a result, these governments have endured unprecedented strains, forcing many to make untenable choices between laying off educators, firefighters, and other frontline workers or failing to provide services that communities rely on. Since the beginning of this crisis, state and local governments have cut over 1 million jobs.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs – including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis. Within the categories of eligible uses listed, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities. In addition to allowing for flexible spending up to the level of their revenue loss, recipients can use funds to:

- **Support public health expenditures**, by – among other uses – funding CO-

VID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, mental health and substance misuse treatment and certain public health and safety personnel responding to the crisis;

- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including by rehiring public sector workers, providing aid to households facing food, housing or other financial insecurity, offering small business assistance, and extending support for industries hardest hit by the crisis

- **Aid the communities and populations hardest hit by the crisis**, supporting an equitable recovery by addressing not only the immediate harms of the pandemic, but its exacerbation of longstanding public health, economic and educational disparities

- **Provide premium pay** for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service during the pandemic; and,

- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, improving access to

clean drinking water, supporting vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and expanding access to broadband internet.

Insufficient federal aid and state and local austerity under similar fiscal pressures during the Great Recession and its aftermath undermined and slowed the nation’s broader recovery. The steps the Biden Administration has taken to aid state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments will create jobs and help fuel a strong recovery. And support for communities hardest-hit by this crisis can help undo racial inequities and other disparities that have held too many places back for too long.

For an overview of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program including an expanded use of eligible uses, see the fact sheet released today. For additional details on the state, local, territorial, and Tribal government allocations, see the full list.

For updates from Treasury Department Relief and Recovery Programs, sign up.

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effects of alcohol and drug abuse in Indian country.” The report also cited that the arrest rate among Native Americans for alcohol-related offenses is more than double that found among other races, and that tribes that year reported more cases involving prescription drug, methamphetamine and inhalant abuse.

Decorah organized a local chapter of PROSPERITY in Recovery in Black River Falls in 2019 and serves as one of the group’s leaders. The purpose of the organization is to provide support and encouragement for people who are in “purpose driven recovery” and offer structure through fellowship-based activities.

John Dick, president of PROSPERITY in Recovery in Black River Falls, said the group has helped members gain confidence in taking leadership roles within the community, team building, fundraising, event planning, and budgeting.

“We’ve also gained experience collaborating with various organizations within the community and surrounding areas,” Dick said.

Ryan Dick, vice president of the group, said being involved in the organization “makes me

feel like I’m giving something back to the recovery community.” He added, “I feel that it gives me a voice. Gives me a sense of purpose.”

Decorah will share her story of her road to recovery during the WATCP panel discussion. She plans to speak about what led her to addiction, how the Family Wellness Court program has helped her, and

how her relationships have changed for the better.

She said she hopes her story can give hope to others who may be working their way through a treatment court.

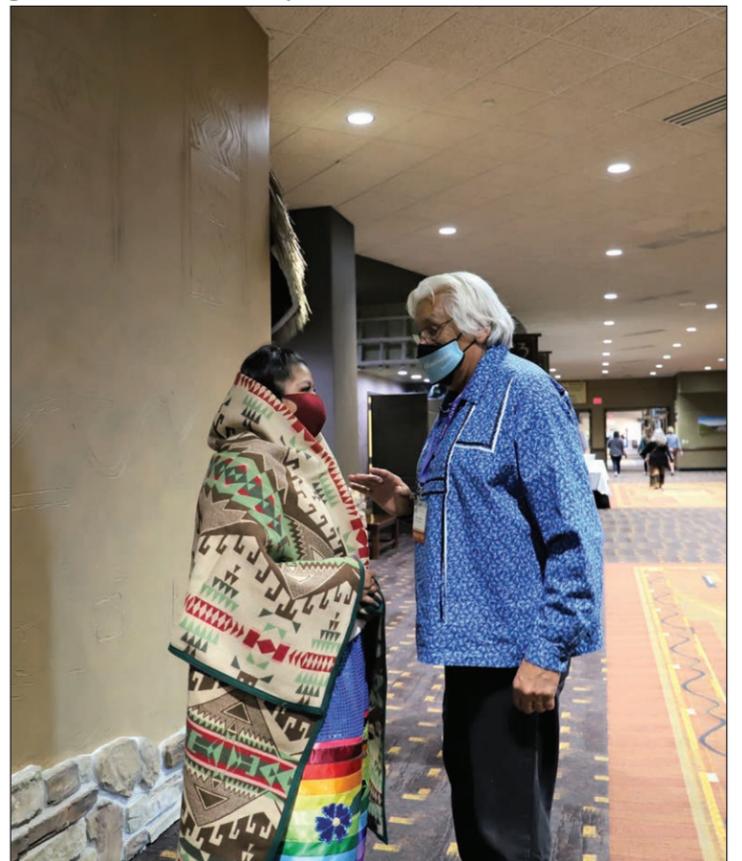
WATCP is a professional organization representing the interests of treatment courts in Wisconsin. WATCP’s website states that its “multidisci-

plinary membership” includes judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, court administrators, treatment providers, probation and community cor-

rections officers, social service caseworkers, and other stakeholders in the field of treatment courts.



Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member Karie Decorah graduated from the Family Wellness Court in 2017. She shared her road to recovery story during the WATCP panel discussion.



Project Coordinator Robert Mann from the Healing to Wellness Court presented a blanket to Karie Decorah and offered words of encouragement after the panel discussion concluded.

Continued from Page 1 is connected to a conference center and casino operated by the Oneida Nation on the western side of Green Bay, with the casino tweeting that an active shooter was on the scene.

According to Delain, Pofahl's employment was terminated earlier this year and he was barred from entering the property. At least one employee also had a restraining order against Pofahl but Delain did not provide details.

The attack happened around 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Pofahl entered the restaurant and walked immediately to the waiters station where he opened fire. There were about 50 patrons in the restaurant at the time of the shooting.

"That complex is a busy place; there were several hundred people in various locations," Delain said.

A wedding reception was taking place in the conference center at the time of the shooting. Many people barricaded themselves inside the building according to Delain.

Ernie Stevens Jr. chairman and spokesperson for the National Indian Gaming Association told Indian Country Today he and his wife were on their way to the restaurant in the Radisson Hotel when the shooting occurred.

"We had to get out of the way, police were coming from

all directions," said Stevens, a citizen of the Oneida Nation.

Jawad Yatim, a witness, said he saw at least two people shot.

"I know for sure two, because it happened right next to us, literally right next to us," Yatim said. "But he was shooting pretty aggressively in the building, so I wouldn't doubt him hitting other people."

Yatim said the shooting began in a casino restaurant.

"We got the hell out of there, thank God we're OK, but obviously we wish the best for everybody who's been shot," he said.

Attorney General Josh Kaul tweeted shortly before 10 p.m. that the scene was "contained. There is no longer a threat to the community."

Gambler Max Westphal said he was standing outside after being evacuated for what he thought was a minor issue.

"All of a sudden we hear a massive flurry of gunshots — 20 to 30 gunshots for sure," Westphal told WBAY-TV.

"We took off running towards the highway ... There had to have been 50 cop cars that came by on the highway. It was honestly insane."

Pawlak said authorities called for a "tactical alert" after receiving the report of an active shooter. That "brings every agency from around the area to the casino, to the

Radisson," he said of the large law enforcement presence.

"Oneida Nation police and law enforcement from surrounding municipalities immediately set up a perimeter and kept everybody safe," Stevens said.

"Our prayers go out to those families, employees and patrons who were affected by this trauma," he added.

Oneida Chairman Tehassi Hill told WLUK-TV on Sunday that he was in "disbelief" and called the shooting "scary." He said the tribe prohibits firearms on its properties but that "(mass shootings

are) kind of a regular thing in this country."

The tribe issued a statement on May 2 that reads, "The Oneida Nation is deeply saddened and heartbroken by the tragic shooting. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to all the loved ones of the victims. Oneida is grateful for all condolences, support and encouraging messages we have received."

Gov. Tony Evers issued a statement late Saturday saying he was "devastated" to hear about the shooting.

"Our hearts, thoughts, and support go out to the Oneida

Nation, the Ashwaubenon and Green Bay communities, and all those affected by this tragedy."

The Oneida tribe's reservation lies on the west side of the Green Bay area. The tribe is one of 11 that operate casinos in the state.

According to the Oneida Nation's Twitter account, the main casino and the Irene Moore Activity Center will be closed until further notice. Other casino locations open Sunday at 8 a.m.

Neither the victims nor the gunman were citizens of the Oneida Nation.



The Oneida Casino lights glow in the parking lot in the early morning hours of Sunday, May 2nd, 2021, near Green Bay, Wisconsin. Authorities in Wisconsin say a gunman killed two people at a Green Bay casino restaurant and seriously wounded a third before he was shot and killed by police Saturday. (AP Photo/Mike Roemer)



Police stand guard in the parking area outside the Oneida Casino in the early morning hours of Sunday, May 2nd, 2021, near Green Bay, Wisconsin. Authorities in Wisconsin say a gunman killed two people at a Green Bay casino restaurant and seriously wounded a third before he was shot and killed by police Saturday. (AP Photo/Mike Roemer)

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William Hopinkah

May 3, 1951 - April 24, 2021



William Hopinkah walked on peacefully on Saturday April 24th 2021 at 4:30am while at Gundersen Health Systems of La Crosse WI.

William (Bill) was born in Black River Falls on May 3rd in 1951 to Conrad Hopinkah and Marjorie Elaine Blackdeer. He was married to Patricia L. Hopinkah October 10th 2010. He was raised by Jerry and Joan Berard in Hayward Wisconsin where he graduated from High School.

As a child Bill always aspired to one day be a cowboy. His life's journey to that end included playing guitar in a band, competing in the World Championship log rolling finals, riding his Harley, pow-wow hoop dancing, enlistment in the United States Marine Corp, 14 years as a BIA Federal Marshall, bronc and bull dogging on the rodeo circuit, and ten plus years over the rode in an 18-wheeler.

Bill eventually settled into his life's passion as the Manager ("Trail Boss") of Whirling Thunder Eques-

trian and Organically certified Belted Galloway Cattle Ranch. He loved participating in events such as Spirit Rides, Wozahwa Days parades and various trail riding activities with Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members and friends of the ranch. Bill enjoyed constructing leather horse tack, collecting bows, knives, guns and anything equine. He also enjoyed cruising around Amish country and relaxing in his favorite recliner watching old westerns. His greatest love in life was his children, grandchildren, and hanging out under a shade tree with his beloved wife and canine companions.

Bill is survived by his wife Patricia, daughter Julia, sons William Jr., Doug, and Dominic, brother Boye Ladd Sr. sisters Linda Hopinkah, Kathy Hannon, Karen Hopinkah-Ramberg, Kimberly Elmgreen, and many beautiful nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his father Conrad, mother Marjorie, grandparents Abel and Allie Hopinkah (paternal) and Harold and Nellie Blackdeer (maternal), brother Ashley Conrad Decorah, and daughter Marjorie Hopinkah.

Meal will be at Bluewing Community Building at 6pm Monday April 26th 2021. Coulee Region Cremation Group is assisting the family.

Caroline "Tweeter" Blackdeer

July 27, 1953 - May 08, 2021



Caroline "Tweeter" Blackdeer, age 67 of Baraboo, Wisconsin walked on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Native American Church, N881 Highway 12, Wisconsin Dells with Gregory Blackcoon officiating. Burial will be at Decorah Cemetery near Black River Falls. Visitation will be held at the Native American Church on Monday beginning at 3 p.m. until the time of services on Tuesday.

Caroline was born July 27, 1953 in LaCrosse,

Wisconsin the daughter of Alvin and Marjorie (Brush) Blackdeer. She graduated from Holmen High School in 1970 and later attended MATC in Madison, Wisconsin and received her LPN certification. Lately she has been working as a master artisan crafter. Caroline always had a smile, was loving and kind. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She also had a favorite drum group whom she dearly admired named the HoChunk Station singers, comprised of her grandchildren.

Caroline is survived by her sons, Dennis, Ian and Jalen; daughters, Ellen, Danielle, Natalie, Adrienne and Stefanie; sisters, Barbara Blackdeer Mackenzie and Patricia Lowe and 24 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Michelle Renee De Cora

Dec 10, 1959 - May 5, 2021



Michelle Renee De Cora, a breast cancer survivor and a longtime resident of LaCrosse, WI, passed May 5, 2021 due to COVID related complications at the age of 61.

Michelle was born in Baraboo, WI on December 10, 1959 to Blanche Blackcoon and Kenneth De Cora, Sr. She grew up in Fairchild, WI and later moved to Eau Claire, WI after graduating high school in 1978.

She worked briefly for her uncle in Hollywood, FL selling hand crafted jewelry on the beach. Upon returning to Wisconsin, she gave birth to her daughter Amanda. She would reside in Eau Claire until 1983 when she relocated to Black River Falls, WI. While in Black River Falls, she gave birth to her son, Shane, and she enjoyed working as a teacher at the Sand Pillow Head Start. Her former students would still greet her with hugs whenever they saw her. Michelle then relocated to her adopted "forever" hometown in 1987 - LaCrosse, WI. She then began her journey into Higher Education by starting at Western Wisconsin Technical College in an Early Childhood Development Program due in part to her passion of working with children. She then transferred the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse where she would eventually major and graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Business. While attending college, and after graduating, she worked for the Office of Minority Affairs and sat on several committees. Her work at the University led to an interest in Higher Education and she completed her course work for her Master's Degree in Student Affairs. She then focused on being of service to the Ho-Chunk Nation and began her long road of

employment in various position ranging from Executive Director of Personnel, to Youth Center Coordinator. Her most recent role within the tribal government was as the Contract Administrator for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice.

Michelle was an avid Packer fan, and never stopped being a diehard supporter of Brett Favre. She loved to take road trips, fish, visit a lot of her extended family all over the country, spend time with her grandkids, shake dice and play card games, read and watch horror books and movies (She was a huge fan of Stephen King), go to casinos, and planning her next craft project.

Michelle is survived by her children: Amanda Rose De Cora (Andrew Learn) and Shane (Siobhann) Davis Steindorf; her grandchildren: Mira "Vic" Heintz, Lily Rose Davis, and Owen Robert Lafky-Allen; her best friends: Kimberly "Huspin" Gensing and Juanita Thompson; her brothers: Jason Blackcoon, Jeff Smith, Kenneth De Cora, Jr., Frank De Cora, Howard De Cora; her sisters: Kimberly Waukau, Kimberly Cloud, and Lyra Blackcoon; and countless close Ho-Chunk kin; and numerous friends.

Michelle was amazingly stubborn and often blunt, but usually for the good of the person she was dealing with. She was the founding member and President of the infamous "Mean Girls Club". She left a huge vacuum in the ranks of the club and a power struggle is sure to ensue. She was outspoken in her participation in tribal politics to the point that she was convinced, on multiple occasions, that there was an actual black list and she was on it. Michelle had the most

raucous sense of humor and was often seen throwing her head back in a good old fashioned native woman laugh. She loved reminiscing with family about the relatives that had already journeyed home to be with the creator whom she longed to see again.

When it came to family, Michelle didn't require a blood tie. She often created family wherever she went. Whether it was a hair dresser who she clicked with, or a bartender at her favorite watering hole she had friends that were as close as family. Many of her sons' best friends called her mom, and she considered them her own children. If you knew Michelle and didn't know any of this about her, she probably didn't like you.

A graveside service will be held at Trempealeau Cemetery on Saturday May 8, 2021 at Noon. There will be a celebration of life at the residence of Amanda De Cora following. We are strongly encouraging social distancing and that any who attend to wear masks (we will supply masks as well). Those attending the celebration afterwards are asked to bring lawn chairs. Those who enjoy adult beverages are encouraged to bring the fixings for Michelle's favorite refreshments and anyone who imbibes are welcome to bring a tent and stay the night.

Kathleen Vaughn Funmaker

January 15, 1990 - April 27, 2021

Kathleen Vaughn Funmaker passed away April 27, 2021. She was born January 15, 1990 in La Crosse, WI to Shari Jo Pettibone and Nelson Funmaker. She graduated from Black River Falls High School in 2008.

Kathleen loved her children with all her heart. She would do anything for them. She liked listening to various genres of music. A favorite band of hers was the Dixie Chicks.

She loved the outdoors and hanging out with family and friends. She enjoyed playing volleyball, kickball, and watching softball.

Kathleen is survived by her children, Lyniah, Cashis, Taylor, Kendrick, and Nola; her brother Devin Funmaker, and her sister Evelyn Funmaker.

She was preceded in death by her mother Shari Jo Pettibone and her father Nelson Funmaker. Her ma-



ternal grandparents Gavin and Vaughn Pettibone and paternal grandparents Kenneth Funmaker, Sr. and Ruby Funmaker.

Visitation for Kathleen will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021 at the Funmaker home, W8880 Decorah Road, Black River Falls. A graveside burial service officiated by Roberta Decorah will take place following visitation at Decorah Cemetery.



Judith Ann Thundercloud

March 13, 1943 - April 23, 2021

Hinųk Horogocuiriga
 “Woman Looking at Them”

Judith Ann Hopinkah Thundercloud walked on surrounded by the love and prayers of family and friends.

Judith Ann was born in Black River Falls to Gretchen Youngthunder and Benjamin Hopinkah. She was raised by Alice Blackdeer Hopinkah and Charles Edward Hopinkah and grew up on Box Factory Hill on Winnebago Road in Black River Falls. She attended Pleasant View School before attending Royal High School in Kendall, WI. During her high school years, Judith Ann lived with her foster parents, Willard “Curley” and Rose Parish.

Judith Ann worked as the office secretary for the Winnebago United Church of Christ, for the Jackson County Human Services in the Neighbor Program, and as an original employee at the Black River Falls Walmart. Judith Ann retired from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services as an Elder Benefit Specialist.

Judith Ann was Elvis Presley’s #1 Fan! She traveled greatly to see many different Elvis tribute artists from around the world in Graceland (13 times) and to Las Vegas (5 times). She lovingly brought her love of Elvis to Jackson County when she hosted 6 fundraising events to benefit the Black River Memorial Hospice and Jackson County Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers showcasing Elvis tribute artists. The first were held in her back yard but were moved to Lunda Park and Lunda Theater. Over the years she collected and was given Elvis memorabilia which are lovingly displayed in her very own Elvis Room.

Judith Ann had a giving heart and spent many hours, days, and weekends volunteering her time and energy to community organizations: Black River Youth Hockey, Job’s Daughters, Children’s Miracle Network, Jackson County Project Christmas, Black River Hospice, Jackson County Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers, Winnebago United Church of Christ Youth Red Arrow. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary along with being a charter member and Lifetime Member of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Auxiliary.

Judith Ann had great memories of casino hopping with friends, elder field trips with the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging, sewing traditional Ho-Chunk clothing for her children and family, along with being head cook at traditional Ho-Chunk cer-



emonies. She is survived by children Nehomah (Victor Pucel) Thundercloud, Mark (Wendy) Thundercloud; grandchildren Joshua (Chelsie Shiels) Thundercloud, Jamyn (Tarrin St. Germaine) Thundercloud, Zayta (Kelly Caputo) Thundercloud, Kamryn Thundercloud; siblings Marlene Hopinkah, Ben Hopinkah, Loretta (Steve Kysley) Hopinkah, Charles (Janelle) Hopinkah Sr., Farrell Eagleman, Toni Eagleman II, Henrietta Girton, and numerous nieces and nephews. Everyone called her Nani (mother) or Gaga (grandmother).

She is preceded in death by husband Raymond Thundercloud; children Kirby Thundercloud, Zachary Thundercloud; parents Gretchen and Oliver Eagleman, Benjamin Hopinkah; grandparents Alice Blackdeer Hopinkah, Charles Hopinkah; siblings Verna “Lori” Rieder, Ida Marie Hopinkah, Harriett “Kitty” Hopinkah, Cheryl Hopinkah, Jeanette Hopinkah, Colleen Serlin, Leanne Eagleman, Oliver Eagleman Jr., Thomas Eagleman, Brady Eagleman, Brady Eagleman I, Tony Eagleman I, Winfield Eagleman

Donations can be made in Judith Ann’s name to Jackson County Project Christmas, Black River Memorial Hospice, or Jackson County Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers.

“Until we meet again, may God bless you as he has blessed me.” ~ Elvis Presley

“Whatever I will become will be what God has chosen for me.” ~ Elvis Presley

Funeral Services for Judith will be Monday April 26, 2021 at 12-noon at the Thundercloud Home, W8851 Decorah Road. Burial will follow the services in the Decorah Cemetery. Friends may call on the family during a Visitation, at the Thundercloud Home, Monday morning from 10:00 AM to 12-noon.

The Buswell Funeral Home, 106 S. Second St., in Black River Falls is assisting the Family (715) 284-2231.

Patricia Gale (Climer) Boyles

July 7, 1947 - April 27, 2021

Patricia Gale (Climer) Boyles, age 73 of Black River Falls, passed away on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at Gundersen Health Systems in La Crosse, WI. She was born July 7, 1947 to Harry Straight and Suzie Climer in Black River Falls, WI.

Following High School, Patricia earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She loved being a nurse and caring for others. She was awarded the Nurse of the Year Award by the Native American Indian Nurses Association (NAINA).

Patricia was proud of her heritage and appreciated learning about genealogy. She was active within the native community and loved socializing with family and friends. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and also used to do stand-up comedy. Patricia was a great cook, always trying new recipes and shar-

ing family meals. She also enjoyed movies and playing Yahtzee.

Patricia is survived by her children, Wesley “Bud” Boyles, Renice “Beth” Craven-Steele (Gregory Stevenson), Carly and Ted YellowCloud; grandchildren, April Pierce, Payge Zamarripa, Ralph Pierce, Russell Walker, Anthony Walker, Christopher YellowCloud and Bentley Boyles; brother Gary (Millie) Climer; sister Betty (Joe) Conley; her Aunt Bertha Thompson and special friend/significant other Kevin Monfort.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Boyles; her son, Christopher Craven; granddaughter, Lori Pierce; father, Harry Straight; mother, Suzie Climer; and sister, Jeanie Climer.

Funeral Services for Patricia will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30,



2021 at Buswell Funeral Home in Black River Falls with Clayton Winneshiek officiating. Burial will follow in the Decorah Cemetery. Visitation will take place from on Thursday from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Friday, both at the Funeral Home.

The Buswell Funeral Home of Black River Falls is serving the family, (715) 284-2231. On-line condolences may be offered at www.buswellfh.com.

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Featured artists: Kimberly Crowley (Ho-Chunk), Dawn Dark Mountain (Oneida), Wade Fernandez (Menominee), Elliott Funmaker and family (Ho-Chunk), Karen Ann Hoffman (Oneida), Bill Quackenbush (Ho-Chunk), Christopher Sweet (Ho-Chunk/White Earth Ojibway), Brian Szabo (Sicangu Lakota), Melanie Tallmadge Sainz (Ho-Chunk), Jennifer White Eagle (Ho-Chunk), and Leah Winneshiek (Ho-Chunk)

To attend virtual events:

Pre-registration via email by 5/30 is required. To register, send an email to Native.Art.Marketplace@gmail.com Include “Register Me” in subject line Call (608) 437-6486 for more information.

Saturday’s Virtual programs

10am – Music & Dance Presentation with Elliott Funmaker and family (Ho-Chunk)
 11am – Virtual Artist Visit with Dawn Dark Mountain (Oneida)
 Noon – Live from Maawakacak Art Studio & art market
 1pm – Virtual flute presentation with Bill Quackenbush (Ho-Chunk)
 2pm – Virtual Music Performance with Wade Fernandez (Menominee)

Sunday’s Virtual programs

10am – Encore presentation, Music & Presentation with Elliott Funmaker and family (Ho-Chunk)
 11am – Virtual presentation, Voices and Values of My Ancestors by Janice Rice (Ho-Chunk)
 Noon – Live from Maawakacak Art Studio & art market
 1pm – Virtual Storytelling presentation with Karen Ann Hoffman (Oneida)
 2pm – Virtual artist visit with Christopher Sweet (Ho-Chunk/White Earth Ojibway)

To attend the in-person market:

Saturday, 10am - 5pm
 Sunday, 10am - 4pm
 A showcase of award-winning Native artists from Wisconsin!
 Our driveway/entrance is located on Hwy 12 directly across the highway from Citco, Village of Bluffview. 7551 US 12, North Freedom, WI 53951
 Free parking. Masks are required indoors. Visit LEAF’s website and fb event page for more information: www.littleeaglearts.org (608) 253-4142



This program is made possible through the generous support from our donors and sponsors:

Wisconsin Humanities Council
 Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison
 Donors and friends of Driftless Historium, Mount Horeb, WI & Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF), Wisconsin Dells, WI

Thank you for supporting the arts!



HO-CHUNK HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
P.O. Box 730 • Tomah, WI 54660

HHCDA Community Organic Garden Calendar May 2021

We will be planting during the 17th thru the 21st. Gardeners be at the gardens between 2:00p.m. and 6 p.m. Water and snacks will be provided. We will also have short organizational meeting for your garden community. Come out and involved!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Ho-Chunk Village Garden	4 Blue Wing Village Garden	5 Indian Heights Garden	6 Sand Pillow Garden	7 Chak Ha Chee Garden	8
9	10 Ho-Chunk Village Garden	11 Blue Wing Village Garden	12 Indian Heights Garden	13 Sand Pillow Garden	14 Seed Savers	15
16	17 Ho-Chunk Village Garden	18 Blue Wing Village Garden	19 Indian Heights Garden	20 Sand Pillow Garden	21 Chak Ha Chee Garden	22
23	24 Ho-Chunk Village Garden	25 Blue Wing Village Garden	26 Indian Heights Garden	27 Sand Pillow Garden	28 Chak Ha Chee Garden	29
30	31 Ho-Chunk Village Garden	Blue Wing Village Garden				

(Gardeners are awarded participation points for Door prizes.)



safeTALK

LEARN AND PRACTICE POWERFUL, LIFE-SAVING SKILLS IN JUST FOUR HOURS.

LivingWorks safeTALK is a half-day alertness training that prepares anyone 15 or older, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they invite help to stay alive. safeTALK-trained helpers can recognize these invitations and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources.

MAY 27TH 2021

10AM-2:30 PM Thursday

Eileen Decorah Classroom, Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

TRAINING DETAILS:

- MUST BE 15+ TO PARTICIPATE IN safeTALK.
- Training Starts Promptly at 10am.
- Lunch Provided.
- Maximum of 15 spots.
- Masking & Social Distancing Followed
- Lodging Available for Tribal Members & HCN Employees Residing 100+ Miles Away.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- People concerned about family & friends
- Workers in health, social services, gaming
- Community volunteers
- Emergency service workers

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER
POINT YOUR SMARTPHONE
CAMERA HERE



<https://hcn-bh.typeform.com/to/XhyDFBxz>




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Join Us

A Community Forum on Dementia: Impacting the Native American Community

Join us for this special session focused on the Wisconsin Native American Communities and dementia. Learn about:

- Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss in the Native American Community
- Alzheimer's Association resources and services

An open discussion will follow the presentation to better understand:

- How the Alzheimer's Association can expand the reach of local programs and services
- How the Alzheimer's Association can engage more people in your community

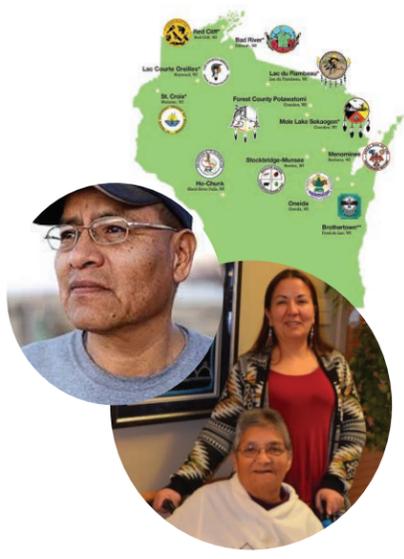
Special Guest

Dr. Megan Zuelsdorff

Dr. Zuelsdorff is an Assistant Professor in the UW-Madison School of Nursing and the lead investigator on the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center's Stress and Resilience in Dementia (STRIDE) study.

In her research, she partners with communities across the state to explore how our social environments and experiences get "under the skin" to shape brain health and dementia risk in later life.





May 18
10:00-11:00 a.m.
RSVP at bit.ly/alzcf518
or 800.272.3900

Delivered: Online/Phone

You will receive connection information after you register.

Designed for any member of Wisconsin's Native American community, personally or professionally.

www.alz.org/wi
24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900

alzheimer's association
Wisconsin Chapter





2021 Graduate Showcase

The Hocak Worak will feature college, high school, and head start graduates in a special section.

Submit a graduate photo and information via email before June 18.

Submit materials to:
Newsletter@Ho-Chunk.com



IS YOUR WISCONSIN UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM ON AN IDENTITY HOLD? For anyone filing for unemployment and your claim has an identity hold on it, please call unemployment #608-618-7100. This number is for this purpose only!

Thank you,
Stacie Decorah
Unemployment Insurance Specialist
Ho-Chunk Nation Personnel Department



SPRING CLEAN UP 2021

P.O. Box 730 • Tomah, WI 54660

<p style="color: #0070c0; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">BLUE WING & CHAKH HA CHEE VILLAGES</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">MAY 13TH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">BLUE WING: 9:30am – 11:30am CHAKH HA CHEE: 1:30pm – 3:30pm</p>	<p style="color: #0070c0; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">DELLS AREA VILLAGES</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">MAY 20TH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">WINNEBAGO HEIGHTS: 9:30am – 11:30am HOCHUNK VILLAGE: 1:00 – 3:30pm</p>	<p style="color: #0070c0; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">BLACK RIVER FALLS VILLAGES</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">MAY 27TH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">INDIAN MISSION: 9:30am – 11:30am SAND PILLOW: 1:00pm – 3:30pm</p>
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WITTENBERG

JUNE 3rd

PLEASE PLACE LARGE ITEMS ON THE CURBSIDE (MATTRESSES, APPLIANCES, TIRES, MICROWAVES)

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT ENTER ANYONES HOME

WE WILL NOT BE PICKING UP THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: BATTERIES, PESTICIDES, AND/OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, PAINTS, OIL OR YARD WASTE.

PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS YOU WISH TO DISPOSE OF ON THE CURBSIDE BY 10:00AM ON YOUR SCHEDULED PICK UP DAY

If you may have any questions please call Raven @ 608-374-1245 ext. 18820

GREEN BAY

June 10th



ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

SUICIDE IS PREVENTABLE. ANYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is for everyone who wants to be able to provide suicide first aid. Shown by major studies to significantly reduce suicidality, the ASIST model teaches effective intervention skills while helping to build suicide prevention networks.

MAY 21ST-22ND

8AM-4:30PM

Friday and Saturday

Gateway: 125 Fillmore Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615

TRAINING DETAILS:

- MUST BE 16+ TO PARTICIPATE IN ASIST.
- Training Starts Promptly at 8:00am.
- Breakfast & Lunch Provided.
- Maximum of 30 Spots.
- Must Attend Both Days (16 hours).
- Lodging Available for Tribal Members & HCN Employees Residing 50+ Miles Away.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- People concerned about family & friends
- Workers in health, social services, gaming
- Community volunteers
- Emergency service workers

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Recovery is a Healing Journey of the Mind, Body, and Spirit.

Artistry and Beauty In Recovery Art Exhibit

Local artists of all ages will be on hand to display and discuss their aptitude to create masterfully powerful works of art through their recovery journey and beyond.

May 15th, 2021
12:00 pm—5:00 pm

Finger foods and beverages provided



Gateways Counseling Services, LLC
125 Fillmore Street
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: 715-898-1665
Email:
jenny@gatewayscounseling.net

August 7th & 8th

Saturday & Sunday

BROWN FAMILY

22nd Annual Reunion

Family – Food – Fun



Swimming – Cards – Horseshoes – Auction

Bring a dish to pass – Meat provided

Blackhawk Park, DeSoto, WI.

Questions call – Fran Littlewolf 715-297-4239
or Lee Brown – 715-299-4417





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Milwaukee, WI 53214
www.wisconsinvoices.org

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title: Communications Director
Reports to: Co-Executive Director's
Salary range: \$60,000 to \$70,000

Who we are?

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- Ongoing year-round civic engagement
- Convening and connecting
- Long-term strategic planning for collective impact

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Summary:

The Director--Communications leads the organizational and programmatic communications strategies of the organization. This includes developing, managing, and implementing a variety of media plans, including social and print media. This role consults with, supports, and trains partners on communication strategies. The Director leads the departmental team, manages the departmental budget, and supports the structure of all communications.

Key Result Areas:

Leadership & Oversight

- Create and find opportunities for communications staff to develop their skills and abilities as leaders and owners.
- Provide strategic communications consulting and training sup-

port to partners, as needed.

- Collaborate with the Co-Executive Directors to build and maintain funder relationships, including writing plans and reports, attending meetings and calls, and providing updates and post program results.
- Manage media vendor and consultant relationships, including voter registration and election protection programs.
- Manage a team that coordinates WV digital media plans for coalition campaigns, including Fair Maps, Election Protection, and Census.
- Manage team that coordinates programs in conjunction with partners, including Digital Cohort Experiment; build and strengthen connection between civic engagement and the art community.
- Build Wisconsin Voices' brand and presence, as the expert in progressive democracy reform.

Operations

- Attend and co-lead meetings with other departments and sub-committees, providing communications insight. Onboard caucus members and maintain the white caucus library and resources.
- Collaborate with Accelerate Change staff to brainstorm and debrief the state of the project and next steps.
- Collaborate with other leaders to write and edit proposals and updates to funders.
- Contribute to overall strategy and direction of WI Voices; actively engage in annual planning process.
- Co-create, oversee, and navigate paid strategies, PR, and marketing of our app, approving and brainstorming content and targets.
- Manage communication and digital regrant process, including rapid digital responses and yearlong programs.
- Write RFPs, coordinate receipt, and oversee payment in coordination with other departments. Draft reporting templates and coordinate submissions, ensuring templates are approved internally.
- Write statements, press releases, and advisories.
- Manage relationships with reporters and media; update state-wide press list.
- Facilitate integration and connection of Race Class Narrative between RCN Midwest and partners.
- Other duties as needed.

Qualifications:

Education

- Bachelor's Degree in communications, marketing, media relations or similar field

Experience

- Five or more years working in a leadership role with management duties that include directing, coaching, evaluating, developing, and leading others.
- Experience creating and implementing strategic communications programs to advance business objectives.
- Three years of experience in a community-based organization

Skills and Abilities

- Demonstrated leadership skills including coaching, leading, evaluating, and managing direct and indirect reports.
- Ability to make solid decisions independently.
- Ability to meet deadlines, build and cultivate relationships, and leverage resources to accomplish strategic objectives.
- Exemplary communication skills (both written, verbal, public relations, and presentation)
- Attention to detail, project management.
- Ability to prioritize, plan and manage multiple projects concurrently.
- Proven ability to develop and maintain meaningful relationships with diverse and key stakeholders including effective engagement with the community.
- Proficient with technology and data management
- Impeccable tact, judgment, and experience vetting/verifying information.
- Ability to adapt quickly to new environments.
- Team player with a desire to collaborate with others.

Working Conditions:

Job Conditions/Work Location: The position is based at the Wisconsin Voices Worksite. Remote work is required during COVID, once things are deemed safe staff will return to working in the office with occasional remote on-line work, expected. Office space is open, shared, and dynamic.

Physical Requirements:

Requires sitting, standing, walking, and using a computer—sometimes for long periods of time. Engages in personal and virtual discussions. There is bending, reaching, stooping, and crouching at times. Lifting, carrying, and pushing of lighter objects up to 10 pounds may be required.

Equipment Used:

Computers and related components/software, copier/printer/fax/scanner, audio-visual equipment, etc.

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title: Data and Technology Specialist
Reports to: Data Director

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

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Position Summary:

The Data and Technology Specialist monitors Wisconsin Voices' data systems to guarantee security, protection from attacks or breaches, and proper arrangement of data. This role gets results independently and as a team member, depending on the volume of data systems. The Specialist assists in developing policies, procedures, and protocols; upgrading and installing software, updating hardware and storage equipment, assisting team members with data-related tasks, and overseeing systems.

Key Result Areas:

Data

- Manage data, reporting, and spreadsheets using Microsoft, Google tools, Catalist, Tableau, and Periscope
- Identify external data sources to supplement VAN data, such as voting history, polling locations, early voting sites
- As a member of the national data team, build and maintain shared state and national data infrastructure to support partner program work, including participating in regular data calls, and Deputy Director of Data & Technology calls

Systems

- Set and oversee training offerings on VAN, tech tools, and reporting
- Administer, use, train, and support best practices using data management and database tools, e.g., Access, SQL, ArcGIS, and QGIS
- Achieves most backend connectivity with partner committees and tools (Apis); approves exports
- Administer, use, train, and support best practices for VAN tools--My Voters, My Campaign
- Identify, champion, and facilitate test and experiment opportunities, assisting staff and partners with same
- Seek new tools and applications to enhance the work of other (partner) organizations
- Manage handheld technology inventory, including tracking assignment of same to partners
- Engage in and provide feedback on the annual state planning process

Qualifications:

Education

- Bachelor's degree in computer engineering, computer science, or statistics or an Associates Degree in computer science and 4 years' experience working with, analyzing, and manipulating data for high level decision making.
- Experience working with private and sensitive information.
- Experience in VAN tools-My Voters, My Campaign

Skills and Abilities

- Able to compile and organize statistical information retrieved and present findings to management
- Confident problem solving and decision-making skills
- Exceptional communication skills including verbal, written, listening, and presentation
- Analytical and critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Interpersonal and team skills, including strong customer focus
- Able to explain complex, technical information in a nontechnical, understandable manner
- Technology skills related to data protection, security procedures and protocols, and system connectivity
- Tech savvy with MS Office Suite, database systems, etc.
- Excellent multitasking and task management skills

Working Conditions:

Job Conditions/Work Location:

The position is in a clean, standard office setting. Situations vary, including working remotely or in the community, including outside. The office space is open, shared, and dynamic. Occasional travel is needed.

Physical Requirements:

Requires sitting, standing, walking, and using a computer—sometimes for long periods of time. Engages in personal and virtual discussions. There is bending, reaching, stooping, and crouching at times. Lifting, carrying, and pushing of lighter objects up to 10 pounds may be required.

Equipment Used:

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Revised 4/23/2021.

How Can I get an appointment for my 1st OR 2nd dose of COVID-19 Vaccine?

- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine **Appointments available starting in May every Monday** at the House of Wellness Clinic call: 608-355-1240
- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine **Appointments available starting in May every Wednesday** at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center call: 715-284-9851

Important Notes:

- ✓ Open to any Tribal members/descendants and their household members AND HCN Employees and their household members.
- ✓ Limited amount of Pfizer vaccine available for youth ages 16-17 years.
- ✓ Anyone who received their 1st dose in previous months with the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health can call to make an appointment for the 2nd dose.





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Title: Finance and Regrant Manager
Reports to: Co-Executive Director's
Salary range: \$60,762 to \$70,765

Who we are?

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Position Description

Summary:

This position provides financial and re-grants management services to the portfolio of grants and contracts that are implemented by Wisconsin Voices with some support to other related donor agreements and budgets. This position will also provide similar services to awards and contracts managed by other partners. This position is responsible for ensuring effective and timely administration of donor agreements and sub-agreements through the award life cycle; developing an understanding of donor requirements and expectations for the agreement; ensuring compliance; and coordinating with program staff, and others throughout and within partner organizations as appropriate. The Finance and Re-grants Manager (FRGM) is responsible for the initial preparation / review, negotiation, due diligence, monitoring and modifications of donor agreements (i.e., re-grants) as well as the submission of regular reports in collaboration with Data Manager and Grant writer. In addition, the Finance and Re-grant Manager is charged with closing out prime and sub-agreements. The FRGM is responsible

for monitoring financial reports and expenditures of current grants and contracts, and identifying trends associated with over/under expenditure and making recommendations to resolve these.

In addition, the Finance and Re-grants Manager will work with Co-Directors on Fundraising & Marketing, to develop budgets for new opportunities ensuring adequate cost recovery, accuracy, reasonableness prior to submission to the donor. The FRGM will coordinate closely with the Co-Executive Director of Fundraising and Development to address potential exceptions imposed by the donor, and to ensure consistency in agreement administration and support sharing the workload when possible and appropriate.

**Key Results Areas:
Duties and Responsibilities**

- In collaboration with the Co-Executive Director's prepare agency wide budget.
- Develops and maintain fiscal policies, procedures and practices relating to the management of all accounting functions.
- Plans and assesses financial internal controls by understanding organization objectives, structure, policies, processes, and any external regulations.
- Work with fiscal auditors as they request information for the independent audit. Make necessary changes based on audit findings.
- Program monitoring and reporting, financial management and reporting key tasks.
- Protects operations by keeping financial information confidential.
- Provide weekly financial statement to the Co-Executive Director's.
- Responsible for assessing current re-granting process and make changes to help streamline the process for our partners.
- Responsible for all issuance of re-grants, reports and financials.
- Point of contact for assigned awards and coordination.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Education/Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Finance and Accounting, but any relevant discipline, science, business, social sciences, social development, international management, public health will be accepted or 3 to 5 years' experience working in the field of finance and regranting management.
- Experience managing US Government and private grants/contracts administration and/or other bilateral/multilateral donor funding, private corporate, private foundations.

Skills and Abilities

- Strong analytical skills^o
- Effective inter-personnel and communications skills
- Flexible, creative, and solution-orientated approach
- Preparation and review of agreements and contracts, and their administration
- Basic skills in accounting
- Strong skills in financial analysis and reporting
- Budget development/planning, data consolidation and budget monitoring
- Setting up administrative and financial systems for new projects and programs
- Understanding of audit requirements.
- Computer skills (Spread sheets (Excel), Word processing, Power Point etc.
- Problem solving and training skills.
- Strong team player, able to develop and maintain effective working relationships within a distributed and dynamic team, and with partner organizations.
- Strong verbal and written communications skills with the ability to communicate effectively with all levels of the organization.
- Ability to manage multiple task and priorities in a time sensitive environment.
- Sensitive to cultural differences and the ability to work effectively across different cultural contexts.

Working Conditions:

Job Conditions/Work Location: The position is based at the Wisconsin Voices Worksite. Remote work is required during COVID, once things are deemed safe staff will return to working in the office with occasional remote on-line work, expected. Office space is open, shared, and dynamic. Private meeting space is limited.

Physical Requirements:

The Finance and Re-grant Manager must be able to sit and type for long periods of time and engage in in-person and virtual discussion.

Equipment Used:

Computers, screens, keyboards, copying machine/printer/fax, scanner, and possibly audio-visual equipment.

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title: Policy Director
Reports to: Co-Executive of Organizational Empowerment
Salary range: \$60,000 to \$70,000

Who we are

Wisconsin Voices envisions a Wisconsin where every person thrives in True Equity, free from racial, identity, civic and otherwise discrimination. We unify a dynamic network of progressive nonprofits in Wisconsin around achieving shared goals not simply to build a better Democracy but to build a better Community with our partners for the People we serve.

We help to build our partners' capacity, amplify their impact, nurture new leadership, promote racial equity, internal and external accountability, and champion progressive policies that will make peoples' lives better for real and not just on paper. We foster civic engagement, not for its own sake but for the sake of truly, actually, bettering the lives of our communities. Our Job is to empower our partners to do the absolute best work that they can possibly do.

Wisconsin Voices plays a unique role in the progressive movement by creating the structure to empower organizations in the non-profit community through:

- Deep, Sustained collaboration, capacity building, and incubation of partnerships.
- Continuous direct and indirect community engagement
- Ongoing year-round civic engagement
- Convening and connecting Community and Partners
- Long-term strategic, community and partner centric, planning not simply for collective impact but truly progressive sustained positive change.

Position Summary:

The Policy Director is responsible for helping to build a progressive, community and partner sourced and centered, collaborative policy

agenda in conjunction with all of Wisconsin Voices' partner organizations.

Highly qualified candidates will have a deep knowledge of the functions of government at all levels in Wisconsin (with a focus on the Wisconsin State Legislature) and have knowledge of how the legislative process works from start to finish, This person should be a long-term relationship builder, able and willing to interact with diverse Black, Brown, and otherwise communities, Wisconsin Voices partners, and government officials alike.

The candidate should be highly collaborative and able to work symbiotically and effectively with Wisconsin Voices Co-Executive Director leadership and other Wisconsin Voices staff.

This person should flourish in a fast-paced environment while being able to communicate clearly to Wisconsin Voices leadership, colleagues, community partners, and legislators- complex policy issues and objectives. The Policy Director should be highly organized and able to lead the planning, tracking, and lobbying efforts of the entire Wisconsin Voices community partner coalition in deep collaboration with their partner organization peers.

This individual, with the support of their departmental team, should be able to effectively manage multiple policy issues and projects simultaneously, create and edit detailed policy position documents, possess a deep understanding of a broad range of civil liberties and civil rights issues, advocacy strategies, and Wisconsin politics and, most importantly, be able to make that knowledge effectual for the people we serve.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Convening and facilitating the Wisconsin Voices Collaborative Policy Partnership Committee. This committee will convene partners and community members from across the state to help create and inform the policy initiatives Wisconsin Voices takes on.
- Developing and implementing a collaborative truly progressive (as in making real progress from the community's perspective) legislative strategy as well as a strategizing for non legislative policy actions, including policies, guidance, and regulations issued by executive agencies.
- Managing and supervising professional staff and contractors engaged in legislative and policy advocacy.
- Researching and analyzing, in collaboration with our partners, proposed legislation and policies.
- Drafting and presenting testimony on legislative and policy proposals before legislative and other government bodies.
- Drafting new legislation and policies and amendments to existing laws and policies
- Preparing legislative and policy memoranda, reports, briefing

papers and letters for Wisconsin Voices partners.

- Representing Wisconsin Voices in key policy coalitions and coordinated advocacy campaigns.
- Cultivating strategic relationships with legislators and otherwise partnerships to further the Wisconsin Voice's collaborative mission and strategic objectives
- Collaborating with all the departmental leadership and staff of Wisconsin Voices to coordinate and synergize all of Wisconsin Voices' organizational efforts as they relate to policy.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required:

• **Education**

Bachelors in Political Science or related field AND/OR a demonstrable equivalent level of experience in political lobbying, policy drafting, and analysis.

• **Experience**

3-5 years of experience working in progressive politics specifically on policy.

1-3 years of sustained lobbying experience.

• **Skills and Abilities:**

Very high level oral and written communication skills. (in policy and legislation every word is important)
Proficient in the usage of Office Suite, collaboration, lobby tracking, and policy analysis tools.

Working Conditions:

Job Conditions/Work Location: The position is based at the Wisconsin Voices Worksite, with occasional remote on-line work, expected. Office space is open, shared and dynamic with periodic interaction with partners and community members

Physical Requirements: The Policy Director must be able to sit and type for long periods of time and engage in in-person and virtual discussion.

Equipment Used: Computers, screens, keyboards, copying machine/printer/fax, scanner, and possibly audio-visual equipment.

Acknowledgment:

This job description describes the general nature and level of work performed by the employee assigned to this position. It does not state or imply that these are the only duties and responsibilities assigned to the job. The employee may be required to perform other job-related duties as requested by the Board, Executive Leadership, or otherwise staff. All requirements are subject to change over time, and to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with a disability.

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Join Us

**A Community Forum on Dementia:
Impacting the Native American
Community**



May 18
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Grief Support Group

These **FREE** sessions will provide those who have lost a loved one the chance to meet with others who are feeling the same sense of loss.

(4 monthly meetings)

Begins May 25, 2021
4th Tuesday of Each Month
3:00pm - 4:30pm

B-Home Services and Supplies

To register, call 715-284-3662

Social distancing, hand hygiene, and masks will be required.





April 21, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Barbara Brower
 Communication Specialist
 711 West Adams St.
 Black River Falls, WI 54615
 Phone: (715)284-3629
 Email: browerb@brmh.net

B-Home Services and Supplies Holding Monthly Grief Support Group

Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) and B-Home Services and Supplies are offering a new option for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one by hosting a monthly grief support group. Previously, support groups met weekly for six weeks; this new format will be once a month for four consecutive months and may be continued based on community interest. The program will begin Tuesday, May 25, and will be held at B-Home Services and Supplies, 311 County Highway A, Black River Falls. Meetings will run from 3-4:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend; however, registration is required.

Sessions will provide participants the chance to meet and share their stories with others who are feeling the same sense of loss. "In times of grief, people need someone to help them sort out all the feelings they experience," said Kevin Newell, BRMH Hospice chaplain. "We are here to help in this process by providing tools to help them move forward."

Face masks will be required, and social distancing and extra sanitizing procedures will be in place. To register, call 715-284-3662.

For more information on activities and services provided at BRMH, visit brmh.net.

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ABOUT BLACK RIVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Black River Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit 25-bed Critical Access Hospital in west-central Wisconsin offering the best in patient care since 1968. Key services available include family medicine and behavioral health clinic, emergency care, infusion center, rehabilitation, obstetrics, transitional care, surgical services, respiratory care, and wound care center. Also offered are home-based services, a retail home medical equipment store, and much more. BRMH is one of the largest employers in the area employing over 360 staff and providers in addition to visiting specialists in more than 20 specialties.

711 West Adams Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615 | 715.284.5361 | brmh.net

COVID-19 UPCOMING COMMUNITY TESTING EVENTS

-FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS & EMPLOYEES-

**WEDS. 5/5, 9AM-1PM
SIGA FUNMAKER
COMMUNITY CENTER,
WITTENBERG**

**WEDS. 5/12, 9AM-1PM
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE**

**WEDS. 5/19, 9AM-2PM
NEKOOSA HEALTH OFFICE**

**WEDS. 5/26, 9AM-2PM
TOMAH HEALTH OFFICE**

**DAILY TESTING (M-F) ALSO
AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT AT
HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CTR.
IN BLACK RIVER FALLS,
AND HOUSE OF WELLNESS
IN BARABOO.**

**ALL TESTING SITES
ARE OUTSIDE &
DRIVE-THRU OR
WALK-UP.**

**PLEASE BRING PHOTO ID.
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED.
TESTING IS FREE TO
COMMUNITY MEMBERS.**



Questions?

**HO-CHUNK HEALTH
CARE CENTER
(715)284-9851**

Choosing Safer Activities

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
Safest		Outdoor Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
Less Safe		Indoor Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
		Go to an indoor movie theater	
Least Safe		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine

Prevention measures not needed
 Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask (unvaccinated people): wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

Take prevention measures
 Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue if applicable.
 CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CENTER
 16020 LUMBERJACK CRY RD
 BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
 715.284.9851

HOUSE OF WELLNESS
 52945 WHITE EAGLE RD.
 BARABOO, WI 53913
 608.355.1240



WWW.HEALTH.HO-CHUNK.COM



**I SAW SOMEONE OUT
IN THE COMMUNITY
THAT I HEARD IS
SUPPOSED TO BE IN
QUARANTINE, WHAT
SHOULD I DO?**

**IN A WORD? NOTHING.
TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT
YOURSELF. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE
QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION
GUIDELINES ARE DETERMINED BY THE
CONTACT TRACING TEAM AND VARY
FROM PERSON TO PERSON DEPENDING
ON MANY FACTORS.**

**PLEASE TRUST THAT PEOPLE IN THE
COMMUNITY ARE DOING WHAT IS
NECESSARY TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!**

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HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



COVID Vaccine Availability for Youth 12-17 years

Dear Community Members-

The Department has been working to provide COVID-19 vaccine to our community members and employees. We have been able to receive adequate Moderna vaccine supplies to vaccinate each of the priority groups that we have identified. The Moderna vaccine has an emergency use authorization for adults 18 years and over. The Department of Health is seeking your input on having the Pfizer vaccine available for youth ages 12-17 years. The Pfizer vaccine has shown to be safe and effective for children ages 16 and 17 years and provide them the same level of protection as adults. Clinical trials for vaccine for children under the age of 16 have recently concluded and new recommendations will be coming very soon for the age group 12-15 years.

Because of the specific storage and handling requirements of the Pfizer vaccine the Department of Health needs to determine if there are families interested in having their children ages 12-17 vaccinated. The vaccine for youth would be available to any enrolled Tribal member, any Tribal descendent, any household member of tribal members or descendants, and any household members of Ho-Chunk Nation employees. The Pfizer vaccine will only be able to be administered at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and the House of Wellness Clinic. If you are interested in having access to the Pfizer vaccine for youth ages 12-17 please contact Patient Services at 608-355-1240 extension 35545 or Rebecca Davis at Extension 35594. Please let us know if you would like your child(ren) to be added to the waiting list.

Having youth vaccinated is important in preventing COVID-19 illness within our community. If you have questions about specific medical concerns for your child please contact your family medical provider to determine what is the best course of action. As COVID-19 vaccines continue through clinical trials for even younger children the Department of Health will continue to provide additional information to families as it becomes available.

Sincerely,
Neil Cox
Dr. Cox,
Ho-Chunk Nation Medical Director

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150

House of Wellness
52845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913
Ph. 888-552-7889 FAX 608-355-9643

MAAHTAWUSHII WIIRA
May: Earth Drying Moon

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

CÉEXJI
(Buffalo/Bison)



ABOUT

- Céexji, also known as American buffalo or species *Bison bison*, is a very lean and nutritious source of protein.
- Because it is so lean, bison has less calories than beef.
- As with many meats, the nutrition depends on the cut of meat and if it was fully grass-fed or grain-finished.
 - An example of a 3 ounce grass-fed bison burger is 152 Calories, 7g fat, 3g saturated fat, and 60mg cholesterol.

PREPARING

- Because it is a lean meat, it can overcook easily: slow cooking, braising or stewing are great options for bison meat.
- Ground bison should be cooked to 160 degrees F and steak and roasts should be cooked to 145 degrees F.

STORING

- As with any meat, for best quality, cook ground raw meat within 2 days and raw roasts or steaks within 3-4 days.
- After cooking, eat or freeze within 3-4 days.

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<http://health.ho-chunk.com/>

BISON & MOREL BURGERS

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground bison
- 8 ounces morels or other mushrooms, finely diced
- 1 egg
- 1-5 cloves garlic, minced OR garlic powder OR dried ramps
- pepper & salt, to taste



Steps

- Mix together bison, mushrooms, egg, garlic or ramps, pepper and salt.
- Shape into 4, 1/2 inch thick patties.
- Grill, or fry in a small amount of oil, flipping occasionally. Cook until burgers reach 160 degrees F.

Nutrition
1 serving = 1/4 of recipe, made without salt or oil:
Calories: 217
Total Fat: 11 g
Saturated Fat: 4 g
Total Carbohydrate: 4 g
Dietary Fiber: 0.5 g
Protein: 27 g
Sodium: 109 mg
Iron: 4 mg

For more Information Contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/ Nutritionist:

BRF, TOMAH, WITTENBERG AREAS:
(888) 685-4422, EXT. 35335
BRF, LA CROSSE AREAS:
(888) 685-4422, EXT. 35340
DELLS, NEKOOSA, MADISON AREAS:
(888) 552-7889, EXT. 35554

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VOTE

'Wakanja Hari'

Robert Pilot

for

Ho-Chunk Nation

District 4 - Seat 1

Ballots Will be Mailed Out 4/16/21

Protect Per Capita

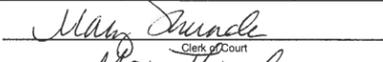
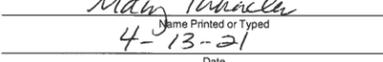
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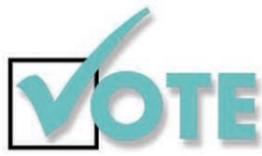
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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended	FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT Olivia Rave 2021.04.12 13:32:49 -05'00'
Claude Perry Prayer	Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate	
DOD: January 25, 2021	Case No. <u>PR 21-02</u>	
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. A <i>Petition for Probate</i> was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>12/19/1961</u> and date of death <u>01/25/2021</u> was domiciled in <u>Jackson</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u> , with a mailing address of <u>428 Chestnut St., Black River Falls, WI 54615</u> . 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: _____ _____ 4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>Hunter</u> , on (Date) <u>05/27/2021</u> at (Time) <u>11:00 a.m.</u>		
<p style="text-align: center;">You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.</p>		
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.	 Clerk of Court  Name Printed or Typed <u>4-13-21</u> Date	
DO NOT PRINT the following text when publishing this notice.		
* IF not all of the addresses of the interested parties are known, give this form once it is returned to you filled out by the Clerk of Court to the newsletter staff for publication *		
Notice to Petitioner: The petitioner is responsible for providing a copy of this notice, a copy of the will and codicils (if any), and a copy of the petition to all interested persons by certified mail or personal service at least 45 days before the hearing. If the address, or identity of any person is not known and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence, the petitioner must post a copy of the notice in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Nation at least forty-five (45) days before the time set for the hearing and publish the notice in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation, currently known as the Hockak Worak, for three (3) consecutive issues. See 8 HCC § 13.65a(2). Notice to Newspaper: Notice must be given by publication of this form in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation for three (3) consecutive issues with the first publication occurring at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the hearing date noted in Section 4.		
<small>PR002, 04/18 Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims 8 HCC § 13.47b, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.</small>		

PHYLLIS SMOKE



June 1, 2021



LEGISLATOR
DISTRICT 1, SEAT 3

POSITIVE CHANGE
 FORWARD ACTION

EDUCATION

Supervisor Management Program
Applied Science | Associate Degree
Western Technical College
Graduated May 2012

Leadership & Organizational Studies Program
Applied Science | Bachelor's Degree
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Graduated May 2016

Tribal Administration & Governance Program
Liberal Studies | Master's Degree
University of Minnesota-Duluth
Graduated May 2018

EXPERIENCE

- 20 years as a support employee in the Legislative branch.
- Overall 26+ years and experience with the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- Currently serving as Secretary to the Local Jackson County Democratic Party.
- Currently Appointed Executive Director of Administration for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Contact me to share your thoughts and concerns.
smoke003@d.umn.edu | fb.me/phyllissmoke

VOTE (RAM) Robert A. Mudd

HCN Primary election was recently held and I am both humbled and honored that you have placed your confidence and support in me during this Election.

I would like to thank my family and friends for their unending love and support.

Congratulations to all those candidates that took up the challenge to seek office on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation and their respective districts. Now it is on to the General Election

First and foremost is the need for the Office of the President to address the balance of power between the Legislative and Executive Branches working in conjunction with the General Council.

Second is the challenge to diversify our economy! How long can we survive solely on just gaming revenue?

Third is to ensure transparency in terms of release of information to the Ho-Chunk Nation members on a regular basis

Qualifications and experience:

- Twenty years (20) construction experience.
- Twenty-seven (27) Executive Business management experience.
- Viet Nam, era veteran "Paratrooper 101st Airborne Division"
- Bachelor degree from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) University Phoenix, AZ

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
APRIL 20, 2021

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:
President Marlon White Eagle-VC
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-EX
Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC

(10:33 a.m.)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Matthew Mullen-EX
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC
VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established at 10:02 a.m.

Opening Prayer: President Marlon White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-April 6, 2021

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the April 6, 2021 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 7-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Paul Fox) MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

Special Finance Committee-April 7, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the April 7, 2021 Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes

with corrections. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 7-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Paul Fox) MOTION CARRIED.

Administration Committee-April 8, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the April 8, 2021 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 7-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Paul Fox) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Establishment of Computer Usage Act Workgroup

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen

Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 A**, Establishment of Computer Usage Act Workgroup. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update-Department of Health

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was unavailable. Written reports were submitted to the Legislature.

Department of Business

Business Analyst Scott Maracek was present via video conference to address the Legislature and reviewed the Department of Business casino update report with the Legislature.

Office of General Council Report

Cari Fay, General Council Advocate was present via video conference and stated that there is a networking meeting on April 24, 2021. She also stated that she is still working with Legislative Counsel regarding the General Council Resolutions. Tribal Member Bill Winneshiek questioned Cari Fay on the General Council Resolutions, and Ms. Fay stated that she is meeting with Legislative Counsel this Thursday. No written report submitted.

CARES Act Proposals

No new proposals.
Rep. Darren Brinegar present via video conference at 10:33 a.m.

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Class II Internal Control Manual
MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 B**, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Class II Internal Control Manual. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Class III Internal Control Manual
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 C**, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Class III Internal Control Manual. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Native American Preference in Contracting
Rep. Smith stated that the Legislature is working on this. No action at this time.

Resolution-Establishment of American Rescue Plan Act Restricted Account
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 D**, Establishment
Continued on Page 14

Vote for Brianna Littlegeorge
Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature
District 4 Seat 3 - June 1, 2021

- Maintain Fiscal Responsibility
- Save Our Language & Culture
- Build a Rehabilitation Center

Contact me @ maaxisgai@icloud.com

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of American Rescue Plan Act Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

President White Eagle stated that this time around, the BIA is requesting the Tribal enrollment data as of February 1, 2021. President White Eagle mentioned that as of February 1, 2021 there were a total of 7,816 Tribal members. That data was sent the BIA Midwest Office on April 8, 2021.

Resolution 03-09-21 J, Suspension of Rent and Mortgage Payments for Department of Housing and HHCDA and Nation Residential Water and Sewer Payments Through September 2021 Technical Correction

Legislative Counsel stated that this is on the agenda as an "FYI." The way the resolution is written, there will be a technical correction, which is an addition of a parenthesis. This technical correction is allowable under the Legislative Organization Act. The NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED will now read: "that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority hereby suspends all Department of Housing and Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency rent and mortgage payments (excluding property taxes and home owners insurance) and Nation residential water and sewer payments from April 2020 through September 2021;" This not a motion, nor a rescission and restatement of this resolution.

New Business:

Supplemental Resolution to Clarify Child Support Obligations with GE Payments

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Supplemental Resolution to Clarify Child Support Obligations with GE Payments. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the 2021 Title III Grant Agreement Between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 E**, Approval of the 2021 Title III Grant Agreement Between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Support for the Department of Health to Apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Medication-Assisted Treatment-Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 F**, Support for the Department of Health to Apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Medication-Assisted Treatment-Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Support for Funding Request to the National Park Service for Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Grant Allocation

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 G**, Support for Funding Request to the National Park Service for Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Grant Allocation. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Presidential Delegation of Grants.gov Signature Authority for the Department of Health

Kirsten Betancurt, Department of Health Grant Manager, was present via video conference and stated that this resolution would allow for her to submit grants to Grants.gov.

Rep. Lone Tree-Whiterabbit asked if this a blanket approval.

Legislative Attorney Carolyn Garnett stated that the resolution that was sent down from the Executive Branch was for across the Nation, not just the Health Department. The resolution in the packet today is for the Health Department only.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 H**, Authorization for Presidential Delegation of Grants.gov Signature Authority for the Department of Health. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-1 (Vice President Karena Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

2020 Wisconsin Department of Revenue 1099

Rep. Smith stated that this has been brought to our attention while people are filling taxes, and are running into the issue that the Wisconsin Department of Revenue did not receive the 1099 Form from the Nation. This is not a unique, one-time incident, this has been a repeated issue. Looking into this further, it sounds like it is an IT issue.

Becky Albert-Breed, Director of Integrity Audit and Tax, was present via video conference. Becky stated that she e-mailed

Treasury and Office of the President regarding this issue. Becky mentioned that this is a concerning issue that is occurring over and over again. Becky has seen this consistently affect clients. In 2017, the IRS never received the file from the Tribe. It happened again in 2018, and now it has happened with the Department of Revenue file. This is only affecting Tribal members who are withholding State Tax from their per-cap.

Becky stated that we will not know about the 2020 IRS paperwork the Nation sent until next year. There is a delay with IRS because the IRS is overwhelmed. Becky stated that she does not know how many Tribal members this has affected.

Anthony Falcon, Finance Director, was present via video conference and stated that Treasury is aware of the situation. Mr. Falcon also stated that Treasury is aware that there were several changes to the eFile. Mr. Falcon mentioned that the Nation has 60 days to send a replacement file if the IRS kicks anything back. The Nation's IT Department will send those back within a week's time. Mr. Falcon stated that Treasury is working with IT to fix this issue.

Rep. Brinegar requested that Legislative Public Relations and Office of the President Public Relations get information out to the Membership making them aware of this error and corrective action to take.

Becky Albert-Breed stated that the individual Tribal member will have to contact the Department of Revenue and/or IRS to correct this. Becky stated that she is willing to help with needed language for the announcement to the Membership.

Rep. Smith asked if the Legislature can receive an updated from Treasury on this issue at the next Legislative Meeting. President White Eagle stated that Treasury will have an update.

Treasury Tribal Advisory Subcommittee Tribal Economic Development Administration Tribal Consultation

Rep. Smith stated that both of these agenda items are items that we are being aware of. There are Federal entities that are looking for feedback or consultations from Tribes. Rep. Smith mentioned that she put these items on the agenda for everyone to be aware of. She is looking to have the Nation submit comments.

Legislative Counsel mentioned that sometimes when Federal

agencies are seeking comment, the Legislature will make a generic motion to submit comments.

Treasury Tribal Advisory Subcommittee Tribal Economic Development Administration Tribal Consultation (Continued)

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to authorize submission of comments for the Treasury Tribal Advisory Subcommittee Tribal Feedback and Economic Development Administration Tribal Consultation supportive of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and for interested Legislators to work with Legislative Counsel and Outside Counsel to draft comments. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include authorization for the Vice President to sign the letter of comments. Second concurs. 9-0-1 (Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acceptance of Supplemental CARES Act Funding for the Department of Health

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 I**, Acceptance of Supplemental CARES Act Funding for the Department of Health. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was asked if the Nation is testing for COVID-19 variants. Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin stated that if someone tests positive for COVID-19, and if there is enough left-over of their sample, it is sent to the State for testing of the variants. Currently, the Nation has not had anyone test positive for a variant of COVID-19.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tribal Transportation Program Town of Greenfield, Wisconsin Egret Road Project Cooperative Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 04-20-21 J**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tribal Transportation Program Town of Greenfield, Wisconsin Egret Road Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meeting:

District 1-Black River Falls/Wausau-April 14, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to the Renewable Energy Workgroup the **MOTION** by Tina Brown to have the Renewable Energy Workgroup make it a priority to obtain the energy stored

capacitor units for homes and buildings with solar panels within our communities. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to the Legislature the **MOTION** by Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. to have Ho-Chunk Nation tribal leaders reach out to the other tribal leaders from Fond du Lac, Bad River and Red Lake tribes to get the facts and their own opinion regarding Enbridge Line 3 before getting involved with this issue. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 1-Black River Falls/Wausau-April 14, 2021 (Continued)

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Larry Littlegeorge to support the proposed funding request in the amount of \$15,000 to take supplies to the Twin Cities to assist the tribes standing up against the Enbridge Line 3. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to the Legislature the **MOTION** by Phyllis Smoke to have Legislature prepare a Legislative Citation for Dr. Helen Miner Miller and present this to her on behalf of all the work she has done for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to HHCDA, Office of the President, and Department of Labor the **MOTION** by Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. to have Legislature research placing tornado sirens without all our communities, and refer to this request to the appropriate committee or Executive Department for completion. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to HHCDA, Office of the President, and Department of Labor the **MOTION** by Genevieve Longtail to install cross walks with the warning lights by the Head Starts and parks in all communities. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Tomah/La Crosse-April 13, 2021

READ FOR THE RECORD: (As District 2 will now have to vote between Tomah/La Crosse candidate and Mauston/Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo areas.)

MOTION by Tara Chapman to nominate Melanie Stacy as

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Tomah/La Crosse GC Planning Committee Representative.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Legal and Department of Justice the MOTION by Tara Chapman that any employee positions on Ho-Chunk Nation should be sanctioned and have Legislators research the topic on the trademark using Ho-Chunk Nation name. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Hinu Smith out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the LOA Workgroup the MOTION by Tara Chapman to amend the LOA to have Reps return with some consideration and concerns regarding Area Meetings and bring back a draft to the next Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Hinu Smith out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the LOA Workgroup the MOTION by Chris Estebo that anyone who attends Tomah/La Crosse area meeting that if they don't identify themselves or have unruly behavior that they can be kicked out of the Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Mauston/Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo-April 15, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to the Beloit Workgroup and Department of Business the MOTION by Patti Ennis that all communities and heads of operation for the Beloit Facility need to be Ho-Chunk

Tribal Members, as much as operationally possible. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to the Beloit Workgroup and Department of Business the MOTION by Sheridan Cloud that the Tribe do a public soliciting Tribal Members for positions available with the development of the Beloit Facility. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Legislature, Department of Education and Department of Labor the MOTION by Jon Warner to have the District 2 Legislators attend a tribal administration certificate program from UMN and/or Harvard Project certificate training (remotely). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: (As District 2 will now have to vote between Tomah/La Crosse candidate and Mauston/Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo areas.)

MOTION by Jon Warner to nominate Patti Ennis as the primary General Council Planning Committee member for District 2.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Finance Committee the MOTION by Sheridan Cloud to support the matching funding requests of \$2,886 from the Pepsi Fund & Charitable Contributions Youth Assistance for Neenk Chunk Gra Head Start. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Jon Warner to have the D2 Legislators remove Rep. Darren Brinegar due to an Ethics Code violation at the next Legislative Meeting (Ethics Code i. Public Officials shall not threaten or intimate any employee of the Nation in reprisal for the employee acting within the scope of the employee's official duties and authority. Constitutionally Legislative Authority to remove another Legislative Representative. Article IX. Section 3. Legislative Removal of Legislators. The Legislature may remove a member of the Legislature for good cause. Any member of the Legislature subject to removal shall be informed of the charges, be given adequate notice of the impending removal action, and given an opportunity to prepare and present a defense including presenting witnesses and other evidence. An affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the entire Legislature shall be required for a Legislative removal actions under this Section. The Legislator subject to removal shall not vote. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President, Department of Personnel and the ERA Workgroup the MOTION by Travis Crowder to have continuous bridge service credit for all Tribal Members, adhere to Tribal preference. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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District 3-Madison-April 7, 2021

MOTION by Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of the President, Social Services TAU, and the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to allow Monona Gardens Restaurant to provide a \$9.00 per meal TAU meals to the Elders in Madison. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of the President, Department of Education, and the Administration Committee the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle that President White Eagle and Legislature address a letter to President Biden, House of Representatives and the Senate that immediately implement the original proposal of \$50,000 student loan forgiveness and that they create a meaningful student loan forgiveness in the future past COVID-19. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of the President, Department of Health, and the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee the MOTION Marlys Whiteagle to have the Nation provide a mobile vaccination vehicle for those that can't make it and those areas that people cannot get to Black River Falls or Wisconsin Dells from the Health Department. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3-Wittenberg-April 12, 2021

No motions.

District 3-Green Bay-April 13, 2021

No motions.

District 3-Milwaukee-April 14, 2021

No motions.

District 3-Wisconsin Rapids-April 15, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to HHCDA and the Housing Committee the MOTION by Elizabeth Walker to request Neil Whitegull attend our next area meeting to report on the timeline of fixing the houses. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 4-Chicago-April 12, 2021

No motions.

District 4-Twin Cities-April 15, 2021

No motions.

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:17 p.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

- President Marlon White Eagle-EX
- Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
- Rep. George Stacy-EX
- Rep. Hinu Smith-P
- Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
- Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
- Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX
- Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
- Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
- Rep. Matthew Mullen-EX
- Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
- Rep. Paul Fox-P
- Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference

President White Eagle is excused from the meeting. Vice President chairs the meeting.

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 1:04 p.m.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session to discuss Business Matters, Inter-Governmental Relations, Land, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters and Public Safety or Well Being. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1:07 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

3:58 p.m. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit excused for the remainder of the meeting.

4:00 p.m. Rep. Stephanie Begay excused for the remainder of the meeting.

4:10 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

NOTICE OF VACANCIES

Veterans Affairs Advisory Board

(District 4 Board Member & Alternate)

- District 1: Filled Alternate: Filled
- District 2: Filled Alternate: Filled
- District 3: Filled Alternate: Filled
- District 4: VACANT Alternate: VACANT

According to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board Bylaws:

Appointments: Each district shall select, by a majority vote at a District meeting, a veteran to serve as a Member of the Board and a veteran as the Alternate Member to serve in the absence of the Member.

Terms: Board Members and Alternate Members shall serve a two (2) year term and may serve more than one (1) term. In the event a Member fails to serve an entire term, the Alternate Member shall finish his or her predecessors' term. A replacement Alternate Member shall be appointed by the representative District within a reasonable time period following the predecessors' departure.

If anyone is interested, please inform your legislators.

- District 4 Contacts: Paul.Fox@ho-chunk.com
- Robert.Twobears@ho-chunk.com
- Kathy.Whiterabbit@ho-chunk.com
- Matt.Mullen@ho-chunk.com

NOTICE AND RULES OF MAIL BALLOTING

GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 14a) & (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

14. Mail Ballot Voting.

a. Mail Ballot Voting.

i. Determination as to whether to conduct an Election by mail balloting. (a) At the discretion of the Election Board, elections shall be conducted by mail ballot.

(2) Procedures for Mail Balloting. (a) The Election Board shall designate a Post Office Box rented by the Board as the place where Ballots shall be returned. Ballots must be received at the Post Office Box designated by the Election Board not later than the day of the Election.

(b) The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election. The Election Board shall mail ballots forty-five (45) calendar days before the date of the election; and, if said date falls on a weekend, then on the first working day thereafter.

(c) A Voter may obtain a replacement ballot from the Election Board if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received by the Voter.

(d) The Election Board shall not mail a replacement ballot later than ten (10) working days before the day of an Election. If pursuant to *Section 14, subparagraph a. (3)* a voter requests a replacement ballot, the Election Board shall only give a replacement ballot if the request for the replacement ballot is made fifteen (15) working days before the day of the Election.

b. Ballots. The Ballot package mailed out by the Election Board shall consist of a ballot which otherwise meets the requirements of Section 12, an outer envelope, instruction sheet, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope.

c. Voting Procedure. The Voter shall mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter shall then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope shall be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope and he or she shall return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board.

d. Returns. The Board shall verify that the returned envelope bears the signature of the voter. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot shall be rejected. The entire rejected ballot shall be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid

ballots. If the envelope is signed, the ballot shall be deposited in the locked ballot box. For ballots placed in the locked ballot box, the Election Board shall make a notation in the poll book, next to the Voter's name, that indicates that the Voter has returned his or her ballot.

e. Multiple Ballots. If a Voter to whom a replacement ballot has been issued pursuant to *Subsection a. (2) (c) of this Section* votes more than once, only the ballot with the earliest postmark shall be counted. If there are two (2) or more ballots with the same postmark date for one (1) Voter, neither ballot shall be counted.

3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

- (1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with
- (2) three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e.
- (3) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the
- (4) General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and
- (5) in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

(3) Any candidate who received fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total votes cast shall be deemed as winner.

Therefore the following were declared winners as of Wednesday, March 10, 2021:

LEGISLATURE:

District 2, Seat 3
July 2021 – June 2025
Stephanie Begay

District 3, Seat 2
July 2021 – June 2025
Myrna J. Thompson

District 4, Seat 4
July 2021 – June 2025
Danielle DeLong

Supreme Court Associate
Justice 1:
July 2021- June 2025
Tricia Zunker

b. General Elections **(1). General Elections shall be held in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, which states:**

Section 1. General Elections. General Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of odd numbered years. Offices of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary shall be filled at General Elections.

Therefore the following will be placed on the ballot for the HCN Mail Balloting General Run-Off Election on Tuesday, June 1, 2021

LEGISLATURE:
July 2021 – June 2025
District 1, Seat 1
Robert A. Mudd
Karena Thundercloud

District 1, Seat 3
July 2021 – June 2025
Hinu Helgesen Smith
Phyllis Smoke

District 2, Seat 2
July 2021 – June 2025
Derrick Stout
Kristin K. White Eagle

District 4, Seat 1
July 2021 – June 2025
Robert Pilot
Archie White Eagle, Jr.

District 4 Seat 3
July 2021 – June 2025
Brianna Littlegeorge
Robert V. Two Bears

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. *See Election Board Code Sec.11 (c).*

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii,

(Deadline Thursday, May 13, 2021).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
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After 4:30 pm and the weekend please call (715)299-6104

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board will certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

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

GENERAL RUN-OFF ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Thursday, March 11, 2021

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Friday, April 30, 2021

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

THE DAY MAIL BALLOTING WILL BE MAILED
Friday, April 16, 2021

LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

ALL BALLOTS DUE TO P.O BOX 247 BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

POSTED 3/11/2021