



Covering the Ho-Chunk Nation



HOCAK WORAK

Vol. XXXVIII, Issue 9

Mą h̄itawus hi wira | Earth Drying Moon

May 10, 2024



2024 Graduate Showcase

Page 3



Office of General Council
Official Quarterly Report

Page 7

Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals Honors Robert Mann with HERO Award

Ardith Van Riper, Editor
The Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals (WATCP) held their 2024 State Conference on April 24-26 at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. WATCP presented the Hero Award to Ho-Chunk Nation Wellness Court Project Coordinator Robert Mann.

The WATCP Hero Award spotlights an individual demonstrating exemplary service to a Wisconsin Problem Solving Court because WATCP recognizes that it takes many professionals to sustain the good work of treatment courts across Wisconsin.

"I couldn't think of anyone better to receive an award like this," said Ho-Chunk Nation Associate Judge Michelle Greendeer-Rave in a video providing her background work with Mr. Mann and the Healing to Wellness Court.

Hon. Michelle Greendeer-Rave started in July 2023 as a judge and
Continued on Page 5



FIRST CLASS MAIL
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 203
Eau Claire, WI

HOCAK WORAK NEWSPAPER
P.O. BOX 667
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

HOCAK WORAK NEWSPAPER
TEL: (800) 472-3089 FAX: (715) 284-7852
Please notify the Newspaper of any address changes or corrections

DMV releases two new special license plates

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now offers two new special license plates:

• Suicide Prevention. Proceeds from this plate will go to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, a non-profit organization that works to eliminate the loss of life from suicide by delivering innovative prevention programs, educating the public, raising funds for suicide research and programs, and reaching out to those who have lost someone to suicide.

• Spay, Neuter, Adopt. Proceeds from this plate will go to The Fix Is In, Inc. This is a non-profit organization that provides financial and logistical support for the spay/neuter of cats and dogs in Wisconsin. The organization's goal is to reduce
Continued on Page 3



INSIDE SCOOP...

News.....	2-4
Announcements..	2-7,11-13
Health.....	8-11
Memorials.....	10
Shout Outs.....	12
Notices.....	13
Ads.....	14-16

Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Takes Action in April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Taking the time to recognize and support those in need became priority for employees

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg
05/3/2024

Wittenberg, Wisconsin. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, a community minded gaming, hotel and entertainment establishment in north central Wisconsin, took the sudden opportunity to help local organizations that tirelessly work to assist families, children and women who are victims of abuse and/or sexual violence.

The opportunity arose when an unexpected surplus of remaining promotional items from the previous month triggered thoughts to go beyond the everyday. The overage consisted of high quality, hard shell carry-on luggage pieces and travel accessories. They needed to move out of the way in a short amount of time to make room for the next shipment of items that were coming in.

“When the discussion came around to donating these items to abuse centers, it was a no brainer,” said Senior Manager Public Relations Jessica White Wing Clark. “Realizing these items may be the perfect thing for someone having to leave home suddenly, really hit our emotional cord.”

A flurry of phone calls immediately began to try to reach out to as many shelters as possible and soon grew to

include foster care facilities. Along with women and families abruptly finding themselves homeless, foster children may often have to move frequently between places and may have nothing sustainable to carry what little possessions they have. Some facilities were not able to accept the donations due to storage constraints, but were grateful at the offer. Those that could take in the luggage pieces were thankful to have something like this to offer in their services.

“Very often victims come with nothing but the clothes on their backs,” said Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Assistant of the Family Center in Wisconsin Rapids Amy Scheide. “We can fill the suitcases with vital supplies to help them on their journey to

their violence free futures. We are already using them and were able to give them to two survivors this past week!”

Amy shared that facilities throughout the state receive a large amount of their funding through the United States legislation called the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984. It is the largest source of federal funding for domestic violence and sexual assault services in the United States. Facilities like Amy’s recently learned VOCA is facing cutting those funding amounts across the Nation. She shared that local donations are becoming more of a necessity than they had been before.

“We just want to express our gratitude for the outreach of support from Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg,” said *Continued on Page 6*



District One Community Center
N7261 Warrior Avenue
Black River Falls, WI

**Come out & play
PINAGA TOURNAMENT!!
May 30, 2024**



Thursday, May 30, 2024

PINAGA TOURNAMENT

Registration 5:20pm –5:50pm

Tourney begins 6pm

Meal Provided

PINAGA TOURNNEY	
First Place:	\$250
Second Place	\$175
Third Place	\$125
Fourth Place	\$100




IMPORTANT NOTE!!

The link for the online Address Verification form (AVF) for 2023 will be CLOSING May 31, 2024. Questions? Contact Enrollment

AVF 2023 Link:
<https://avf.ho-chunk.com>

Enrollment:
Phone: 715-284-7824
Email: enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com



SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY September 27th

What: Vendor Fair for Native Artisans
 At
 Wisconsin Summit for Natural Resource Volunteers

Time: 11:00 am through 2:00pm (estimated)

Where: Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells
 Upper Mezzanine

Limited Number Spaces (\$10/table)
 Call Tina at 715-284-0905 Ext. 15207 to reserve a table

HAPPY Graduation

2024 Graduate Showcase

A special section of the Hocak Worak will showcase graduates. Submit the following before **June 21**:

1. Photo
2. Name of Graduate
3. Hocak Name (optional)
4. Parents/Guardians Names
5. Place Graduating From
6. Degree Name (for college grads)
7. Future Endeavors or Extra-Curricular Activity

Newsletter@ho-chunk.com



HOUSE OF WELLNESS

22 MAY
AT 4 PM

CRIBBAGE Tournament

CALL FOR MORE INFO:
 608.355.5155 EXT. 15506

REGISTRATION @ 4PM • 15\$ ENTRY FEE
 PRIZE MONEY • 1ST 2ND 3RD

52845 White Eagle Rd. Baraboo, WI. 53913

You're Invited

Naagu Pij Childcare Center
 W9250 Big Bear Street
For A
Job Fair & Open House

June 12, 2024 3:00pm-6:00pm

Naagu Pij
 Ho-Chunk Nation
 Childcare Center
N6431 Lumberjack Guy Rd. Black River Falls, WI 54615

Open Positions

- Lead Child Care Teacher
- Child Care Teacher
- Administrative Assistant
- Child Care Cook

Naagu Pij
 Ho-Chunk Nation
 Childcare Center
W9250 Big Bear St. Black River Falls, WI 54615

Open Positions

- Child Care Teacher
- Maintenance Worker II
- Child Care Cook

Bring Your Résumé and Fill Out Applications On-Site
Take A Tour Of Naagu Pij
A Ho-Chunk Nation Tribally Operated Childcare Center

Any Questions Please Email childcare@ho-chunk.com

Ho-Chunk Nation
 Workforce Development and 477 Program Personnel will be onsite

Continued from Page 1
 the number of cats and dogs taken in by Wisconsin shelters and to reduce the number of animals that do not make it to safe shelter and suffer needlessly due to overpopulation.
 The fees for these special license plates include:
 • \$25 contribution to organization. The donation may be tax deductible.
 • A one-time \$15 issuance fee.
 • Plates may be personalized for an additional \$15 fee each year.

- The regular vehicle registration fee (which may include wheel tax, if applicable).

These new plates join the growing list of 53 special license plates which can be viewed and ordered online at wisconsindmv.gov/specialplates or ordered by mail. Plates are mailed to the customer.
 Specialty plates and regular license plates can be ordered and renewed online at wisconsindmv.gov.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be May 17th which will be published on May 24th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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

The Hocak Worak encourages the submission of letters to the Editor. All letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters are subject to editing for grammar, length, malicious and libelous content. The Hocak Worak reserves the right to reject any advertising, material, or letters submitted for publication. The submission of articles, poetry, artwork and photos is encouraged. The Editor makes the sole decision of what is published in the Hocak Worak. The Hocak Worak will not assume any responsibility for unsolicited material.

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

HOCÁK WORÁK NEWSLETTER
 P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615

- **PHONE:** (800) 472-3089
- **FAX:** (715) 284-7852
- EMAIL:** newsletter@ho-chunk.com
- **ONLINE:** www.ho-chunknation.com

www.hocakworak.com

The Hocak Worak is a member of:
The Native American Journalists Association

WNA
 WISCONSIN NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

2016 BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST AWARD WINNER

Ho-Chunk Department of Health
Division of Environmental Health




Free Rabies Clinic!

Pet owners: We are having a rabies vaccination clinics for your pet!
It is very important that your animal be vaccinated to protect its health and the health of your family. Puppies and kittens need to be at least 3 months old to receive the vaccination.

May 8th	Nekoosa TAU 4910 Winneshiek Lane	9:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.
May 8th	Blue Wing Community Center 320 Epinal Lane	1:30 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.
May 15th	Winnebago Heights TAU E8863 Winneshiek Road	9:30 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.
May 15th	House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Ln	2:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.
May 22nd	Wittenberg: Community Center W17634 Radke Road	11:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.
May 29th	BRF Indian Mission W8802 Mission Road	9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.
May 29th	BRF Sand Pillow Community Center	1:30 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DOGS ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CRATES!

Distemper/Parvo vaccine available for dogs at \$5.00 per dog!

FVR/FPL vaccine available for cats at \$5.00 per cat!

Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis.

Open to all Tribal Members!

If you have any questions, please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at:
1-888-685-4422, ext. 35062 or 35011

Native American Basketball Invitational Announces Partnership with Arizona's Family Sports

NABI semi-finals and championship games will be held at Footprint Center

PHOENIX — Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI), already the biggest and most prestigious all-Native American basketball tournament in North America, will reach an even larger audience this summer. The boys' and girls' division semi-final and championship games will be broadcast live from the Footprint Center on Arizona's Family Sports. This new partnership reflects the overall growth of the invitational, which will take place July 22-27 in Phoenix.

"This is an exciting time for NABI. Because of the tournament's popularity, we will now have six games at the Footprint Center—the home of the Phoenix Suns and Mercury—and have them televised on AZ Family Sports," said GinaMarie Scarpa, NABI president. "Not only will this give more of our athletes the chance to play in this iconic arena, but it will allow more people the opportunity to come and cheer them on—or watch from home."

This year, 225 teams applied to compete in the annual NABI tournament. A record-breaking 196 teams will participate, representing more than 180 Tribal Nations. Pool

and bracket games will be played at Grand Canyon University, and various local high school gyms, through another partnership announced earlier this year. The final four teams in the boys' and girls' divisions will play at the Footprint Center before moving on to the championship games.

"Arizona's Family Sports is proud to add NABI to our programming lineup, which also includes the Phoenix Suns, Mercury, Phoenix Rising, and AIA High School Championships," said Debbie Bush, VP and General Manager of Arizona's Family. "We are excited to bring NABI to even more sports fans across Arizona and learn more about NABI's mission and accomplishments off the court as well."

Throughout the weeklong program, the student-athletes will participate in the NABI College & Career Fair and NABI Educational Youth Summit. NABI uses the love of basketball to unite thousands of Native/Indigenous youth, inspiring them to develop their talents and skills to pursue higher education and become future leaders.

For more information about NABI: www.NABINation.com

Area Connections May 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Wittenberg- Siga Center 10:30am-12:30pm	2	3
6	7	8 Wisconsin Dells- Indian Heights 10am-1:30pm	9 Nekoosa- TAU 10am-2pm	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21 Tomah- TAU 10am-1pm	22	23 Baraboo- House of Wellness 10am-1pm	24
27 Holiday Closed	28	29 Madison- Community Building 11am-1pm	30 La Crosse- 3 Rivers 10am-1pm	31




Contact:
Ho-Chunk Labor Department
Phone: 715-284-5877
Facebook:
Ho-Chunk Labor Department

TWD & 477 Assistance:
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

Incidental Take Notice For Adams And Columbia County

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to issue a permit for the incidental taking of a rare lizard, which may result from the River Road Reconstruction Project in Adams and Columbia counties.

Incidental take refers to the unintentional loss of individual endangered or threatened animals or plants that does not put the species' overall population at risk.

The city of Wisconsin Dells proposes to reconstruct approximately 2.3 miles of River Road from Kansas Avenue to Chula Vista Parkway. The road reconstruction will offset the existing alignment to accommodate a new multi-use path unless curve geometries are required for safety. Approximately 16 acres will be disturbed. Several rock outcroppings are located along the road, and several will need to be altered. In addition, a

small portion of the 3-phase circuit will be installed, and a single-phase circuit will be installed for lighting along the multi-use path. Installation methods include trenching and bores.

The presence of the state endangered slender glass lizard is confirmed in the vicinity of the project site. DNR staff determined that the proposed project may result in the incidental taking of some lizards.

The DNR concludes that the proposed project is not likely to appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival or recovery of the species within the state, the whole plant-animal community of which it is a part or the habitat that is critical to its existence.

Conservation measures to minimize the adverse effect on the endangered species will be incorporated into the proposed Incidental Take Permit.

Continued on Page 9



MOBILE OFFICE

OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

@SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER - CAFETERIA
W17634 RADKE RD WITTENBERG, WI 54499

WHEN:
 THURSDAY - MAY 16, 2024
 1PM - 6PM

WHAT:

- Change of Address
- Request for Information
- Enrollment Process
- Trust Fund Process
- Tribal IDs
 - Cost:
 - First Tribal ID & Elders: Free
 - Tribal ID (expired & duplicates): \$20 (cash or money order: made payable to Ho-Chunk Nation)
 - Valid form of ID (required):
 - Driver's License
 - State ID
 - Certified Birth Certificate
 - Passport
 - Tribal ID (expired or non-expired)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:

✉ Email: enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com
 ☎ Phone: 715-284-7824

District One Community Center
N7261 Warrior Avenue
 Call D1CC 715-284-0905
 TAU 715-284-0811



GOOD TIMES

HOCAK
Elder Social
 55 years & beyond

Friday
May 24, 2024
 Breakfast 9:30am & Lunch 12pm
Bingo 10 am

Come and join the Fun!!
 Come early for breakfast
 Lunch provided

Feel Free to Bring a Prize to Share





GOOD COMPANY

B
I
N
G
O



BRF-TAU

B
I
N
G
O

Food * Games * Prizes * Fun

Ho-Chunk Nation Decriminalizes Marijuana

NJOXAWANĪ, Black River Falls, Wisconsin — The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature amended their tribal laws to take marijuana off its list of prohibited substances on tribal lands. Millions of dollars leave the state of Wisconsin every day because its citizens pursue marijuana from the surrounding states that have legalized marijuana in some form. The Ho-Chunk Nation anticipates entering the cannabis industry, once legalized in Wisconsin. This goal aligns with the promise to its member citizens to pursue economic diversification. The Ho-Chunk Nation recognizes that marijuana and its derivatives are natural growth plants with medicinal and industrial applications. Indigenous people have used marijuana and hemp for hundreds of years for a variety of purposes, and

the Ho-Chunk Nation acknowledges its functional purpose. District II Representative Kristin WhiteEagle based her decision on tribal sovereignty and its medicinal value, saying, “This was a decision made based on tribal sovereignty. As leaders, we have a duty to focus on ways that will protect our people. Across the country, we have seen the benefits of cannabis. It’s time to move towards an end to this prohibition.” Currently, marijuana is illegal on the federal and state level, but the Nation looks forward to joining the many tribal nations, states, and localities that ended the prohibition. Please see the FAQ for additional questions concerning Tribal member usage and possession.



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
The Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Ho-Chunk Nation Controlled Substance Act (9 HCC § 961) FAQ

1. **Has the Ho-Chunk Nation legalized marijuana?**
 - a. No. Currently, marijuana (*Cannabis sativa L.*) is illegal on the federal and state level. The Ho-Chunk Nation is subject to P.L. 280 from the State of Wisconsin, which provides “state jurisdiction over offenses committed by or against Indians in Indian Country.” 18 U.S.C § 1162 (1953). The Ho-Chunk Nation recognizes that marijuana and its derivatives are plants with medicinal and industrial properties, and therefore, removed marijuana from the Nation’s codes.
2. **Can a citation for marijuana be issued on Ho-Chunk lands?**
 - a. Yes, if the citation comes from local, county, or state law enforcement, the citation is valid, even on Ho-Chunk lands.
 - b. No, the Ho-Chunk Police Department will not issue citations for marijuana on lands within the jurisdiction of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
3. **Will the Ho-Chunk Nation enter the marijuana industry?**
 - a. The Ho-Chunk Nation is continuously looking towards diversification outside of gaming enterprises. The Nation is open to discussions with other Tribes and the State of Wisconsin to move towards marijuana legalization.
4. **What does this mean?**
 - a. Cultivating, growing, and/or possessing marijuana and paraphernalia is still illegal on the state and federal level. The Ho-Chunk Nation has decriminalized it within our codes.

W9814 AIRPORT ROAD • PO BOX 667 • BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
 (715) 284-9343 • FAX (715) 284-9805 • (800) 294-9343

Haramiḡe Te'e Waagax Hajara E Warupi, Wa'uje

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

We are looking to feature **two** “Student of the Week” spotlights, **EVERY WEEK** to highlight student achievements, student-athletes, volunteer work, college acceptance, long-term and short-term goals, and/or contributions to the classroom, school or community OF ALL AGES & Educational Levels: Head Start, Elementary, Middle School, High School, Home School, & Post-Secondary Students.

This could include, but not limited to; academic performance or achievements, classroom recognition, student-athlete recognition, honor roll, Dean’s/President’s list, etc.

Student spotlights will be showcased for a week on Ho-Chunk Nation social media & in Education Department! Spotlights will also be posted in Hoca,k Worak each month!

Submissions should include: Name, School, Grade Level, Photo & Accomplishment(s)

We are asking that you email your submissions to:
StudentSuccess@Ho-Chunk.com

Continued from Page 1
 began with a participant hearing at the Healing to Wellness Court. That was a termination hearing and Mr. Mann was worried about the participant and how this hearing would affect the participant’s life. Hon. Greendeer-Rave mentioned that Mr. Mann wasn’t like other employees. Later, Mr. Mann was a trainer and speaker at the Oneida Indian Reservation. He helped other tribes with their Healing to Wellness Court

path. “I was working with someone phenomenal,” explained Michelle Greendeer-Rave in the video. Robert Mann then went on to be a presenter at a national training seminar in California. The first state Healing to Wellness Court conference that Michelle Greendeer-Rave attended, Mr. Mann was presenting the Cultural Educational Information portion to the seminar. Hon. Greendeer-Rave concluded

in the video, “I’ve seen Mr. Mann work endlessly and selflessly, not so much for the semantics of a program but for our participants themselves. He has gone above and beyond at every juncture. He’s also helped other tribes. He takes their calls all hours of the day, on weekends as well, so that they can create a court that helps people with the issues versus incarceration. At this time, the Ho-Chunk Nation would like to congratulate Mr. Mann on this very prestigious award. Congratulations,

Mr. Mann, we all so very proud of you!” WATCP is an organization representing the interests of treatment courts in the State of Wisconsin and the membership includes judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, court administrators, treatment providers, probation and community correction officer, social service caseworkers, and other stakeholders in the field of treatment courts.

HO-CHUNK
TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/477 PROGRAM

AREA CONNECTIONS:

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH?

VEHICLE FUEL?
WORK ATTIRE?
TRAINING?
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?

PENDING ELIGIBILITY

DATE: MAY 29TH, 2024
TIME: 11:00AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: MADISON COMMUNITY BUILDING
4724 TRADEWIND PARKWAY
MADISON, WI 53718

CONTACT:

TWD@HO-CHUNK.COM	477 DIVISION
JULIE.RODRIGUEZ@HO-CHUNK.COM	LOIS.BEHRENS@HO-CHUNK.COM
LELAND.BIRD@HO-CHUNK.COM	CURTIS.REDBIRD@HO-CHUNK.COM
STORMY.PERRY@HO-CHUNK.COM	DANIEL.YOUNGTHUNDER@HO-CHUNK.COM
715-284-5877	715-284-5877

HO-CHUNK
TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/477 PROGRAM

AREA CONNECTIONS:

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH?

VEHICLE FUEL?
WORK ATTIRE?
TRAINING?
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?

PENDING ELIGIBILITY

DATE: MAY 21ST, 2024
TIME: 10:00AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: TOMAH TAU
358 EOS AVE.
TOMAH, WI 54660

CONTACT:

TWD@HO-CHUNK.COM	477 DIVISION
JULIE.RODRIGUEZ@HO-CHUNK.COM	LOIS.BEHRENS@HO-CHUNK.COM
LELAND.BIRD@HO-CHUNK.COM	CURTIS.REDBIRD@HO-CHUNK.COM
STORMY.PERRY@HO-CHUNK.COM	DANIEL.YOUNGTHUNDER@HO-CHUNK.COM
715-284-5877	715-284-5877

HO-CHUNK
TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/477 PROGRAM

AREA CONNECTIONS:

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH?

VEHICLE FUEL?
WORK ATTIRE?
TRAINING?
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?

PENDING ELIGIBILITY

DATE: MAY 23RD, 2024
TIME: 10:00AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: HOUSE OF WELLNESS
2845 WHITE EAGLE ROAD
BARABOO, WI 53913

CONTACT:

TWD@HO-CHUNK.COM	477 DIVISION
JULIE.RODRIGUEZ@HO-CHUNK.COM	LOIS.BEHRENS@HO-CHUNK.COM
LELAND.BIRD@HO-CHUNK.COM	CURTIS.REDBIRD@HO-CHUNK.COM
STORMY.PERRY@HO-CHUNK.COM	DANIEL.YOUNGTHUNDER@HO-CHUNK.COM
715-284-5877	715-284-5877

HO-CHUNK
TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/477 PROGRAM

AREA CONNECTIONS:

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH?

VEHICLE FUEL?
WORK ATTIRE?
TRAINING?
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?

PENDING ELIGIBILITY

DATE: MAY 30TH, 2024
TIME: 10:00AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 MAIN STREET
LA CROSSE, WI 54601

CONTACT:

TWD@HO-CHUNK.COM	477 DIVISION
JULIE.RODRIGUEZ@HO-CHUNK.COM	LOIS.BEHRENS@HO-CHUNK.COM
LELAND.BIRD@HO-CHUNK.COM	CURTIS.REDBIRD@HO-CHUNK.COM
STORMY.PERRY@HO-CHUNK.COM	DANIEL.YOUNGTHUNDER@HO-CHUNK.COM
715-284-5877	715-284-5877

Continued from Page 2
Amy Scheide. "We have been provided hope by working with the Ho-Chunk Nation, as we're able to work with Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa as well. We hope to continue to work together in the future!"
Overall, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg was humbly able to donate over 800 travel items to 11 facilities throughout north central Wisconsin in four days' time. It was a strong effort that could not have happened without the selflessness of those that make up the family team of employees at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. Moreover, and seemingly fitting, the last of the donations occurred on April 26th, which is a highlighted awareness day of the Sexual Assault Awareness month and is called Denim Day.
"I'm really appreciative we are able to help those who really need it," said Players

Club Manager Jacob Vargas. "I enjoy being part of actions that help others."
About Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg has been in business since 2008, with a major expansion in 2018, which included gaming space and an addition of a luxury hotel. It is committed to providing excellent customer service and entertainment to guests while creating an atmosphere that is fun,

exciting, and strives to continue to support its employees and communities.
MEDIA CONTACT:
Jessica White Wing Clark,
Hiinuk haa jaire
Senior Manager Public Relations
Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg
N7198 US Hwy 45
Wittenberg, WI 54499
715.253.4400 ext. 23014
Jessica.Clark@ho-chunk.com



Spring Challenge!! **Spring Challenge!!**

SHAPESHIFTERS

WEIGHT LOSS




April 22nd thru July 5th, 2024
 District 1 Community Center
 N7261 Warrior Ave, Black River Falls, WI

Women's 16 & Older
One Winner take all

Men's 16 & Older
One Winner take all

Registration Fee \$20
 Pay to play at weigh in qualify. Initial weigh in, April 22nd.
 Last day to qualify May 15th to weigh in for contest.
 Winners determined by total percentage of body weight lost.
If pregnant, please do not participate.
Final Weigh in July 5th, 2024

Area Contacts
Black River Falls 715-284-0905 x 15233
 Kenneth Greengrass – Kenneth.greengrass@ho-chunk.com
 La Crosse 608-783-6025
 Adam DeNasha- Adam.DeNasha@ho-chunk.com
Madison
 Christine Mallory 608-223-9576 x23542
 Cher Laubmeier 608-277-9964 x13222
 Nekoosa Jess Artz 715-886-5444 x38764
 Tomah 608-344-3555 x13377
 Carole M Bedeau Carole.Bedeau@ho-chunk.com
 Wisconsin Dells 608-355-1240 x15512
 Kurt Greendeer – Kurt.Greendeer@ho-chunk.com
 Green Bay 800-294-9343 x18902
 Mary Lopez Mary.Lopez@ho-chunk.com
 Wittenburg 800-294-9343 x33142
 Jamie Decorah Jamie.Decorah@ho-chunk.com
 Minneapolis-St.Paul 800-294-9343 x11115
 Stephanie Yellowbank Stephanie.Yellowbank@ho-chunk.com

REGISTER ONLINE!



Thursday Training Series Brought to You by the Wisconsin Indigenous Economic Development Corp.

DISCOVER WHICH BUSINESS STRUCTURE IS RIGHT FOR YOU
 Thursday, May 2, 6:00-7:00 pm
 WWBIC South Central
 2352 Park St Suite 226, Madison

MARKETING 101
 Thursday, May 9, 6:00-7:00 pm
 Lac Courte Oreilles
 Ojibwe University
 13466 W Trepania Rd
 Hayward

MAKE YOUR MONEY TALK
 Financial Wellness Bootcamp
 Thursday, May 16
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Ho-Chunk Nation District 1
 Community Center
 N, 7261 Warrior Ave, Black River Falls

ACCOUNTING FOR THE NON-ACCOUNTANT
 Thursday, May 23
 6:00-7:00 pm
 Ho-Chunk Branch Office
 2413 Hazelwood Ln, Green Bay




Sign up now for these FREE entrepreneurship training sessions!
 Register online by the Tuesday preceding the session date, or register on-site

Register online at wwbic.com/trainings Questions? 414-395-4546 • info@wwbic.com

Waazi'iija haci Hoocak Hoit'era





5PM to 6PM Potluck
6PM to 8PM Language

Incentives for attendance and participation. Come out and have some fun. Make Mondays the day of language




Must preregister online:
<https://tinyurl.com/ay7r69d9>
 Visit us online at: Hoocak.org
 For more information contact: Dana.DeBoer@ho-chunk.com



HO CHUNK NATION

Office of the General Council

Office of General Council Official Quarterly Report

To: General Council Members, and Legislative Branch
From: Nathaniel Longtail Jr. - General Council Advocate *NL*
Date: April 26, 2024
Re: Office of the General Council Official Quarterly Report – May 2024

Good morning members of the General Council and Legislative Branch,
 The Office of the General Council is hereby officially submitting the Quarterly Report to satisfy the provisions set within the Office of the General Council Establishment & Organizational Act.

- February 2024:**
1. On January 2, 2024 a request was sent to the Office of the President – President Jon Greendeer for the Official General Council 2024 Meeting call.
 2. Then on January 15, 2024 the Office of the General Council received the Official Call for the 2024 Annual General Council to be set for September 21, 2024.
 3. Immediately after receiving the Presidential Call the Office of the General Council began the Request for Proposal processes regarding a venue.
 4. Kohl Center – Madison, was the first to respond with an unfortunate update that the date would not work for them. Their RFP has been recorded.
 5. Alliant Center – Madison, was the second to respond with great news that this date is available and they did provide an estimate/proposal. However after further correspondence this venue became unavailable due to our inability to formally commit to the Alliant Center’s Calendar requirements.
 6. Kalahari – Wisconsin Dells, responded with great news that this date remains available.
 7. The Office of the General Council was officially notified by the Legislative Branch and the Legislative Finance Commission on February 7, 2024 via Memorandum that the Established Spending Limits for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 had been set.
 8. The Office of the General Council was provided with the amount of \$526,639.

- March 2024:**
1. On March 1, 2024 the Kalahari, Wisconsin Dells, provided a proposal. The Kalahari is sensitive to our governmental processes and has understandings that we are unable to proceed with a contract until after the Fiscal Year. They will be holding the date open for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council.
 2. March 20, 2024 this office received notice that Resolution 02.06.2024A was rescinded and restated via resolution 03.20.24H with new Budgetary Spending Limits. We then received a new Memorandum that stated the revised Established Spending Limits. The new spending limit amount for the Office of the General Council is \$558,615.
 3. This office then continued to develop the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget for the General Council Branch.

- April 2024:**
1. On April 2, 2024 the Office of the General Council formally submitted the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget for the General Council Branch. This submission included the following language:

The Office of the General Council hereby submits the Budget for the General Council Branch which is \$206,603 beyond the parameters of the Budgetary Spending Limit set by Legislative Resolution 03.20.24H.

In 2023 Budget Modifications (True Increases) were performed in order to satisfy the vendor invoice amounts. The Previous Budget Allocation for FY 2023-2024 was insufficient by approximately \$188,811.90

This year the 2024-2025 FY Established Spending Limits were again insufficiently set at \$526,639 and then revised later to \$558,615 which is still unrealistic.

Again it needs to be repeated that the proposed budget submission for the 2024-2025 FY for the Office of the General Council will go beyond the Established Spending Limit which was set in Resolution 03.20.24H. It would be irresponsible for this office (the Office of the General Council) to submit a budget that would clearly be in need of a True Increase at a later date. The fees for vendors, and legal representation have all risen over the past decade due to inflation rates worldwide. This office is not immune or exempt from the rise of prices in all sectors of our current economy. Due to inflation the Contract Fee & Professional Service Fee line items are enhanced, however the remaining line items are budgeted for normal circumstances and nothing lavish or extreme have been added.

This submission that exceeds the set Spending Limit is not due to disregard Resolution 03.20.2024H. Instead it is submitted in this manner to avoid violating the Ho-Chunk Nation Finance Ordinance (5 HCC § 5):

8. Operating Budget.
 - f. Budget Modifications.
 - (1) The Nation’s entities are given the opportunity to modify their current budget each quarter. The purpose of these modifications is to address unanticipated expenses, over-expenditures in specific line items beyond the control of the Director or Manager, and the addition of programs or activities not anticipated or planned during budget preparation. Modifications will not be used to compensate for poor planning and poor management. Directors and Managers may prepare modifications to request the transfer of NPD funds between operational line items including payroll, benefits, operating, and special program expenses.

This office does anticipate that expenses will need to go beyond the current Spending Limit and Budget Modifications will be required in the form of True Increases. Modifications by this office will not be submitted or used to compensate for poor planning and poor management.

If the Finance Commission does not approve the 2024-2025 FY submitted budget, this office would request that line-item deductions begin with the Professional Service fee and Contract fee line items. This request is being made with the clear implication that the Office of the General Council will be submitting Budget Modifications in the form of True Increases to satisfy vendor charges to ensure that the General Council has the opportunity to have a successful meeting, and not due to unsatisfactory budgeting as this Office has made it clear that the Spending Limit is unrealistic, insufficient, and unsatisfactory.

2. Then on April 26, 2024 the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Finance Commission held a Special Meeting titled Budget Reviews, the Office of the General Council was called upon however no questions were asked regarding the submitted budget. (It must have been the most well detailed budget submission in all of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s history since there were absolutely zero questions asked.)

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions please reach out to this office directly.

Office of the General Council Main Number: 715-284-9343 ext. 11237

Nathaniel Longtail Jr.
 Office of the General Council – General Council Advocate
nathaniellongtailjr@ho-chunk.com
 715-284-9343 ext. 11075

Henry White Thunder
 Office of the General Council – General Council Deputy Advocate
Henry.WhiteThunder@ho-chunk.com
 715-284-9343 ext. 11070

Ho-Chunk Nation • Community Health Department

May Foot Clinics

Clip/file nails, dremel as necessary

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WI Dells Tribal Aging Unit • 5/9
E8863 Winneshiek Drive, WI Dells • (608) 253-2185

BRF Community Health • 5/13
W9850 Airport Road, BRF • (715) 886-5444

Tomah Tribal Aging Unit • 5/14
358 Eos Road, Tomah • (608) 372-5202

La Crosse Three Rivers House • 5/21
724 Main Street, La Crosse • (608) 783-6025

Madison Branch Office • 5/21
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy, Madison • (608) 277-9964

Wittenberg Tribal Aging Unit • 5/21
W17956 Witt-Birn Townline Road, Wittenberg
(715) 253-2382

Nekoosa Health Office • 5/30
1021 County Road G, Nekoosa • (715) 886-5444

No walk-ins - appointment is now needed.

Ho-Chunk Nation
Department of Health

Snacks and Services

Stop by the Nekoosa Health Office
1021 CTY HWY G, Nekoosa

May 21st 9am-3pm

Enjoy some snacks while learning about different programs offered at the Nekoosa Health Office.

During the Mobile Mammogram event. To schedule a mammogram call 715.221.6086

FRIENDS OF THE BLACK RIVER WILDFLOWER HIKE

May 3 - May 14, 2024

Hike on your own - Pettibone Pass - BRF
100 yards South of W8910; Signs will mark trail.

Group Hike - Sat, May 11, 2024

9:30am - Meet at Black River Area Chamber to drive to start.
10am - Group hike begins

Meet 0.3 miles N of W8969 Pettibone Pass
Turn left off Mission Rd

NEW - Drive By Wildflower Viewing May 3 - May 14, 2024

Signs will identify wildflowers over a 1/2 mile stretch on Old Hwy 54.
Take first left past Rustic Mill Park, coming from BRF

For more info, email info_fbr@yahoo.com or call Jeff at 715-896-5534

HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FIGHT BACK AGAINST BITING BUGS!

Bugs like ticks and mosquitos can spread disease to your family and pets.

Steps to prevent disease from bug bites:

- Wear long sleeves and pants when in tall grass and in the woods.
- Use bug spray when outdoors, and reapply often to prevent bites.
- Check yourself, family, and pets for ticks after being outdoors.
- Make sure your pets are up-to-date on their Lyme vaccines.

Symptoms of disease from tick and mosquito bites:

- Achy joints and muscles, fatigue
- Low grade fever, chills
- "Bulls eye" rash

To learn more about tick disease and prevention download the free "The Tick App" from UW-Wisconsin. Available on Google Play and the App Store.

www.health.ho-chunk.com

All Health Facilities CLOSED

Monday May 27th

MEMORIAL DAY

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR MEDICATION REFILLS. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

GET YOUTH COOKING

at House of Wellness
2845 White Eagle Rd, Baraboo, WI 53913

Learn basic culinary skills to help you achieve lifelong health.

Class will be held on designated months from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Adults and parents also welcome. Children must be ages 8 and older.

• Making sauces	April 24, 2024
• Sauteing & poaching	May 23, 2024
• Cooking pasta	June 27, 2024
• Making salad dressings	July 25, 2024
• Roasting vegetables	August 22, 2024
• Making soups	September 25, 2024
• Making quick breads	October 24, 2024
• Making healthy fry bread	November 14, 2024

To register, contact:
(608) 355-1240 Ext. 35511
alex.richeson@ho-chunk.com
HCN Nutritionist
Alex Richeson
10 Person Limit

5 SPOTS OPEN



Saturday, May 18, 2024
WAZEE LAKE RECREATION AREA, BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI

8:00am PACE & PEDAL DUATHLON
4.6 Mile Trail Run & 10.3 Mile Bike, \$30 per person or \$45 per team

8:30am 5K WAZEE COLOR FUN RUN/WALK
3.1 Mile Run/Walk, \$10 per person, 12 & under FREE

10:00am YOUTH COLOR FUN RUN/WALK
1.0 Mile; FREE for 12 & under

REGISTER ONLINE www.jacksoninaction.org/pace-and-pedal

Partners in Parenting:
Wisconsin Dells and Baraboo area

Specific to parents and grandparents of infant to school-aged children

When: Thursday May 16, 2024
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Where: House of Wellness
Food Court

QPR Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training

Presenter:
Ronelle McKernan, RN
Public Health Nurse

Events includes free lunch provided by Health & Wellness and raffle.
*Must attend presentation to be entered.

To sign up for your free lunch reservation contact Public Health:
Irina Clendenning Public Health Nurse 608-355-1240 EXT. 35620
Wendy Lonetree Community Health Representative 608-355-1240 EXT. 35600

Ho-Chunk Nation Public Health

Save the Dates!

The Health and Wellness Department is partnering with the Ice Age Trail Alliance to get people out to discover the Ice Age Trail in Wisconsin.

- Short hikes are planned leading up to the Mammoth Hike Challenge in October.
- More details will be coming out soon, for now mark those calendars!

HIKES ARE SCHEDULED ON:

- June 20th at 10 am
 - Dells of the Eau Claire - Marathon County
- July 23rd at 10 am
 - Baraboo Area/Devil's Lake
- August 15th at 10 am
 - Hartman Creek State Park - Waupaca County

*No admin leave provided.
*Light snacks and water provided.

QUESTIONS?
Contact an Exercise Physiologist:

- Jess Artz at jessica.artz@ho-chunk.com
- Nick Butchart at nicholas.butchart@ho-chunk.com
- Kathleen Clemons at kathleen.clemons@ho-chunk.com

HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

LOOKING FOR BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT?

Our Certified Lactation Counselors (CLCs) can help families with:

- Getting a good latch and positioning
- Pumping
- Hand expression
- Returning to work while breastfeeding/pumping
- How to know if baby is getting enough milk
- Partner support
- So much more!

CLCs can chat virtually or over the phone anywhere, and in-person at their offices.

Kyla Ripp RD, CLC 608.355.1240 x 35554
Baraboo, Nekoosa, Madison

Kathy Braaten RD, CLC 715.284.9851 x35335
Black River Falls, Tomah, Wittenberg

Heather Jerzak RD, CLC 715.284.9851 x35340
Black River Falls and La Crosse

Ronelle McKernan RN, CLC 715.896.2570
Wittenberg

Irina Clendenning RN, CLC 608.355.1240 x35620
Baraboo

MAA HĪTAWUS HII WIIRA
May: Earth Drying Moon

HARVEST OF THE MONTH
Maq̄h̄j̄c (milkweed)

MILKWEED AND MUSHROOM ORZO

Recipe adapted from <https://www.tyrantfarms.com/recipe-orzo-with-chanterelles-and-common-milkweed/>

Ingredients:

- 3 cups mushrooms, chopped
- 1/4 cup vinegar of choice
- 1 cup unripe milkweed pods, sliced
- 1 cup young milkweed leaves, thin-sliced
- 1 cup orzo
- 1 egg
- 2 cups fresh-grated parmesan cheese
- 2-3 garlic cloves or ramps, diced
- 4 tbsp butter, divided
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- salt, pepper, and lemon (or sumac spice) to taste

Steps:

- Place chopped mushrooms in pan on medium heat. Add 1 to 2 cups of water, vinegar, 2 tbsp butter, and a pinch of salt. Cook for 15-20 minutes.
- In another saucepan, add 4 cups of water and bring to a boil. Once boiling, add sliced milkweed pods and leaves and boil for 2-5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Strain out milkweed and set aside. Discard water.
- In this saucepan (previously used for cooking milkweed), add 2 cups of water and bring to a boil. Once boiling, add orzo. Cook for 7-10 minutes, stirring every 1-2 minutes. Strain and return to pan. Turn heat to low and add raw egg to cooked orzo. Stir quickly for 30 seconds to coat orzo.
- Combine the cooked orzo, milkweed, and mushrooms together with the parmesan cheese, garlic, 2 tbsp butter, and olive oil. Heat until parmesan and butter are melted and dish is heated through. Serve with pepper and lemon (or sumac spice) if desired.

About Common Milkweed

- Common Milkweed is a traditional food and many of parts of the plant can be eaten after it is cooked, including the unripe buds, flowers, young leaves, unripe pods (less than two inches), and small shoots.
- Raw milkweed contains a compound that can be harmful to humans. Cooking breaks down these compounds making milkweed safe to eat.
- Harvesting shoots does not kill the plant. They will continue to grow new shoots that will produce buds, flowers, pods, and seeds.
- Use multiple sources to make sure you are safely identifying common milkweed, as dogbane and other types of milkweed are not safe to eat.

Things to Remember

- Sensitivity may vary. It is best to start with small amounts of cooked milkweed.
- Wear gloves to harvest milkweed to avoid the sap, which is a potential irritant especially for eyes.
- Milkweed is an important source of nutrition for monarch butterflies. Be mindful where and how much you harvest.
- Avoid areas which have been treated with chemicals.

For more information Contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/ Nutritionist:
BRF, Tomah, Wittenberg areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 35335
BRF, La Crosse areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 35340
Dells, Nekoosa, Madison areas: (888) 552-7889, ext. 35554

Created 11/23 MJ
HCN HEALTH & WELLNESS DIV.
<http://health.ho-chunk.com/>

Continued from Page 4
Copies of the jeopardy assessment and background information on the Slender Glass Lizard are available by visiting the DNR Incidental Take Public Notices webpage or upon request from DNR Conservation Biologist Stacy Rowe at Stacy.Rowe@wisconsin.gov or 608-228-9796.
The public is encouraged to submit written comments regarding project-related impacts to the slender glass lizard by June 6, 2024, to:
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
c/o Stacy Rowe, DNR Conservation Biologist
2514 Morse St.
Janesville, WI 53545
Stacy.Rowe@wisconsin.gov or 608-228-9796

**HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**SUMMER 2024
BLOCK PARTIES**

HEALTH RESOURCES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES,
DOOR PRIZES, AND COOK OUT!
11AM-5:30PM

**JUNE 5 - BARABOO
@ House of Wellness**

**JUNE 26 - WITTENBERG
@ Siga Funmaker Community Center**

**JULY 17 - TOMAH
@ Blue Wing Community Center**

**JULY 24 - NEKOOSA
@ Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa**

**JULY 31 - MADISON
@ Teejop Hocira Community Center**

**AUGUST 14 - BLACK RIVER FALLS
@ Ho-Chunk Health Care Center**

Free event for tribal members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
This is a drug and alcohol free event.





CPHAB
Wisconsin
Public Health
Partnership

CREATED 3.26.2024 RM

Miriam Kaye Johnson

March 9, 1960 - April 26, 2024

Miriam K. Johnson 'Toosee', 64 of Wittenberg, gained eternal life on Friday, April 26, 2024, at home.

Miriam was born on March 9, 1960, in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Maurice and Dolli (Miner) Big John.

On June 25, 1982, Miriam was united in marriage to Wayne Johnson in Wittenberg. They later divorced but remained lifelong partners.

Miriam graduated from Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School in 1978. She also graduated from Northcentral Technical College and earned her degree for a CNA. Miriam held various positions throughout her years working for The Ho-Chunk Nation. Later in life, she became a primary caretaker for her mother, and supported her sister with raising extended granddaughter, Jo'Lei. In her earlier years, she enjoyed shooting pool, bowling and horseshoes. Miriam was very passionate about singing karaoke. She loved going to Pow Wows, taking trips to the casino and traveling. She was also a member of the NAC. Miriam cherished the time spent with her children, especially her grandchildren. She was extremely proud of them and was always there to support them at their sporting events.

Miriam is survived by her lifelong partner, Wayne; three children, Hilary (Ben) Rucinski of Nekoosa, Todd (Alyssa) Johnson of Nekoosa and Amanda Johnson of Wittenberg; six grandchildren, Bradan, Trevor, Aubryelle, Traiden, Jordynn and

Kamdyn; sisters, Marcia Big John of Lac Du Flambeau and Melanie (Corwin) Roth of Wittenberg; granddogs, Baxter, Daisy Mae and Bandit, as well as extended family and friends.

Miriam was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Maurice, Michael, Michelle, Mary, Melisa and Muriel Big John.

A Visitation will take place from 4-6 PM on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at the Siga Funmaker Community Center, Wittenberg. A Supper Meal to start at 6 PM with a NAC Funeral Meeting to follow. A light Continental Breakfast will be on Monday starting at 9 AM. A Meal will begin at 11 AM with Commitment Services starting at 1 PM. Everything will take place at the Siga Funmaker Community Center, Wittenberg. Kelly LaMere will preside. Burial will be in John Stacy Memorial Cemetery.

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.



On the Road for Better Women's Health

Committed to better health

As a part of its commitment to providing better health service to everyone in Wisconsin, Marshfield Clinic is proud to sponsor the Mobile Mammography Unit.

Marshfield Clinic's Mobile Health Screening Unit, a credentialed, 40-foot screening van, accommodates medical staff to perform digital mammography screening services for women in a confidential manner.

The Mobile Mammography Unit is coming here to serve you.

Date: **May 21, 2024**

Location: **Ho-Chunk Nation Health Office**

1021 CTY HWY G, Nekoosa, WI

Time: **9:00-3:00pm**

For more information or to schedule a mammogram call:
715-221-6086 or 800-942-3822

Prevention is the key to good health - and now Marshfield Clinic is making it more convenient for you.

In the fight against breast cancer, Marshfield Clinic is proud to partner with



Blaine Raymond Twinn

September 30, 1956 - April 22, 2024



Black River Falls, where he worked as a security guard for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Blaine loved hunting, fishing, video games, and working on cars. He especially loved working on his El Camino and taking his nephews and other family members for fast—and occasionally scary—rides. Blaine was proud of his military service. Blaine was a skilled artist, craftsman and painter, and was known for honoring others with traditional cultural gifts.

Blaine, like many others, had struggles with alcohol addiction during his life. The family would like to acknowledge this and urge those with similar issues to seek help for the sake of their families.

Blaine is preceded in death by his parents; his son Blaine Andrew Twinn; brothers Darrel Seneca, Rodney Twinn, and Gary Twinn.


Surviving Blaine are his sisters Celina Twinn of Milwaukee, and Dawn (Tony) Newman of Florida/Minnesota; brother Kevin (Yvette) Olson of Illinois; children Jake Twinn of Michigan and Angela Twinn of Milwaukee; as well as nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Funeral services for Blaine will be held Monday, April 29, at the Buswell Funeral Home of Black River Falls; visitation will be held from 10am until the start of services at noon. Burial will follow at the Decorah Cemetery.

Blaine Raymond Twinn, 67, passed on April 22, 2024 at his home in Black River Falls.

Blaine was born September 30, 1956 to Margaret Blackhawk and Raymond Twinn. He was the grandson of Andrew Blackhawk, for whom American Legion Post #129 is named. The family lived in Wisconsin for his early years, eventually moving to Aurora, IL. After graduating from high school he moved to Milwaukee, where he was involved in various shenanigans before enlisting the United States Army.

After being honorably discharged from military service Blaine returned to Milwaukee where he worked in construction and carpentry. He married his wife with whom he had three children. They later separated. Eventually Blaine returned to



Treasury & Personnel
EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PTO
PAYOUT NOTICE

DATE: May 2, 2024
TO: Ho-Chunk Nation Employees
FROM: James Lambert, Personnel Manager
Kimberly Waukau, Payroll Manager
RE: Employee Annual PTO Payout:
July 2024

In order for employees to receive an annual PTO payout of unused leave, employees must adhere to the following criteria:

Per the ERA: 21. A. (2)
(2) Any hours over one-hundred sixty (160) will be paid to the employee at the end of the fiscal year provided that the employees have used eighty (80) hours of PTO during that fiscal year. If eighty (80) hours of PTO is not used within the fiscal year, any accrued PTO above one-hundred sixty (160) hours will be lost.

In order to be eligible to receive payout of leave hours above (160) annually, PTO used MUST fall within the specific dates of July 1 through June 30 of each fiscal year ONLY.

PTO leave payout processing shall take place each July for the previous fiscal year.



Spring Foraging Walk
in Black River Falls
with Nicholas Wazeel Gale
May 11, 2024
in the Mission
(at the State Trail 0.7 miles in on Pettibone Pass, at the bridge)
10:00am - 2:00 pm
Please bring bug spray, your own water bottle and a jacket if appropriate!

We'll also go to the District 1 Community Center to prepare some simple foods with what we gather! Lunch provided.

Sign-up is requested for planning purposes. To sign up and for questions, contact Kathy Braaten at 715.284.9851 ext. 35335 or kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com

updated 4/24/ KB
HCN Health and Wellness Division

BLACK RIVER FALLS

MEAL PREP
Cooking Class

OVERNIGHT OATS **MASON JAR SALADS**

Breakfast! Lunch!

When: 3:00-4:00 pm on Thur. 5/16/24
Where: Eileen Decorah classroom at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Sign up is Required. Limit of 15 for this class.

To sign up, contact Kathy Braaten at 715.284.9851 Ext 35335 or kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com
Sponsored by the HCN Health and Wellness Division/KB/3-24

Tips for wearing Native regalia at graduation

A Native American Rights Fund official outlines state laws protecting regalia wearing at graduation, and provides tips for Native students wanting to showcase their Indigenous identity

Aliyah Chavez
Reprint from ICT

The spring season means graduation ceremonies will soon kick off across the country. With it? A growing trend among Native students to wear traditional regalia on their big day.

The Native American Rights Fund says each year it is contacted by Native students who are prohibited from participating in the practice of wearing eagle feathers or traditional outfits at graduation ceremonies.

NARF Attorney Morgan Saunders spoke with ICT to offer advice to students, and tribal leaders, in hopes of ensuring a smooth and celebratory day.

First, Saunders says, students should decide exactly what they plan on wearing to graduation — whether that's an eagle feather, moccasins, a ribbon skirt, or a beaded graduation cap.

Next, one should look into graduation specific policies outlined by their school.

This can typically be found online or at the headquarters of a school district. If one can't easily find the graduation attire policies, they are encouraged to reach out to a trusted counselor, principal or advisor.

"The earlier you can get a clear answer on what is, or isn't allowed at your school, the earlier you can take steps to address any concerns that you have — and potentially try to get an exception, if an exception is needed," Saunders said.

If your request to wear regalia is denied, NARF encourages students to follow their school's grievance process, which could result in an appeal to a district superintendent or school board.

"Do not ignore rules against eagle feathers," online guidance from NARF says. "Violating school rules can have negative consequences. Your school may ban you from participating in commencement, subject you to fines, or refuse to give you your diploma."

Additional NARF advice includes organizing a Native student group to approve or distribute graduation regalia; gathering support from American Indian education parent committees or tribal education departments, and advocating for police changes, saying "you are likely not the only student to request to wear an eagle feather at graduation, especially if there is a sizeable Native population."

Area tribal leaders play an important role, Saunders told ICT. They are encouraged to issue public statements to explain the significance of wearing regalia ahead of local graduation ceremonies.

The statements are also encouraged to cite any relevant state laws, especially if tribal nations are giving out special honor cords or eagle feathers.

According to NARF, 14 states protect the rights of Native students to wear eagle feathers and other tribal regalia at graduations:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Kansas
- Mississippi
- Montana
- Nevada
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- South Dakota

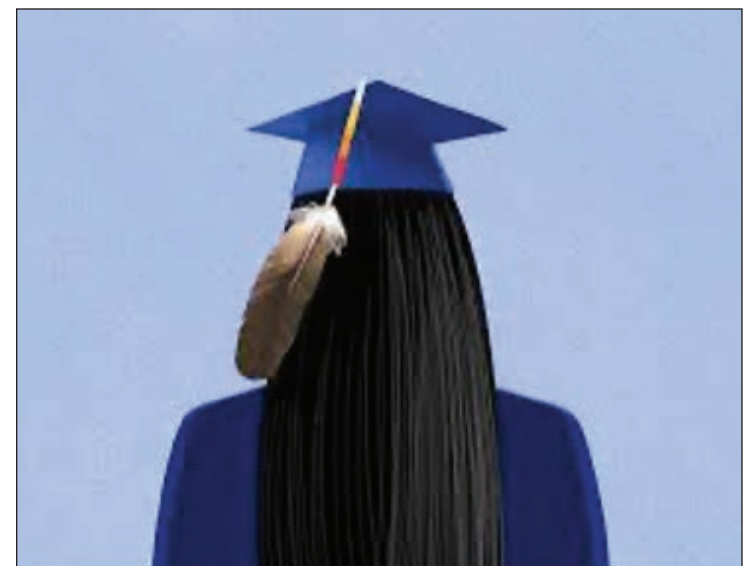
Utah
Washington

So what are some of the reasons school administrators deny Native students from wearing regalia at graduations?

"The issues we hear the most are uniformity, and ensuring that all students feel equally represented on the day of graduation," Saunders says. "There's a lot of references to the seriousness and formality of the event and not wanting to detract from that. And also just a concern about the administrability of having too much going on, or having exceptions for some students and not others."

NARF officials say they take the position that the U.S. Constitution protects Native American religious and free speech rights, which would include wearing tribal regalia at these public events. It can get tricky, however, for private schools where different rules apply.

"I really hope that everyone who's going through this important milestone feels like it can be the experience that they want," Saunders said. "So take heart in that you're doing an important thing by considering wearing tribal regalia... and that there really is a lot of support out there for this important practice."



From the chapter, "Stories We Love." An eagle feather? When representation of a Native Nation gets in the way of graduation. (Illustration by Tomás Karmelo Amaya, Indian Country Today)

ICYMI: New Borealis trains double service along Twin Cities – Chicago corridor

Eight Wisconsin stations benefit from additional Amtrak trains

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in partnership with Amtrak and the states of Minnesota and Illinois last week announced that a second daily round trip along the route connecting the Twin Cities to Milwaukee and Chicago will start on May 21, 2024. Officially named Borealis, the additional trains will depart midday from both St. Paul and from Chicago, serving eight Wisconsin stations along the way.

“Borealis will double the options for passenger rail travel along a corridor that connects many businesses, universities, tourism destinations, and Wisconsin communities,” WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. “Thank you to Minnesota, Illinois, and Amtrak for working together to help meet the demand for passenger rail across our region. This would not be possible without strong partnerships and federal support, and we look forward to the continued exploration of passenger rail options in Wisconsin.”

Named for travel to and from the north (in Latin), Borealis trains will make the current Empire Builder stops between St. Paul and Milwaukee and the Hiawatha Service stops between Milwaukee and Chicago. Tickets are on sale now; visit the Amtrak Borealis site. Coach fares start at \$41 each way between St. Paul and Chicago, with everyday discounts for children ages 2-12, students, seniors, veterans, military personnel and families, and others.

Whether Coach or Business Class, Borealis offers passengers wide reclining seats with ample legroom, no middle seats, free Wi-Fi, and views of the Mississippi River between St. Paul and La Crosse. The trains’ cafe cars feature regional dining and beverages, including food and drink options from each of the partner states.

Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois sponsor the service. Borealis is Minnesota’s first state-supported Amtrak service. Amtrak now operates 29 state-supported routes with 18 state partners.



New St. Paul - Chicago Amtrak Schedule, effective May 21, 2024
 Eastbound and Westbound

Train	St. Paul MN	Red Wing MN	Winona MN	LaCrosse WI	Tomah WI	Wisconsin Dells WI	Portage WI	Columbus WI	Milwaukee Airport WI	Sturtevant WI	Glenview IL	Chicago IL
EMPIRE BUILDER Trains 8 and 28 inbound from west	8:50 AM	9:44 AM	11:01 AM	11:37 AM	12:16 PM	12:58 PM	1:17 PM	1:47 PM	3:05 PM		4:12 PM	4:45 PM
BOREALIS Train 1340 originates in MSP	11:50 AM	12:35 PM	1:40 PM	2:16 PM	2:57 PM	3:40 PM	3:58 PM	4:26 PM	5:45 PM	5:55 PM	6:08 PM	7:14 PM

Train	CHI Chicago IL	Glenview IL	Sturtevant WI	Milwaukee Airport WI	Milwaukee WI	Columbus WI	Portage WI	Wisconsin Dells WI	Tomah WI	LaCrosse WI	Winona MN	Red Wing MN	MSP St. Paul MN
BOREALIS Train 1333 originates in CHI	11:05 AM	11:27 AM	12:05 PM	12:19 PM	12:39 PM	1:41 PM	2:13 PM	2:33 PM	3:17 PM	3:58 PM	4:36 PM	5:40 PM	6:29 PM
EMPIRE BUILDER Trains 7 and 27 originates in CHI	3:05 PM	3:29 PM		4:45 PM	5:55 PM	6:24 PM	6:42 PM	7:20 PM	8:04 PM	8:40 PM	9:42 PM	10:56 PM	

Basics of Meal Planning & Prepping

WISCONSIN DELLS/ BARABOO

COOKING CLASS

Spicy Garlic Chicken

Parmesan Bruschetta

Romaine Jar Salad

When: 4:30–6:00 PM on Tuesday 5/28/24

Where: House of Wellness Kitchen
 S2845 White Eagle Rd
 Baraboo, WI

Sign up is Required. Limit of 10 for this class.

To sign up, contact Alex Richeson at 608-355-1240 Ext 35511 or alex.richeson@ho-chunk.com

HCN Health & Wellness Div. Created 5/24 - AMR

Wisconsin Dells High School Wrestling

May 6, 2024, Facebook Post

On behalf of everyone associated with WDHS wrestling I would like to congratulate Elizah Leonard on her graduation from North Central College. Not only did this young lady earn a degree in psychology but, she did so while competing for NCC wrestling. North Central has become one of the best college women’s wrestling programs in the country. Elizah was a 2020 graduate from WDHS along with a 4 year member of our wrestling team. In those 4 years the Dells would not only win its first SCC championship in 32 years, but win 3 straight SCC championships with her in the lineup. Elizah has been a pioneer for women in wrestling. Not only in Wisconsin Dells but, the SCC as well. Elizah placed 2nd, 3rd, and 6th in the state of Wisconsin in women’s wrestling during her time at WDHS. Elizah is also the only female wrestler to win a WIAA regional championship in the boys division from our conference. Congratulations and good luck to you from your coaches, teachers, WDHS staff, and all of your WDHS wrestling fans! We had a saying in our wrestling room. It was this, respect has to be earned, it’s never given. Elizah has earned all of our respect! Sincerely your former Coach, Jim McFaul.



Sponsored by HCN Health & Wellness Division

2024 HOUSE OF WELLNESS COMMUNITY GARDEN SPRING GRAND OPENING

**Friday, May 17th
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Planting at 10:00 AM
followed by sandwiches and
beverages at 11:30 AM**

Please bring gardening gloves to protect your hands.

Get hands-on experience planting seeds and learn about what the community garden will host this year.

Register to join us in the opening of the restored community garden, located by the pharmacy entrance at House of Wellness. Limit of 15 persons.

To sign up, contact Alex Richeson at 608-355-1240 Ext 35511 or alex.richeson@ho-chunk.com



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 6, 2024

Wisconsin Rapids and Stevens Point Fire Fighters Endorse Katrina Shankland for Wisconsin 3rd Congressional District

[Stevens Point, WI] – Wisconsin Rapids Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 425 and Stevens Point Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 484 are proud to endorse Katrina Shankland for Congress. We stood with her on day one of her candidacy for Congress because she has always stood with us. As Fire Fighter Unions from Central Wisconsin, we have worked closely with Katrina Shankland as a state legislator: she is a champion of public safety and shows up for us time and time again.

Whether it's authoring the state's community paramedic law after riding along with the department and hearing the idea firsthand from a Stevens Point paramedic or spearheading the law that champions more safety protections for first responders on the roadside, Katrina listens to us and delivers results. She has consistently worked across the aisle to support public safety, from supporting our state's new shared revenue law to cosponsoring a law to ensure first responders can receive workers' compensation upon being diagnosed with PTSD.

She has the experience, problem solving skills, and grit to get things done for the people of Central and Western Wisconsin. We have only endorsed Katrina Shankland for Congress in the race for Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District and trust her to continue delivering for us.

Derek Matykowski, President
Wisconsin Rapids Fire Fighters
IAFF Local 425
dmaty425@gmail.com

Justin Thomson, President
Stevens Point Fire Fighters
IAFF Local 484
president@stevenspointfirefighters.org

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
E-mail: Redistricting@ho-chunk.com
Phone: (715) 284-5307

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to Hold Redistricting Map Forum On May 20, 2024

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature received twenty-six (26) redistricting map scenarios by the April 26, 2024 deadline.

Pursuant to Legislative Resolution 04-03-24E, the Legislature is now scheduling a Redistricting Map Forum to be held on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the Forum will be for Tribal Members to explain and discuss any proposed Redistricting scenario they have submitted. Each of these Tribal Members shall be provided five (5) minutes for their presentation.

The Forum shall be held in person at the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Conference Room at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI and virtually via WebEx. The WebEx information is below:

Join from the meeting link
<https://ho-chunk.webex.com/ho-chunk/j.php?MTID=m78801804e4fd8e10280878f42ff975e>

Join by meeting number
Meeting number (access code): 2481 143 5476
Meeting password: 3bsPYJ8hQm3

Join from a mobile device (attendees only)
+1-415-655-0002, 24811435476## United States Toll

Join by phone
+1-415-655-0002 United States Toll
Global call-in numbers

Join from a video system or application
Dial 24811435476@ho-chunk.webex.com
You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

NOTICE RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, CAROL GARVIN & TIA CHICK, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at:

N7609 KINGSWAN RD BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 13 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMESNKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Any objections must be filed in person at Executive Office Building / W9814 Airport Road or received by mail at:

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division
Register of Deeds
P. O. Box 310
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: 715-284-9343 Ext 11032

By or before June 14, 2024

Absent any objections the Ho-Chunk Nation Register of Deeds shall issue Title for the above described Permanent Improvements to the named individual(s) within 10 days following the deadline.

Request for Proposals

The Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court is seeking to Contract For a Defense Bar Attorney to work with the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing To Wellness Court and to serve as a guide for the participants who face criminal incarceration, but are being offered an opportunity to participate in an intensive therapeutic program for overall sobriety and wellness, under the watchful eye of a probation agent, a Healing To Wellness Court Team, and a Judge.

The contracted Attorney would participate fully as a Wellness Court TEAM Member with a commitment to the Program's mission and goals and will work as a partner to ensure success for all participants.

1. Contracted for 12 months.
2. 8-10 hours per month, possibility of flexibility.
3. Budget \$1,300 per month.
4. Meets for Staffing every Monday at 1 p.m., may appear virtually.
5. Meets for Hearing every other Monday at 2 p.m., may appear

virtually.

6. Prefer Attorney to have criminal law background.
7. Must obtain admission to the Ho-Chunk Nation Bar.
8. Follow the HO-CHUNK NATION HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT CODE, 4HCC15, found online at www.ho-chunknation.com
9. Able to attend annual and necessary trainings provided by Ho-Chunk Nation, may include travel

Please, send a letter of interest, an updated resume, and any Certificate of Training for Healing To Wellness Courts and Programming, if applicable. Looking to Contract on an expedited basis. Will keep posting Open Until Filled.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing To Wellness Court Project Coordinator Robert Mann at (715) 284-2722, ext. 13402 or email Robert.Mann@ho-chunk.com

NOTICE RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, MARILYN HILLING & JARED HILLING, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W2327 RAEDEL LN WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965

And more particularly described as: S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, TOWN OF LYNDON, JUNEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Any objections must be filed in person at Executive Office Building / W9814 Airport Road or received by mail at:

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division
Attn: Register of Deeds
P. O. Box 310
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: (715) 284-9343 Ext 11032

By or before June 16, 2024

Absent any objections the Ho-Chunk Nation Register of Deeds shall issue Title for the above described Permanent Improvements to the named individual(s) within 10 days following the deadline.

MEET AND GREET YOUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES AT THE

2024 HO-CHUNK MEMORIAL POW WOW SATURDAY JUNE 25TH.

JOIN THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND PARTY OF WISCONSIN AT THE

DEMOCRATIC BOOTH FOR LITERATURE, SIGNS, REGISTRATION, AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP SAVE DEMOCRACY.

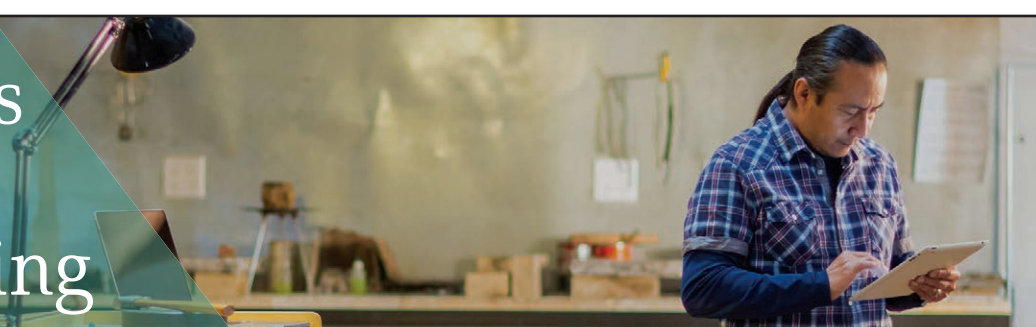
Mattea Twinn, Native American Coalition Manager
Leah Walker, Candidate Sponsor

Website: www.jacksoncountywisdems.org Facebook



Rebecca Cooke

Empowering Indigenous Entrepreneurs with Straightforward Financing



Building Stronger Communities Through Accessible Lending

We're revolutionizing how Native American entrepreneurs and eligible minority-owned/underserved businesses access business loans.

Understanding your unique challenges, we've streamlined our loan application process to be as straightforward and accessible as possible. Our approach ensures that business loans are more than just a transaction; it's a partnership for your long-term success.

By providing personalized support, educational resources, and strategic guidance, we are committed to your success. We offer a strong foundation for you to build your business on – whether your business is located on or off the reservation.

"They were welcoming and understanding. They were immediately on my side... When you become comfortable with somebody that you know has your back? It's a great feeling."
– Adam J. Skenandore, Owner of ANASA Traffic Control Services

Ready to transform your business with accessible and affordable financing? **With FACC, you're not just getting a loan; you're gaining a partner committed to your growth.**

Inquire today, and begin your journey to success, where your business vision becomes our shared mission: faccwi.org

PARTNERS



Certified Native CDFI



U.S. Small Business Administration
Intermediary Lender



Key Strategic Partner





ERIC WILSON

3RD CD HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE

Meet and Greet

Monday May 20, 2024

5:30pm - 8:00pm

AT SAND CREEK BREWERY

SUPPORT

MEDICARE FOR ALL,
 ADVOCATE FOR AFFORDABLE
 HOUSING,
 FIGHT FOR FAIR WAGES,
 SUPPORT THE FAMILY FARM.

DEFEND RIGHTS–WOMEN–VOTE–LGBTQ



STRONGHEARTS
 Native Helpline

**Domestic violence is not a
 Native American tradition**

Safe | Confidential | Anonymous | 24/7

For culturally appropriate support and advocacy,
 call or text **1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)** or chat
 online at **strongheartshelpline.org**



HARRY WHITEHORSE
INTERNATIONAL
WOOD
SCULPTURE
FESTIVAL



A Celebration of Sculpture and Indigenous Culture with Arts and Crafts, Food and Entertainment



San Damiano Monona, WI
June 14-22

Watch 12 international sculpture artists, during this week-long festival, create new works live before your eyes. The opening ceremony will feature the Sanford WhiteEagle Color Guard, Wisconsin Dells Dancers and the Thundercloud Singers in honor of the beloved Ho-Chunk artist Harry Whitehorse.

For details, scan the QR code or visit harrywhitehorse.com/festival

