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Ho-Chunk March Madness Basketball Tournament 2024 Results

Ardith Van Riper, Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation hosted the 22nd Annual March Madness All Native Basketball Tournament at the House of Wellness on March 8, 9, and 10. The event included a Nelson Funmaker three point shootout, Kuunu Yazzie Slam Dunk contest, Little Hoopsters games, Hand Drum Contest, Ho-Chunk Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony,

Roberta Funmaker All-Star Women's Basketball Tournament, and the All Native Men's Basketball Tournament.

The basketball games were also played at the Just a Game Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells and at the UW Platteville-Baraboo Sauk County gym. The basketball tournament included 16 men's teams, 12 women's teams, and was run on a double elimination format.

The eighth Annual Roberta Funmaker All-Star Women's Basketball Tournament winners were in third place the XFactor team, in second place the Burning Feathers team, and the champions were the Lady Ballers.

The twenty second Annual Ho-Chunk Nation March Madness All Native Men's basketball tournament
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Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Wins Investor of the Year Award

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa, a prominent gaming and entertainment destination located in central Wisconsin, has been awarded the prestigious Investor of the Year Award by the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce.

The award was presented to Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa in recognition of its outstanding contributions to the region's economic development and community growth. Through its dedication to providing exciting gaming experiences, top-notch hospitality, and superb customer service,
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Designating and Marking I-90 the 'Ho-Chunk World War II Code Talkers Memorial Highway'

Ardith Van Riper, Editor
The Wisconsin State Senate approved a historic bill designating a section of Interstate 90 as the "Ho-Chunk World War II Code Talkers Memorial Highway." The stretch of highway will span from the Minnesota-Wisconsin state line in La Crosse to the intersection of I-90 and I-94 in Monroe County. This corridor has the most significant number of Ho-Chunk Members near it, in addition to being part of the Nation's ancestral homelands.

The Ho-Chunk Nation officially has 14 World War II Veterans listed with the Department of Defense as Code Talkers. Sandy Winneshiek worked for nearly five years to get their approval.

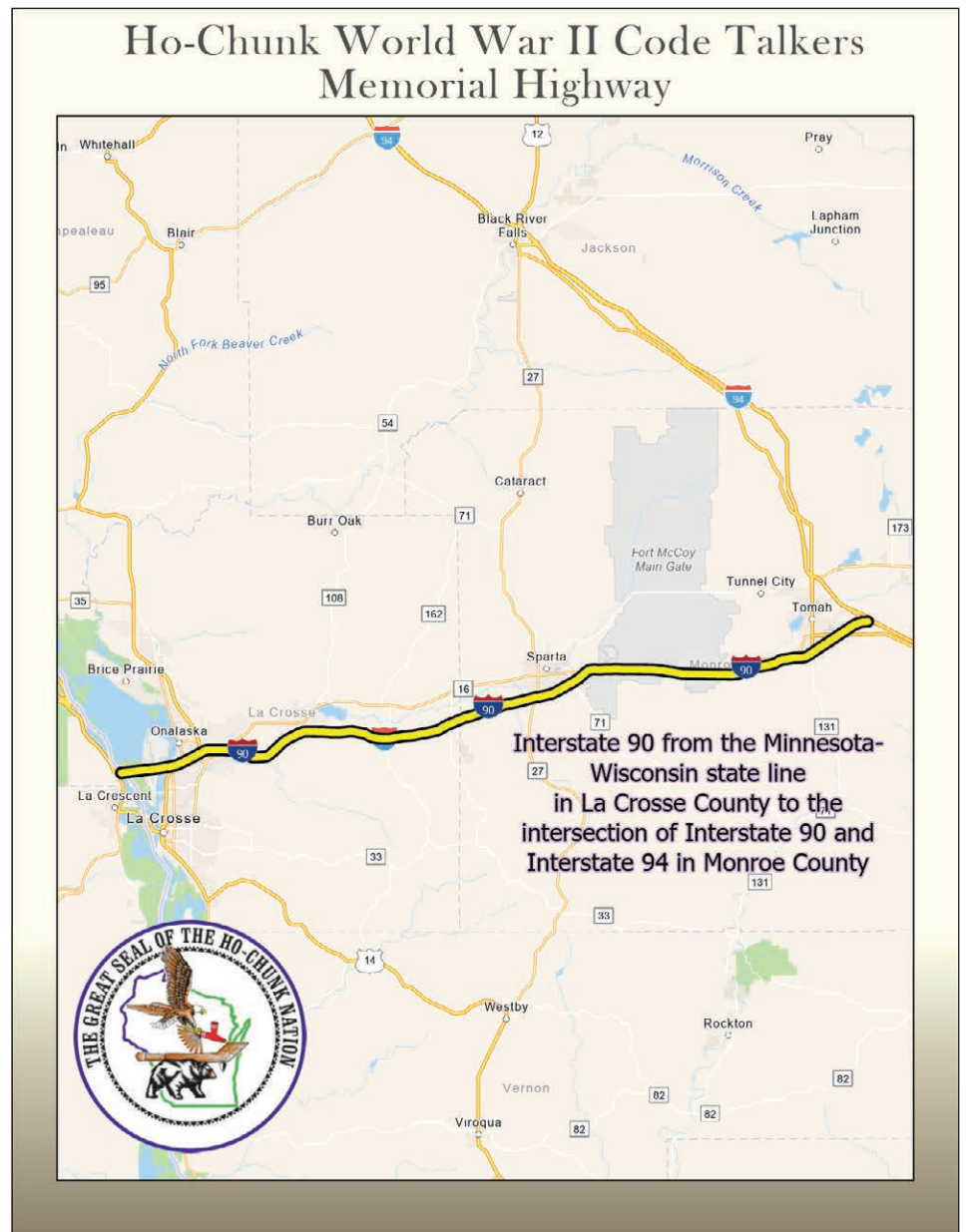
According to research and work done by Sandy Winneshiek when she began her tour of duty as the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Veterans Service Officer in April 2012, the World War II Veterans approved for the Code Talker designation that was initially approved in

2013: Alvin Blackdeer, U.S. Navy; Donald Blackdeer, U.S. Army; Irvin Blackdeer, U.S. Army; George Green, KIA-U.S. Army; Donald Greengrass, U.S. Army; Adam Littlebear, Jr., KIA-U.S. Army; and Alfred O. Stacy, U.S. Army.

Thanks to Sandy Winneshiek's additional work and dedication, seven more veterans were approved as Code Talkers in March 2016: Bill Whitebear, U.S. Army; Benjamin Winneshiek, U.S. Army; Bill Mike, U.S. Army; Jesse Mike, U.S. Army; Clifford Blackdeer, U.S. Army; Emanuel Thundercloud, U.S. Army; and Howard Littlejohn, U.S. Army.

Code Talkers were American soldiers who used native languages to communicate secretly during wartime. The term is now usually associated with the United States soldiers during the world wars who used their knowledge of Native American languages as a basis to transmit coded messages that were indecipherable to enemy forces.

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StrongHearts Native Helpline Celebrates Seven Years of Advocacy

(EAGAN, Minn., March 6, 2024) – Seven years of culturally appropriate support and advocacy has been reached at StrongHearts Native Helpline, where advocates were brought to fruition through the hard work and sacrifice of survivors and grassroots advocates.

"March 6, 2024 marks the seventh anniversary of StrongHearts advocacy," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "It is not our way to boast or brag, but it is our way to teach what we have learned. As an organization steeped in Native American and Alaska Native culture and tradition, we use seven principles as a guide and seven generations to measure how far we have come and how far we have yet to go."

To date, Stronghearts advocates have helped more than 50,000 contacts and tallied more than half a million visitors to its website. The main need being met by advocates is peer support and that requires the lived experience of being Native American.

"Native people need to be able to trust the assisting advocate," explained Jump. "Our advocates are Native and provide a service that no other agency can simply due to the historical distrust of non-Natives."

As a testament to the unique challenge of being Native, three StrongHearts advocates shared their stories about the importance of culturally appropriate support and advocacy.

Addressing Colonization

Advocate 1: "When assessing cultural abuse and using traditional methods for self-care, I connect what colonization did and how it ties into abuse and the mistreatment of Native women throughout history. Reclaiming and reinforcing our indigenous culture can make us stronger as a community."

Addressing A Form Cultural Abuse

Advocate 2: "I actually spoke to someone on the phone who was from my Tribe. She was white presenting and all her life was told that she was white and she should not be allowed to access Tribal resources or even refer to herself as a Native woman. We talked a lot about colonization, blood quantum, and I offered her a lot of validation and a little bit of information about our Tribe and available domestic violence resources.

[We also talked about] how she could begin to reconnect with heritage, reclaim her language, and how that could be really validating and healing for her as well. When she called in she was feeling hopeless, crying or on

the verge of tears. By the end of our call she was laughing and excited to grow her knowledge about our culture. She felt a sense of community and knew that she was not alone on her healing journey and she had not only a resource, but relatives, that she could rely on."

Addressing Lived Experience

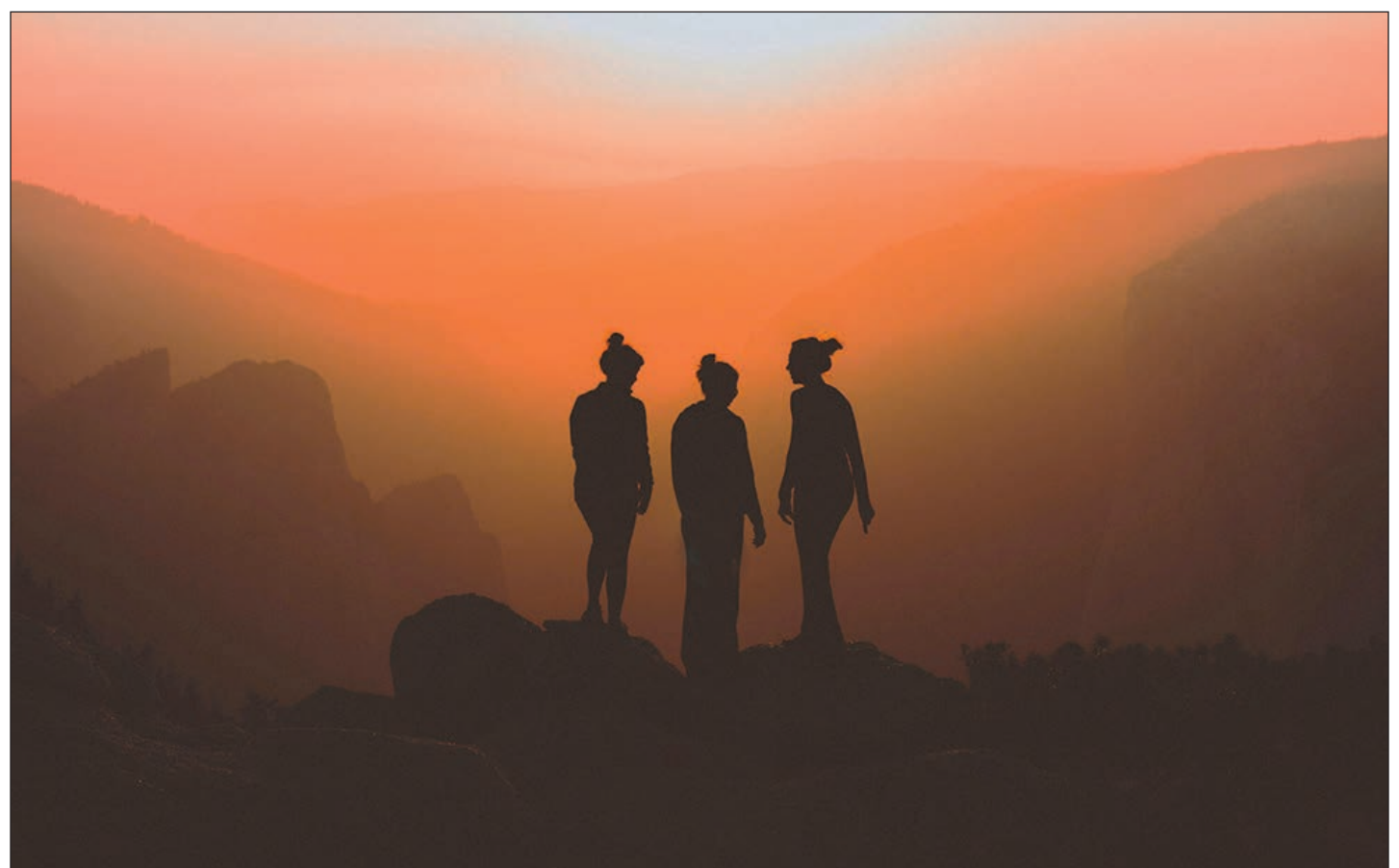
Advocate 3: "I draw from my upbringing. Of course, there is the training, but if a contact inquires about where I'm from or what I know about being Native I tell them. Nine times out of ten, they are seeing if I "get it," and it takes nothing for me to simply speak to them in a way they are used to or share with them like their relatives do."

Guiding Principles

Not only does StrongHearts as an organization see through the lens of seven generations, it also uses seven guiding principles to navigate culturally appropriate support and advocacy. In brief, those guiding principles include:

1. Culture is the heart of our existence connecting and honoring diversity.
2. Balance is rooted in traditional lifeways and the equality of mind, body and spirit.
3. Interrelatedness to honor each other, our ancestors and the earth.
4. Humility to learn from all lessons

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JOB FAIR

ALL INDUSTRIES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
1:00PM - 6:00PM
Refreshments Provided • Chance to WIN Prize Drawings

LOCATION
Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells • Lower Dells Ballroom
53214 County Road BD • Baraboo, WI 53913






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Ho-Chunk Present for Kinship Care Bill Signing

March 14, 2024

Today, Representative Kristin White Eagle had the privilege to be present as Governor Evers signed into law SB 520 and AB 557 – legislation that provides for recognition and financial support for kinship caregivers, including those deemed “like-kin.” The Ho-Chunk Nation presented oral and written testimony in support of this legislation.

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) listened to the Tribes and their concerns that their traditional and customary familial organizational structures were not being considered within the Wisconsin Kinship system, thus leading to many Tribal caregivers not being recognized or being provided financial support. For example, a relative only went as far as second cousin in the Code at the time. However, there is not even a word in the Hoocak language for cousin. That is a completely foreign concept. While a person that would be deemed a third cousin in western kinship terms may be considered a far off relative through a western lens – that distance is far shorter within a

tightknit Hoocak community.

Tribal Consultations let to the drafting of legislation that took into account the Tribes’ traditions and customs – as well as Tribal resolutions, codes, and tribal law defining kin and “like-kin.” Per DCF, a few key points of this new law:

- This legislation expands the definition of “relative” to include “first-cousin-once removed” and expands the definition of “kinship care provider” to include relatives, “like-kin” and, for tribal children, extended family members.
- “Like-kin” means an individual who has a significant emotional relationship with a child or the child’s family that is similar to a familial relationship.
 - For an Indian child, “like-kin” includes individuals identified by the child’s tribe according to tribal tradition, custom or resolution, code or law.
- This expanded definition applies to both voluntary and court-ordered kinship cases.
- The legislation adds provision to Chapters 48 and 938 to permit a court to order placement with “like-kin.”



“This is a true example of Tribal Consultation at work.” – Representative Kristin White Eagle.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be April 5th which will be published on April 12th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



2024 Community Garden Planning Meeting Schedule

At a Glance

March 26	6:00pm – 8:00pm Nekoosa Community Center 916 Chak Ha Chee Lane, Nekoosa, WI 54457
March 27	Ho-Chunk Village at House of Wellness 52845 White Eagle Rd, Baraboo, WI 53913, will be 5:00-7:00pm
TBD, Join at HOW for preview.	Indian Heights Community Building 975 Dyer St, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
April 1	Indian Mission Community Building W8813 Mission Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54615
April 2	Blue Wing Community Building 300 Epinal Ave, Tomah, WI 54660

What to look forward to:

- **Planting Planner** - choosing crops and layout
- **Calendar** - garden timeline and personal planner
- **Garden Maintenance** – water, weeding, and worries

To learn more ways to be involved, contact Sydney Colwell at 608-343-7094 Sydney.Colwell@ho-chunk.com





Laces to Leaders is for youth wanting to have fun and develop leadership skills, while learning to run a 5K!

April 2 - May 18, 2024

New for 2024 - Two Locations!



Cost: \$20 - Register Online
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BRF - Lunda Community Center

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- Boys: Tues/Thurs 3:15-4:30pm
- Grades 3rd-5th

Lincoln Elementary

- Girls & Boys: Mon/Wed 3:15-4:30pm
- Grades 3rd-6th

Learn more at:

www.jacksoninaction.org/lacestoleaders

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

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Jackson In Action's Earth Day Highway Cleanup

**Sat, April 13, 2024
9am-12pm**

We will be cleaning up the stretch of highway surrounding Wazee Lake Recreation Area, along N Brockway and Castle Mound Rd.

Meet at the intersection of W Bauer Rd and N Brockway Rd at 9am. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

Questions? Contact Kathleen Clemons 715-299-0870




Now Accepting Bids for Catering Services August 6th - 8th 2024 Family Healing Camp at Andrew Blackhawk Pow-wow grounds in Black River Falls WI

Please Contact: Autumn White 715-284-2622 ext 15100 email Autumn.White@ho-chunk.com Submission Date: April 2, 2024 by 4:30 pm

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Questions? Give Randall Mann a call! (608)374-1245 Ex: 18817



VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

★★★ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 ★★★

Tribal Office Building | W9814 Airport Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54615

11:00am - Vietnam Veteran Recognition Ceremony
12:00pm - Meal

Contact: Lynette Hopinkah 715.28.9343 x11353
Lynette.hopinkah@ho-chunk.com

Continued from Page 1 winners were in third place the Eight Clan team, in second place the Plainzmen, and the champions were Stray Nation. This year Ho-Chunk Hall of Fame Inductees were Dan Libke - Boxing, Carlyle Greendeer - Coaching, Gary Thundercloud - Basketball, Kenneth

Funmaker, Jr. - Basketball, Conroy Greendeer, Jr. - Track, Glenn Lonetree - Rodeo, Norval Lonetree - Stock-Car Racing, Ernie Stevens, Jr. - Boxing, and Special Recognition went to Johnny Bingo Funmaker - MC. The next Ho-Chunk March Madness Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 7, 8, and 9, 2025.

Wisconsin Historical Society Calls on Communities for New Historical Marker Applications

New grant funding now available for markers sharing underrepresented stories from Wisconsin history

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Historical Society invites communities across Wisconsin to apply for a new state historical marker as part of a project that aims to elevate underrepresented histories from communities throughout the state. The Society received a generous \$75,190 grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation in 2021 to support the project and has since confirmed more than a dozen new markers across Wisconsin funded by the grant. The final phase of the project calls on community groups—non-profit, educational and government organizations, including tribal governments and programs—to submit applications for future markers.

“As we work to build a historical markers program that continues to reflect the diverse stories across our state, I am pleased to announce a new community grant initiative that will fund up to 12 new historical markers across Wisconsin,” said Christian Overland, Ruth and Hartley Barker Director & CEO of the Wisconsin Historical Society. “We are excited to see proposals for new historical marker

projects that can further this effort to re- envision how markers can better share stories for our communities that will inspire future generations.”

Most recently, the Wisconsin Historical Society unveiled plans for a series of nine new historic markers in Milwaukee to commemorate the city’s 1967-68 Fair Housing Movement. In addition to African American history, the Society is seeking applications for new markers addressing topics including the disability rights movement, Hmong history, Latinx history, LGBTQ+ history, recent immigration or refugee history, Tribal Nations and Indigenous peoples’ history, and women’s history.

“We are proud to support the Wisconsin Historical Society’s collaborative work to illuminate underrepresented histories with fully-funded historical markers,” said Bill Pomeroy, founder and trustee of the Pomeroy Foundation. “Markers help communities tell their stories. They play an important role by preserving history, educating the public, encouraging pride of place, and promoting historic and cultural tourism.”

The Society’s state historical markers program was first authorized by a state statute in 1943 and the first marker was erected in 1951. Today more than 600 historical markers are located throughout Wisconsin, but input from the community is needed to help expand the stories shared through this popular program. While the cost of creating new

signage has historically represented an economic obstacle to participation in the markers program, the William G. Pomeroy grant administered by the Wisconsin Historical Society seeks to reduce this financial hurdle and welcome wider participation. The grant will fund up to 12 new
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Madeline Island Marker Dedication

Area Connections April 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 HOLIDAY CLOSED	2	3 Wittenberg- Siga Center 10:30am-12:30pm	4	5
8	9	10 Wisconsin Dells- Indian Heights 10am-1:30pm	11 Nekoosa- TAU 10am-2pm	12
15	16	17 Tomah- TAU Building 10am-1pm	18 House of Wellness-Baraboo 10am-1pm	19
22	23	24 Madison- Community Building 11am-1pm	25 La Crosse- 3 Rivers House 10am-1pm	26
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Ho-Chunk Labor Department
Phone: 715-284-5877
Facebook:
Ho-Chunk Labor Department

TWD & 477 Assistance:
Assistance with:
Career Building Services: Resumes, Applications, Mock-Interviews
Supportive Services: Work Attire, Fuel Assistance, Outdoor Attire.
Training/Education Services: Training, Education Classes, and Certificates.

477 Documents needed:

1. Proof of HS enrollment, Diploma, HSED, or GED.
2. Tribal ID or CDIB
3. Secondary ID; State/DL, Social Security Card, or birth certificate
4. Residency Verification; Mail
5. Resumes, Work Permit

Red Letter Grant Announces Grant for Indigenous Women in Partnership with First Nations Community Financial of Black River Falls

Eau Claire, WI – The Red Letter Grant and First Nations Community Financial (FNCN) are pleased to announce the launch of a statewide grant to support Indigenous women in business. The Indigenous Women’s Start-Up Grant will award \$2,000 this spring and another \$2,000 grant awarded this fall. Applicants must reside and do business in the state of Wisconsin, as well as be part of one of the state’s 11 federally recognized Tribes.

The Red Letter Grant makes semi-annual investments in women-led small businesses ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 grants. Applicants submit business plans to a rotating panel of judges, go through an interview process and the top ideas are then awarded start-up funding. The program has served ten counties until recently expanding to serve eight new counties in Northwest Wisconsin (18 in total), and now expands further to support Indigenous women statewide.

“We’re pleased to grow the breadth of our program and more directly serve Indigenous women throughout Wisconsin. Providing more dollars for women-led start-ups in Tribal communities widens our state’s entrepreneurial ecosystem and allows for more creativity and innovation,” said Rebecca Cooke, Red Letter Grant Founder and Executive Director.

“We are excited to present this opportunity for our Indigenous Women business owners bringing their dreams to reality. We can’t think of a better partnership than joining Red Letter Grant to support women in business and believe this entrepreneurial cornerstone is essential to our Native communities!” said Becky Albert-Breed, Executive Director of First Nations Community Financial and enrolled Tribal Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

About the Red Letter Grant | The Red Letter Grant is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that aims

to support and empower female entrepreneurs – closing the business leadership gap in Wisconsin. RLG cultivates mentor-peer networks and awards start-up capital to women-owned businesses.

<https://www.redlettergrant.org/>
Past Awardees: <https://www.redlettergrant.org/past-red-letter-recipients>

About First Nations Community Financial | First Nations Community Financial is a state chartered not-for-profit Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). The CDFI was created to build the strength and wholeness of the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) Communities and Native Americans. Their mission is to deliver exemplary services by providing financial education, training, and access to capital to support sustainable business and community development while improving the quality of life within Tribal communities.



Suicide Warning Signs for Adults



Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased, and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.


- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

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Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org, or reach out to a mental health professional.



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Starts March 20th!

BALANCING YOUR LIFE & DIABETES

..... Spring 2024

Updated Schedule:	
Session 1	March 20 Basics of Diabetes- Kathleen
Session 2	April 3 Better Nutrition for Better Numbers- Kyla
Session 3	April 10 Improving Your Numbers with Exercise - Nick
Session 4	April 17 Navigating the Numbers- Kathy
Session 5	April 24 Accounting for Complications- Heather

Classes are at 5:30pm, virtual, via Webex. Classes are interactive and we learn from each other. You will receive an invite to the session the Tuesday before class (all classes will be held on Wednesdays). You must have a minimum of a phone and an email address to participate in the classes. You may call into the sessions if you are unable to join via video. You will be assigned a Lifestyle Coach who will assist you with your goal setting and any questions you may have regarding your diabetes.

Contact Rachel Montana or Lyndsey Killian at 715-284-9851 ext. 35039 or ext. 35068 or email rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com or lyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com to sign up or if you have any questions.

Health and Wellness Division

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Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa has solidified its reputation as a key player in the local business community.

“We are honored to receive this esteemed award from the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce,” said Kathy DeCamp, Executive Manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa. “We take great pride in our role as a leading investor in the region, and we remain committed to

supporting the growth and prosperity of the local economy.”

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa has continued to be a premier destination for visitors near and far. In addition to providing job opportunities and stimulating economic growth, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa has also been a staunch supporter of local charities and community organizations. Through its philanthropic efforts, the property has helped to improve the lives of countless

individuals and families in need.

As Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa celebrates this well-deserved accolade, the property remains committed to upholding its reputation as a top-notch entertainment destination and an invaluable member of the Heart of Wisconsin business community. With its eye firmly on the future, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa looks forward to continuing its legacy of excellence and innovation for many years to come.



Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch

Social Media Post from March 18, 2024

Greg Garvin was sworn onto the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission today by Judge Wendi Huling. He has approximately two decades of gaming experience. Commissioner Garvin's term expires June 30, 2028. Congratulations Commissioner Garvin!

1st Annual Ho-CHUNK NATION FOUNDER'S DAY POWWOW



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historical markers and applications are due by April 19, 2024. Click here for more information and full eligibility requirements.

About the Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private

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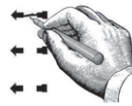


HO-CHUNK NATION

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 - Place your folded ballot into the envelope marked **"SECRECY ENVELOPE"** and seal the envelope.
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- You must have your signature witnessed by a Notary Public.

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IN THE
HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Decedent:
Rocklyn Littlegeorge DOD: 12/30/2022
By: Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr.

RESCHEDULED
NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No.: PR 23-06

To: Attorney Shari Locante- Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr.
sharil@arndtbuswellthorn.com

A **Initial Probate Hearing** in this case will be held at **Wa Ehi Hocira** physically located at **W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, WI 54615**. A failure to attend may result in the entrance of a dismissal or a judgment against the absent party. *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 44(C). The hearing will start promptly at **2:00 p.m. CST on the 5th day of March 2024**.

Parties appearing virtually shall either call the Court **five (5) minutes** before the schedule start time at: 1-312-626-6799 and enter the following meeting number: **827 1802 8955** and passcode: **107809**, or access the Zoom meeting at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718028955?pwd=b3QvenN6TVVCaEVZWfp6cEJ3SDMvQT09>.

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Jennifer M. Orozco
Jennifer M. Orozco, Assistant Court Clerk

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About the Pomeroy Foundation

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HO-CHUNK NATION FOUNDER'S DAY



Ida Blackdeer, Helen Miller, Mary Natani, Bernadine Tallmadge, Richard Day, Lorraine Winneshiek, Angelo J. La Mere, James Smoke, Edward Littlejohn.
Members absent: Wilbur Blackdeer, Robinson Johnson, Amos Kingsley, and Gilber Lowe.



On March 19, 1963, the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee was officially recognized by the United States Government in accordance with the Federal Indian Reorganization Act. Founder's Day is a Ho-Chunk Nation holiday to recognize the committee and tribal members that helped establish our sovereign nation.

*All Ho-Chunk Nation
Governmental Facilities will be CLOSED
March 29th - April 1st*

In observance of Good Friday & Easter

Elliott Garvin

March 10, 1948 – March 9, 2024



Elliott Garvin (Ahusak), 75, of Black River Falls, began his journey on March 9, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born March 10th, 1948, to Ruby and Francis Garvin and grew up in Black River Falls.

Elliott was a good soul and was generous with his time and energy for anyone he crossed paths with. Not only was he a dedicated leader of the Ho-Chunk traditional ways, but a great Ho-Chunk teaser as well. His sense of humor with others and his warmth left an impression on many. Elliott had many accomplishments

from being a Ho-Chunk District 1 Legislator to his most fulfilling experience as an eminent speaker and language instructor of the Ho-Chunk Nation. He loved to travel and was not above a trip to a casino from time to time.

He is survived by his brothers, Cecil (Renata) Garvin, and Larry (Sadie) Garvin; children, Ron (Kim) Nichols, Karena (Dana) Thundercloud, Mike (Pam) Penisten, and Steve (Shelly) Garvin; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Elliott was preceded in death by his lifelong partner, Elethe, his parents, Ruby and Francis Garvin, and two sons, Mike and Kevin Nichols.

A visitation will be held at the Buswell Funeral Home in downtown Black River Falls on Monday, March 11, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Traditional services will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at his residence, located at N6801 Eddy Road in Black River Falls. Elliot (Ahusak) will be laid to rest at the Decorah Cemetery.

Robert Yellowbank

November 21, 1929 - February 29, 2024

Robert Yellowbank, 94, of Alanson, Michigan passed away unexpectedly Thursday February 29, 2024. He was born November 21, 1929, in Dells Dam, Wisconsin to Isaac Yellowbank and Esther White Yellowbank. Robert was a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin and a part of the Eagle Clan. He attended Haskell Indian Institute and graduated in Lawrence, Kansas, to Chicago, Illinois.

He joined the marines and was an aircraft engine mechanic during the Korean conflict. Robert was honorably discharged and received the National Defense Service Medal serving U.S.M.C. Following his service, he moved to Chicago, IL where he married Alice May King on September 1, 1973, and worked as a master cabinet maker. He attended Northeastern University and earned a degree in social work which he used to help others in the city of Chicago. He relocated from Lansing to Alanson, MI in 1999 where he got a job with the city and held numerous positions before finally retiring from the public library.

For many many years Robert helped his wife, Alice, with getting the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians recognized as a federal tribe which was established in 1994. He was an avid pool and basketball player and bowler with several 300 scores and one 299 score during which the owner of the bowling alley gave him the bowling pin he missed. He coached the Native basketball team called T.R.I.B.E.S. in Lansing. Robert was active in the native community everywhere he

lived and attended pow-wows. He was a huge wrestling fan and never missed a program. Three times a week at 8pm that's where you'd find him in his room in his chair with feet kicked up with his evening meal. He loved working around their home fixing things, visiting with everyone, and smiling and joking around.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Isaac and Esther Yellowbank; brother James Yellowbank; eight sisters Jeannie Yellowbank, Fern Yellowbank, Jeanette Yellowbank, Judy Yellowbank, Charlotte Yellowbank, Mildred Walker, Freda O'Brien, and Lois Carly.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Alice May King Yellowbank of Alanson, MI; son Robert (Michelle) Yellowbank of Alanson, MI; grandchildren Kunu, Nizu, Haga, Gisewe Yellowbank all of Petoskey, MI; brother Martin "Marty" Yellowbank of Tomah, Wisconsin; and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Private services for the family will be held.



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The United States Military developed policies to train and recruit Native soldiers to serve during World War II. However, the Code Talkers' service was classified, difficult to discern, not recognized in their discharge papers, and made it difficult to acknowledge their contributions during the war.

Sandy Winneshiek began the initiative in April 2019 working with Senator Jeff Smith. They wanted a memorial dedicated to the 14 Code Talkers. Winneshiek requested Donald Greengrass offer his support while he was the Andrew Blackhawk Post 19 commander.

The Assembly Bill 678 was by Representatives VanderMeer, Considine, Kurtz, Allen, C, Anderson, Armstrong, Bare, Billings, Conley, Dallman, Dittrich, Doyle, Edming, Emerson, Joers, Krug, Magnafici, Maxey, Melotik, Moore Omokunde, Mursau, O'Connor, Ohnstad, Ortiz-Velez, Oldenburg, Penterman, Rozar, Spiros, Tittle and Chankland; cosponsored by Senators Testin, James, Smith, and Pfaff.

Ho-Chunk Nation Representatives

Kristin White Eagle and Shelby Visintin, along with Sandy Winneshiek and Donald Greengrass testified during the Assembly Public Hearing for the Committee on Transportation on January 30.

In part, their testimony included, "Native American soldiers from thirty-three tribes from across the country, including three from Wisconsin, served as Code Talkers during World War II. To date, the Department of Defense has recognized and listed 14 World War II Veterans from the Ho-Chunk Nation who served as Code Talkers, marking the Ho-Chunk Nation and its members as one of the most recognized tribal nations for its Code Talkers."

Additionally, their testimony said, "Preserving the legacy of the Code Talkers is crucial to honoring their service to the American people and to Nation, and their contributions towards preserving native language for future generations. By designating that portion of I-90 as the Ho-Chunk World War II Code Talkers Memorial Highway, we are honoring their memory and service."

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters: 2024 Fellows awarded

Madison, Wisconsin – The Wisconsin Academy is honored to announce the awarding of the 2024 Fellows Award to 16 extraordinary Wisconsinites with high levels of accomplishment in their fields who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to intellectual discourse and public service. Since 1982, the Wisconsin Academy Fellows Award recognizes educators, researchers, mentors, artists, and civic or business leaders from across Wisconsin who have made substantial contributions to the cultural life and welfare of our state and its people. Being selected as a Fellow is the highest recognition conferred by the Wisconsin Academy. Honorees will receive their award at a ceremony in September of 2024, location and date TBD.

The 2024 Class of Fellows includes activist and educator Dr. Howard Fuller; artist, writer, and curator Michelle Grabner; journalist and producer Steve Paulson; artist and educator Faisal Abdu'Allah; poet, novelist, and

playwright Amy Quan Barry; writer, artist, and activist Anne Basting; geographer, inventor, and professor Dr. Brady Foust; hydrogeologist and mentor Dr. Kenneth Bradbury; transplant surgery educator, activist, and provider Dr. Anthony D'Alessandro; Haudenosaunee beader and educator Karen Ann Hoffman; Ho-Chunk leader, Judge JoAnn F. Jones; geographer and writer Dr. Mrill Ingram; playwright, actor, and director Marie Kohler; interviewer and media personality Anne Strainchamps; artist, author, and geneticist and cell biologist Dr. Ahna Skop; and nonprofit leader and environmental advocate David Ullrich.

"The Academy Fellows award honors Wisconsin citizens who through their creativity, their scholarship, and their commitment to the state have enriched all of our lives. By recognizing their contributions to Wisconsin and the world beyond, we seek to inspire others to follow in their footsteps," says Robert Mathieu, Fellows Committee Chair.



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Ho-Chunk Nation
Department of Health

DNR Accepting Entries For Air, Air, Everywhere Poetry Contest

Contest Open To Third, Fourth And Fifth Grade Students

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting entries from third to fifth graders for the Air, Air, Everywhere poetry contest.

Now in its 13th year, the annual DNR-sponsored contest is designed to raise awareness of the importance of good air quality in honor of Clean Air Month in May.

The DNR encourages teachers and parents to submit original poems and riddles created by their students. The three winning poets will have their work featured on the DNR website and social media channels.

Requirements:

- Open to all third, fourth and fifth grade students in Wisconsin.
- Any form of original poetry or riddle is acceptable. Entry must be 200 words or less and describe air and/or the importance of clean air.
- Writing must be the original work of the student.
- Each entry must include the author's name, the name of the parent/teacher and the parent/teacher's email and phone number.

• Entries can be submitted as a Microsoft Word Document, PDF or written in an email. Google Document links will not be accepted.

• Please email entries to DNRAirEducation@wisconsin.gov.

• The deadline to submit entries is Friday, May 3, 2024. Contest entries will not be returned and will become the property of the contest sponsor.

The DNR's Air, Air, Everywhere Teacher's Guide includes 10 activities to get students thinking about the air in Wisconsin.

As part of the "Where's the Air?" activity, students will complete simple sensory experiments to discover the characteristics of air and then write a poem or riddle describing air.

Be sure to check out the Wisconsin air quality facts and information guide to help students complete their riddles and poems. This resource is filled with facts on Wisconsin's air quality history and its current status to help students understand the state's air quality.

More information on the Air, Air, Everywhere contest is available on the DNR website.

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with empathy - even those that are difficult and non-traditional.

5. Bravery to face unique challenges and prejudices with mental and moral strength and courage.

6. Resilience enough to adapt in the face of adversity in our work as Indigenous peoples.

7. Trust is the duty to our ancestors and to future generations to honor our commitments.

"Our ancestors have taught us these principles and so we shall continue in that tradition," concluded Jump. "We've known all along that our relatives need: to trust, to speak and to heal. It's a reciprocal exchange between our advocates and their contacts where we feel a sense of hope and find a mutual path toward healing."

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Sun Prairie parents push back on proposed curriculum seen as racist; vote coming Monday

By Rodlyn-mae Banting - Mar 8, 2024

Reprint from Madison365

The Sun Prairie Area School District (SPASD) Board of Education will vote Monday whether to adopt new language arts curriculum that depicts Native Americans as “wandering” and encourages kindergartners to don “costumes” to reenact a powwow—curriculum many educators and community members find inaccurate and culturally offensive.

While the curriculum’s skills-based phonics sections have been deemed effective, its content sections are seen by many as racist and generally problematic.

Core Knowledge was developed by the Core Knowledge Foundation, a nonprofit based in Charlottesville, Va. According to its website, the foundation is dedicated to “advancing excellence and equity in education for all students” through its educational books and materials. However, that hasn’t been the experience of local Madison area teachers whose districts have already implemented the curriculum.

Charis Boersma, a kindergarten music teacher in the Monona Grove School District, has viewed some of the material as “red flags” while observing classrooms around her building, especially regarding how Indigenous peoples and cultures are discussed. This is the first school

year that the district is using the Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum.

The kindergarten “Native Americans” unit suggests an enrichment activity in which students create costumes, learn “drumming and dancing,” and reenact a powwow.

“That, to me, was the big red flag that this was problematic in a very deep way,” Boersma said. “They don’t even use the word ‘regalia,’ they say costumes.” Additionally, “seven of the eight lessons are talking about Native Americans only in the past, and they just tack on that Native Americans exist today [at the end].”

Further inaccuracies from this unit include condescending descriptions of tribal ways of life and non-factual descriptions of the wildlife they engage with (bison, which are native to North America, are repeatedly referred to as buffalo, which are native to Africa and Asia).

The textbook states, “Long ago, Native Americans did not have cars and trucks. There were no buses, or trains, or planes. Another section reads, “Long ago, Native Americans traveled by foot. There were no roads. Native American paths were made by the pounding of their own footsteps and the hooves of animal herds.”

Long ago, white Europeans didn’t have cars, trucks, or motorcycles either.

“Teaching that Native Americans

‘wandered’ is inaccurate,” a Sun Prairie parent wrote in an email to Madison365. The parent wished to remain anonymous.

“There was nothing unthoughtful or aimless about how they traveled and lived. Labeling them as ‘roaming’ implies that they didn’t have thought or intention about where they lived,” they continued. “This paints a picture that they are unintelligent and primitive. People in the world who were not Native Americans also did not live in modern looking houses at the time of the pictures. By not mentioning this, Native American culture is ‘othered.’”

CKLA has claimed that they collaborated with the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) to develop these curricula, which the NIEA has explicitly denied. In an email to Boersma from December of 2023, a NIEA spokesperson emphasized that the association conducted a “brief review of a very limited amount” of CKLA material, but had not reviewed its Native American content in full.

A portion of the email reads:

“I am very familiar with CKLA and find that it’s [sic] treatment of Native history and present as well as other topics is very problematic [...] This was not a full review of the entire curriculum, and we were very clear with the many issues that we found beyond just the scope of our review.

The company promised to make things more appropriate when they redid the next version of their curriculum.”

In response to these issues, concerned parents have been reaching out to the Sun Prairie school board in recent weeks via phone and email to express their opposition to the curriculum’s implementation, and many plan to show up to Monday’s meeting in protest of it being approved.

“We’re trying really hard to raise our children with certain values, like anti-racism,” the anonymous parent said. “It seems like nobody looked at this entire curriculum through a lens of racial equity or being sensitive to cultural differences.”

Boersma shared that educators in surrounding school districts are defending the curriculum because its success in early literacy is an “equity move.”

“I think that could be true, except when you try to increase reading while also increasing racism and marginalization and disengagement in the content, then you don’t actually achieve what you set out to do with increased literacy,” she said. “You further push down our [non-white] students who are already marginalized [...] It shuts them out of our education goals.”

District administrators said no curriculum is perfect, and teachers are allowed to customize content to eliminate problematic elements.

In an email to Madison365, SASPD explained that the selection of the CKLA curriculum involved 50 educators “studying the current research and identifying instructional materials that have been proven to increase literacy outcomes” over the course of two years.

“Our teams of educators analyze instructional materials for alignment with our equity expectations,” the email stated. “Our teams are empowered to address areas misaligned with our equity expectations in three ways: To eliminate and replace content, to address the content directly and provide additional resources (such as multiple perspectives), or to adapt materials and supplement with materials that align to our expectations.” These guidelines, however, would create more work for teachers to make the provided content more suitable for their classrooms. SPASD has been faced with multiple racist scandals over the past few years, including white students wearing blackface and social studies lessons that involved inappropriate speculation around slave ownership and punishment. Most recently, an altercation at a Sun Prairie West High School basketball game escalated so much that former athletic director LaRon Ragsdale resigned from his position. In light of incidents like these, the district launched a strategic framework in 2022 that centers their commitment to equity and explicitly states that they stand by their BIPOC students.

“With all the negative publicity that Sun Prairie School District had a few years ago, they’ve been saying that they care about equity, and that they care about race relations and now is their opportunity to show us that it’s not all talk,” the anonymous Madison parent said. “I really hope that they choose to act on their values because they say that they care about it, but if they go ahead with this curriculum, it will be very clear that they’re all talk.”

School board members could not be reached for comment.



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A Secret Society, the Ho-Chunk, and Ethnic Cleansing in Minnesota

Author Cathy Coats

The largely untold story of the Ho-Chunk exile from Minnesota, in which local white residents sought to expel all indigenous people from the region and deny Native claims to some of the richest farmland in the world.

In 1863, after the end of the US–Dakota War, a group of men in Mankato, Minnesota, formed a secret society. At the beginning of every meeting, members of the Knights of the Forest recited its ritual pledge, including these words: “I sincerely hope this meeting

may be profitable to each one of us, and that we may go forth from this Lodge stronger and braver in the determination to banish forever from our beautiful State every Indian who now desecrates our soil.”

The Ho-Chunk people, who had not participated in the war, occupied a reservation about two miles south of Mankato on some of the state’s richest agricultural lands. The Knights—determined to claim these lands for their own profit—advocated for the removal of the Ho-Chunk, who had already been forced to move three times before settling in Blue Earth County

of south-central Minnesota. Exploiting the fears of white people living in the area at the end of the brutal war, the Knights sent armed men to surround the Ho-Chunk reservation, threatening to shoot anyone who crossed the line. Within just a few years, the Ho-Chunk had been kicked off their land and removed to reservations outside of the state.

This is the story of the Knights, the Ho-Chunk, and the ethnic cleansing of southern Minnesota.

Cathy Coats is the metadata specialist at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SECRETARIAL ELECTION
HO-CHUNK NATION
April 5, 2024

TO VOTE: Complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s) as shown

AMENDMENT ONE:
TO AMEND ARTICLE II SECTION 1(d)
TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
Vote YES or NO

ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP
Section 1
“(d) Beginning the date of this amendment is approved, the Ho-Chunk Nation shall no longer consider or accept for enrollment any person who has previously been enrolled as a member of another Tribe (including the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) unless such person was enrolled in the other tribe as minor and later relinquishes such membership or other extenuating circumstances (as determined by a committee of elders duly appointed as provided by law) exist.”

A “YES” vote will be in favor of the amendment.

Vote yes!
So my son can be enrolled!
Father: Lukas Lonetree 4/4 Ho-Chunk
GreatGrandparents:
Adam Funmaker, Doris (Stacy) Funmaker
Edward Lonetree, Sr. ,Minnie (Decorah) Lonetree

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Micaela Conlon-Bue

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- Veteran of the United States Navy
- Passionate parent of children in the Black River Falls School District
- Dedicated to understanding and using best academic practices to improve student success
- Committed to ensuring every child has opportunities to engage in learning
- Practiced in developing and implementing policies that set a trajectory of success
- Engaged community member, committed to listening and partnering to ensure teachers and students have what they need to achieve academic success

Amy Blackdeer

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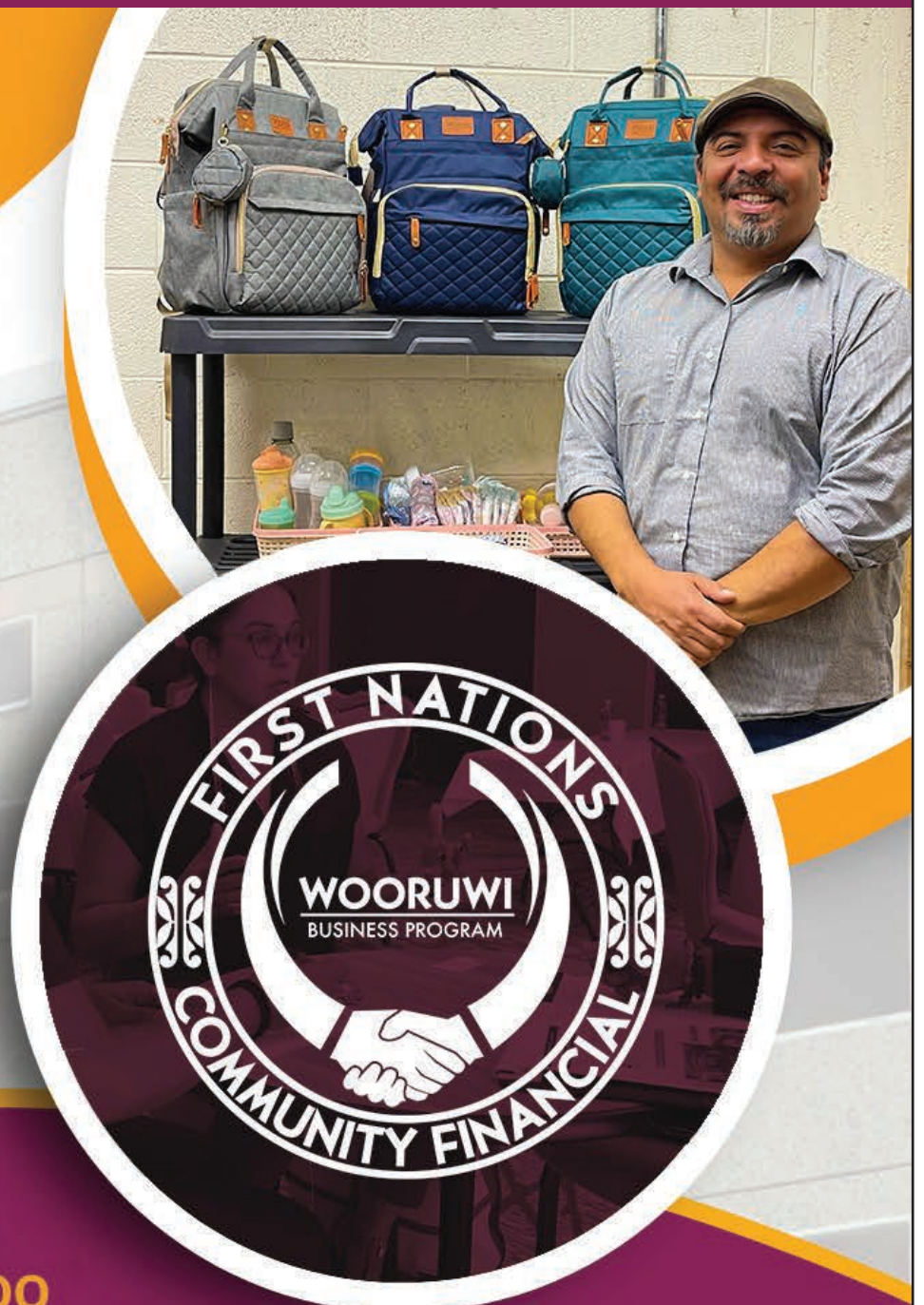
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NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL SECRETARIAL ELECTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is calling for Secretarial Election:

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: "Section 1. Requirements. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

(2) The Election Code (2 HCC § 6); and

(3) Article XIII of the Constitution provides: "**Section 2. Requests for a Secretarial Election.** It shall be the duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two thirds (2/3) of the entire Legislature, at the request of the General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation."

(1) All Secretarial Elections will be administered by the Election Board.

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AMENDMENT ONE:

To amend Article II Section 1(d) to read as follows

ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP
Section 1

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

Voters will be asked a Yes or No question. A "yes" vote will be in favor of the amendment. A "no" vote will be against the amendment, and to leave the Constitution unchanged.

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII SEC 1 AND ELECTION CODE SECTION 3.bb, THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS MUST CAST A VOTE EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT TO BE VALID. IF LESS THAN 30% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS PARTICIPATE, THE AMENDMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO NOT PASS.

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**SECRETARIAL ELECTION
Friday, April 5, 2024**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, February 5, 2024**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Monday, February 5, 2024**

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO Monday, March 18, 2024 4:00 PM

**DAY MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED
Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT
Tuesday March 26, 2024
4:00 pm**

**CERTIFICATION DAY:
Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 9:00 am at HO-CHUNK GAMING-WISCONSIN DELLS**

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BY Friday, April 5, 2024
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