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# Indigenous Community Looks To Heal Weeks After A “Pretendian” Is Exposed

By Robert Chappell  
Reprint from Madison365  
Jan 18, 2023

Madison’s Indigenous and arts communities are working to disentangle themselves from a web left behind by Kay LeClaire, a white woman who has been claiming to be an Indigenous two-spirit person for at least five years.

Since we first reported on LeClaire’s deceptions, the story went viral internationally. But much of the public’s attention has moved on, leaving artists, Indigenous people, businesses, nonprofit organizations and even government agencies to pick up the pieces.

As Madison365 first reported on January 3, LeClaire had been claiming Anishinaabe and Metis heritage since at least 2017. She used that identity to claim positions of leadership in Indigenous communities, including membership and co-ownership of giige, an Indigenous and queer artists’ collective. LeClaire also successfully applied for a number of grants, fellowships and other positions based on the false claim of Indigenous heritage.

LeClaire told colleagues that she



Bear Cunningham, Nipinet Landsem and Mar Gosselar are hoping to heal and move on in their arts collective, now called Red Clover. Photo by Robert Chappell.

identified as “two-spirit,” a gender identity specific to Indigenous people, but did not identify as non-binary. In a conversation with this reporter, LeClaire indicated that they/them pronouns were no longer necessary.

LeClaire apologized in a statement emailed to Madison365, but has not yet directly acknowledged that she lied about being Indigenous.

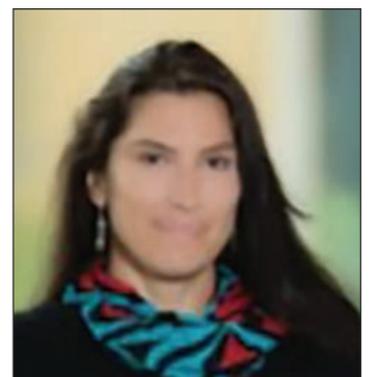
Following the money

LeClaire has been paid at least \$67,000 over the past four years for roles and opportunities she was given based at least in some measure on her claim of Indigenous heritage. The bulk of that was her wages at giige, where she served mostly administrative functions 20 hours per week, earning a total of \$60,716 since 2019, according to tax records shared with Madison365.

Nipinet Landsem, another cofounder and member of the collective, said the organization also paid a buyout of an undisclosed amount when it separated from LeClaire.

LeClaire was Community Leader in Residence at the University of Wisconsin School of Ecology’s Center for Design and Material Culture from May through December 2022,

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Dr. Jeneile Luebke. Photo supplied.

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## No February 2023 Per Cap

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed Resolution 01-17-23 D by an affirmative vote of 11, one opposed, and zero abstaining. That resolution “does hereby declare that no per capita distribution will be made to the 7,787 eligible tribal members on February 1, 2023.”

Gaming revenue funds per capita distributions. Section five of the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance states that the

Nation may use net gaming revenues for specific purposes, such as a per capita distribution.

Effective no later than March 20, 2020, all the Nation’s casinos closed to the public due to the public health emergency. The casinos began phases of opening on June 29, 2020. The Legislature adopted Resolution 06-21-22 C Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch, General Fund and Gaming Commission Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

which did not budget any funds for per capita distributions payments to tribal members as a result of the closure of the Nation’s gaming operations and Nation’s continued recovery from the impacts of the pandemic on the Nation’s gaming revenues.

On June 20, 2022, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch’s social media announced, “...The Legislature has adopted a resolution to provide general welfare assistance  
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# Letter from the President

Greetings.

We are nearly through January 2023, and time keeps moving ahead.

By the time most readers get this letter, we will have our official list of candidates who are seeking office in this upcoming election cycle.

The unofficial list of candidates that is circulating has 9 presidential candidates.

That's a good number; considering the environment and conditions of the office.

As I previously wrote, I plan to write letters to my successor in that latter part of the month in my letter from president offerings.

The aim of the letter is to provide insight into the demands and environment of the office.

So without further ado, here's my first of six letters to our next president of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Dear President,  
Congratulations on your decision to lead the great Ho-Chunk Nation.

I'm certain you have a great support network to lean on during the next 4 years of your life.

It will be a great test of your ability to lead, and to make solid and sound decisions in the best interest of the entire

Ho-Chunk Nation and its employees.

Stand by your judgement, decisions, and leadership.

Think about the times when we were not in this capacity. What would you want to see the president do?

Do that.

Be the leader you wish you had.

By now, you have formulated ideas of how you want to lead, what your priorities are, and who you want to enlist to help you steer the tribal government organization.

It is important to remain consistent in what you do daily.

One of the first things I learned early on was to keep a level head for the next 4 years. Do let the highs or lows carry you with them. You may want to celebrate a small victory or feel defeated by a low, but keep your eye on the successes of your entire term.

You are already doing much more than most by seeking and winning the office.

It takes leadership, knowledge, diplomacy, and patience to succeed.

Become a student of leadership. Learn how leaders you admire developed their style of leadership.

I happened upon author

Simon Sinek's "The Infinite Game" while traveling for work. I eventually read his other books, which were all very insightful.

The book came to me at the right time, and its insights and case studies were helpful.

I'm not saying you have to read this book. But now that you are a leader, it's helpful to know a bit more about what leadership is.

My point is to keep leadership in the forefront of your mind and actions.

Understand your strengths and use them to your advantage. Also understand your weaknesses and begin to build them up.

This will not only help you as Ho-Chunk Nation President; it'll also help you develop as a person.

Another thing to understand, while you want to focus on good, ethical practices and usher in surefire processes to keep yourself and the Nation safe from any type of threats, there will be an element of tribal members and employees who don't want to see you succeed.

You will see the launch of character assassination campaign against you.

Why?

Because you are doing

something good and admirable, and others may follow your lead.

This element of tribal members and employees no doubt have some personal, hidden agenda to maintain some status or power that they believe they wield.

The study of character assassination shows that those who launch these efforts are often narcissists and use co-dependents to do their dirty deeds against you.

Ignore this element and don't engage them.

Proverbs 26:4 reads, "Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him."

Or as Jay Z raps on his song, "Takeover," "A wise man told me don't argue with fools 'Cause people from a distance can't tell who is who."

Instead, stay the course and continue the work you set out to do.

You know what is true and who you are.

Stay true to yourself.

Be your own best friend.

Keep your sights on the 4 year term, and not on this one day or period of time.

What you do or say during these attempts to assassinate your character will be your opportunity to prove yourself.

You are a leader.

No doubt these times will be challenging, but you have what it takes to not fall prey to their efforts.

Surround yourself with people you trust.

This element will also attempt to subvert your friends, family, and co-workers.

They will use the power of suggestion or outright lie to people in an attempt to manipulate them.

Without knowing, family and friends could potentially fall prey to this element as well.

That's why having a good, trusted base of support is important.

But definitely keep work at work, and set healthy boundaries between work and home life.

If you don't, your support network could give way to this element.

You need them, more than you know.

Be safe and be carefully in all you do. It will all be worth it later on down the road.

Once again, congratulations on making up your mind to take on this position to help our great Ho-Chunk Nation succeed.

I appreciate you,  
Marlon WhiteEagle

# Good Life Grant

## Course Descriptions

**Financial Literacy Classes/Social Emotional-**  
Roughly 20-30 Minutes a week. Course runs 6 weeks for K-6th Grades and 12 weeks for 7th-12th Grades. No set class time, but 1 lesson a week. 7-12th Grades are required to have their own email address for log-in credentials.

We have partnered with the Financial Fitness Group and The SAFE Steps to provide an opportunity for your students to learn the financial skills and the human skills they'll need to survive and thrive today and in the future. Participants will build human skills that no computer can replace. Skills that help them relate to others, understand themselves, and create the mental toughness to handle whatever life sends their way. They will also improve their financial fitness, learning how to take control of their money. Your student will learn how to save, invest and budget so they can own the things they want, plan for the unexpected, and safeguard their future. This online program includes short videos, family activities, and real-life scenarios that will build stronger life skills and is designed to fit easily into your life. These skills will give students a head start over people who don't have them, or who learn them later in life. This option will take only 30 minutes each week. (requires kids 7th grade and up to have their own email for log-in purposes)

- Grades K-2- Seeds of Success- Level 1, Level 2,

## Level 3

- Grades 3-6 Pathways of Success- Level 1, Level 2, Level 3
- Grades 7-12 Foundations of Success- Level 101, Planning for Success- Level, 102, Building Towards Success- Level 201
- Grades 7-12 Success in Real Life- Project Based learning- How to buy a car/rent an apartment etc.

## Ho-Chunk Language-Bringing Hooçak Home-Deadline was September 12, 2022-There is a waiting list for the next class

Set class time of Roughly 1 hour a week for 9 weeks. (Requires gmail email for Google Classroom) "Bringing Hooçak Home" is an online family-oriented language program. This new language course is designed by the Ho-Chunk Language division. In this language learning experience, Wąąksik Ho'j Pij Hiruśja Kij participants and their families will work towards earning points while learning and using Hooçak in the home. Each week will have its own theme and families will learn new and exciting ways to use the language. (Class runs on a different time schedule- 9 weeks of class, 3 week break and then families can re-enroll for new session of 9 weeks.)

**Ho-Chunk Traditions 101-**  
Set class time of 45 minutes a week for 10 weeks. Ho-Chunk Traditions will help families connect with the Wąąksik Wooşga (Ho-Chunk Way of Life). This option

will expose you to cultural traditions, ceremonies, art, kinship, societal structure and social mores of the Ho-Chunk people. This course will allow you to learn more about Ho-Chunk traditions and help participants create a positive self-image.

## Events-

4-5 Virtual Events offered every term for roughly an hour. Other events may also be offered in collaboration with other Ho-Chunk Departments such as camps, . These events may be of longer duration. Participants are only required to attend one of any of the offered events to complete what is required for the course. Our events will include virtual experiences. These experiences will allow families to learn more about career and college options all while incorporating our culture, history and language.

The wide variety of events will expose families to all the options available from trade schools, military, both public & private colleges and more. Multiple events will take place each semester.

## Educational Technology/School Supplies (Computer & Supplies only, 1 time only)

Helping students with academic success by supplying them with both school supplies and technology. Students will receive either a tablet or laptop to help them connect to our courses and complete all work assigned. School supplies will include basic items needed for the specific grade students will be going into. Career Exploration- (7th Grade and Up)- Low time commitment- roughly 40 minutes 1-2 times a term, Using software and job shadow opportunities.

Students and families will use a self-guided career, major, and education planning system that gives them step by step guidance on career exploration. Assessments are done on your skills, personality, work interests and values. You will then be provided with a list of suitable careers based of your self-assessment. After, you will have a chance to job shadow or interview a professional in the field of your choice. There are no wrong answers for these assessments!

## Guidance Counselor-

Low time commitment- Work with families to provide resources. Newsletters to keep families informed with what is going on in the Good Life Program and what different departments within the Ho-Chunk Nation offer for services. Help with journaling  
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## Wąąksik Ho'j Pij Hiruśja Kij

Preparing Oneself for a Good Life

# GOOD LIFE GRANT OPEN ENROLLMENT

**REGISTRATION: December 12, 2022 – February 10, 2023**  
**CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6-10, 2023**

HO-CHUNK NATION-Department of Education

**Contact:**  
**Faye Begay**  
**Student Services Specialist**  
**715/284-4915 Ext. 11040**  
**goodlife@ho-chunk.com**

**COURSES OFFERED:**

1. Social, Emotional, and Financial Literacy
2. Ho-Chunk Language
3. Ho-Chunk Traditions 101
4. Events
5. Educational Technology & School Supplies
6. Career Exploration 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
7. Guidance Counseling

- ★ Native Book Club
- ★ Native Art Club

Continued from Page 1 for which she was paid \$4,876.56. Officials there said Indigenous heritage was not required for that residency, but it was a key part of how LeClaire presented herself in her application.

LeClaire claimed to have made a “jingle dress” for an Overture Center exhibit; she actually purchased the dress from a maker on Etsy. An Overture Center representative confirmed that LeClaire received a stipend for participating in that exhibit; Overture did not disclose the amount but said it was less than \$1,000.

LeClaire “participated in a one-day workshop in September 2022 where Wisconsin Historical Society staff met with members of Wisconsin’s Native community to discuss Native perspectives and input as it relates to Society programming,” WHS spokesperson Colleen Lies said in an email to Madison365. For that, LeClaire was compensated \$599. Since learning LeClaire is not Indigenous, WHS has donated \$599 to the

Wisconsin Indian Education Association.

Jennifer Bastian of Communication Madison confirmed in an email that LeClaire was a member of the Communication Press editorial board from March through July of 2021, but was not compensated for that service. Communication did pay LeClaire \$100 to design a t-shirt. Additionally, LeClaire was a guest on Conduit, a “live-streamed series that connected arts, culture, and community in Madison at the beginning of the pandemic,” produced by Tone Madison, Communication and Underbelly Creative. The producers collected donations from listeners and passed those along to the guests; LeClaire, who spoke specifically about her Indigenous heritage on that stream, raised \$80.

Bastian said Communication has donated \$100 to a Native-owned business, \$90 to the UW Indigenous student organization Wunk Sheek and \$90 to Little Eagle Arts Foundation.

LeClaire also apparently



**Nipinet Landsem and Bear Cunningham discuss redistribution of cultural items surrendered by Kay LeClaire. Photo by Robert Chappell.**

received a settlement after claiming racial discrimination when she was fired from Monroe Street Arts Center; the center, LeClaire and LeClaire’s attorney all declined to disclose the amount of that settlement.

LeClaire was nearly paid another \$13,500 before the deception was exposed. She had been approved for a \$10,000 fellowship in Springboard for the Arts’ Rural Regenerator program, for which she claimed to be Indigenous and provided a rural address, even though she currently lives in the city of Madison. LeClaire was set to join the 2023 cohort of that fellowship, but the \$10,000 will go to the remaining members of giige instead.

Dane Arts Mural Arts (DAMA) had also contracted with LeClaire to pay \$3,500 for her to create a mural on the side of the giige building on Williamson Street. Landsem said LeClaire asked Landsem to draw the art based on LeClaire’s concept, and only begrudgingly agreed to split the stipend with Landsem.

DAMA Executive Director Veronica Figueroa told Madison365 that LeClaire never cashed or deposited the check DAMA had written for her half of the commission, so they simply canceled that check and have committed to pay Landsem for the project.

LeClaire was also a member of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force Data Subcommittee, under the auspices of the state Department of Justice. She was not compensated for that work, but was able to contribute

to policy recommendations. Subcommittee Cochair Dr. Jeneile Luebke said LeClaire identified not only as Indigenous but as a victim of trafficking – a claim Luebke now doubts.

“What I find so disturbing about this is having people weigh in on recommendations that we’re giving as a task force when they truly may not have that lived experience that they’re speaking from,” Luebke said.

Luebke said LeClaire’s relative silence has been hurtful, too.

“It’s just hurtful because I kind of expected there to be some kind of a statement or a response of some sort. But she just disappeared, and people are just kind of left hanging,” she said.

LeClaire did provide a statement to Madison365 for inclusion in our first story, and a second statement for this story.

“I apologize for taking up space, voice, and opportunities for Native people. I am sorry for the pain and anger that I have caused, most especially to Indigenous communities and to those who placed trust in me,” LeClaire said in an email. “I have vacated all community spaces, positions, projects, and grants.”

She declined to answer several specific questions, including whether or not she considers herself to be Indigenous.

She did answer one question specifically, though: in a previous statement to Madison365, she said she would no longer use the Indigenous name that was given to her. Asked who gave

her that name, she at first demurred, but in a second statement said the name was given to her in her teenage years by an Ojibwe woman who has since passed away, and whom she declines to name.

“I do not want this situation to further impact her family,” LeClaire said.

Landsem and Cunningham said that’s not what LeClaire told them; they said LeClaire’s earlier story was that she’d been given the name by an uncle during a train trip.

“We are resilient.”

“I think that one thing that we’re missing here is that we’re giving too much attention to her, and not really giving attention to the aftermath of this,” Figueroa said.

That aftermath has not only left Indigenous communities in need of healing, but also left rifts in Madison’s arts community as well.

A former employee of the Monroe Street Arts Center, for example, said LeClaire turned other arts community members against them after she was fired.

“Kay had gone around and spoke poorly of multiple of us, and we had kind of been shut out of multiple arts communities, because they supported Kay,” said the employee, who asked to remain anonymous. “As much as now the community knows, none of us still feel like we know how to reach out or know how to reintegrate ourselves into those things, because we got shut out for so long. And now trying to get back into it would almost

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## February Elders Birthdays

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scott Beard Pinkah Greengrass</li> <li>2. Harold Blackdeer III Mark Krause William Larsen Peter Matter Calvin Snowball</li> <li>3. Georgianna Joey Rebecca Krause Laverda Richter</li> <li>4. Carlos Cabasos Sidney Hall Jr. Matthew Johnston Sharon Lynch</li> <li>5. Crystal Herriage</li> <li>7. Pamela Anderson Dawn Lopez Robert Mann James Niemi Kevin Niemi Celena Twinn</li> <li>8. Tina Blair Jean Stopinski Frederick White</li> <li>9. Janet Berg Forrest Whiterabbit</li> <li>10. Geneinne Morgan</li> <li>11. John Huth, Sr. Caroline Koukos Martina Little-Boy Patricia Provost</li> <li>15. Eliza Green Willow Lawrie Ralph Payer</li> <li>16. Lori Gamble Lucinda Littlesoldier Linda Lowe Sharon Pierce Carole Roberts</li> <li>17. Polly Cholka Cleopus Delarosa Heather Hendrix Wright Steven Pine Steven Radtke Dwight Steele</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18. Eloise Funmaker Leon Oknewski Lynette Smoke</li> <li>19. Kenneth Cabasos Nadine Hindsley Helen Whitehorse</li> <li>20. Darcia Blackdeer-Lent Richard Decorah James Webster</li> <li>21. Gloria Decorah Vicki Greendeer Rachel Winneshiek</li> <li>22. Donald Blackhawk, Jr. Betty Kingsley Albertina McArthur</li> <li>23. Mary Beeman Suzie Coffey Patricia Sampson</li> <li>24. Arlene Keahna Delia Maisells</li> <li>25. Ava Marie De Priest Susan Johnson Roger Thundercloud</li> <li>26. Helene Day Juan Rivera Bridgadine Spiegler</li> <li>27. Mildred Decorah Boye Ladd Roy Littlegeorge Jeffrey Nelson Edith Prescott Anna Reichenbach Louise Topping</li> <li>28. Kathleen Blackdeer Carole Buchanan Cher Laubmeier Kenneth Lemieux</li> <li>29. Traci Mayo</li> </ol>
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# Help the Elk Herd without Hurting the Elk Herd

Brandon Bleuer  
Submitted by Ho-Chunk Nation DNR Forestry & Wildlife Division Manager

Last week, the Ho-Chunk DNR was asked to help the Wisconsin DNR with a young bull elk that had been injured along county high way E. It is believed that this individual was hit by a car sometime after Thanksgiving. After some time, some locals took it upon themselves to help the elk. The locals cleared the snow off an area along the tree line. They provided a bale of straw, some corn, and even a few apples. Someone created a Facebook page for the elk, where other locals could talk about the condition of the elk.

The Ho-Chunk DNR and Wisconsin DNR are partners in the Elk Management Program for the Central Herd and work together

on elk related projects such as calf collaring and habitat establishment. The Wisconsin DNR asked us to help with keeping the elk and possible bystanders safe. We aided with redirecting traffic around the area the elk was residing so it could be safely tranquilized. After the elk was tranquilized, it was transported by sled to a livestock trailer which was used to transport it to a new location. The young elk looked and felt underweight. After the elk woke up from the tranquilizers, it was very obvious that the elk was not healthy.

Normally elk wake up ready to find an exit. This young elk just watched and even tried to lay back down. All staff on site discussed several possibilities for the elk's behavior. One was the injury to the front left ankle of

the elk was still very swollen and may have been infected. Another possibility could be Parelaphostrongylus tenuis, which is a brain worm that parasitizes white-tailed deer and can be picked up by an elk that eats an infected snail or slug (Wisconsin Elk Management Plan 2023-2033). Alternatively, the elk could have been dealing with pneumonia. The only way to know for sure is to get a veterinarian to examine the elk and do some tests.

What we do know is that elk cannot eat low fiber/high carbohydrate foods like corn. Corn toxicity is when an animal like a white-tailed deer, an elk, or other ruminant species rapidly changes from a high fiber woody browse to a low fiber/high carbohydrate diet such as corn, millet, oats, wheat, and/or other grains. There are two diseases associated with Corn Toxicity. Acidosis is caused by the change in the microflora or bacteria that results in the over production of lactic acid in the rumen. The large amount of lactic acid changes the pH of the rumen causing the gut flora to die off resulting in the death of the animal. Enterotoxemia is caused by the over consumption of high carbohydrate foods that result in the growth of a bacteria called Clostridium perfringens, which can result in the death of the animal (Wisconsin DNR). After spending time in a holding



pen away from unnatural food sources, the young elk bull is showing signs of improvement and the outlook is positive.

So what can we do to help the elk herd without hurting the elk herd? First, do some research or reach out to the HCN DNR. There are many articles out there that talk about what the science community has learned about the elk population. If we provide the habitat then they will thrive. Elk are very adaptive. If you would like to help the herd, plant native plants, do not cut your grass too short before the first snow fall, and promote oak tree growth. Elk also like young trees like aspens, maples, oaks, and jack pine. In the winter, elk are looking for woody plants (aspens, white cedar, maple and jack pine) and acorns. In the spring they are looking for plants that green early in the season like green grasses, forbs, and

sedges. It the summer and fall their diet is more variable. They will eat grasses, forbs, leaves, and woody plants.

We all enjoy seeing the elk, but please do not attract them to your yard or other areas through the use of bait. If you happen to notice elk feeding at unnatural food sources such as bird feeders, remove the food source from the landscape as soon as possible. Along with the health concerns, feeding wildlife causes them to lose their natural fear of humans and can lead to conflicts and safety issues which can endanger their safety.

Here are some resources if you would like to learn more about Elk.  
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/disease.html>  
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/elk>  
<https://clamlakewi.com/elk-info/>




## Spring 2023 Wills Caravan

Brought to you by Judicare Legal Aid and Law Students from Columbia University

Attorneys and Law Students will be at the following location to assist tribal members who want help drafting a will, power of attorney for health care, power of attorney for finances, and/or other basic estate planning services for FREE.

**HO-CHUNK NATION**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023**  
**9 AM - 5 PM**  
Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit  
W8825 Decorah Rd  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:**

- Call Beth Shampo at (715) 842-1681 or Melissa Deloney at (715) 284-0811. They will send you paperwork which you must complete and return to Judicare prior to scheduling your appointment.
- Once Judicare has received your completed paperwork, Beth Shampo will call or email you to schedule a Wills Caravan appointment.
- These appointments are in high demand. We therefore ask that you call us **ASAP** if you cannot make your appointment.



# Monroe County Sheriff: News Release

Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
 112 S. Court St., Rm. 500  
 Sparta, Wisconsin 54656  
 Phone (608) 269-2117  
 Fax (608) 269-8889

**News Release  
 Death Investigation**

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a person found in the Township of La Grange.

Shortly after 10:00am law enforcement located the body of a female subject in a rural area of Monroe County.

A search operation was being conducted at the time for Felicia J. Wanna who has been missing since the beginning of the year. It is believed at this time that body located is that of Felicia.

The death investigation is active and ongoing and further information will be

released when it becomes available.

A number of agencies assisted the Sheriff's Office in the search operation including WI Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), Ho-Chunk Police Department, Tomah Police Department, La Crosse Police Department, Eau Claire Police Department, Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Oakdale Fire Department, WI K9 SOS, WI/MN K9 Search and Rescue, Rapid Search and Rescue and The Salvation Army.

The death investigation is being completed by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Ho-Chunk Police Department, DCI, WI State Crime Lab, Wisconsin State Patrol and the Monroe County Medical Examiner.

CSA (COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE) SHARE

## SAVE THE DATE!

### FEB 1ST, 2023



CSA APPLICATION WILL BE RELEASED FEBRUARY 1ST, 2023  
 FOR THE 2023 SUMMER GROWING SEASON (JUNE-OCTOBER).

\*THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE RELEASED EARLY - NO EXCEPTIONS\*

PLEASE WATCH THE HCN HEALTH FACEBOOK PAGE AND HCN E-MAIL FOR CONTACT INFORMATION & TO SIGN UP AFTER FEB 1ST, 2023.

**TAKE A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**



**Domestic Abuse Division  
 HO-CHUNK NATION**  
 Department of Social Services

**Offers free and confidential mobile advocacy and supportive services for individuals & families who are experiencing or experienced:**

- Domestic Violence/Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Sex Trafficking
- Stalking
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**Advocacy & Supportive Services include:**

- Crisis Intervention 24/7
- Supportive Listening
- Safety Planning
- Restraining Order Assistance
- Court Accompaniment via established virtual methods
- Community Outreach & Education Awareness
- Community Resource Referrals
- Direct Supportive Services related to Safety

**Services are still available even if an individual is unable or not ready to leave, such as safety planning.**

**If you are experiencing violence/abuse, please know that we are here to support.**

**Advocates are available 24 hours a day on the Domestic Abuse Crisis Line: 1-877-847-8689**

Services are still available during the COVID-19 Pandemic

*You are not alone.  
 It's not your fault. Help is available.*

## 2023 Lecture and Field Trip Series beginning February 2, 6-8pm



### Launch of the Mound Mapping Academy on 2 Feb., 2023 (Ancient Winter Cross Quarter Day) for the Ancient Earthworks Society of Madison, WI (AES)

Presented by: Diane Fox and retired Prof. James Scherz  
 Outreach Coordinator: Melodie Cleveland (HoChunk and Fox/Sauk of Iowa)  
**Lecture Series**  
 Time: 6 to 8 PM the first Thursday of the month  
 Location: HoChunk Nation Branch Office, 4724 Tradewind Parkway, Room \_\_\_\_, Madison, WI  
 For remote meeting info email: Clevelandmel199@gmail.com

**Field Trips**  
 Time: 10 am the third Saturday of the month (backup day Sunday).  
 Location: Meet at the mound site indicated in lecture.

**Monthly Topics**  
 Spring 2023  
**Feb.** Lecture: Effigy Mounds of Wisconsin and their encoded information with hands-on activities for sketching mounds. Field trip to sketch Bear Mound at Vilas Circle.

Individuals interested in in-depth training to become survey team leaders or assistants are invited to get acquainted with the AES equipment and office space (limited to about

10 people) Sign-up for details.

**Mar.** Surveying with Surveyor's Compass (T.H. Lewis in the 1800s), and modern mapping to precise true north featuring the Mendota Site in Madison. Field Trip to Mendota site noting equinox alignment at the site. Practice sketching mounds using a survey rod and tape measure. Points on tape will be surveyed to determine True North.

**Apr.** Compare Jan Beaver's reduction of T.H. Lewis notes at the Muscoda Site with modern surveys. Discover how the Lewis surveys define mounds that were destroyed. Field trip to the Muscoda Sites. Point out alignments to rising or setting sun in the solar calendar.

**May** Discover Geometry, Astronomy, and Solar Calendar functions that are encoded into most mound groups. AES elections. No Field Trip. Survey teams will meet to precisely survey the mound and associated rocks at Bear Mound Park on Vilas Circle. (Data and map will be used to see if there is a calendar function associated with this site.)

Summer 2023 (**June, July, Aug.** To Be Determined) Fall 2023

**Sept.** Powers Bluff Site of organized rocks and burials in Wood Co., WI (with Ritchie Brown and Fred Pigeon).

**Oct.** Report and field trip to New Lisbon Mound Group which Ritchie Brown and his Remote Mound Mapping Team near Mauston. Including work using GPS and Ground Penetrating Radar to confirm burials.

**Nov.** Review Wisconsin State Historical Society requirements for maps used to registering mounds. Analyze maps of New Lisbon, selected mounds at the Mendota Site, and the Bear Mound at Vilas. Students will be awarded certificates for maps meeting WHS requirements. Discuss plans for the next season.

**Background:** In the 1980s, the non-profit corporation of the Ancient Earthworks Society was formed for the purpose of mapping, studying, and promoting preservation of the unique Effigy Mound Groups, centered in southern Wisconsin. We stated that we would not dig, but only precisely  
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# Looking for those Elders or Employees Who Desire to Assist with the Kijire Nagu Healing Village in Spring of 2023

An endeavor was started over 19 years ago to create a healing village to assist Ho-Chunk members who are affected by alcohol and drugs. This vision started at the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Meeting held on September 2003, in which, a resolution was presented to create a healing center.

### MISSION STATEMENT

**Kijire Nagu offers a nurturing pathway to help people in overcoming their trauma and addictions, by supporting emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual health by utilizing Native American traditions and beliefs along with individualized interventions.**

This group of individuals asked the Ho-Chunk Nation

Traditional Court for name based on information presented to them. After a period of deliberation, Ho-Chunk Traditional Court provided the name "Kijire Nagu" which in English translation is *helping others along life's pathway*.

After years of meeting with Legislative and Executive branches several things have been accomplished, in that land has been designated. Project funding has been included in the Ho-Chunk Nation tax code. Funding is very minimal in making this project become a reality.

This past year several Ho-Chunk members have been meeting to create the Kijire Nagu Healing Camp in spring of 2023. The purpose of this

group is to have a health, safe, nurturing environment to provide helpful life skills to utilize in their lives by taking back their culture and identity. Over the years, Traditional Court and Clan Mothers have very supportive of this project. This Kijire Nagu camp will have members of the Traditional Court and Clan Mothers to provide traditional and cultural teachings to our younger generation.

Kijire Nagu workgroup is looking for Ho-Chunk employees, who would desire to assist with project. The workgroup is currently looking into having paid administrative leave while participating in this project. We are currently seeking Elders who would

like to assist by providing educational projects to the individuals participating in this program.

The team is working on developing and creating a curriculum for the Kijire Nagu Camp in May of 2023. A campsite has been selected that will provide shower, bath facilities and dining area. There will be support staff from Ho-Chunk Nation programs to assist with this project. Several Ho-Chunk members have been contacted to provide food for this event. The topics will include Ho-Chunk history, kinship, oral teachings, male/female roles and responsibilities, family values, native games, craft projects and recreational activities.

A registration form will be available in Worak newsletter. A questionnaire has been developed to obtain information on assessing this event which all individuals participating in this event will be asked to complete. The target group will be young adults either male or female over the age of 18. The maximum capacity being sought is 50. After registration forms are returned and questionnaire is completed selections will be made in late March or mid-April 2023. This will give ample time to have preparation for needs of participants.

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feel harmful to us and to those people, because we're all healing from the same thing."

Luebke from the MMIW Task Force said her subcommittee met and decided to remove LeClaire's name from its forthcoming report. And, more importantly, the Task Force's work will go on.

"We will not let this situation with Kay impact our work," she said. "We are resilient. Our commitment to addressing violence will continue without interruption."

The studio, which has since rebranded as Red Clover Tattoo Collective, has also served as the clearinghouse for many cultural and culturally-related items – mostly clothing and jewelry – that LeClaire had collected and is now returning. Landsem and co-owners Mar Gosselar and Bear Cunningham said LeClaire is still in possession of some items.

Figueroa, the executive director of DAMA, noted the many boxes of Indigenous clothing and other items filling the studio space during a recent visit, and noted the time Landsem has spent sorting and distributing those items.

"It's a lot of things that they didn't have to do, but they did," Figueroa said. "This wasn't their fault. It wasn't any of our fault that we trusted somebody that totally failed us."

"We are going to continue being involved in the community and being a space for queer and Indigenous and other marginalized folks to do art, get tattoos," Landsem said. "Kay was in control of how we interacted with the community in a lot of ways, because that was supposedly (Kay's) job. So we're gonna rebrand. We're gonna open up a space for folks to use ... We're not going to change anything about our core ethics."



## VOTE RITA GARDNER

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## MEETING NOTICE DISTRICT 1 BRF District MEETING



Wed., February 8, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

Tribal Office Building  
Legislative Conference Room  
or by web ex link

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Legislative Aide, Melanie Goodbear [melanie.goodbear@ho-chunk.com](mailto:melanie.goodbear@ho-chunk.com)

Posted on: 1/16/2023



## MEETING NOTICE DISTRICT 1 Wausau District MEETING



Tuesday February 14, 2023  
5:30 p.m.

Northcentral Technical College  
1000 W. Campus Drive.  
Wausau, WI 54401  
Room E102

Vice President, Karena Thundercloud [karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com](mailto:karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com)  
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Legislative Aide, Melanie Goodbear [melanie.goodbear@ho-chunk.com](mailto:melanie.goodbear@ho-chunk.com)

Posted on: 1/16/2023



## DISTRICT II AREA MEETING NOTICE



La Crosse Area | Three Rivers House  
724 Main Street La Crosse, WI  
Monday, February 13, 2023 6:00pm  
In-Person

Tomah Area | Blue Wing Community Building  
320 Epinal Avenue Tomah, WI  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 6:00pm  
In-Person

Baraboo/WI Dells/Mauston Area | House of Wellness  
S2845 White Eagle Road Baraboo, WI  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 6:00pm  
Blended; in-person & Webex

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## DISTRICT 3 MEETING NOTICE



WITTENBERG DISTRICT MEETING  
Monday, February 13, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

GREEN BAY DISTRICT MEETING  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

MADISON DISTRICT MEETING  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

WI RAPIDS DISTRICT MEETING  
Thursday, February 16, 2023- 5:30 p.m.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT MEETING  
Thursday, February 16, 2023- 6:30 p.m.

**Pandemic Precautions: Please contact your local Branch Office for in person meeting safety guidelines.**

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## DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL CHICAGO  
AREA MEETING  
Chicago Branch Office  
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60630  
Monday, February 13, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL TWIN  
CITIES AREA MEETING  
All Nations Indian Church  
1515 East 23rd Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
Thursday, February 16, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

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## Notice of Filling a Vacancy and Deadline For Districts 2 Election Board Delegate Term ending December 2023

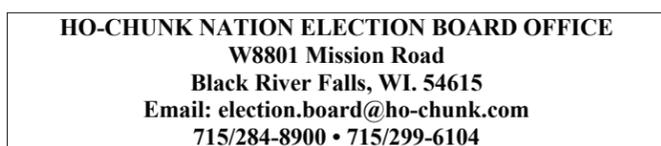
Districts	Number of Election Board Members	Alternate
Tomah	1	

TERMS: Election Board members may serve only two terms. This term ends December 2023.

**NOMINATIONS: One (1) Election Board Delegate to represent for District 2 – Tomah. At your next District’s monthly meeting in December 2022.**

The District’s meeting minute must include each District’s nomination for Election Board Delegate. The minutes must be emailed to the Election Board Office no later than

4:00 PM – Friday, January 31, 2022



Posted November 22, 2022

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and reflection papers. Teaching best practices for studying or taking tests and much more.

#### **Clubs offered under GCP/Guidance Counselor Program**

##### Indigenous Author Book Club-

Roughly 30 minutes Zoom Class a week for up to 12 weeks plus student's own out of class reading time. Participants are provided books

written by Native American Authors! Most books covered are award winning or highly acclaimed. We provide many different genres in our clubs such as graphic novels, fiction, historical fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc... All books are purchased and shipped to the participant by the GCP and are theirs to keep. Reading Groups are split into grades K-2nd (guided reading), 3rd- 5th, 6th- 8th, and 9-12th. Students are given

2-3 options for discussion of books as we know everyone learns differently. Groups help with progressing reading skills, work on reading comprehension, and provide access to books which discuss Native American topics and issues facing our communities. Students who complete a term can continue to the next term of new books.

**Native Arts Club-**  
Roughly 30 minutes Zoom Class a week for up to 12

weeks plus student's own out of class creating time. Participants are provided with all supplies needed for several different Native Art Projects for the term. Supplies are theirs to keep and we encourage kids to continue creating after the class over. Depending on semester, kids will learn different techniques such as, but not limited to- beading, sewing, applique, finger weaving, leather craft, etc... Age groups are split

into K-5th and 6th-12th. Students are given 2 options for class participation as we know everyone learns differently. Students completing a term are offered the option to proceed to an advanced class or choose to learn a different medium. In the future we plan to have visiting Native Artists come to speak to the older student group about their personal stories, artwork pieces, and creative process.

## Artspace Chooses Inaugural Cohort Members For Program Supporting Native American Arts And Cultural Organizations To Assess And Develop Art And Cultural Space In Their Communities

Artspace Projects, Inc. (Artspace) announces the launch of Pathways: A Native Space Initiative (Pathways). This cohort-based pilot program is designed to help build the capacity and leverage the existing assets of Native American arts and cultural organizations seeking to assess, expand, or develop art and cultural space in their communities.

Artspace is pleased to announce the inaugural cohort members, selected through a competitive application process:

- Attach Your Heart Foundation, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Freda Dieising School, Terrace, British Columbia
- Little Eagle Arts Foundation, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
- Native American Community Development Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Racing Magpie, Rapid City, South Dakota
- Rosy Simas Danse, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Twiss Gallery, Buffalo Gap, South Dakota
- Zuni Youth Enrichment

Project, Zuni, New Mexico Pathways is a 12-month virtual program consisting of these eight Native arts and cultural organizations, beginning in December 2022 and running through November 2023. The program consists of online meetings that are centered around the real estate development process. They include workshops, trainings, panel discussions, and one-on-one coaching sessions. Technical assistance will also be available.

The purpose of the Pathways program is to help advance art and cultural spaces in Native

American communities, which serve as an essential form of infrastructure to sustain Native American artistic and cultural heritage. Pathways shares Artspace's 40+ years of expertise in real estate development for the creative sector and integrates its experience in financing, fundraising, and facilities management to assist the program participants in developing and implementing appropriate development

strategies for their own organizations. These strategies leverage existing cultural and creative assets to support the development and sustainability of arts and cultural spaces. Artspace delivers another cohort-based capacity-building program, Immersion, for arts and cultural organizations planning for new space. Immersion has been launched in seven core communities across the U.S.

Artspace's goal is to create, foster, and preserve affordable and sustainable spaces for artists and cultural organizations. The history of Artspace is fundamentally about working across sectors and in collaboration with the greater creative communities. Through this collaboration, Artspace helps to provide the support structures necessary so that artists thrive and can contribute fully to the cultural, economic, and social wellbeing of their communities. Artspace will prioritize listening to, learning from, and working with artists, culture bearers, cultural practitioners,

community leaders, foundation partners, and others as it launches and administers the Pathways program.

Whether through a mixed-use development or a long-term lease, Artspace helps its clients create sustainable, affordable, and equitable spaces. Currently, Artspace owns and operates 60 cultural facilities nationwide. One of these is the Oglala Lakota Arts Center on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, which was developed in partnership between Artspace, First Peoples Fund (a Native American 501c3 non-profit organization), and Lakota Funds (a Native CDFI organization on Pine Ridge).

The influence that First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds have had on Artspace has been instrumental in its work with diverse Native American organizations and Native communities looking for assistance with their space goals. Artspace recognizes First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds as thought leaders in creating social and economic change by putting artists and

culture bearers at the center of community development. It is with deep gratitude to First Peoples Fund and Lakota Funds that Artspace has been welcomed into this inspiring work in honoring the Collective Spirit© of the First Peoples of this nation.

Over the last four decades, Artspace has led an accelerating national movement of artist-led community transformation. While embracing the value the arts bring to individual lives, Artspace has championed the once-radical idea that individual artists experiencing financial hardship and chronically underfunded arts organizations can leverage fundamental social change. With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in New York and Washington D.C., Artspace is America's leading developer of art facilities and has served as a consultant to hundreds of communities and arts organizations nationwide. Additional information is available at [www.artspace.org](http://www.artspace.org).

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map and study these unique ancient ceremonial structures. In some cases, we worked with the HoChunk ground penetrating radar (GPR) team to verify actual burials in some mounds. From very precise surveys, we could also decipher and share remarkable geometric secrets encoded within their layout.

We worked with various Native American students and elders from different tribes, in days when people were uniting to create legislation which would protect a native burial ground just like White Man's graves in a church yard. The Wisconsin burial protection legislation was passed, to protect burial mounds, provided they were precisely mapped and registered. Some mound groups have been registered, but many remain to be properly mapped. That is one of the purposes of this series of lectures and field exercises -- to train people who can interact with local surveyors to do just that.

Surveying Mounds and Associated Rocks in an Ancient Site: To adequately survey mounds, the edges must be determined and sketched relative to selected base lines

using a tape and a long surveying rod. Temporary stakes at the ends of the base lines are then surveyed in by field instruments, along with two or more legal property corners in the area where the mounds are located. As we have tomb stones in our graveyards, ancient sites often have special rocks as well. Pamita referred to these rocks on top of mounds, etc., as Toths, or clues put in by the ancient surveying priests to help unlock the useful geometry and information encoded at the site. Although not legally protected by law, such obvious man-placed rocks should also be included in a complete field survey. This is easily done by the same process with a tape base line and a surveying rod, used to locate the edges of the mounds.

What Do We Call North: Land surveying in the 1800s used magnetic north for the reference for the Y axis of the map. But magnetic north is not true north defined by the rotation of the northern stars about the north celestial pole. Precise surveys are to true north. The ancient surveyors who laid out the mound groups also clearly used true north. The difference is called

the magnetic declination which changes from year to year and is different in different parts of the country. And in certain special places such as Powers Bluff, the magnetic north can change by up to ten degrees from different ends of a 300 foot survey tape. Maps made using the old magnetic surveyors compass just are not accurate enough to show the encoded geometry in a mound group (which we have determined to be about 0.1 deg.) At Lizard Mound park which was surveyed using a magnetic compass on a transit in 1900s, we found the difference or error to be about 5 deg., compared to modern alignments on the stars or the sun with our theodolites or total stations (accurate 0.01 deg.)

Within the past generation, surveyors have turned to using the satellite based Geographic Positioning System (GPS) for routine surveys in cities and counties. To make their work more efficient, they have created county coordinate systems where they pretend that the earth for the entire county is flat and that we can use plane geometry in the data reduction (for sines, cosines and tan-

gents in the calculations). As long as all agree, this system is very convenient and useful. But for surveying of ancient mound groups, we must realize that the county Y axis (or grid north) on the edge of a county can be quite different from the mean direction of grid north in the middle. The ancient surveyors who laid out the mound groups obviously did so from true north (which was probably the center of rotation of a northern star) near the middle of the site. Like using the magnetic compass, the difference can be large enough to potentially interfere with map analysis for purposes of calendar function or long range alignments between sites. The difference between county grid north and true north is usually referred to as the alpha angle and can be treated like the old value of magnetic declination to convert from magnetic north to true north. Steve Solberg, a professional surveyor (who will be working with Ritchie Brown and his team at the New Lisbon Site) has a GPS unit and Ritchie has a Total Station instrument which can be used for sun shots to determine true north at a site. From their work, we will get a clari-

fication on how to incorporate GPS in our mound mapping work.

**The Plans and Schedule:**  
Lectures will be on the 1st Thursday for months indicated, at 6 to 8 PM., at HoChunk facilities.

Office Work is tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Thursday on the month indicated.

Field trips will be scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of the month indicated (backup day on Sunday). Our outreach coordinator is in the process of setting up a web site to keep all informed.

All can attend the lectures and the Field Trips provided there is room.

The sessions will run from 2 Feb, 2023 through Nov. 2023. There will be a break for the summer months: June, July, August. Teams may want to help Curt Sampson with sites he has discovered in Dodge Co., or in locating and sketching other sites on their own. The program will end in Nov., so we do not have to be in the woods during deer hunting nor during the Christmas-New Year season.

**Multiple Objectives between Feb. and Nov. 2023**

1. The prime objective is to  
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**Jan 31st WI SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES**

**JANET PROTASIEWICZ & ELLIOTT MITCHELL AND LOCAL NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES’ MEET & GREET @ REVOLUTIONS 3:30-6 PM.**

PAID FOR BY FRIENDS OF THE NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES.

**Felicia Jo Helgeson**  
**December 19, 1972 – January 18, 2023**



Felicia Jo Helgeson, age 50, of Tomah, WI, walked on unexpectedly in January 2023. Felicia was born December 19, 1972 in Black River Falls, WI to Rodney Helgeson Sr. and Barbara “Bobbi” Payer Helgeson. She was a 1991 graduate of Tomah High School. She earned an Associate’s Degree from Western Technical College for Accounting. She went on to work for Ho-Chunk Nation in various positions. Flea loved being in nature, hiking, gardening, traveling and sewing. She enjoyed tending to her horses and fur babies. Flea could also be found dancing with family and friends at a powwow. She was very proud of her children and loved making memories with her family and friends.

She is survived by her children; son Emerson “Emo” Littlegeorge, daughter Felicia Vivian “Little Flea” Wanna, her parents Rodney Sr. and Bobbi, her sister Regina Stillman, her brother Rodney Helgeson Jr, her uncles, Ralph Payer and William Payer, and many family and friends.

Felicia is proceeded in death by her son Mark Tainter, her infant daughter Penelope Wanna, her Aunt Ruth Ann Payer Ortiz, her grandmother Mary Waukon Payer, grandfather Joe Payer.

Burial will be held at a later time. Bear Clan is officiating. The Buswell Funeral Home is assisting the family, 715-284-2231.



**Ho-Chunk Nation**  
**Department of Community Health**



# Foot Clinic

(Clip/file nails, dremel as necessary)  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Madison Health Office - 2/7**  
1-608-277-9964 EXT. 13222

**La Crosse Three Rivers House - 2/21**  
1-608-783-6025 EXT. 33353

**WI Dells Tribal Aging Unit - 2/23**  
1-608-355-1240 EXT. 35558

**Wittenberg Siga Center - 2/27**  
1-715-253-2382

**Tomah Tribal Aging Unit - 2/28**  
1-608-372-5202 EXT. 33351

**Nekoosa Health Office - 2/28**  
1-715-315-9517

Please call local contact for more information or to schedule an appointment

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acquaint participants with different mound groups and to train those interested to, as a team, survey mounds on their own, or to interact with a volunteer skilled surveyor to create survey maps which can be used to register mound groups for the state of Wisconsin or in other states which also have burial protection laws. We will assume that the teams have access to a total station with a sun filter to determine true north, or know someone who does. If true north is not possible, then the surveys can be tied to legal section corners by conventional processes so that the mounds can be registered, but without encoded geometry or calendar function. GPS units now popular, certainly can be used for registration. Once a team leader or their assistants have successfully created such a map, then our plans are to present them with a certificate to indicate that they understand what needs to be done and can be engaged to survey a mound or mound group for registration according to the standards of AES.

2. For team leaders and assistants who have also successfully created surveys oriented to true north by sunshots or the techniques needed with GPS and county coordinate systems, such additional skills will be indicated on their certificate (indicating such maps are reliable for calendar and long range alignments).

3. People who complete accurate field sketches will get a “Sketcher Certificate” indicating to a qualified team leader that they are proficient in such work and can join their team or any other team for possible future work.

4. **Educating Remote Teams:** Education in distant communities must include remote meetings. Our activities between Feb. and Nov. 2023 will also include a trial run for remote education. We are planning a remote node, with Ritchie Brown (HoChunk) in Black River Falls. Another node will be in Hancock, Michigan where there are rock structures and petroglyphs relating to the ancient copper region. Fred Pigeon (Potawatomi) is investigating setting up a node with the Wis-

consin Rapids Library.

**DETAILED SCHEDULE:**

**2 Feb.** (Lecture) Overview/Get Acquainted/Sketching Basics. Handout: “Art Work on the Ground” showing some prominent Effigy Mound groups and their geometry encoded from True North. Different ways of documenting mounds: 1) crude sketches, 2) surveys with old Surveyor’s Compass, and 3) accurate surveys based on true north. Handout: an example of surveys in 1800s by T. H. Lewis, never yet been reduced to final maps.

(First Office Visit). (Date determined by students) Overview of Office Facilities, and Survey Instruments, and Computers for data reduction.. Reduce T.H. Lewis survey notes of the Bear Mound at Vilas Circle using techniques he would have used (a protractor and engineer’s scale), had he time.

**25 Feb.** (Field Trip) Sketch the Bear Mound and related rocks at Vilas Circle using a compass, pacing, etc.

**2 Mar.** (Lecture) Surveyor’s Compass (T.H. Lewis in the 1800s), and modern mapping to precise true north. Mendota Site in Madison. Show crude sketches in 1800s of mounds now gone. Maps from Lewis surveys reduced, Modern Surveys, and Additional Data from aerial photos. Note the equinox alignment (about 21 March).

(Office Visit) How to operate Total Stations, reducing data with protractor and scale, or on the computer.

**25 Mar.** (Field Trip) Visit Mendota Site. Choose a mound. Precisely sketch it using surveys from Total Stations to ends of a tape, survey rods from tape, and grid paper.

**6 Apr.** (Lecture) Jan Beaver’s reduction of T.H. Lewis notes at the Muscoda Site, superimposed on modern surveys. (Many of the mounds Lewis surveyed have been destroyed.) She did it with a protractor and scale.

(Office Visit) As needed.

**29 Apr.** (Field Trip) Field trip to the Muscoda Sites. Point out alignments to rising or setting sun in the solar calendar.

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**Is your internet fast enough?**

Access to the internet is vital for the economic health and growth of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Yet many homes and businesses have no internet or internet service speeds that fall below federal standards. **The Ho-Chunk Nation is committed to working with local government and internet service providers to improve internet access & speed for all.**

We are asking residents and businesses to take a speed test and Questionnaire to help identify areas of greatest need.

**Please do this today! It will take about 3-5 minutes.**

Go to <https://www.co.jackson.wi.us> - click on the "Broadband" tab

If you do not have access to the internet, please go to your district community building and ask staff for assistance.



**HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**COVID-19 IMPACT | STUDY UPDATE**

Last year, Ho-Chunk Tribal members shared their experiences on how a COVID-19 infection had impacted their life. Learn how the Department of Health is applying COVID stories in the Medical Services and the Public Health divisions to inform service and programming decisions.

**Tribal members' stories showed that....**

- ➔ COVID experiences were different for every person. Many types of symptoms were reported and the impact of those symptoms on someone and their family's life was unique. About 22% of members were considered ever long haulers.
- ➔ Many people who experienced long hauler symptoms did not have COVID boosters to help protect their bodies.

**Tribal members' COVID stories have been used in preventing disease, death, and disability. The program changes that came from this study include:**

- ➔ The Public Health division changed the way they encouraged and promoted COVID-19 vaccines to focus on preventing long haul symptoms. This includes continued messaging and health promotion efforts surrounding COVID-19 vaccines in the clinic and at community sites.
- ➔ Creating an integrated COVID long hauler treatment plan, which includes services from Medical, Behavioral Health, Community Health, and outside referrals. We focus on understanding the impact of COVID on the patient and their family's lives to provide meaningful recovery resources.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?**

See the full Impact Study report on our website  
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[COVID-19 Impact Study Executive Summary](#)

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, \_\_\_\_\_ For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  Amended  
MCKAYLA P. MCKEE  
DDP 3/26/2022 **Notice to Creditors**

Case No. PR 2206

**Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:**

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: MCKAYLA P MCKEE  
A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, ROBIN MCKEE, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is MARCH 15, 2023. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Mary Thunola  
Clerk of Court  
Mary Thunola  
Name Printed or Typed  
01-18-23  
Date

Form completed by: (Name) ROBIN MCKEE  
Address 209 E 2d ST  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615  
Telephone 715 896 8212 Bar Number (if any)

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



**Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Division**

January 12, 2023

Ho-Chunk Nation Elite Elders 70 Or Over:

In regards to Medicare Part B Reimbursement, we appreciate the response we have received from our Elite Elders. We want to make sure that you are sending us the correct forms we need to process your reimbursement for the Medicare Part B premiums you paid in 2022. If you haven't received it you will be soon.

We need to make sure you are sending us the correct form. I have enclosed a sample of the form we need. The SSA 1099 form has the amount you paid for Medicare Part B in 2022

**The deadline for returning these applications and SSA 1099 is March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 after that they will not be accepted or reimbursed.**

If you have any questions please reach out to me, Gloria, at the information below, or you may contact Sara Pomeroy at the same number, her extension is 11265, and her email is [Sara.Pomeroy@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Sara.Pomeroy@ho-chunk.com)

Respectfully,

Gloria Ward  
HCN Elder Benefits Administrator  
Email: [Gloria.ward@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Gloria.ward@ho-chunk.com)  
Phone 715-284-4361 ext 11017  
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ry 12, 2023

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**FORM SSA-1099 – SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT STATEMENT**

**2022** • PART OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS SHOWN IN BOX 5 MAY BE TAXABLE INCOME. • SEE THE REVERSE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Box 1. Name	Box 2. Beneficiary's Social Security Number	
Box 3. Benefits Paid in 2021	Box 4. Benefits Repaid to SSA in 2021	Box 5. Net Benefits for 2021 (Box 3 minus Box 4)
DESCRIPTION OF AMOUNT IN BOX 3		DESCRIPTION OF AMOUNT IN BOX 4
<p style="font-size: 48px; opacity: 0.5; transform: rotate(-30deg); display: inline-block;">SAMPLE</p>		Box 6. Voluntary Federal Income Tax Withheld
		Box 7. Address
		Box 8. Claim Number (Use this number if you need to contact SSA.)

Form SSA-1099-SM (1-2022) DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO SSA OR IRS

**VOTE**

**RYAN**



**JOHN CRAIN SR.**

**HO-CHUNK NATION PRESIDENT**

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

**RESPECT. SERVICE. LOVE.**

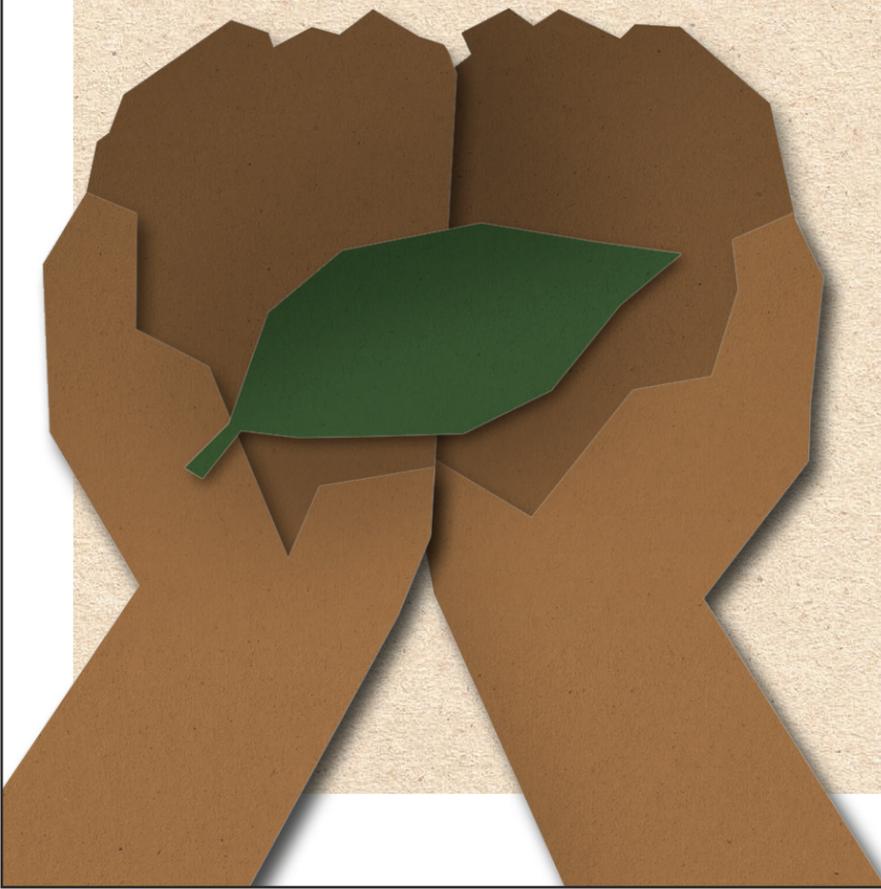


As the Ho-Chunk Nation President I will lead with dignity and bring us back together hakikiya'ų. I will look out for the health, well-being and development of the Ho-Chunk people.

[ryanjohncrain@gmail.com](mailto:ryanjohncrain@gmail.com)

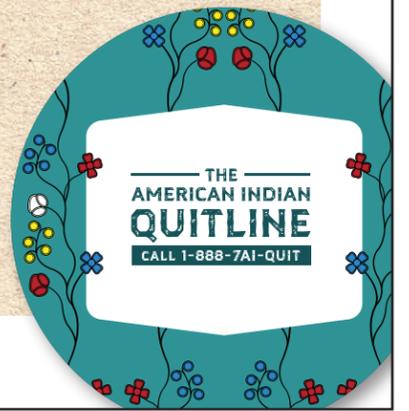
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## NIGHT OF COMEDY



### ROB BRECKENRIDGE

Comedian Rob Brackenridge has performed for corporations, cruise ships, comedy clubs, casinos and theaters as well as U.S.O. tours for our troops worldwide. The Appleton, WI native appeared on Comedy Central's Make Me Laugh, LA Forensics, Comcast Comedy Spotlight, The Bob and Tom Show and numerous commercials.



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BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JANUARY 5, 2023**

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

**Roll Call:**

- President Marlon WhiteEagle - EX
- Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
- Rep. George Stacy-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 (10:05 a.m.)
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
- Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
- Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
- Rep. Paul Fox-VC
- Rep. Brianna Tahdoohrippah-VC

*VC-Video Conference*

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented TABLING under Unfinished Business A. D3 Pac cinak-November 14, 2022 District Meeting Minutes. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting-December 20, 2022**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the December 20, 2022 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Legislative Meeting-December 28, 2022**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the

December 28, 2022 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Legislative Meeting-December 29, 2022**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the December 29, 2022 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Presentation:**

**First Nations Community Financial Update**

Becky Albert-Breed, Executive Director of First Nations Community Financial (FNCF) was present via video conference and gave a presentation for FNCF and the Strategic Plan for 2023-2025.

Items covered were:

- Update of Team & Board Member
- Prior Year work
- Strategic plan
- Events/Classes
- HCN Benefits
- Upcoming Plans & Priorities
- Action Items

**Reports:**

**Tribal Enrollment Numbers**

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

**Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority**

Chief Roads Officer Brett Blackdeer was present by video conference and presented the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority report. A written report was submitted.

**Office of General Council Report**

*The last written report received from the Office of General Council was July 19, 2022. The last Legislative Meeting a representative from the Office of General Council*

*was present at a Legislative Meeting was December 7, 2021. A report was given at that meeting.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar for Legislative Counsel to provide a resolution or legal advice on what to do with the Office of General Council budget for the next Legislative session. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-1 (Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

**Department of Administration**

Chief Information Technology Officer Michael Rave was present via video conference for the monthly report. A written report was submitted.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux mentioned that the community building in Nekoosa had previously been run by HHCDA, and now the Department of Administration has taken over the building. There are concerns regarding if the bills are being paid, and the dumpster is overfilled with garbage scattered around the dumpster. Is this a smooth transition between HHCDA and Administration?

Chandra Ekern, Facilities, said there has been communication between the Community Outreach Specialist and HHCDA regarding the billing and getting the vendor list sent to her. HHCDA had placed smaller receptacles at the building. The Community Outreach Specialist is in contact with that vendor, and is working on getting a bigger dumpster. HHCDA will be sending the bills for the community building to her.

Rep. Stephanie Begay had a question about the Black River Falls Legion building. In the lease and the resolution it states this is for office space. Will someone be bringing forth a new lease or amendment to the lease for the temporary homeless shelter? The reason is to make sure all the proper documentation is in order. Michael Rave mentioned their understanding is the lessor has not been paid for the current

lease. He will let Executive Director of Administration Mark Leonard know to look at the lease provision and double check to see if they are going to revise the lease to operate it as a temporary homeless shelter.

**Department of Health**

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present via video conference. A written report was received. The Pharmacy will be sending out the letters about courtesy refills next week. This is for individuals that had not been seen in over a year at one of the clinics, they now must be seen per federal guidelines to receive their prescriptions from I.H.S. If patients have not been seen within the year, they will be responsible to pay for their prescriptions.

**Department of Personnel; Insurance**

Executive Director of Personnel Saresa Ryckman was not present. A written report was received.

**Department of Social Services**

Executive Director of Social Services Rosella Stanley was present via video conference and gave a brief update on the housing and homelessness issues.

Rep. Darren Brinegar asked if Executive Director Stanley could bring any solutions on the homelessness issues to the next Legislative meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**D3 Pac cinak-November 14, 2022 District Meeting Minutes**

This was TABLED at the approval of the agenda.

**New Business:**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Opioid and Stimulant Treatment Unmet Needs Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah

Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 01-05-23 A**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Opioid and Stimulant Treatment Unmet Needs Grant. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Care and Treatment Services Funding to Cover Room & Board Costs for Medicaid Members with an Opioid Use Disorder in Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 01-05-23 B**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Care and Treatment Services Funding to Cover Room & Board Costs for Medicaid Members with an Opioid Use Disorder in Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Care and Treatment Services Opioid Abatement Efforts in Federally Recognized Tribal Nations Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 01-05-23 C**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Care and Treatment Services Opioid Abatement Efforts in Federally Recognized Tribal Nations Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the United States Department of Health and Human**

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**4 May** (Lecture) **Geometry, Astronomy, and Solar Calendar function** encoded in most mound groups. Elect of-ficers.

(Office Visit) Dealing with Rocks

**26 May** (Field Trip) Each team precisely survey the Bear Mound at Vilas Park (and associated rocks) to check for any encoded calendar function. Date to be determined by Team Leader.

**June, July, Aug.** There will be informal meetings at the Mendota Site with Tom Solberg relating to needs of the Historical Society to register mounds, etc. Students in the area may want to contact Kurt Sampson to see if they can help in reducing the notes

of T.H. Lewis for unregistered mounds he has found in Dodge Co., Wisconsin from aerial photos and lidar. (And possibly surveying what is left). Students may also want to find other mound groups and sketch them for possible precise surveys later on.

**7 Sept.** (Lecture) **Powers Bluff Site** of rocks and burials in Wood Co., Wisc. (with Ritchie Brown and Fred Pigeon). (Office Visit) As needed.

**29 Sept.** (Field Trip) Visit of Powers Bluff by Fred Pigeon. Organized Rocks, Marker Trees, Verbal Traditions.

**5 Oct.** (Lecture) **New Lisbon Mound Group** which Ritchie Brown and his

people in our remote Mound Mapping team near Mauston. are working on. They will be present. They will also be using GPS and Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to confirm burials. Rotating GPS data to true north. Dealing with GPS and GPR data.

(Office Visit) As needed.

**27 Oct.** (Field Trip) Visit New Lisbon Mound Group guided by Ritchie Brown and Steve Solberg.

**3 Nov.** (Lecture) What the State Historical Society needs on maps for registering mounds. Check our maps of New Lisbon, selected mounds at the Mendota Site, and the Bear Mound at Vilas Circle to see if they are adequate. If so, award certificates. Plan for

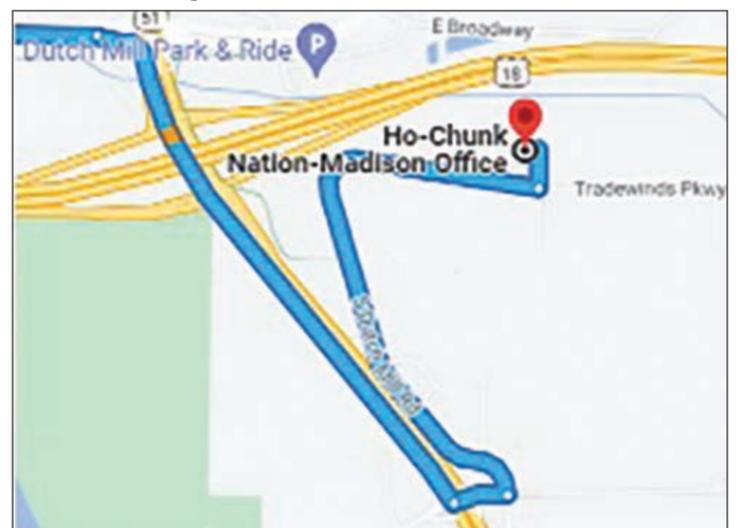
the next season if more experience is needed and desired. And if people want to visit more sites.

(No Field Trip) (Office

Visit as needed.)

**Contact:** 608-421-8250

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**Services Health Resources and Service Administration Rural Communities Opioid Response Program—Overdose Response Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 01-05-23 D**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Overdose Response Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Evaluation Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 01-05-23 E**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the

United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Evaluation Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration Rural Communities Opioid Response Program—Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 01-05-23 F**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization**

**for the Department of Administration to Submit Federal Communications Commission Broadband Map Challenge**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-05-23 G**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Submit Federal Communications Commission Broadband Map Challenge. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration and Department of Health to Apply for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-05-23 H**, Authorization for the Department of Administration and Department of Health to Apply for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis

Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:**

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

by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:41 a.m.*

*Rep. Danielle DeLong was excused for the remainder of the meeting at 12:29 p.m.*

*The Executive Session recessed for lunch from 12:41 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.*

*Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the Legislative Executive Session to order at 1:15 p.m. Quorum was established at 1:16 p.m.*

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:41 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie

Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah was not on the call during the vote.*

**Release to Open Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Financial Update Document for release to Tribal Members only at districts meetings, with the document clearly marked as private and privileged and Tribal Use Only and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to January 10, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah was not on the call during the vote.*

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JANUARY 10, 2023**

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

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC  
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-EX  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-EX

*VC-Video Conference*

**Determination of Quorum:**

Quorum is established at 10:01 a.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented **TABLING** under New Business B. **Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins and New Business C. Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms.** Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add under New Business E. **Resolution**

for an Agriculture Lease for Wysocki Produce Farm on the Mortenson Trust Property, F. **Resolution Agriculture Land Lease Application on the Ho-Chunk Trust Property known as Village West, G. Resolution Agriculture Lease Application for Ho-Chunk Fee Property known as Sauk Parcels.** **MOTION IS RESCINDED** adding New Business E. **Resolution for an Agriculture Lease for Wysocki Produce Farm on the Mortenson Trust Property, F. Resolution Agriculture Land Lease Application on the Ho-Chunk Trust Property known as Village West, G. Resolution Agriculture Lease Application for Ho-Chunk Fee Property known as Sauk Parcels.** 2-6(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. George Stacy)-3 (Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

*Before the vote:* President Marlon WhiteEagle mentioned he would like to add a few items to the agenda under New Business E. **Resolution for an Agriculture Lease for Wysocki Produce Farm on the Mortenson Trust Property, F. Resolution Agriculture Land Lease Application on the Ho-Chunk Trust Property known as Village West.** President WhiteEagle requested to add one more to New Business: G. **Resolution Agriculture Lease Application for Ho-Chunk Fee Property known as Sauk Parcels.**

Rep. Paul Fox mentioned that he will not be adding New Business E, F, and G, as the Legislature has not had proper

time to review the resolutions.

President WhiteEagle mentioned Realty is available to answer any questions.

Matthew Carriaga, Realty Division was present via video conference, and mentioned the three resolutions were sent to potential sponsors, unfortunately Realty couldn't get a response, and either Legislature were unable or unwilling to sponsor the agenda items. That is why they are asking for it to be on the agenda.

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned there are a few Agriculture Leases on the agenda that she was asked to sponsor. Right now the Legislature is not addressing any Agriculture Leases, and would like to request a meeting with DNR to address an issue that needs further discussion, regarding the soil and what farming does to the land and how we move forward. The Legislature would like to address this in a separate meeting, and then Legislature can address the leases at the next session.

Rep. Fox would like to stick with the original motion without the additions, tabling New Business: B & C.

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. said the request for further review is coming from the District 2 Dells/Baraboo area, so it might be in the best interest for Realty to possibly attend the district meeting or at least speak on this matter.

President WhiteEagle said, we have a motion and a resolution to table under New Business: B & C and he was attempting

to add E, F & G related to the agriculture leases from Realty and DNR, it seems there is no support to move these forward.

Rep. Begay mentioned the area made a motion at two different meetings requesting Realty and DNR to attend. It would be nice if they could attend one of the area meetings.

Matthew Carriaga said if the group (from the area) would like to come and talk with Realty about Agriculture Leases, they are available to sit down with them.

President WhiteEagle mentioned he is willing to sponsor the three today on the agenda. President WhiteEagle said, "We can address those when New Business comes up. So be prepared to address these at New Business E, F & G".

The President said he is adding them as a sponsor.

Legislators noted that a Legislative Sponsor is required to have items on the agenda.

*After the vote discussion:*

President WhiteEagle said "the issue is the requirement of a Legislative Sponsor but the President can propose legislation as well that is what essentially these Agriculture Leases are, and I want to sponsor these, and not have a Legislative Representative Sponsor but a Presidential Sponsor".

Vice President Karena Thundercloud would like to mention this topic had come up in a discussion amongst the Legislators on how some of the leases have been written

regarding whether the soils are being protected or not. These are the type of questions that Legislators have and thought a separate meeting to discuss this and then bring the leases back next Tuesday.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Discussion before the vote:*

President WhiteEagle said in terms of the requirements to address these, they were ready last week according to the Realty Department. The President asked what has transpired from last week to now, were the items not viewable, was it a technical issue, why are we not ready to address these.

The Vice President mentioned the three items, they were not sent to Legislature by the deadline. During a discussion at the staff meeting yesterday, Legislators are asking for protection for the Nation and its lands. The Legislature is asking for the leases to be looked at and for the extra meeting with DNR and Realty. If the leases are put the agenda, they will be tabled.

*After the vote:*

The approval of the agenda is as presented, New Business: B & C have not been tabled.

President WhiteEagle said "Let everyone on the meeting know that, we will be addressing under New Business letters E, F and G, so I'll be sponsoring those and we will address those at the time, so if you  
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choose to vote against it, that's your prerogative but we're going to put it on the agenda."

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

#### **Legislative Meeting-January 5, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 5, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Commission Reports:

##### **Gaming Commission Report**

Vice President Karena Thundercloud mentioned the Gaming Commission is excused for today. A written report was submitted.

#### Reports:

**Tribal Enrollment Numbers:** Enrollment Office reports the first Legislative Meeting of every month-**TABLE**

##### **Office of General Council Report**

*The last written report received from the Office of General Council was July 19, 2022.*

*The last Legislative Meeting a representative from the Office of General Council was present at a Legislative Meeting was December 7, 2021. A report was given at that meeting.*

President WhiteEagle mentions he is working with General Council Advocate Henry White Thunder on setting a date for this year's General Council Meeting by the end of the month.

##### **HHCDA Report**

Neil Whitegull Executive Director of HHCDA was present via video conference and gave an update. A written report was received.

#### Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

##### **Department of Heritage Preservation**

Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Samson Falcon was present via video conference and gave a verbal report. No written report was received. A Language Division report was received.

##### **Department of Justice**

Attorney General Scott Seifert was present via video conference and pointed out the Election Committee did not submit an update, he will forward the report when it is submitted. A written report was received.

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. asked when the Law Enforcement Commissioner (LEC) next meeting is. Police Chief Quakenbush mentioned

the last time LEC met was May 2022. He will reach out to Cecelia Krause to set a date for the next meeting.

##### **Department of Natural Resources**

No Representation. No Report.

##### **Department of Treasury**

Jeriah Rave, Finance Director gave a brief update on the Treasury Report. A written report was submitted.

#### Unfinished Business:

##### **Tutor Specialist NEW Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the Tutor

Specialist Job Description. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

##### **Tutor Services Division Manager NEW Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve the Tutor Services Division Manager Job Description adding under Performance Based Job Functions and Objectives: The Division Manager will be creating, developing and implementing an educational program that provides educational services. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request Legislative Finance to provide information on how to move the funds to Education by next Legislative Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### New Business:

##### **Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Division to Apply for and Enter into the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Tribal Grant Agreement for the 2022-2023 State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 01-10-23 A**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Division to Apply for and Enter into the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Tribal Grant Agreement for the 2022-2023 State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room at 11:30 a.m.*

##### **Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilot to TABLE Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins. Second by

Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room during the vote.*

*Rep. Phyllis Smoke returns to the meeting at 11:34 a.m.*

##### **Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to request a meeting with Legislature, Department of Natural Resources and Realty prior to next session regarding Agriculture Leases. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

President WhiteEagle requests an email for this meeting.

Vice President Thundercloud mentioned anytime the Legislature sets up a meeting with the Executive Branch, the request goes through Nathaniel Longtail (ELIO) and the President.

##### **Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Greater Lakes Restoration Initiative Program Funding**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 01-10-23 B**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Greater Lakes Restoration Initiative Program Funding. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

At this time the President moved on to what he claimed was New Business E. Resolution Agriculture Lease for Wysocki Produce Farms on the Mortenson Trust property.

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE New Business: E Wysocki Farms. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION** is rescinded. Second is rescinded.

Rep. George Stacy mentioned according to the approved agenda, these would have to be added to the agenda, then to vote on it before the Legislature takes any action for it to be binding.

President said "as the President presiding over the meeting, I am adding these to the agenda to be addressed today".

#### Executive Session:

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Intergovernmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal

Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentions Executive Session is the next item on the agenda.

Discussion before the Executive Session vote.

President WhiteEagle said "this is legislation I am proposing as the President, so if you refer to the Constitution of the Nation, I can bring this forward, and that is what I'm doing."

The Vice President called for the question.

Nathaniel Longtail, Executive Legislative Information Officer (ELIO) mentions in the Legislative Organization Act Page 32-39 Section 2 states; the Executive Branch may also prepare legislation for consideration by the Legislature. In subsection D, Public Review Phase. The Legislator(s), known as sponsor(s), or the Executive Branch shall present any Legislation to be placed out for Public Comment to the Legislature for consideration by Resolution. The Executive Branch has met that requirement to have that resolution prepared and ready for consideration.

Note: The term "Legislation" is defined in the Legislative Organization Act, and it does not mention leases.

President WhiteEagle said he is looking for a motion to table items E, F & G. The Chief Clerk said there is a motion on the floor.

President WhiteEagle said we are still on Number 11. New Business, so he is asking for a motion to table E, F & G.

Rep. Stephanie Begay said she made a motion to go into Executive Session as it is the next item on the agenda that was approved during the approval of the agenda.

President WhiteEagle interrupted Rep. Begay and said that was out of order. "When we went through the meeting we were on number 5 Approval of the Agenda, as the President, listen, as the President I let you know that we are going to address E, F & G under New Business. So that is still on the agenda right now. So I am asking for a motion to table E, F & G". What's been going on, the executive with the departments are doing the work getting these on the agenda. Through the process there is probably no policy within the Legislative office that says it must be turned in by a certain time, that doesn't exist. President WhiteEagle said "if you want to move past without tabling E, F & G you are essentially violating the Legislative Organization Act. Before we move into Executive Session, I'm

requesting someone table E, F & G".

Rep. Stacy said the "legislation" that the President is talking about has been considered by the Legislature, and they have made their decision.

President WhiteEagle said "let the record show that E, F, and G went unaddressed during the Legislative Meeting here today".

The President wanted to see what is going to occur in this meeting that is going to happen. What are the questions? Rep. Brinegar said the President requested an email and the Vice President Thundercloud mentioned, they always follow-up with an email.

*The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 12:01 p.m.*

*President Marlon WhiteEagle was not present in Executive Session.*

*Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was present via video conference at 12:11 p.m.*

*Executive Session recessed for lunch at 12:18 until 1:00 p.m.*

*Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Quorum was established at 1:02 p.m.*

*Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was present via video conference at 1:11 p.m.*

*Rep. Shelby Visintin was present via video conference at 1:36 p.m.*

*Vice President Karena Thundercloud was excused for the remainder of the meeting at 1:43 p.m. to travel to the District 1 Wausau meeting. Tribal Secretary Rep. Stephanie Begay chaired the meeting.*

*Rep. Phyllis Smoke was excused for the remainder of the meeting at 1:56 p.m. to travel to the District 1 Wausau meeting.*

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:37 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Adjournment:

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to January 17, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.*

**5X POINTS ALL DAY!**

**FEBRUARY**

# WINTER WONDERLAND GIVEAWAY

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023**  
 Hot Seat Drawings | 11am - 9pm Hourly  
 2 Winners | \$777 Rewards Play

Main Kiosk Drawing | 10pm  
 3 Winners | \$777 Rewards Play each!  
 Play the WINTER Wonderland game to determine Cash prize!

**1st Place - \$25,000 Cash**  
**2nd Place - \$10,000 Cash**  
**3rd Place - \$5,000 Cash**

**MONDAYS**

### Military Monday

**Veterans & Active Military!**  
 Swipe at Kiosk for \$15 Rewards Play & \$5 off food! Also play the Military Monday kiosk game to win up to \$100 Rewards Play! Earn 50 points each time and play up to 5 times.  
*New military members sign up at Rewards Club.*

**MONDAYS**

### FUEL MY REWARDS

**Whitetail Crossing Gift Certificates!**  
**Noon - 10pm | Every 2 Hours**  
 1 Hot Seat Drawing Winner will receive \$250 in Whitetail Crossing Gift Certificates & \$100 Rewards Play!

**GROUNDHOG DAY ON FEBRUARY 2ND!**

WHAT WILL THE LOCAL GROUNDHOG PREDICT?  
 Is it 6 more weeks of Winter or is Spring on its way?

**4X POINTS ALL DAY** IF HE DOESN'T SEE HIS SHADOW!  
**2X POINTS ALL DAY** IF HE SEES HIS SHADOW!

**SPECIAL KIOSK GAME!**  
 "GROUNDHOGS DAY" 9AM - MIDNIGHT  
 EARN 50 SLOT POINTS EACH TIME TO PLAY.  
 PLAY UP TO 3 TIMES! TOP PRIZE \$100

**TUESDAYS**

### Keptin's LOCAL

**Perks Just For Locals!**

"Pull Tabs" Kiosk Game \$100 Rewards Play! Earn 50 points and play up to 5 times daily!  
 BOGO Drink Offer at the Spirit Bar *Limit one per local guest each Tuesday*  
 4pm - 9pm | 1 Winner Hourly Shake Of The Day Drawings Swipe at Kiosk!  
 Roll a 5 of a Kind in one roll to win Locals Only Shake of the Day Progressive Amount (starting at \$500 Cash). The Progressive amount increases \$25 for every drawing that it is not hit! How high will it get?

**TUESDAYS**

### SPIN2WIN

**Spin 2 Win for ALL! - Now on Tuesdays**  
 All Rewards Club members eligible all day on select machines. Win up to \$520 in Rewards Play!

**PROSPERITY LINK**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 | STARTING AT 2PM**

First 100 Rewards Club Members to earn 25 points and report to the Promotional booth setup at our Northside Prosperity Link slot bank will receive:  
**10 Free Spins at MAX BET! (on 1 cent denomination)**

**THE CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG!** Complimentary cake and coffee will also be provided for all participants!

**WEDNESDAYS & SUNDAYS**

### SWIPE FOR REWARDS!

**Kiosk Games!**  
 Swipe at kiosks to play. Earn 50 points and play up to 5 times daily. Prizes up to \$250 Rewards Play on Wednesdays and \$500 on Sundays!

**THURSDAYS**

### Sweet Silver

**Ages 50+ swipe at kiosks to play Sweet Silver Kiosk Games!**  
 Earn 50 points each time and play up to 5 times! Top Prize of \$100 Rewards Play!  
**\$5 OFF Food - Swipe at Kiosk!**

**COLD HARD CASH BASH**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

**HOT SEAT DRAWINGS**  
 10am - 9pm | Hourly  
 2 Winners | \$500 Rewards Play

**MAIN KIOSK DRAWINGS**  
 10pm | 2 Winners  
**\$5,000 Cash + \$500 Rewards Play!**

**FRIDAYS**

### POINT MULTIPLIER

**POINT MULTIPLIERS!**  
 Flurries 2Xpts - Feb 3 / Snow Showers 3Xpts - Feb 10  
 Snow Storm 4Xpts - Feb 17 / Blizzard 5Xpts - Feb 24  
*Electronic Table Games and Video Poker Slots are not eligible.*

**SATURDAYS**

### BLOCK PARTY

**HOT SEATS**  
**\$500 Rewards Play!**  
 10am - 10pm | 1 Winner Hourly  
 Players that are playing within the same bank of machines as the winner will also WIN \$100 RP each!

**GET YOUR DAUB ON! BINGO SPECIALS**

## WACKY WEDNESDAYS

**WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY**  
 ELECTRONIC ENTRY PACKS  
**\$13 Matinee / \$25 Evening**

# HO-CHUNK GAMING

## WISCONSIN DELLS