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Tribal Workforce Development Division and 477 Federal Program offers employment services

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

Two divisions within the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor offers employment services. Those divisions are the Tribal Workforce Development (TWD) Division and the 477 Federal Program (477). Both programs assist Ho-Chunk Nation enrolled members, tribal members of all federally recognized tribes, and direct descendants.

The divisions have experienced a lull in clientele and travel the last year because of COVID. However, now that communities are starting to open up, the divisions are planning to visit various areas to inform the Indigenous communities of their services.

“The mission of the TWD Division is to assist the Nation in recruitment and retention, success planning, training and development programs for tribal members,” explained Tribal Workforce Development Manager

William Collins.

“The 477 program is a federally funded program. We run under a three year contract and we are just starting a new one. We only work within 39 counties in Wisconsin. We do a lot of similar things that TWD does, except the client has to be enrolled in our program, be without a job for at least seven days, and if they want our services, they have to notify us before they accept a job. We have a few different guidelines than the TWD does,” stated Federal Programs Director Lois Behrens.

The 477 program provides a Limited Term LTT Program, Classroom Training Program, Supportive Services, and Youth Vocational Exploration Program.

The TWD Division assists Ho-Chunk Nation enrolled members and includes tribal members of all federally recognized tribes, or a spouse or parent of a dependent enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member. Additionally, their service area covers the entire United States and is not exclusive to Wisconsin.

The 477 program assists applicants who are members of a federally recognized tribe or must show proof they are a direct descendant. Their service area covers 39 counties in Wisconsin that include Eau Claire, Fond du lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Marquette, Monroe, Pierce, Pepin, Price, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Shawano, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Waushara, and Wood.

“The TWD Division would be a great start for tribal members to engage in job searching and take full



advantage of our networking not limited to other tribal programs or other tribal Nation programs but also the local job centers within each of the Wisconsin counties and the eleven workforce development boards and their workforce development agencies,” suggested Collins.

The employment services can include job connections, in-house workshops, assistance with completing job applications and online applications, resume customization, mock interviews and interview preparation, and cover letter completion. In addition, for those residing outside of Wisconsin, the TWD Division assists with linking applicants to a local workforce develop-

ment agency in their field of work within their State.

The supportive services that the 477 program offers include gas vouchers, assistance with purchasing uniforms, specialized shoes or boots, and tools (no power tools). Other benefits are approved on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must be enrolled in the 477 program before starting employment to receive these services.

Similarly, the TWD Division’s supportive services include assistance with work attire, outdoor clothing, footwear, essential tools, and personal safety equipment. Specialized tools, power tools, computers, and transportation are not included. Transportation

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Native artists ‘left hanging’ after big event fizzles out

By Kevin Abourezk
Reprint from Indianz.Com
An ambitious showcase of Native talent scheduled for Saturday in Rapid City, South Dakota, devolved into controversy and recrimination this week when the show’s promoter allegedly failed to fulfill his financial commitments to performers and vendors. Several of the performers who were expected to take the stage at the concert, billed Akisa 2022: In a Good Way, backed out of the event on Thursday and Friday saying the event’s promoter, Brandon Ferguson, failed to pay them

for their travel costs and hotel rooms. Robin Opichee Day-Bedeau, aka Opie Day, the lead singer for drum group Midnite Express Singers, said Ferguson promised to cover his travel and hotel costs when he initially asked him to perform. “Now when I’m asking him for confirmation about our rooms & compensation he ghosts me,” Day-Bedeau wrote. “It is now almost midnight on the day before we are scheduled to leave & still no answer.” By Friday afternoon, even the venue for the event – the

Rushmore Mall in Rapid City – had ended its involvement in the event. “The Akisa 2022 event has been canceled due to performances not happening,” the company wrote on its Facebook page. But by Friday evening, a Rapid City Native nonprofit had stepped forward saying it would host the event, re-naming it FTP Fest (For the People Festival) and changing the venue to the Rapid Skillz Athletic Complex in Rapid City. “As a community, we have also been coming together in

unity to call out racism and build a better future for Native people,” NDN Collective wrote on its Facebook page. “Let’s come together and celebrate through music, culture and entertainment.” In an interview with Indianz.Com, Nick Tilsen, president and CEO of NDN Collective, said his organization got involved in planning the festival on Thursday after being contacted by several performers who had been booked for Akisa 2022. “A bunch of the artists were left hanging by Brandon Ferguson, the organizer of the

Akisa 2022 event, and that he basically ghosted them and he wasn’t following through on any of the commitments that he made to the artists,” Tilsen said. He said his staff held a meeting with some of the artists and decided to host an entirely new event. “We took a really unfortunate situation and are trying to make something really positive out of it that both uplifts the artists and creates something healthy and positive for the Native community and our allies in the broader community.” *Continued on Page 3*

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comprises gas, public transport such as city buses, trolleybuses, trams or light rail, passenger trains, rapid transit, taxis, and similar services such as Uber and Lyft. The 477 program also offers a classroom training program. The program intends to provide classroom training to increase employability in a client’s field of interest. The program assists with tuition and books for five or fewer credits, specialized training, certifications, and workshops. Along those same lines, the TWD Division offers financial assistance for training, education, and Continuing Education Units. These funds can help pay for tuition, lodging, fees, and books. Also, the program assists with reimbursement for certifications and licensures. “Assistance may be ap-

proved if the requestor has provided a well written statement regarding the benefits of attending,” explained William Collins. “This statement is the basis for request approval. The statement must be provided to obtain training or classes that are necessary to improve the employability or to help maintain employment or advancement of the requestor. The statement helps to provide insight for a decision if the person is ineligible for funding through the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division or other tribal or State program or ineligible for Federal Student Aid.” One area that increased for the TWD Division during the pandemic was assistance with Unemployment questions, filing initial claims, and filing weekly claims. They collaborated with the Ho-Chunk Nation Personnel Department

Unemployment Insurance Specialist on this endeavor. The TWD Division refers applicants to the 477 program for services they do not offer. Two of those services are the LTT Program and the Youth Vocational Exploration Program. The LTT Program is to provide training experience in a work setting. The 477 program pays for 240 hours with no overtime to a client. The department providing the training has the option to hire the client as a limited term employee or permanent employee at the completion of the hours. This program can only be offered once a year to a client. “Managers and clients are encouraged to contact us,” boosted Lois Behrens. The 477 program welcomes managers from inside and outside the Ho-Chunk Nation search-

ing for workers. The Youth Vocational Exploration Program primarily helps participants working towards their GED, HSED, or high school diploma. The program pays up to 240 hours total per program year. Potential worksites include the Ho-Chunk Nation, non-gaming positions, and non-profit organizations. Immediate family members of the youth cannot be supervisors. “TWD is also responsible for compliance monitoring on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Native American Hiring Provision (NAHP),” revealed Tribal Workforce Development Manager Collins. “The Provision is a Standardized Special Provision which is part of a project contract that requires the contractor on a construction project to pro-

vide information about hiring and employment opportunities for members of a Federally Recognized Tribe in Wisconsin. The NAHP applies when the project corridor is on, partially on, or directly adjacent to a reservation or land that maintains reservation status. The provision also applies to projects off reservation if there is a tribally owned parcel held in trust directly adjacent to the right of way of the corridor of that project.” Contact the TWD Division at 715-284-5877 or email twd@ho-chunk.com with questions. William Collins, Julie Rodriguez, or Delores Krause will respond. Contact the 477 program at 715-284-5877 or email Lois.Brehrens@ho-chunk.com or Stormy.Perry@ho-chunk.com, or Curtis.Redbird@ho-chunk.com.



April 2022

Tribal Workforce Development & 477 Calendar



M	T	W	T	F
<p><small>*Please note that all area visit times are subject to change. Your patience is appreciated.</small></p>	<p>• Supportive Services by Appointment only! All paperwork must be submitted before receiving services!</p>	1		1
4 TOB Appointments 9 am – 1 pm	5 Career Fair - 10 am – 2 pm HCG- WD Ashley Furniture In-Person & Virtual Hiring Event 8 – 11:30 am 608-405-4546	6	7 Buffalo County Virtual Career Fair 11 am – 2pm	8
11 TOB Appointments 9 am – 1 pm	12 Area Connections House of Wellness-Baraboo 11 am-2 pm One on One	13 Area Connections Nekoosa 11 am-2 pm One on One	14	15 Office Closed 
18 Easter Monday Office Closed 	19 Area Connections Siga Funmaker Center 11 am-1 pm One on One	20 Area Connections La Crosse Three Rivers House 11 am-1 pm In-Person Hiring Event UW-Baraboo 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	21 Area Connections Madison Branch Office 11 am-2 pm One on One	22
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For more information, please call:
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Annual Water Quality Reports

Consumer Confidence Reports detailing the quality of drinking water for the Nation's communities are now available. The reports detail the water quality for calendar year 2021, for communities served by the Nation's five Public Water Supplies. Reports are on the Ho-Chunk Nation

Health Department website, or directly at: <http://health.ho-chunk.com/EH.html>. You can also request a copy emailed or mailed to you by contacting Steve Christopherson at steve.christopherson@ho-chunk.com, or calling 715-284-9851 ext. 35091.

Graduate Showcase 2022 materials due June 17

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

Deadline is June 17 to submit Graduate materials. A special section of the Hocak Worak will showcase 2022 graduates. Graduates include college, high school, and head start. Email Newsletter@Ho-Chunk.com if you would like your graduate to appear in this showcase. Submit the following before June 17:

1. Photo
 2. Name of graduate
 3. Hoocak name (optional)
 4. Parents/Guardians names
 5. Place graduating from
 6. Degree name (for college grads)
 7. Future Endeavors or Extra-Curricular Activity
- The showcase will appear in Issue 12 which publishes on June 24.

Graduate Showcase
The Hocak Worak will feature college, high school, and head start graduates in a special section.
Submit a photo and information via email before June 17.
Submit materials to: Newsletter@ho-chunk.com

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community here in Rapid City," he said.
Tilsen said he doesn't know how Ferguson had planned to fund the travel, hotel and performance fees for those scheduled to perform Saturday.
"We're funding the whole thing out of our budget because, honestly, to do it last minute like this, we're all in work mode," he said. "We actually don't have time to raise money for this event."
He said NDN Collective would pay the artists for their travel and time, as well as provide the sound, lighting and all other logistics needed to host the event.
And Tilsen offered his thoughts about the mistreatment of Native artists.

"It's important that we value our artists," he said. "They contribute so much to our society."
"We should not be leaving them hanging like this."
One of the performers allegedly "left hanging" by Ferguson was Trenton Casillas, aka Let It Bee, a 25-year-old hip-hop artist from the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation.
He said he didn't know anything about Ferguson before agreeing to perform Saturday in Rapid City. He said at first Ferguson seemed legitimate and capable of hosting the event. But then Ferguson's actions began to worry Casillas.
"He just kept getting weirder and weirder," he said of Ferguson. "He wasn't very transparent. ... He tricked us"
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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be May 6th which will be published on May 13th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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A monthly newsletter brought to you by Ho-Chunk Natural Resources Department

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Agriculture Strategic Research & Planning



Collaboration efforts between HCN Agriculture Division, tribal members and UW Extension leaves us with a few more sessions to complete the strategic plan process for the Department of Agriculture and its operational and staffing needs. The Maax Hagici project is focused on providing a 10 year plan. The plan includes both local food growing and some commercial growing opportunities leading the way. The term Food Sovereignty was used extensively by participants in the planning workgroup. Considering soil quality alone, the project to address four communities in the first year and include more communities each year. However, there is a huge need to rebuild traditional and modern capacity in education, resources and deployment. The history of Ho-Chunk farming goes back thousands of years, and in many cases handled locally as opposed to a centralized government. The Ho-Chungra, traditionally, managed their own food systems and diet. During the pandemic, the question of food sovereignty was raised many times.

Resolution Request for Special Revenue Account for Division of Agriculture Expenses



The current Division of Agriculture has little to no budget.

A proposal for Agricultural Lease revenue, (which currently goes to the General Fund), we are asking to go into a special rev account to be used for the Division of Agriculture operations. This resolution may provide funds in the new fiscal year if approved.

2022 Goals & Objectives



Although it might a little too ambitious for a first year, these are the goals & objectives that came to the forefront. Resources will dictate the ability of the division to accomplish these annual goals and objectives.

- Goal 1: Establish Department of Agriculture
- Goal 2: Agricultural campaign needs assessment
- Goal 3: Indian corn project
- Goal 4: Starter plants plantings, and community projects
- Goal 5: Seed Savers (Ho-Chungra Heirloom)
- Goal 6: Ag leases
- Goal 7: Capacity building
- Goal 8: Bee motel program

Summer Tribal Youth Grant Application



Division of Agriculture was able to secure a grant for some summer employment opportunities for youth ages 16-19. They are going to focus on getting youth employed at three different locations across the State. This includes Pacinak, Mogasuc, and Teejop. Steeped in Natural Resources, this will be an experiment post pandemic to combine departments to share the load. So far Education, DNR, Labor, Personnel and Administration are all helping to make this summer project one of the best ever. Please look forward to updates as they become available.

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HCHN Gaming Commissioner Awarded Second NIGA Chairman's Award

Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner Cori Blaschke was presented with her second National Indian Gaming Association's (NIGA) Chairman's Leadership Award. NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. presented the award. "It's been such an honor to be presented with the NIGA Chairman's Leadership Award for the second time," Commissioner Blaschke said, "I have never expected to receive such high recognition. I am surrounded by leaders in the industry that deserve this award."

Indian Gaming experienced a boom after the US Supreme Court decision in 1987, *California v. Cabazon*, which held that states that authorized gambling could not ban gambling on Indian reservations. That ruling led Congress to enact the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) the following year. IGRA created the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), which is granted authority to oversee the framework for the rules around gambling on reservations across the United States.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission is the tribe's independent regulatory authority and is responsible

for oversight, training, and enforcement of gaming operations. Commissioners regularly review and analyze tribal, state, and federal regulations and provide recommendations when amendments are desired. The Commission monitors all gaming operations within the Nation and is required to refer violations to the Office of the Tribal Inspector or the Department of Justice.

The institution of gaming by tribes supports sovereignty and promotes economic development, which has been a challenge for many tribal reservations. The primary intentions of the regulations are to promote safe and honest gambling, ensuring the tribes are the primary beneficiaries of gaming revenues, and defending tribal gaming from corruption and organized crime.

Prior to the pandemic, the industry was estimated at \$35 billion through 289 tribes in 29 states. While actual tribal revenues is much less, the funds are very helpful to those tribes. Federal law requires that net revenues from any tribal gaming can only be used for five purposes:

(1) To fund tribal government operations or programs;

(2) To provide for the general welfare of the Indian tribe and its members;

(3) To promote tribal economic development;

(4) To donate to charitable organizations;

(5) Or to help fund operations of local government agencies.

The Ho-Chunk Nation uses a significant amount of funding to augment or replace federal and state programs and services, which often place restrictions on who can qualify or limitations on the delivery of the programs and services. One of the limitations has been a trending topic for discussion; once innocuous, the requirement that programs are designed using "evidence-based practices."

Former Executive Director of Social Services Stephanie Lozanosays, "Grants usually try to make us fit into their model. Having our own funding means we can create something that works for our communities rather than having someone who doesn't know us prescribing what they think will work."

The child welfare program operates similarly to Wisconsin counties, but cases can be wholly administered through

the tribe – through Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services and Tribal Courts. When tribal members are placed outside of the home or when they are ordered to receive services, the tribe pays. The total cost of this one program is in the millions.

The Ho-Chunk Nation administers hundreds of programs covering education, health, social services, housing, workforce development, heritage and cultural protection, language preservation, natural resources conservation, and emergency services. About 25 percent of the population lives within 25 miles of the tribal headquarters in Black River Falls, so the Ho-Chunk Nation operates up to nine satellite offices across Wisconsin with one each in Chicago, Illinois and Saint Paul, Minnesota.

There's a common misconception about Indians – they all get free money. While some tribes may issue a per capita distribution – a portion of the revenue – not all casinos generate enough money. The Ho-Chunk Nation has often sent out payments to tribal members knowing that several tribal members might not have access to tribal pro-

grams, with an estimated 25% of tribal members living further than 100 miles from the tribal headquarters. Several tribal members are still living in poverty conditions, so they can prioritize their own critical needs, like rent/mortgage, gas, and cell phone bills. Regardless of how the money is spent, it often stimulates the local economy.

While tribal gaming raises the socioeconomic outlook for both tribal members and non-Indians most visibly through employment, the net profits are seen as fundamental to sustaining tribal sovereignty. "Every employee, whether they work in the casino or in the government office, is integral to the success of our Nation," says Vice President Karena Thunderclod, "and they work so hard because our future is in their hands."

"I've been on the Gaming Commission since 2014 and am constantly learning from those around me," Commissioner Blaschke says, "As hard and as stressful as it is, it's my love for the Ho-Chunk Nation that keeps me passionate about my job so that we can continue to flourish in Tribal gaming."

The Sauk County Historical Society
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MAN MOUND NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PANEL DEDICATION

Saturday, May 14, 2022
1:00 pm

Man Mound National Historic Landmark
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Photo courtesy of the Sauk County Historical Society

Man Mound National Historic Landmark is a rare human-shaped effigy mound that dates back to approximately 1,250 years ago. It is the only remaining human-shaped sacred mound left in existence today. This sacred site garners curiosity for all who continually come to visit and wish to learn more about the Indigenous people who constructed this mound so long ago. The Sauk County Historical Society is proud to announce the celebration of Man Mound with the unveiling of new interpretive panels that will educate all about Man Mound, the Indigenous history of Wisconsin and the sacred mound culture that once dominated the Sauk County landscape. The event will take place on May 14th at 1 p.m. with guest speakers.



Warning Signs that Someone Has Experienced Sexual Violence

StrongHearts Native Helpline

Sexual violence is a far too common thing throughout Native communities. According to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Native Americans are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual violence in their lifetime. As we know, this may be even higher due to the lack of reporting common in Native communities. Sexual

violence is any type of sexual activity done without consent. We often don't know when someone is struggling with something. Sexual violence is no exception.

If you believe someone you know and love has experienced sexual violence, here are some warning signs:

Pulling out of their favorite activities or hobbies

Your relative may be showing little or no interest in their

favorite activities.

Small signs of loss of trust

Your relative might stop trusting you or your family members with small or large things.

Isolation

You may notice that your loved one is absent or turning down more invitations. They may have secluded themselves in their homes or workplaces or finding reasons to spend more time alone or

with very few people.

Signs of depression or energy fatigue

Your relative may be starting to show signs of depression. This can include changes in appetite and weight, conversations that include hopelessness or lack of outlook on life, and either uncontrollable emotions or numbing of emotions.

Loss of interest in conversations or seeming spaced out

out

Your relative might be experiencing zone out or feelings of disconnection while in the middle of a conversation. This could look like slow responses to questions, looks of lost in thoughts or slower speech when talking.

Seeming to be uncomfortable when talking about sex or topics related to sex

This can be a little hard to

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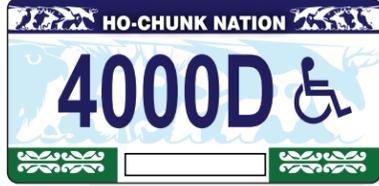
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Protect Your Valuable Ash Trees Against Emerald Ash Borer

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages property owners with healthy, valuable ash trees to treat them with insecticide this spring to protect against emerald ash borer. The pest is currently the most damaging threat to trees in Wisconsin, killing more than

99% of the ash trees it infests. A common first sign of emerald ash borer infestation is woodpecker damage created when birds feed on emerald ash borer larvae beneath the bark of ash trees. Treatment of infested ash trees is more likely to succeed if the trees have low or moderate levels of woodpecker damage. Now

is a good time to consider insecticide protection because the treatments are typically done between mid-April and mid-May.

Emerald ash borer was recently found in Bayfield and Lincoln counties for the first time, and has become so widespread that treatments are worth considering anywhere

in Wisconsin. The highest risk of infestation is in communities already known to be infested or within 15 miles of a known infestation. The risk is lower elsewhere, but the DNR suspects that there are additional undetected emerald ash borer infestations. You can find more emerald ash borer detection information at emeraldashborer.wi.gov.

Homeowners can apply some insecticide products, and others must be applied by a certified professional. Review the available options before selecting an insecticide and treatment method. Visit the Wisconsin EAB website and EAB Information Network website for more information about insecticides. Additionally, you can search for a certified arborist at the Wisconsin Arborist Association’s website. Other businesses that conduct emerald ash borer treatments may be found online or in a phone book.

Stay informed and be on the lookout for emerald ash borer. Know where the pest has already been found and look for the signs and symptoms of emerald ash borer infestation. Watch ash trees for the following:

- Woodpecker damage called “flecking,” where pieces of bark have been removed

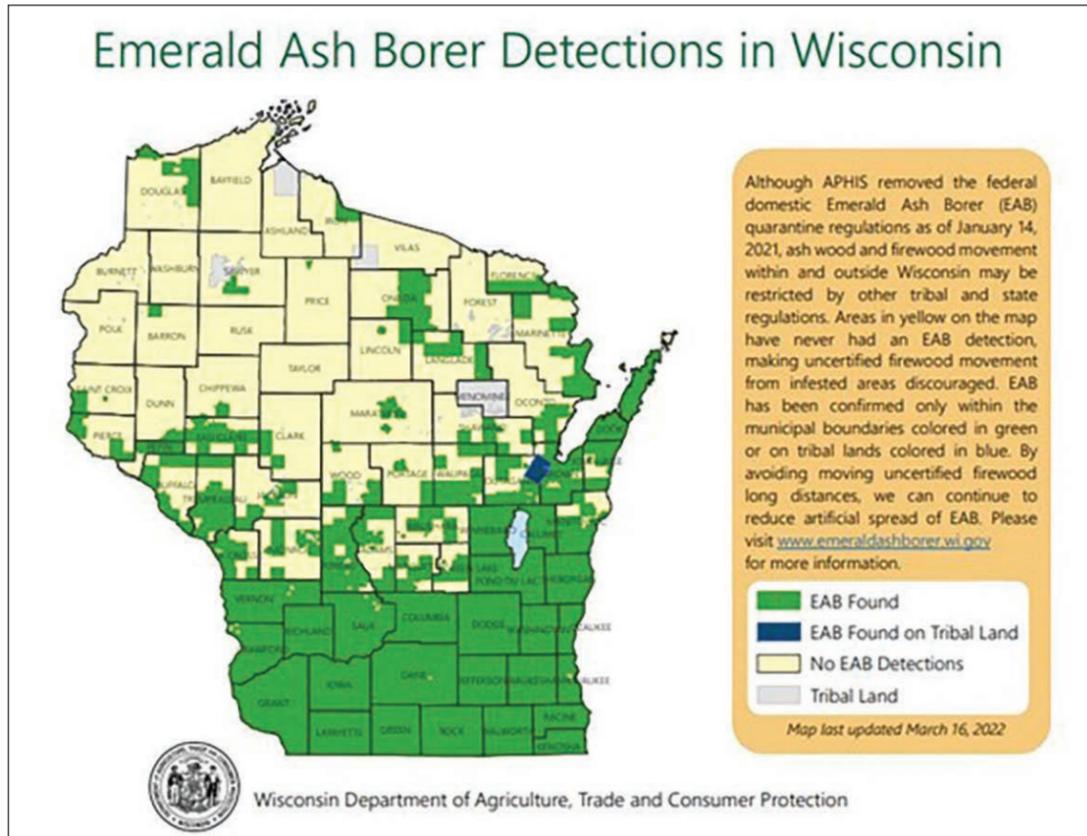


Stay informed and be on the lookout for emerald ash borer. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

while feeding on emerald ash borer larvae beneath the bark. It usually starts up in the canopy and progresses down the tree over the next few years if the tree is not treated.

- Sprouts growing from the base or trunk of the tree.
- Thinning canopy with smaller, pale leaves.
- Small (one-eighth inch), D-shaped exit holes in the bark.
- Green beetles crawling on the trunk of ash trees during the summer.

Visit the DNR emerald ash borer webpage for more information.





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President Marlon WhiteEagle Vetoes Legislative Resolution 04-05-22F; Maintains Gaming Ordinance

Finding it unnecessary to require non-gaming employees (such as those in food and beverage or retail services) to hold a gaming license, President Marlon WhiteEagle has vetoed Legislative Resolution 04-05-22F.

“There are many employees, including Tribal Members, vital to our gaming enterprises but are not involved in direct gaming interactions. Requiring all employees to have a gaming license is an excessive barrier to employment.” states President WhiteEagle.

Due to the veto, the language of the Gaming Ordinance remains unchanged from its state as it was prior to April 5th, 2022.

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Free Event

Outdoor Exhibit Grand Opening
“A Landscape of Families”

Saturday, May 14 at 1pm
Historic Indian Agency House

1 pm: Welcome - Exhibit Introduction
Thought-provoking speakers

2 pm: Performance by the Wisconsin Dells Singers and Dance Troupe of the Ho-Chunk Nation

www.agencyhouse.org/landscape-of-families

All afternoon:

- Explore the new exhibit & website
- Sample Ho-Chunk fare from Wild Bearies, compliments of the Ho-Chunk Nation
- Children: Get a free copy of *Native People of Wisconsin* by Patty Lowe (one per family), compliments of Madison Reading Project
- Visit the Ho-Chunk craft booth
- Peruse the museum gift shop

Historic Indian Agency House
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Portage, WI 53901






MMIW 5K

(MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN)

MAY 5, 2022 – LA CROSSE, WI

The epidemic of MMIW is an international crisis that is just now being exposed to mainstream society, with a long history of violence against Indigenous women.



Wisconsin has been ranked 6th in the nation in sex trafficking, according to the Human Trafficking Institute, with urban centers being the hub in the I-90/194 Corridors.

RIVERSIDE PARK

100 State St. La Crosse, WI

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 11:00AM
(REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00)
Program starts at 11:30AM
5K starts at 12:00PM

May 5th is designated as a day of awareness for missing & murdered indigenous women and girls throughout the state of Wisconsin.

This event will feature resources, statistical information and a call to action to honor, to remember and to raise awareness

For more information, contact: henry.greengrass@ho-chunk.com or look for us on Facebook.

#MMIW #NoMoreStolenSisters
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INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

RFP # 2022SFS06
Broadband Consultant Services

c/o Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department
Procurement Division
Attn: Steve Sallaway
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

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

Sealed bids must be submitted by **2:00 PM CST on May 06, 2022**. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

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

Please call Steve @ 800-779-2873, Ext. 11316 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this 22nd day of April, 2022.

Steve Sallaway
Procurement Agent
Ho-Chunk Nation

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

Phishing Scams

The HCN Security Administrator has been notified of an increase in the number of email phishing scams. HCN employees need to be extra vigilant and aware of attachments, files, and links in emails that are not from official sources/resources.

Key Features of Phishing Attempts

- 1- Attackers focus on stealing your sensitive data
- 2- Attackers behave as legitimate entities
- 3- Attackers use your emotions

How to Spot a Phishing Email

The following features generally indicate a phishing email:

- A Generic Greeting
- The lack of a personal greeting
- A Deceptive Email Address
- Spelling and/or grammar errors
- A questionable email address or subject line
- URLs and email domains that appear legit but are one letter off
- A sense of urgency
- Prize or Award Notification
- Sub-domains that aren't officially owned by trusted brands and companies

If you suspect a phishing email, call the sender directly. Even if the email looks legitimate:

1. Don't Click on any links or pictures
2. Don't Open attachments
3. Don't Reply to the Sender
4. Don't give out personal information.

It's never a bad idea to verify the legitimacy of the email over the phone or in person.

If you receive fraudulent emails or reports of staff receiving these emails, please report them to the HCN Security Administrator by following these steps:

1. Select the Phishing email in your inbox to highlight it, then click on the more menu button (in the Home tab) and select Forward as an Attachment.
2. Address the message to Heidi.bird@ho-chunk.com and click the Send button.
3. Once your message has been sent to the Security Administrator, delete the Phishing email.

While our new security appliances are working hard to keep these incidents to a minimum, realize that some phishing emails will continue to make it to users. Stay vigilant in updating IT, as we are tracking the sender information. This information will be cataloged and blocked if a pattern appears to warrant it.

Thank you and stay cyber safe!

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detect if you don't already know how comfortable someone is with talking about the topic of sex. But if you see a dramatic change in the comfortability of one's expression and opinions of sex this could be a sign of sexual violence.

If your partner has a change in interest in sex or being touched

If you are concerned that your partner may have experienced sexual violence, one warning sign may be that they no longer show interest in sex and pull away when you try to approach or touch them. The main component here is that they seem to have lost trust or interest in sexual touch, but not necessarily in your relationship.

While not every sexual assault or rape leaves physical injuries, here are a few to look out for:

- Bruising
- Vaginal or anal bleeding
- Broken or dislocated bones
- Difficulty walking

It can be difficult to talk with someone who has experienced something as traumatic as sexual violence. But as a relative, your support can mean a lot to a victim-survivor. StrongHearts Native Helpline is here to chat about ways that you can support a relative experiencing the effects of sexual violence. Call or text 1-844-7NATIVE or chat here on strongheartshelpline.org, advocates are available 24/7 for free, safe and confidential support. If you would like more information about how you can help someone in an unhealthy or abusive relationship visit our [Help a Friend or Relative](#) page.

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all into thinking that he got this all on lock.”

Eventually, after Casillas began questioning Ferguson about whether he had properly secured the venue, Ferguson kicked him from the event.

“Last thing he said to me was don’t tell me what the F to do,” he said.

Ferguson, who describes himself on his Facebook profile as a “national award winning film director and entertainer from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation,” did not respond to a request for comment from Indianz.Com.

But in a late Friday night video that he posted on his page, Ferguson defended his handling of the Akisa 2022 event, saying he was being unfairly targeted for his “dark past.”

“A couple weeks ago I had an idea about us putting on an event here in Rapid City where we would be able to bring our families and youth together,” he said. “They wouldn’t have to hear the word racism and they wouldn’t have to hear the word landback and they wouldn’t have to feel like being present that people were going to judge them because they were picking a side.”

He said he began organizing the event a little more than a week ago because he wanted to bring the community – Natives and non-Natives – together following a tumultuous series of events that began March 19 when a young Lakota man shot and critically injured another young Lakota man who later died. A day later, Connie Uhre, who owns The Grand Gateway Hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota, announced she was banning all Native Americans from her hotel.

In response, NDN Collective filed a federal civil rights lawsuit, and several days later nearly 1,000 Natives and others marched in Rapid City to protest Uhre’s actions.

“It’s really sad because we’ve got a lot of business owners that truly do love us and a lot of people that really do appreciate our business,” Ferguson said. “We wanted to do an event that brought everyone in the community together. We wanted to feed them and we wanted to have some really good music and laugh together.”

He mentioned several Rapid City businesses who had provided support for the Akisa 2022 event, including Hotel Alex Johnson, Visit

Rapid City, Elevate, Ramkota, Country Inn and Suites and Lil Gables, a Native-owned clothing store.

He said he secured commitments from more than 40 Native musicians to perform and hotel rooms for all the performers.

“It was always with the best of intentions that I wanted to create an event like this and make it a reality and I had no intentions on causing any harm to anyone,” Ferguson said. “But the thing and the reality is I’ve got a dark past, a bad past where I’ve sat a lot of time in prison. Yes, I am a felon and yes, I was found guilty of embezzlement from our tribe 10 years ago.”

He said he doesn’t plan to host any other events in the future.

“I’m not going to be able to bring our Native people together for projects because this is what’s going to happen every time,” he said. “I’m always going to have a fan club that has a desire that

every time Brandon tries to do something we’re going to bring him down.”

But Ferguson’s “dark past” may not be as distant as he claims, according to one Oglala Lakota family that claims Ferguson raised a large sum of money for one of their relatives in January but only spent a small portion of the funds he raised to help their relative.

In January, Ferguson raised nearly \$28,000 through a GoFundMe page for Lynn Two Bulls and Aaron Two Crow, an elderly couple living in a run-down trailer house with several grandchildren in Kyle, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

After posting a series of alarming photographs inside the couple’s trailer house, Ferguson managed to raise nearly \$23,000 in barely a day. He told supporters he would purchase a new mobile home for the couple as a temporary solution until he could have a wood frame house construct-

ed for the family.

But as of Friday, more than three months after raising the funds for the couple, Ferguson had managed only to purchase a used trailer house for the couple. The family believes the trailer cost about \$7,000 – or only about 30 percent of the \$23,000 raised. And while the couple is grateful for the home, the home lacks electricity, running water or propane.

Only a small fireplace inside the home can be used to heat it, and the family has cordoned off most of the trailer because the fireplace can’t heat the entire building, said Michelle Two Bulls, Lynn Two Bulls’ daughter.

Michelle Two Bulls said Ferguson also promised to purchase a second mobile home for her younger sister but after purchasing a second trailer house, Ferguson actually sold it to a buyer. And despite promises to pay her mother’s utility bills for a

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May Elders Birthdays

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| 1 Renee Coleman | 18 Tony Delarosa |
| 2 Richard Amble | James Rogers |
| 3 Alvina Bolinski | Gloria White Thunder |
| Veronica Espinoza | Wayne Peters |
| 4 Joyce Penland | 19 Marlon Whitewing |
| 5 Michael Goodbear | Daniel Whitehorse |
| 6 Allen Cloud | Orval Tipton, Jr. |
| Jennifer Kearnes | Kevin Vasquez |
| 7 Kent Mallory | 20 Joan Greendeer-Lee |
| Clinton Thunderchief | Jayne Dawson |
| Roberta Funmaker | Joyce Warner |
| Clyde Blackdeer | Wilfrid Cleveland |
| 8 Anna Salinas | Louisa Decora |
| Margaret Hoffman | 21 Kate Martin |
| 9 Lance Tallmadge | Maxine Kolner |
| Myra Cunneen | James Ensley |
| Carl Hernandez | 22 Anita Nevsimal |
| Nancy Prescott | Casey Whitegull |
| 10 Patrick Day | 23 Marilyn Lowe |
| Yvonne Delarosa | 24 Francesca Medina |
| Nellie Peoples | Robert Pilot |
| 11 Kelly Wiese | 25 Cynthia Decorah |
| Dawn Campion | 26 Christine Jendrisak |
| Sandra Smith | Patricia Swartling |
| 12 Cecil Garvin, Sr. | Arlene Shegonee |
| Lisa Stroessner | Leigh Schulte |
| Lawrence Littlegeorge, Jr. | Raymond Armendariz |
| Carolyn Toews | 27 Colleen Greengrass |
| 13 James Funmaker, Jr. | Rena Hudson |
| Maria Contreras | Kirk Hopinka |
| Glenn White Eagle | Herbert Cleveland |
| Gregory Smith | 28 Sherry Smith |
| 14 Jeremy Rockman | Ruth Rave |
| Larry Garvin | Duwayne Link |
| William Walker | 29 Anthony Dick |
| Kerwin La Mere | 30 Lawrence Delarosa |
| 15 Anna Winneshiek | Susan Walczak |
| 16 Pauline Ward | Truman Williams, Sr. |
| Michael Sherwood | Jack Britton |
| Mark Myers | Glenn Prescott |
| Mary Bernhardt | 31 Sherman Funmaker |
| Claire Revels, Jr. | Linda Johnson |
| 17 Mark Stroessner | John Steindorf |
| Lita Snake | |
| Linda Goodwin | |



The Akisa 2022 was announced as being “canceled” only a day before the event scheduled in Rapid City, South Dakota, on April 15, 2022. Photo: Rushmore Mall

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT

Mohican Nation	Stockbridge-Munsee Community
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Stacey Schinko and Brian Decorah,)	Case No. 2022-NC-0002
Petitioners,)	
)	
From: Danyelle Adeana Decorah)	NOTICE OF COURT DATE
To: Danyelle Adeana Bear Chief Decorah)	

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court has scheduled this case for hearing as follows:
Hearing Date: Friday, May 13th 2022
Hearing Time: 09:30 AM
Hearing Type: Hearing
Location: Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court
 N8476 Mohheconnuck Rd
 Bowler WI 54416

All Name Change Proceedings: All parties must cause a notice of his or her intention to change name to be published in the Mohican News for one issue and in the Shawano Leader for one issue. The notice must state the petitioner’s present name and the intended name and must state the date and time of the court hearing where the name change will be considered, and that any person who objects will have an opportunity to raise the objection at that time.

NOTICE: In the Mohican News and Shawano Leader shall not be less than 14 days and not greater than 90 days prior to the scheduled court hearing date, unless the Tribal Court finds good cause to waive this requirement.

Proof of Publication Notices: Must be provided to the Tribal Court prior to the hearing.

Date: Monday, April 11, 2022
 Notice Hand/delivered in person this date.

[Signature]
 Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court Clerk

Copies to: Petitioner, Shawano Evening Leader and Mohican News

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StrongHearts Native Helpline Honors Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives on May 5

StrongHearts Native Helpline

As a helpline dedicated to serving Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence, StrongHearts Native Helpline honors our relatives and communities impacted by Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) and those working to end this crisis.

StrongHearts understands the issues of MMIR are related to domestic, dating and sexual violence. We know that missing and murdered victims can be children, elders, Two-Spirit, men and those with disabilities. This crisis affects all of our relatives.

Research shows that women are more likely to be killed by an intimate partner (husband, boyfriend, same-sex partner, or ex) than by anyone else.

Over 84 percent of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. Nationally, across all racial and ethnic groups, approximately two out of five female murder victims are killed by an intimate partner. Homicide is a leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women. Many killings linked to domestic violence occur right after recent breakups or during separations. Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native peoples also face being killed

by strangers. For Native male victims, 12.3 percent of the time, the suspect is a person known to the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear. For Native female victims, 7.9 percent of the time, the suspect was or is a person known to the victim but the exact nature of the relationship was unclear.

Complicated legal systems, jurisdictional confusion, and lack of resources continue to leave many Native victims of violence and their families without support or justice. Whether the violence is coming from inside the home, or from strangers living near tribal communities or in urban centers, meaningful action must be taken to prevent more of our relatives from going missing or being murdered. Our relatives deserve justice.

Each year, the MMIR issue gets more visibility in the United States. An important milestone was reached on November 15, 2021 when President Joe Biden signed Executive Order 14053, aimed at improving public safety and criminal justice for Native Americans and addressing the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people. The Executive Order builds on work that was already in place under the Attorney General's MMIP Initiative and Operation Lady Justice (established in November 2019), and the tasks required by Savanna's Act and the Not Invisible Act. Published in November

2021, "When a Loved One Goes Missing: Resources for Families of Missing American Indian and Alaska Native Adults" is an Operation Lady Justice guide that provides critical information and resources to assist family members with the search for a missing adult loved one.

When Native American and Alaska Native victims of intimate partner violence and sexual violence have access to culturally-appropriate advocacy, they are less likely to end up in a situation where they murdered. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous and confidential helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts advocates understand the unique barriers to safety and justice that Native peoples face.

Advocates are available 24/7 by texting or calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or via online chat at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse.

How You Can Help Individuals

- **Wear red** on May 5 and post a photo on social media with the hashtag #MMIR
- **Read** How to Support a Loved One in an Abusive Relationship
- **Read** Colonization and Domestic Violence
- **View** and share these

three new short MMIR PSA's on StrongHearts' YouTube channel.

- **Like, follow and share** organizations working on the MMIR crisis on social media
 - Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC): Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
 - Lakota People's Law Project: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube
 - MMIW USA: Facebook
 - National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC): Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube
 - Not Our Native Daughters: Facebook
 - Sovereign Bodies Institute: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- **Learn** about the cross-jurisdictional issues facing missing and murdered Native peoples
- **Learn** about your area's MMIR, their names and MMIR open and closed cases.
- **Learn** about your local law enforcement's definition of a missing person (child or adult) and how to advocate for yourself and your missing loved one when talking to the police. Although it's understandably a very stressful situation when you need to report a missing relative, it's important to be calm, state the facts, and be prepared to offer any helpful information that will aid a search (list of friends and acquaintances who might have information, clothing description and recent photo-

graphs).

- **Engage** with your local news media about MMIR
 - When a relative goes missing, contact your local news media (print, TV and radio) to encourage them to get the word out. News media can be reached by phone, email or on their social media pages.
- **Volunteer** to join searches for missing persons. Searching for a missing relative can be an emotional, overwhelming experience and especially traumatic if they are found murdered. Talking with friends, family members, tribal and spiritual leaders, or a professional therapist can be comforting and provide strategies for processing grief.
- **Attend, support or organize** a community event in your area to raise awareness of MMIR — a community walk or run, vigil or any type of fundraiser/awareness event.
- **Donate** to organizations working on the MMIR crisis.
 - **Organizations**
 - **Wear red** on May 5 and post a photo on social media with the hashtag #MMIR
 - Center BIPOC voices on your platforms
 - Donate to organizations doing the work
 - Partner with organizations doing the work on events, calls to action and awareness campaigns
 - Provide information and support via employment assistance programs

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HCHN HEALTH & WELLNESS DIVISION



ON BEHALF OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Pinagigi! Thank you!

Sharing our appreciation for our tribal members who participated in the COVID-19 Impact Study. Thank you for sharing your stories.

Stay tuned for study results, next steps, and how stories will be used to support clinic and public health program and service decisions.

W-9 reminder: If you are wanting to receive the financial incentive, be sure to submit your W-9 no later than June 10.

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In a post on his Facebook page on Friday, Ferguson claimed that Lynn Two Bulls' daughters had contacted GoFundMe and filed complaints, requesting they be given control of the account. The company granted their request under the condition that all funds raised be returned to individual donors and that the Two Bulls family repost the page as a new fundraiser.

But Michelle Two Bulls said she received a message from GoFundMe that Ferguson had already withdrawn the entire amount raised

by the GoFundMe page – \$26,061 after fees – prior to it being shut down by GoFundMe.

And the new fundraiser that the Two Bulls family posted afterward only raised \$155 before Two Bulls decided to shut it down.

As of Friday, she said her mother's living conditions had improved little since Ferguson got involved in trying to help her, and now Ferguson has said he won't be helping the family anymore.

"She's living like she was before, no light, no propane," she said. "In the end, he just used my mom and forgot about her."

"His greed got the best of him."

Cody J. Downey

July 20, 1981 - April 12, 2022

Cody Downey, age 40, of Black River Falls, WI died Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, WI.

Cody Justin Downey was born on July 20, 1981, in Black River Falls, WI the son of Roger Downey and Gale Kingswan. He graduated from Memorial High School in Eau Claire, WI in 1999 and then worked as a chef at the snack bar in the casino at Black River Falls and as a sous chef at the restaurant in the casino.

Cody enjoyed fishing and spending time with his children. He was a gamer and enjoyed playing X-Box with his kids. He also enjoyed everything Wisconsin including the Packers,

Brewers and Badgers.

He is survived by his children, Cross Decorah and Thunder Downey, siblings, Roger St. Claire Jr., Gus (Cynthia) Downey, Sylvia Downey, Gabe Downey and Forrest Downey Sr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Victor Kingswan and an infant sister, Crystal.

Funeral services for Cody will be held at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the Dells Dam Community Center. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m., Thursday at the Community Center. Burial will be in the Dewey Mike Cemetery.

Pall Bearers are: Jesse Blackdeer, Warrington Greengrass, CJ Greyhair, Brandon Rave, Randy Redcloud and Travis Two-crows.

Online Condolences may be made at www.gescheff.com.

The Gesche Funeral Home is assisting Cody's family with funeral arrangements.



Mark Andrew Blackhawk

November 5, 1962 - April 4, 2022

Mark Andrew Blackhawk, age 59, passed away in St. Paul, Minnesota on April 4, 2022.

He was born November 5, 1962 to Donald and Georgaline (Cavanaugh) Blackhawk in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mark was a simple guy - he enjoyed spending time with his dogs, Moka, Mariah, Pup-pup, and Cashmere, going for walks and enjoying cold beer.

He is survived by his sisters Geraldine, Lucy, and Lynn Blackhawk; brothers, Gerald, John, Donald Blackhawk, and Delbert Cavanaugh; his niece Elena; and other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Mark is preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Lucy and Lynn Blackhawk.

Funeral services for Mark will be Wednesday, April 13 at 10:00 am at the Mission Center with burial at the Decorah Cemetery immediately following.

The Buswell Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements, 106 S. 2nd St. Black River Falls, WI (715-284-4321).



Megan Pettibone

August 17, 1982 - April 6, 2022

Megan Pettibone "Wii-pamakere" (meaning Rainbow), age 39, of Oakdale, Wisconsin, passed away April 6, 2022, at the UW Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. She was born August 17, 1982, to James Pettibone and Cleo (Little-george) Goodbear in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. After graduating from high school in 2000, she left home to attend WWTC for marketing in La Crosse, WI, where she also played basketball for one year. Megan loved watching all kinds of sports, especially basketball and the Milwaukee Brewers. During her teen years, she held the crown for Indian Awareness Week. She had a wonderful sense of humor that her family and friends will dearly miss.

She later moved to Milwaukee, where she found out she would become a mother and was proud to have given birth to Anthony Paul on September 17,

2005. They would later be joined by a baby girl, Mackenzie Marie who was born July 30, 2007. She loved her children more than anything.

Megan was employed at Fashion Bug in Milwaukee and later went to work at the Potawatomi Casino OTB for ten years. She then worked at the airport until the Covid pandemic hit and she was laid off due to health concerns. Megan moved back to Oakdale to help care for her father until his passing.

She is survived by her children, Anthony and Mackenzie Hagie, sister, Clarissa (Raymond) Haapala, brother, Wendell (Niki) Pettibone, along with many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Pettibone, her mother, Cleo Goodbear, grandparents, Leslie Pettibone, Janette Smoke, and Jesse (Edna) Littlegeorge Jr.



Traditional Ho Chunk services will be held Friday, April 8, 2022, 12:00 p.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah. Joey Price will officiate. Burial will follow in the Blue Wing Cemetery, Tomah, WI. Family and friends are invited for visitation on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Immediately following the burial, a meal will be held at 426 South Oakwood St, Oakdale, WI. Online condolences are available at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

Marcella Oleaina Duke

March 26, 1944 - April 10, 2022

Marcella Duke joined her husband Virgil Duke in Heaven on Sunday April 10th 2022 at age 78. Marcella was survived by Virgil, Lisa (Anthony), Cheryl (Mark), Tony (Shannon), Dee (Travis), Kelly (Leslie),



Joseph, Jonathan (Dannon), Sally (Johnny), Kevin (Betsy). Beloved sister of Mose, Jim (Sandy), Stephanie, Percy, Juneau (Ann), Lawrence, Yvonne, Cleo, Reggie, Tony (Ann), Bee (Dorian), Cyril and Celia. Cherished grandma of Brandy, Tanaya, Michael, Robert, Dylan, Dakota, Lisa, Rose, Tony, Oleana, Juan, Sarah, Matthew, Valerie, Selena, Tony, Chantelle, Cody, Michael, Joseph, Jonathan, Jordan, Jarvis, Donovan, Kelly, Nickolas, Naomi, Jiada, Aaron, Giovanie, and Karson. She is further survived by 43 great grandkids and many nieces and nephews.

Marcella lived her life

to the fullest and enjoyed dancing, cooking, going to Ho Chunk Casino and being with family. Marcella was also a member of the Ho Chunk Nation. Her deepest love and enjoyment was spending time with her late husband, kids, grandkids & great grandkids. Some of her favorite moments were spending time with family during the holidays.

Visitations will be held on Thursday April 14th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Prasser-Kleczka Funeral Home 6080 South 27th Street Milwaukee, WI 53221. Funeral Service starts at noon. Committal to follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery.

Janet Dittmer

February 28, 1939 April 14, 2022

Janet Dittmer, age 83, passed away April 14, 2022.

Janet was born February 28, 1939 in Monroe County, WI to Bertha (Climer) and Hershel Thompson and grew up living in the Black River and Dells Dam area. She graduated high school in Neillsville, WI and went on to College in Pasadena, CA. She returned to Neillsville to work at the Winnebago Indian School There she met her future husband Klaus Dittmer, from Berlin Germany. In 1964 they married in St. Paul MN and sailed across the ocean to settle in Berlin, Germany. There she had her 3 daughters Hinu, Annie and Janie. After 3 years in Berlin the family moved to Tunisia, North Africa. Her Kunu was born there. She loved living in Tunisia. She said the Arabic families were so much like the Ho-Chunk relatives she missed. After

3 years in Tunisia the family moved back to Berlin where her son Raoul was born. She spent 43 years living in Berlin. Janet spoke 5 languages, Ho-Chunk, English, German, French, and Arabic. 18 years ago she moved back to Black River Falls. She loved coming back home and enjoyed reconnecting with her family and friends. She eventually got to build her home on her mother's homestead.

She is survived by her sons, Gerald (Barbara Burger) Dittmer, Raoul (Luhui WhiteBear) Dittmer; daughters, Laurie (Andi) Vita, Anne Dittmer, and Janie Dittmer; grandchildren, Arusha, Kunu, Naomi, Lina, Tomah, Bea, Nestor, Robyn, Byron, and Nahvia; and great-grandchildren, Tlaloc, Koa, Asa, Keech-Kia, Yahya, and Zekeria.

Janet is preceded in death by her parents, Herchel

and Bertha; brothers, Jeff, Wayne, and John; sisters, Carolyn and Gloria; cousins, and many other extended Ho-Chunk relatives.

Funeral services for Janet will be Sunday April 17, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Dells Dam Community Center. Burial at 12:00 pm at the Dells Dam Cemetery will immediately follow.

The Buswell Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements, 106 S. 2nd St. Black River Falls, WI (715-284-4321).





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MAY 7TH, 2022
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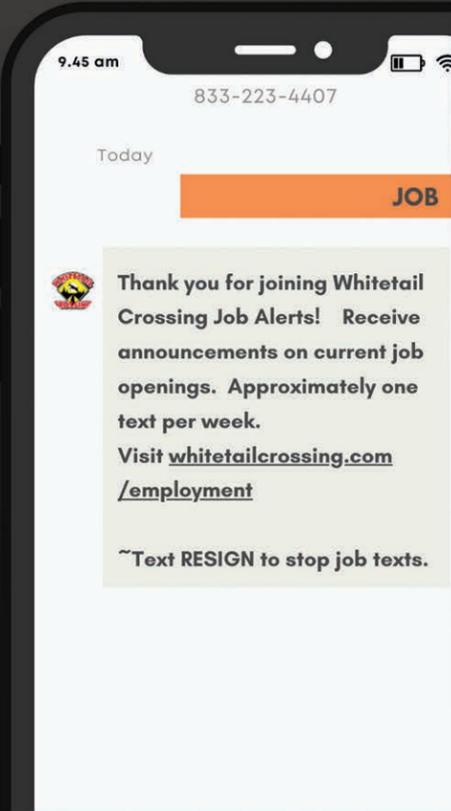
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Baraboo School District's Title VI – Indian Education Program will host an annual public hearing.

The Title VI Formula Grant is a federally funded program through the Office of Indian Education.

What: Title VI – Formula Grant/Title VI Public Hearing

Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

When: Wednesday, May 04, 2022

Where: HCG-WD in Lower Dells Boardroom

53214 County Road B-D, Baraboo, WI 53913

Annual meeting will provide an opportunity for students who are registered in the American Indian Education Program and their parents to become more informed about Title VI's program and services.

Please use this opportunity to voice your students' needs at this important meeting.

Title VI

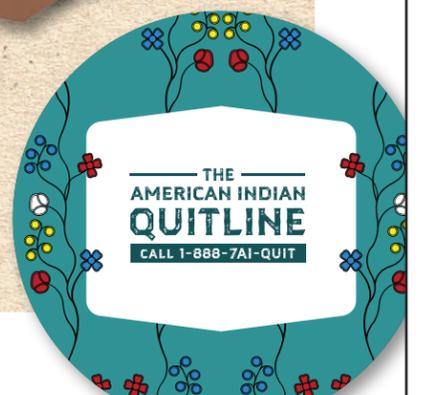
" No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. "

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HO-CHUNK NATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Administrative Order April 19, 2022-1

WHEREAS, the General Council delegated authority to the executive branch to enforce the laws and administer funds pursuant to the CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION (CONSTITUTION), Art. IV, § 2; and

WHEREAS, the General Council delegates executive authority to the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the CONSTITUTION, Art. VI, § 1(a); and

WHEREAS, the CONSTITUTION indicates that the President shall of the power to execute and administer the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the CONSTITUTION, Art. VI, § 2(a); and

WHEREAS, the President holds the power to administer all Departments, boards, and committees created by the Legislature pursuant to the CONSTITUTION, Art VI, § 2(d); and

WHEREAS, the President routinely enters administrative or executive orders pertaining to the administration of the executive branch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President, by the authority vested by the CONSTITUTION and the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation, enters the following administrative order effective upon the date of signature:

I, President Marlon WhiteEagle, rescind Administrative Order dated April 16, 2020-1 requiring all Ho-Chunk Nation Employees to wear a mask while in a Ho-Chunk Nation Office(s) or buildings. Although, wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing is continued to be recommended, it is no longer mandated for non-Department of Health employees. The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health employees are required to continue masking guidance under their own internal regulations, directives, and/or policies.

Marlon E. WhiteEagle
MaxiSkaHanazi
Ho-Chunk Nation President

4-19-22
Date

I, the undersigned Office of the President Executive Secretary, hereby certify that the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation signed and promulgated the foregoing April 19, 2022-1 Administrative Order:

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HO-CHUNK NATION
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Administrative Order April 19, 2022-2

WHEREAS, the General Council delegated authority to the executive branch to enforce the laws and administer funds pursuant to the CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION (CONSTITUTION), Art. IV, § 2; and

WHEREAS, the General Council delegates executive authority to the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the CONSTITUTION, Art. VI, § 1(a); and

WHEREAS, the CONSTITUTION indicates that the President shall of the power to execute and administer the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the CONSTITUTION, Art. VI, § 2(a); and

WHEREAS, the President holds the power to administer all Departments, boards, and committees created by the Legislature pursuant to the CONSTITUTION, Art VI, § 2(d); and

WHEREAS, the President routinely enters administrative or executive orders pertaining to the administration of the executive branch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President, by the authority vested by the CONSTITUTION and the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation, enters the following administrative order effective upon the date of signature:

I, President Marlon E. WhiteEagle, rescind Administrative Order May 4th, 2020-1 The general working times for Administration and Programs of the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch. See ERA, 6 HCC §§ 5.31, -32d, -69, -76. The Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch employees (excluding the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health, Ho-Chunk Nation enterprises, Executive Directors, contract, exempt, and grant employees) will again be operational for 40 hours per week beginning April 25th, 2022; general working times for Administration and Programs of the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch will be Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to continue the cleaning and sanitizing of the facility. Executive Directors must ensure current staff are made aware of the return to regular schedules. All Executive Directors, contract, exempt, and grant employees must contact the Executive office if you want to arrange teleworking capabilities on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Marlon E. WhiteEagle
MaxiSkaHanazi
Ho-Chunk Nation President

4-19-22
Date

I, the undersigned Office of the President Executive Secretary, hereby certify that the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation signed and promulgated the foregoing April 19, 2022-2 Administrative Order:

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Three-Day Camping Trips with SOAC
For Ages 10 - 13

Summer Outdoor Adventure Club has been leading trips for kids for 25 years. Join us this summer!



Mirror Lake State Park July 12th - 14th

Trip includes kayaking, canoeing, hiking, biking, fishing, swimming and much more. We bike from Webb Park in Reedsburg to Mirror Lake (13 miles). There we have three group campsites where we set up our tents, share cooking and cleanup duties, eat around a central fire ring and choose what we will be doing until it is time to return to the campsite.

Wazee Recreation Area June 28th - 30th

This is a reclaimed open pit iron mine that has become a wonderful place to swim, snorkel, explore and play on a great beach. We load bicycles and gear into a trailer and then we board a bus in Reedsburg that takes us to Wazee. We have two large sites to use, one for central gatherings/eating. Lake Wazee is the clearest, deepest lake in Wisconsin.

To register or if you have questions, please contact Gary Williams (Leader) at soacgary@gmail.com. Trips are filling fast.

\$100 per trip. Scholarships and loaner equipment available. No child refused due to financial circumstances. Participants bring their own sleeping bags, tent, knife, fork, spoon, and plate. You may bring cameras and fishing equipment, but no cell phones (campers can use leaders' phones if needed) and no electronics. Our goal is to be together and in tune with nature.

Parent Meeting: Tuesday, May 17th @ 7 pm, Pineview School, Reedsburg



**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
APRIL 5, 2022**

Call to Order: President Marlon WhiteEagle called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-Prep. George Stacy-VC (P) 10:15 a.m.
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

Opening Prayer: President Marlon WhiteEagle offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to TABLE the March 23, 2022 Special Finance Meeting minutes until later on in the day, move up under Commission Reports to go into Executive Session. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to move up New Business A.1 D1 Concern after Commission reports, adding Treasury ARPA Proposal under Unfinished Business 10C.6. Second concurs. 11-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-March 22, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the March 22, 2022 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Special Finance Commission-March 29, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the March 29, 2022 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Budget Mod-Beloit M2

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve the Budget Mod-Beloit M2 in the amount of \$100,000 coming from 100-9997-68001-1016 into Professional Services Line Item 100-9997-66000-1016 in the amount of \$100,000. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Commission-March 30, 2022

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the March 30, 2022 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

1st Executive Session: (Business Matters, Criminal Matter, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being):

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to move to Executive Session for Public Safety and Well Being. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

10:15 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

10:43 a.m.

Reports:

Tribal Enrollment Numbers (Standing Agenda Item)-Enrollment Office reports the first Legislative Meeting of every month

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

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to move up New Business: A D1 Concern on the agenda. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D1 Concern:

Ms. Nicole Thunder was present via video conference, and would like the Legislature to hear her legal concerns. Nicholas Kedrowski spoke in her behalf, Ms. Thunder had a case in Tribal Court, and certain issues were opposed from the Tribal Court. Ms. Thunder went on to file an appeal with the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court issued a decision, and it appears to be in direct conflict with the laws and misinterpretation. She has filed an appeal to the General Council which is her constitutional right to do so, and is the General Council constitutional power to review the Supreme Court decisions. The judge in the Tribal Court issued a stay, pending the appeal. Paperwork was submitted to General Council however, quorum was not obtained at the December 11, 2021 Annual General Council Meeting, and no action took place. The Tribal Judge said it is not in the best interest to wait and lifted the stay, and will be moving forward with his actions. Ms. Thunder is asking the Legislature to call a Special General Council meeting to hear her case. They

reached out to the Executive Branch and didn't hear back.

President WhiteEagle mentioned that this was referred to Department of Justice and they advised him on it. If the Legislature wants to act on this, they can do that.

Executive Legislative Information Officer asked what the cost of the previous Special General Council, the actual land value being disputed, and the comparison.

Vice President Thundercloud mentions the Legislature has not received any reconciliation from Ms. Fay from Office of General Council, so the Legislature does not have the exact numbers.

Rep. Danielle DeLong asked if the President had time to review the email with the Attorney General's opinion.

The President stated he is having a hard time with the email, he will meet with Department of Justice and get an update of what was advised at that time. President White Eagle stated there is an inkling this wasn't deemed necessary to call for a Special General Council. The President will meet with DOJ regarding proposed existing laws, so this will not continue to happen to Tribal Members. The DOJ cannot offer individual legal advice but they can do an amendment to the law being referred to.

Rep. Begay is out of the room at 11:09 a.m. until 11:11 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to TABLE D1 Concern until Legislature hears back from the Department of Justice later today. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. Second is withdrawn. Second by Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration

Executive Director Administration Mark Leonard was present via video conference and gave his monthly report.

Department of Health

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present via video conference and gave her update.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

Acting Executive Director of Personnel Garland Decorah was present and mentions that Personnel is having a hard time getting people to come back to work. There have been a couple of Job Fairs in Wisconsin Dells and Nekoosa.

Department of Social Services

Executive Director of Social Services Rosella Stanley was present via video conference

and gave a brief update on the report.

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update-(Standing Agenda Item)

Department of Health-Reported at the first and third meeting of the month

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin reported the House of Wellness will be getting a trailer like the one in Black River Falls for COVID testing.

Department of Business-Reported at the second meeting of the month-TABLE

Office of General Council Report (Standing Agenda Item)

The last written report received from the Office of General Council was November 23, 2021.

No Representation. No report submitted.

American Rescue Plan Funding (Standing Agenda Item)

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls Surveillance \$33,500

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Surveillance \$113,079

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Surveillance \$42,160

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Surveillance \$43,705

Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison Surveillance \$33,000

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Surveillance ARPA Proposal in the amount of \$265,444. **MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Surveillance ARPA Proposal bringing back up to 40 hours with the additional staff, without the bonuses in the amount of \$73,944. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasury ARPA Request

Treasurer Samie Overboe is requesting ARPA funds of \$3,898,737 to be spent over the next four years for Infor services, as outlined in the package. The cost of software licenses and maintenance will be budgeted in operation.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the ARPA request to the next Legislative Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

EDA Program Update

Economic Diversification Director Tina Warner introduced herself and gave her report on the program.

12:06 p.m.

President WhiteEagle was excused from the meeting for

the remainder of the meeting. Vice President Thundercloud is chairing the meeting for the remainder of the day.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the RFP Proposal for Tribal Broadband Consultant for the Economic Diversification project and authorize EDA Project Team to get that out. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Darren Brinegar was not on the call during the vote.

Third Party Administrators

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE the Third-Party Administrators. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Wisconsin Youth Prevention Grant

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-05-22 A**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Wisconsin Youth Prevention Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Open Meetings Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-05-22 B**, Authorization to Place the Open Meetings Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respect Act H.R. 3587

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to authorize Legislative Counsel to obtain feedback from available resources on Respect Act H.R. 3587 and incorporate into a draft letter of support and the Public Relations Officer can also provide assistance drafting, and bring that back to Legislature for consideration. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of the Information Exchange Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Social Security Administration

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-05-22 C**, Authorization of the Information Exchange Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Social Security Administration. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Enter into the Computer Matching and Privacy
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Protection Act Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and the Social Security Administration

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-05-22 D**, Authorization to Enter into the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and the Social Security Administration. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Per-Capita Declaration for May 1, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-05-22 E**, Per-Capita Declaration that there is no Per-Capita distribution made on May 1, 2022. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-2(Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Paul Fox)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Gaming Ordinance

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-05-22 F**, Adoption of Amendments to the Gaming Ordinance. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Letter of Support for the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong for the Vice President to write a letter of Support for the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to authorize the Vice President signature on the letter. Second withdrawn. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY2022 Tribal Law Enforcement Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-05-22 G**, Approval of the CY2022 Tribal Law Enforcement Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to recess for lunch until 1:15 p.m. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:38 p.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P

Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established at 1:17 p.m.

Dental Assistant I Job Description-REVISED

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve Dental Assistant I Job Description-Revised for a two pay grade increase. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dental Assistant II Job Description-REVISED

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Dental Assistant II Job description with a two pay grade increase. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin wanted it noted Health indicated asking for more than a two pay grade increase due to the shortage of staff in Health Care. With only a two pay grade increase, it will continue to hinder obtaining staff because they are competing with the private sector who can offer bonuses, and increase pay.

Rep. Darren Brinegar would like to know if Personnel is checking to see when the Cost of Living increase goes into effect in July? How is it going to affect these positions, if the pay grades go up?

Rep. Darren Brinegar would like it noted, he is not opposed to the increase, and he is opposed to not getting an answer to his question about the Cost of Living that is going Nationwide and the increases being granted now.

Dr. Tom Walker said regarding the two pay grade increase, these job descriptions have not been updated in ten years. Even with the increase, the Nation is below the 50% mark with the State overall for the Dental Assistant II. The COLA will increase this but barely.

Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor Job Description-New

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to approve the Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor Job Description. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to reflect no budget modification on the Job Description Tracking Form. Second concurs. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-2(Rep.

Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of Cooperative Efforts Between the Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Authority and the City of Beloit for the 2022 RAISE Grant

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 04-05-22 H**, Approval of Cooperative Efforts between the Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Authority and the City of Beloit for the 2022 RAISE Grant. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Youth Services Budget Modification \$14,280

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer the Youth Services Budget Modification for \$14,280 to April 6, 2022 Special Finance Commission in compliance with the Appropriation and Budget Act procedures. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-3(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

WDNR Wolf Management Plan

Rep. Phyllis Smoke said the Legislature recently was apprised the six Wisconsin Ojibwe bands with their litigation against the DNR on the wolf hunt. The gray wolf recently regained federal protection under the Endangered Species Act pursuant to a federal district court order. The Legislature recently learned that Senators Baldwin and Johnson have proposed legislation that would require the Secretary of the Interior to remove Endangered Species protections for the gray wolf in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. If the Ho-Chunk Nation is interested in signing a letter to Senators Baldwin and Johnson opposing the legislation.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to request Legislative Counsel to draft a letter to oppose Federal Legislation in opposition of delisting the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act and authorize the Vice President sign the letter. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to have Legislative Counsel draft a resolution in opposition of delisting the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act for the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to request Legislative and outside counsel to lobby in opposition of Federal Legislation to delist the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Enter into an Agreement with the

State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 04-05-22 I**, Support for the Health Department to Enter into an Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2nd Executive Session: (Business Matters, Criminal Matter, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being):

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matter, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1:54 p.m.

2:29 p.m. Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge was excused from the meeting for the rest of the meeting during Executive Session.

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

3:48 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Darren Brinegar was not on the call during the vote.

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the Attorney General to draft a letter and compel the Office of General Council to submit the required annual budget proposal, indicating the violations of the Appropriations and Budget Process Act and also include the violations of reporting quarterly and any other violations that were discussed today, and for Legislative Counsel to review prior to it being sent, and that this letter be drafted by the end of this week. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to release to Open Session and that the letter be sent by the end of this week and that the letter be sent via certified mail. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Shelby Visintin and Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge not online during vote count.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request further looking into the benefits of the Section 105(I) leases for the

Health side and determine if there is collaboration we can do with Realty and DOJ and to authorize Legislative Counsel to reach out to the Oneida Nation Self-governance Representative for feedback on process. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release the motion to be released to Open Session. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Revisit:

Commission Reports:

Special Finance Commission-March 23, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the March 23, 2022 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Darren Brinegar is not on the call during the vote.

DI Concern

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to request the President to call a Special Meeting of the General Council pursuant to Article IV Section 6. of the Constitution, and have Legislative Counsel prepare a resolution reflecting the same. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 5-4(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-2 (Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle was not on call during the vote.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Shelby Visintin asked if the Legislature found out how much this is going to cost the Nation for a Special General Council and she would like to know where the funding would come from.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adjourn. Second by Rep. George Stacy. Second withdraws. **MOTION** is withdrawn.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Darren Brinegar stated that the Legislature received Executive Branch, Judicial, and Legislative budgets in a timely manner. The Office of General Council and the General Council budget has not been submitted.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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