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## ELECTIONS UPDATE



On February 18, 2025, the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court issued an Order Granting a Preliminary Injunction to plaintiff, Brianna Tahdoohanippah, who sued the Election Board for not being certified a candidate for the March 5th, Primary Election. The Court's Order halted the scheduled elections on February, 18, 2025, March 2, 2025, and March 5, 2025. The Court also joined the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to the case as an Interested Party along with denying the Department of Justice's motion for Summary Judgement and Dismissal.

A preliminary Injunction is a court order stopping parties from doing certain things or enacting certain laws until the Court can decide the full case. They can only be granted in cases where the Plaintiff can make a special showing to the Court, which the Court found in this instance.

The Court held a hearing on Monday, February 24th, to determine if it should continue the injunction or not. The Court heard arguments from counsel for Brianna Tahdoohanippah, the Election Board, and the Legislature. The Court did not make a ruling from the bench, nor indicate the temporary injunction would be lifted at that time. Absent the Court lifting the injunction, the Election Board is unable to move forward with the March 2nd, and March 5th elections.

*We will share additional updates as they become available. Thank you for your attention.*

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## Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells Recognized at Boys and Girls Club Gala

The Boys & Girls Clubs of West-Central Wisconsin recognized Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells at the Boys and Girls Club gala for their continued support and contributions to the youth of Baraboo. A 2024 IPAK Award was presented.



Landon Owen and Logan Littlegeorge pictured. Logan is a former participant of the club.

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# Wisconsin Tribal Veterans Service Officers Quarterly Meeting at the Siga Funmaker Community Center

The Wisconsin Tribal Veterans Service Officers (TVSO) held their quarterly meeting at the Siga Funmaker Community Center in Wittenberg on Thursday, February 20, 2025. The Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Service Officer, Myra Jo Price, hosted a meaningful and quaint ceremony.

A new Eagle Staff was presented to the Wisconsin TVSO's and represents all 11 federally recognized tribes of Wisconsin.

The Ho-Chunk Nation extends our sincere thanks to all the TVSOs present, Myra Jo Price for bringing this new Eagle Staff to fruition, Little Thunder for the beautiful songs, and the Pac Cinak community for hosting a delicious meal.



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# A Historic Year For The Wisconsin State Park System

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites the public to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Park System by learning about its history of outdoor recreation, tourism and stewardship.

Over the last 125 years, Wisconsin's state park system has grown in both size and opportunity to meet the needs of Wisconsinites and visitors.

The state's parks, forests, trails and recreation areas are managed to conserve and protect some of Wisconsin's most exceptional natural resources. From the expansive Northwoods to the shores of Lake Michigan to the picturesque Driftless Region and everything in between, the state park system offers opportunities to recreate in virtually every part of the state.

Gov. Evers proclaimed 2025 the "Wisconsin State Park System 125th Anniversary" across the state and invites all Wisconsinites to join the occasion. The significance of this milestone can be observed in the day-to-day operations of the more than 120 properties that make up the state park system. These sites offer visitors a space to improve their health and wellness, build community, learn new skills and spend quality time in the outdoors.


New campgrounds and properties, additions of amenities such as amphitheatres, shelters and indoor gathering spaces, investments in universal recreation and the launch of the statewide wellness initiative OutWiGo are just a few examples of the growth seen within the Wisconsin State Park System. *Continued on Page 3*



Interstate Park is Wisconsin's oldest state park, established in 1900 on the scenic Dalles of the St. Croix River. | Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

# March

## Elders Birthdays



<p>1 Matthew Amberg Janice Harrison</p> <p>2 Betty Krause Byron Thundercloud</p> <p>3 Dolores Greendeer</p> <p>4 Romona Chevalier Debra Morgan Loren Rave</p> <p>5 Mary Brockhaus David Decora David Hanson Gary Keller Kelly La Mere Suzanne Shegonee James White Fredrick Yellow Thunder</p> <p>6 Leland Denny Brenda Freehill Cheryl Schoper</p> <p>7 Wayne Johnson William Payer Curtis Penland, Jr. Laurette Pettibone Sheila Ryan Jilleen Scott</p> <p>8 Leonard Friday Jennifer Gauthier George Youngthunder</p> <p>9 Leroy Goodbear Debra Sturdevant</p> <p>10 Patricia Ennis Theresa Lerma George Plamann</p> <p>11 Mary Bird Kevin Decorah Dennis Lewis Janice Stott Mary Whitegull</p> <p>12 Mark Ensley Janice Savage Marsha Smith Daniel Topping</p> <p>13 Rodney Alderman Karen Ellis Bernadette Jannusich Anthony Lonetree Chloris Lowe, Jr. Andrea Storm</p> <p>15 Garland Decorah Delores Krause Eileen Meers Paul Smith Francis Steindorf Leslie Thompson III</p>	<p>16 David White Eagle</p> <p>17 Anne White</p> <p>18 Elva Brown Harlan Hendrix Dawn Newman Virgil Pettibone, Jr. Howard Pettibone</p> <p>19 Levi Lincoln, Sr. Curtis Prescott, Jr. Maureen Sanford Dennis Whitehorse Jodie Wikstrom</p> <p>21 Daniel Blumer Perry Carrimon Paula Cleveland Byron Green Stacy Kehrwald Debra Orth William Youngthunder</p> <p>22 Leroy Bigsoldier David Lewis Gerald Whitewater Algie Wolters Laurie Zimmerman</p> <p>23 Fidel Delarosa Daniel Green Melanie Henschell Rana Moser Lance Nikrasch Mary Roddy</p> <p>24 Foster Cloud Glen De Cora Loren Payer Nola Smith</p> <p>25 Jeanine Catron</p> <p>27 Frieda Blackcoon</p> <p>28 Phyllis McCloud Gloria Ward Walter Whitehorse</p> <p>29 Francis De Cora Maureen Decorah Stephanie Higgins Paul Stott, Jr.</p> <p>30 Linda Casper Lionel Cloud Priscilla Gakin Debra Lozano</p> <p>31 Delores Beatty Phillip Carroll IV Cherylene Long Ronald Perry</p>
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State Park System over the last few decades.

The system's history is rich with stories of hard work and dedication to the state's natural resources. The introduction of the oldest state park, Interstate Park, in 1900 spurred momentum to keep expanding efforts to preserve Wisconsin's natural places. Between 1910 and 1918, four more state parks were established, and the lone park became a system.

In the early years of state park system development, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) made tremendous contributions to property infrastructure and the first real property planning in Wisconsin state parks. Workers in CCC posts located in Copper Falls, Devil's

Lake, Interstate, Nelson Dewey (now Wyalusing), Pattison, Peninsula, Perrot and Rib Mountain state parks contributed to a wide range of conservation projects. CCC structures, including rustic headquarter and maintenance buildings, cabins, ranger stations, retaining walls, stone stairways and other features, are still utilized today.

In 1950, the Wisconsin State Park System's first public/private partnership was formed with the Devil's Lake Concession Corporation, a nonprofit, nonstock corporation. By taking over concessions at the park, the group became the first such organization to partner with state parks to provide services that the parks could not otherwise provide. Other

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**Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be March 7th which will be published on March 14th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.**

# SAVE THE DATE

## 5TH ANNUAL FAMILY HEALING CAMP

August 5-7, 2025  
Andrew Blackhawk Pow Wow Grounds

For questions contact: [FHC@ho-chunk.com](mailto:FHC@ho-chunk.com)





HOLISTIC HEALING FOR GENERATIONS



Ho Chunk Nation Family Healing Camp August 5th - 7th 2025

Request for Catering Bids

WEEKDAY	BREAKFAST 8:00 A.M.	LUNCH 12 P.M.	DINNER 5 P.M.	SNACK - provided through out the day
TUESDAY			Family Healing Camp Feast Provided and Prepared by FHC Staff and Participants	Fruit - Protein - whole Grains - Protein rich foods and drinks
WEDNESDAY	Fruit - Grain - Vegetable - Protein - Dairy - Juices - Coffee - Water	Fruit - Grain - Vegetable - Protein - Dairy - Teas - Coffee - Water	Fruit - Grain - Vegetable - Protein - Dairy - Teas - Coffee - Water	Fruit - Protein - whole Grains - Protein rich foods and drinks
THURSDAY	Fruit - Grain - Vegetable - Protein - Dairy - Juices - Coffee - Water	Fruit - Grain - Vegetable - Protein - Dairy - Teas - Coffee - Water	Fruit - Grain - Vegetable - Protein - Dairy - Teas - Coffee - Water	Fruit - Protein - whole Grains - Protein rich foods and drinks

Bid For Catering must have the following: provide a detailed menu feeding 600 participants and staff. Offering the catering menu expectation's and be able to provide the catering responsibilities

Catering responsibilities: Meals must be served at designated time

- Menu set up
- Food preparation
- Meal set up
- Serving food
- Clean up

Bid must be submitted by: April 4, 2025

Bid must be submitted to: Autumn White - [Autumn.White@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Autumn.White@ho-chunk.com)

updated: 2.5.2024

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# Experience global arts and culture at free International Festival on Saturday, March 8

**Madison, Wis.** (Feb. 5, 2025) — **International Festival** returns to Overture Center for an exciting day full of cultural performances, food and more! The annual festival will take place on **Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Join us in celebrating the rich cultural heritage within our community and enjoy nearly 30 FREE performances throughout Overture by artists who call Dane County home. Indulge in cuisines from around the world, browse stunning arts and crafts available for purchase, and learn about the many local businesses with global connections. **More than 20 cultures will be represented with nearly 30 FREE performances.**

Guests may participate in person at Overture or online for select livestreamed performances via Overture's Facebook page.

**PERFORMANCES – 10:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

- **Atimevu** - Traditional music from Ghana
- **Beni Daiko** - Madison-based Japanese Taiko drumming
- **Breckenridge School of Highland Dance** - Watch the swirling kilts and vibrant tartans of Scotland
- **Charanga Agozá** – Cuban charanga-style dance music
- **Cris & Ann Plata** - South Texas and Mexican border music: conjunto and norteño
- **Guitar House of Madison** - Spanish guitar music with rhythm, passion & fire featuring Gabor Szarvas & friends
- **Hmong Institute's Heritage Club** - Traditional poetry songs (kvw txhiaj) with musical instruments
- **Last Gaspe** - Canadian, Irish and American fiddle music that swings
- **Limanya Drum & Dance Ensemble** - Traditional drumming and dancing from Guinea, West Africa
- **LuLu Quintet** - Sparkling French/Romany "hot club" jazz inspired by Django Reinhardt
- **Mad Craic Irish Dance** - All-adult dance troupe performing both modern and old-style Irish dances
- **Madison Chinese Culture Association** - Promoting Chinese culture and supporting our community
- **Madison Männerchor** - Wisconsin's oldest German chorus,

performing German and English songs

- **Madison Pipes & Drums** - Scottish bagpipe band that promotes Celtic heritage through music
  - **Meenakshi Ganesan & the Kalaanjali Dance Company** - Bharatanatyam - classical Indian dance more than 3,000 years old
  - **Mona Augustin** – World beat love & social justice songs
  - **Raizes do Brasil** - Capoiara - an Afro-Brazilian art form that fuses self-defense, dance, music and acrobatics
  - **Rebulu Group** – Classic Cuban conjunto music
  - **Sadira Middle Eastern Dance** - Raqs Sharki – the joyful, classical women's dance of the Middle East
  - **Sergio El Vacilon** - Cuban Son Guajira, Cha Cha Cha, Mambo, solo guitar and vocals
  - **Son Del Atlantico** - Colombian fusion band
  - **Swapna Srinivasan-Mukula** - Bharatanatyam dancer, teacher and performer
  - **Tania Tandias Flamenco & Spanish Dance** - Fiery flamenco dances from Southern Spain
  - **UW Russian Folk Orchestra** – Russian/Eastern European music played on authentic instruments
  - **Yid Vicious** - Festive blend of traditional and contemporary Klezmer music
  - **Zaibas Lithuanian Dancers** - Sharing, preserving and promoting Lithuanian heritage through dance
  - **Zhong Yi Kung Fu Association** - Traditional Sar Ping style of Lion Dance with live music
- SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**
- Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Hands-on educational demonstrations by LEAF artists:**
- **Molli Pauliot (Ho-Chunk Nation of WI)** - natural fiber weavings
  - **Lightning New Rider (Ho-Chunk Nation of WI/Oneida Nation of WI)** - natural fiber weavings
  - **Glory of the Morning: Claire Maisells and Joy Maisells (Ho-Chunk Nation of WI)** – Native American made arts and crafts
  - **Blue Bear Studios: Christopher Sweet (Ho-Chunk Nation of WI/White Earth Ojibwe)** – paintings

- **Sky Woman Beadwork: Sayokla Kindness (Oneida Nation of WI)** – bead and shell art
  - **Lillian WhiteEagle (Ho-Chunk Nation of WI)**- traditional beadwork and Ho-Chunk dancer regalia
  - **Kimberly Crowley (Ho-Chunk Nation of WI)** – black ash basketry
  - **Earth Jewelry by Leah: Leah Winneshiek (Ho-Chunk Nation of WI)** - gemstone and mixed media beadwork
  - **Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF)** – free friendship bracelet and black ash sculpture activities
  - **UW-Madison International Reach (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.):** Explore new cultures with student ambassadors
- INTERNATIONAL MARKET AND FOOD VENDORS**
- Aidanm Sweet Isintu Foundation
  - Akarim African Enterprise
  - Café Costa Rica
  - Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison
  - Friends of Ukraine – Madison, Inc.
  - Greenbush Heritage Foundation
  - Hope Institute of Uganda
  - Inti Fair Trade
  - Italian Workmen's Club - Madison
  - Jakarta Cafe
  - Madame Chu Delicacies
  - Madison Arcatao Sister City Project (MASCP)
  - Madison Area Chinese Community Organization
  - Madison-Camaguey Sister City Association
  - Madison-Freiburg Sister City Committee
  - Madison-Obihiro Sister Cities, Inc.
  - Madison-Rafah Sister City Project
  - Madison-Tepatitlán Sister Cities
  - Madison-Vilnius Sister Cities, Inc.
  - Mundo Esperanza Inc.
  - M&J Jamaican Kitch'n
  - Nazka's Handmade
  - Nepali American Friendship Association
  - Otavalo Art
  - Polish Heritage Club of Madison-Wisconsin
  - Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison
  - Spinning Handiworks
  - The Hmong Institute
  - The Rolling Pin Bake Shop
  - Verona Area International School



Visit [overture.org/if](http://overture.org/if) for up-to-date listings of performers and vendors. *International Festival 2025 is funded by Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison.*

**Celebrating 20 years in Madison, Wis., OVERTURE CENTER FOR THE ARTS** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization that features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and five galleries where national and international touring artists, nine resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in nearly 500,000 educational and artistic experiences each year. Overture's mission is to support and elevate our community's creative culture, economy and quality of life through the arts. [overture.org](http://overture.org)

*Julian Bourdon 3v3 Memorial Basketball Tournament*  
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## 2025 Ice Shanty Removal Deadlines Approaching

**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds ice anglers of the following deadlines to remove their permanent ice shanties, or those that aren't removed daily, on inland and boundary waters.

Ice shanties must be removed from state waters by the following dates:

- Wisconsin – Iowa boundary waters on or before Feb. 20
- Wisconsin – Minnesota boundary waters on or before March 1
- Inland waters south of Highway 64 by March 2
- Wisconsin – Michigan boundary waters on or before March 15
- Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Superior and inland waters north of Highway 64 by March 16

Portable ice shanties can still be used after these dates, so long as they are removed from the ice when they are not actively in use. Details on when all shanties need to be removed are in the Guide to Wisconsin's 2024-2025 Hook and Line Fishing Regulations.

If you need help removing your shanty, contact local fishing clubs, vendors and other anglers. Owners who don't take responsibility for removing their shanty should be reported to the DNR Violation Hotline by calling or texting 1-800-TIP-WNDR or 1-800-847-9367.

No ice is 100% safe. Ice anglers should check with local fishing clubs and bait shops for current ice conditions before removing their shanties, as the DNR does not monitor ice conditions.



**Participate in the Workforce Development Survey**

Dear Ho-Chunk Nation Employee,

We are excited to announce the launch of the **Workforce Development Survey**, a vital step in creating a comprehensive Workforce Plan for the Ho-Chunk Nation. This survey is designed to gather your valuable insights, ideas, and feedback, which will help shape policies and strategies that directly impact your work environment and professional growth opportunities.

**Why Your Participation Matters**

Your voice is critical in this process. By participating in this survey, you are contributing to:

- Identifying current strengths and areas for improvement within our workforce.
- Developing initiatives that align with employee needs and organizational goals.
- Building a stronger, more supportive workplace for all employees.

**Timeline for Completing the Survey**

The survey will be open mid March. Please ensure your responses are submitted within this timeframe.

**How and Where to Complete the Survey**

- The survey will be conducted online via Survey 123
- You will receive an email with a direct link to the survey mid March.
- For employees without access to a computer during work hours, QR Code, link or assistance will be available, or you can request a paper version from your supervisor.

**Confidentiality**

All responses will remain strictly confidential. Your feedback will be aggregated and reviewed collectively to ensure anonymity.

We encourage every employee to take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey and make their voice heard. Together, we can create a workforce plan that reflects our shared values and goals.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the survey, please do not hesitate to reach out to **Darcy Funmaker** at [Darcy.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Darcy.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com)

Thank you for your time and dedication to making the Ho-Chunk Nation an exceptional place to work!

Workforce Development Draft Division of Planning & Development January 31, 2025

**S.O.S.!**

**Strengthen Our Sovereignty! Part 1**

**Start a Garden This Summer**

Scarcity of healthy food in our areas is at a critical tipping point. There are far too many food deserts in our communities. Despite grocery stores being nearby, it is hard to find healthy fresh foods.

Raise your own food because:

- It's healthier, even with adding preservatives of your own. For example, sugar is used to can certain fruits and vegetables, but you control
  - the portions,
  - the kinds of food you are consuming, and
  - the date its used—certain preserving techniques (canning, pickling, vacuum packing, freezing, drying) allow you to choose between within a couple of weeks, few months, a year or more. The shorter the time frame between canning and usage, the less sugar you will have to use;
- Gardening can help you learn Ho-Chunk language! Many translations have already been done. It's then a matter of practice;
- Gardening is excellent exercise—outdoors, fresh air, sunshine, and good movement;
- Growing and preserving your own foods means you can eat out less, which means less salt consumption;
- Your tastes will change to adapt to the flavors of your own foods—you will likely enjoy food more;
- Dollars do not seem to stretch as far as they used to;
- Food prices continue going up. Seeds and time are a lot less expensive;
- Anything coming into the US is expected (if not already) to get taxed and tariffed, so certain foods like coffee, teas, sugar, bananas, fruits and vegetables in winter, processed delicacies, and other items are likely to go up even more in cost;
- Make up gifts for friends, neighbors, and relatives. Fresh food and preserves are great for gifts, trading, and maybe even selling at your local Farmer's Market
- By growing and consuming your own foods, it will theoretically start proving some additional money for other expenses
- Gardening can be a family activity. Involving family of all ages can intrude on less-than-wonderful habits like smart phone use, video games, and growing potatoes rather than being a couch potato. Involve friends and neighbors in the fun as well.

Produced as a public service message from the Good Life Program

**WITTENBERG CANNING CLASS**


*Waax (Cedar) Jelly*

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Thursday March 13th**  
**4:00pm - 5:30 pm**

**at Siga Funmaker Community Center**  
**W17634 Radke Rd., Wittenberg, WI 54499**

**Win a Ball Canning Book!**



**Get hands-on canning experience!**

Class provided by UW-Extension  
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Contact Nutritionist Kathy Braaten to RSVP for your jar of cedar jelly  
[kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com](mailto:kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com) OR 715.284.9851 Ext 35335

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**Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health**  
**Division of Public Health**

**Wažookj woo'ehi**  
*family conversations*

**We invite you to gather, learn, and share at our virtual education series on Ho-Chunk culture, resources, services, and connection to health.**

**Wednesdays 1pm-2pm**


**February 5th**  
Ho-Chunk Nation  
Dept of Agriculture  
*Hinu Smith, Executive Director*

**February 12th**  
Seasonal Depression  
*Jennifer Baird NP*

**February 19th**  
Ho-Chunk Nation  
School Community Relations  
*Bethany Redbird, Ed.D*

**February 26th**  
Exploring Ho-Chunk Woodland Properties  
*Ho-Chunk DNR Staff*

**JOIN NOW**



If you have a topic you'd like to learn about, a topic you'd like to present, and to learn more contact:  
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groups followed, creating a foundation for a formalized Friends Group policy in 1989 and the creation of the statewide Friends of Wisconsin State Parks in 1996.

Today, partnerships are an essential part of the operation of the Wisconsin State Park System. With hundreds of partners representing many different interests, these partnerships help the state park system reach broader audiences, enhance natural resource protection and provide other important services throughout the state, like equipment rentals, recreation outings and hosting recreation events.

Several significant changes occurred

within the system from the early 1960s to 2000, many of which increased recreational offerings for visitors. In 1966, the first nature centers opened, and the first permanent naturalist was hired. The DNR's campsite reservation program began in 1974, and the Parks Automated Reservation System, a toll-free central phone number for making reservations, was initiated in 1999. The first cabin for campers with disabilities opened at Mirror Lake State Park in 1992.

Looking forward to the next 125 years, the Wisconsin State Park System will continue to pursue investments in public lands, properties, facilities and infrastructure to ensure

the system continues to protect natural resources and provide an excellent visitor experience.

125 Years Of The Wisconsin State Park System

In addition to participating in outdoor recreation offerings such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, paddle sports, camping and more, visitors are encouraged to attend DNR events and programs in 2025. Some events throughout the year will include information or a presentation on state park system history and other fun facts about state parks, forests, recreation areas and trails.

Most 125th-anniversary events are free to attend but require a

Wisconsin state park and forest vehicle admission pass. Visitors will also have the opportunity to purchase new anniversary-themed merchandise at properties across the state this spring.

The Wisconsin State Park System welcomes all visitors to enjoy Wisconsin's outdoors. For visitors who may be new to state parks, the DNR offers a New to Parks webpage to help identify a property to visit and plan ahead for a safe and fun outing.

Learn more about the 125th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Park System and how you can get involved by visiting the anniversary webpage.

## End-of-Winter Cooking Class in Tomah

at the  
**Ahuco (Bluewing) Community Building**  
320 Epoch Avenue, Tomah  
on  
**Thursday March 20th**  
4:30 - 6:30 pm

*Featuring:*

- Three Sisters Njįpaņa (Soup)
- Blue Corn Muffins
- Easy Hummus
- Pine Needle Njįtařjak naę'ap (Tea)



For questions and to sign up, please contact  
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HCN Health and Wellness Division  
KB/2-25

# New Legislative Aide Rita McClure

We are excited to welcome Rita McClure as our new Legislative Aide assisting with budget analysis supporting the Finance Commission. She brings experience from the Department of Housing and a strong dedication to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

"I began my career with the Ho-Chunk Nation as a table games dealer at the HCG-Black River Falls Casino. While working in this role, I also pursued studies in Emergency Service Technology to prepare for paramedic duties. However, I soon realized that the medical field was not the right fit for me.

"Subsequently, I transitioned into a role as a Junior Accountant in the Department of Housing. During this time, I was greatly inspired by the Finance Division Manager, whose guidance motivated me to further my education in accounting. As a result, I am currently working toward earning my associate degree in the field.

"I am deeply passionate about the Ho-Chunk Nation and am committed to supporting my fellow tribal members in any way I can. I take great pride in holding myself accountable and showing the utmost



respect to those who do the same," states Legislative Aide, Budget Analyst-Rita McClure.

Welcome to the team, Rita! We are happy to have you!

**WAKEHIKIRUXEWII**  
*March: Racoon Chasing Each Other About*  
March

## HARVEST OF THE MONTH

### Hoo (Panfish)

- Panfish are a group of small fresh-water fish, such as sunfish, bluegills, crappies, yellow perch, and rock bass.
- These types of fish are a lean source of protein which is beneficial for weight management and heart health.
- Panfish are a nutritious choice, providing high-quality protein, essential vitamins and minerals, and low levels of fat.

Scan the QR code now to check out the WI DNR website for all the tips and info you need on safely eating panfish!





### OVEN BAKED CRAPPIE

**Ingredients:**

- 1 egg (slightly beaten)
- salt (optional, 1/2 teaspoon)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 pound crappie fillets, fresh or thawed (4 fillets)
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- fresh lime or lemon (sliced, optional)

**Steps:**

- Wash hands with soap and water.
- Preheat oven to 350 °F.
- In a small bowl, add egg, salt (if desired), and pepper and beat together.
- Place the bread crumbs in a separate bowl. Dip fish fillets in the egg mixture, then dip in the bread crumbs to coat.
- Melt butter in a shallow 9x13 inch baking pan for 1 minute in the oven. Tilt pan to coat with butter.
- Arrange fish fillets in the pan.
- Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes, until fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve topped with lime or lemon slices (optional).

Recipe was adapted from <https://www.wisconsin.gov/recipes/oven-fried-fish>

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

## Cherish WhiteMouse Luxon

### August 20, 1992 - February 22, 2025


Cherish WhiteMouse Luxon, age 32 of Baraboo, WI walked on unexpectedly on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. at the Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells with Travis Cloud officiating. The burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Visitation will be held at Native American Church on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, beginning at 3:00 P.M.

Cherish was born August 20, 1992, in Flagstaff, Arizona, the daughter of Clinton GreenCrow and Lucinda LoneTree. She worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation as a women's recovery advocate. She enjoyed pow-wow dancing, she was a champion jingle dress dancer and made a lot of family and friends throughout Indian Country. Her hobbies included running, working out, dancing, reading, watching horror movies, playing with her dog Silas, decorating and organizing her home and listening to music. Most of all she enjoyed being a mother to her baby girl.

She is survived by her daughter Wicahpi Luxon, mother, Lucinda LoneTree; nephews Braven Roberts and Oak Roberts, her brothers Paul (Aissa) Roberts Jr., Anthony GreenCrow, Ansen Funmaker, Tohee Funmaker, Xander Decorah, Jaden Decorah, the Morris Brothers, John Jr., Chongai-La, Vernon, Chauncey, James, Shane and Robert, sisters Arianna GreenCrow, Ashley Funmaker, Amber Morgan, Tristine Decorah and Quincy Gritman, grandmother Georgia Lonetree, great-grandmother Myrtle Long, Grandmother Janine Houghton, Naani Michelle Funmaker, Naani Toni Funmaker, Naani Brittany Yazzie, Naani Nicole Yazzie, Naani Rogina Belle Houghton

Cherish is preceded in death by her father Clinton GreenCrow, grandmothers Corina LoneTree, Cecelia LoneTree, Betty GreenCrow and great-grandmother Elizabeth Deere.



## GREEN BAY

# Ksee (Apple) CANNING CLASS

Friday March 14 at 10:30am  
at the Green Bay Branch Office  
2413 Hazelwood Ln.  
Green Bay, WI 54303

Take home a jar of apples!



Get hands-on canning experience!



Class provided by UW-Extension  
Sponsored by HCN Health & Wellness Division  
Contact Nutritionist Kathy Braaten to RSVP for your jar of apples  
kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com or 715-284-9851 ext 35335



# Thank you!

We want to acknowledge and extend our gratitude to the D1 Legislators and the legislative aides who made the Wausau area meeting possible these last several years. The ability to have a Wausau area meeting allowed us to have D1 participation that would have otherwise been difficult or impossible.

We also appreciate the D1 legislators for supporting the area and the revival of a Wausau pow wow. Thank you to those representatives, past and present, for your service to this area. Pinagigi.  
-Marathon County and Surrounding Area Tribal Members

# 'I've come home': Leonard Peltier returns to North Dakota homelands

*The Chippewa activist was greeted by more than 100 supporters and family members who gathered at the border of the Turtle Mountain Reservation*

Kevin Abourezk

Reprint from ICT

BELCOURT, N.D. — After 49 years of imprisonment, Chippewa activist Leonard Peltier raised his fist out the window of a white SUV Tuesday as he crossed the border of the Turtle Mountain Reservation and shouted to his supporters and to his family.

"Thank you very much," he yelled to dozens of people standing on the side of North Dakota Highway 5. "I'm home. I've come home."

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The 80-year-old landed in Devils Lake, North Dakota, on Tuesday afternoon and was taken in a caravan 90 minutes north to Belcourt, where supporters in more than 80 vehicles waited at the reservation border.

People carried signs: "Miigwech (thank you) Leonard Peltier." "50 years of resistance."

"Welcome Leonard." "It's about damn time."

"Welcome home Leonard Peltier." "Welcome home cuz."

"Welcome home grandpa."

Facing minus-20-degree wind chills, fathers stood by their shivering sons and daughters. Elders stood by their grandchildren, and Two-Spirit people hoisted fabric-covered signs.

Men sang the American Indian Movement anthem on a drum as cars streamed past in both directions.

Sheila Peltier sat in her vehicle waiting for the caravan to arrive. Leonard Peltier's youngest sister

said she organized much of the Tuesday activities, including a community dinner in the evening.

"It's a glorious day. It's a historical day," she said. "He's coming home."

She said she attended rallies as a child held in support of her brother's freedom. Her brother will face house arrest when he gets home, but those restrictions aren't likely to drain his spirit too much, she said.

"Anything's better than where he was," Sheila Peltier said. "I'm sure he feels like he's a free man compared to being in prison for nearly 50 years."

Peltier was released from federal prison in Sumterville, Florida, Tuesday to make the journey home. Outgoing President Joe Biden issued an order as he was leaving office Jan. 20 to grant clemency to Peltier, who suffered from several serious health problems.

Peltier — who was not convicted of murder in the deaths of FBI agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams — served 49 years after being convicted of aiding and abetting in the murder of the federal officers. He also received a seven-year sentence for an escape attempt.

Until Biden's last-minute action, Peltier had repeatedly been denied parole, pardon, clemency and compassionate release and had seen eight presidents leave office without pardoning him or commuting his sentence.

His release came after decades of grassroots organizing in Indian Country and the presentation of evidence of misconduct and constitutional violations during the prosecution of Peltier's case.

Sheila Peltier said her brother endured a grave injustice by being convicted of a crime based on

false evidence.

"They took his life for nothing. There's no evidence," she said. "Somebody had to pay for a crime. He's the one that had to do it I guess."

Earlier Tuesday at the Sky Dancer Casino and Resort, Leonard Peltier's nieces, Brenda Martinez, 62, and Pamela Bravo, 58, paced the halls waiting for their uncle's arrival.

Martinez said it likely will be difficult for prisoner No. 89637-132 to transition to life outside the walls of Coleman Federal Corrections Complex in Florida.

"He can now open a fridge. He can turn on a stove, things he has not been able to do for 50 years, that we take for granted," she said. "And he can look out his window. He can stand at the door and smell that morning air, things he has not had for more than a lifetime."

She said Biden's decision to grant her uncle clemency was a shock to her and many of her relatives. After confirming the news with her aunt, Sheila Peltier, she began calling other relatives to share the news.

She said she had worried something might prevent Leonard Peltier from leaving prison after Jan. 20, especially with Donald Trump becoming president and federal authorities fuming over Biden's decision.

"It's been one of the longest months," she said.

Martinez shared fond memories of her uncle taking her and her siblings into Belcourt to buy candy as children.

"He was a wonderful uncle," she said. "He was very loving to us and that's what we carried."

Said Bravo: "He's just a strong person, standing up for all the Natives."

His younger brother, Ron Peltier, 70, waited at the casino for his brother after Leonard Peltier's caravan crossed the reservation border on Tuesday.

He said he never got to know his brother, as Leonard was away at boarding school when he was young and Ron was taken from his family at age 4 and later adopted at age 8. Ron Peltier spent his life in Toledo, Ohio, and today lives with his wife there.

But in 2005, he reunited with his brother and began visiting him at U.S. Penitentiary Leavenworth in Kansas, where they spent many

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Supporters gather near the border of the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota waiting for the arrival of Chippewa activist Leonard Peltier, who returned to his homelands Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, after 49 spent in prison. (Photo by Kevin Abourezk/ICT)



Leonard Peltier's younger brother, Ron Peltier, left, and niece Brenda Martinez, right, wait at the Sky Dancer Casino and Resort near Belcourt on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota while awaiting for the arrival of Chippewa activist, who returned to his homelands Tuesday after 49 years in prison. (Kevin Abourezk/ICT)



AIM activist Leonard Peltier is released from federal prison on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, after being incarcerated for 49 years in connection with the deaths of two FBI agents. Peltier, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, celebrates his release with NDN Collective Founder and Chief Executive Officer Nick Tilsen, Oglala Lakota, and Leonard Peltier, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, and Holly Cook Macarro, Red Lake Ojibwe. Former President Joe Biden granted clemency as he was leaving office on Jan. 20, 2025, allowing Peltier to serve out his sentence with home confinement. (Photo by Angel White Eyes, courtesy of NDN Collective)



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A girl holds a sign near the border of the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota while waiting for the arrival of Chippewa activist Leonard Peltier, who returned to his homelands Tuesday after 49 spent in prison. (Kevin Abourezk/ICT)



# Ho-Chunk Founders Day Powwow



*March 29, 2025*

*La Crosse Center*

*La Crosse WI*

*Free Admissiom*

*Grand Entries at Noon & 7pm*

*DAY PAY - 2 SESSIONS - must register with tribal ID#*

*Meal at 5pm featuring Elena Terry/  
Wild Bearies*

*Moccasin Game 9am*

*1st place \$800 - 2nd place \$600 - 3rd place \$400*

*Emcee: Vince Beyl*

*Arena Director: Charles Hindsley*

*Host Drums: BearHeart*

*TBA*

*Invited Drums: Iron Mound*

*LittleThunder*

*TBA*

*Legion Post: Andrew BlackHawk Post 129*

*Head Dancers selected each session*

*Adult Specials: 1st - 2nd - 3rd place - each category*

*Mens' Traditional      Women's Traditional*

*Men's Woodland      Women's Applique*

*Men's Grass      Women's Jingle, Old Style*

*Men's Chicken Women's Jingle, Contemporary*

*Men's Fancy      Women's Fancy*

*Indoor Food and*

*Merchandise vendors*

*For more information please email*

*HCFoundersDay@gmail.com*





# Ho-Chunk Nation Firefighters Ready to Assist in California

Ho-Chunk Nation firefighters Jamie Goodbear, Patrick Houghton Sr., and Stacy Yellowcloud were ready to assist in California, arriving at the incident command post before being sent to support the El Cariso forest. From there, they were

redirected to Florida, where they helped the Seminole Tribe with prescribed burns.

Their actions reflect the Ho-Chunk spirit of service—not just to our own communities, but to all who need help.



Ho-Chunk Nation & House of Wellness  
**MARCH 7, 8, 9**  
**MM23**  
 23RD ANNUAL  
**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
 9th Annual Roberta Funmaker Womens All-Star Tournament

<b>MEN'S</b>	<b>WOMEN'S</b>
1ST \$10,000	1ST \$10,000
2ND \$5,000	2ND \$5,000
3RD \$3,000	3RD \$3,000

FRIDAY NIGHT 3PT SHOOTOUT / DUNK  
 SATURDAY LITTLE HOOPSTERS

MUST SHOW PROOF OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND VALID I.D.

TOURNAMENT & HOTEL INFO  
 CONTACT SCILBECK@HO-CHUNK.COM  
 608.355.5155 EXT. 15512

HOUSE OF WELLNESS PRESENTS  
**LITTLE HOOPSTERS**  
**YOUTH BASKETBALL**  
 SATURDAY MARCH 8TH 12PM MINI TOURNEY

**LITTLE HOOPSTERS**

FREE REGISTRATION 10AM - 11AM  
 OPEN TO AGES 5 - 11 / FIRST 80 KIDS ONLY  
 PARENT MUST BE PRESENT TO SIGN WAIVER  
 PICK TEAMS AT 11:15AM

HOUSE OF WELLNESS Fitness | Aquatic Center

**Attention Pharmacy Patients**  
 PLEASE BE AWARE

**We have discontinued our automated phone refill line**

If you need to order medication refills:

- Use our RxLocal app
- Text us! Or text us back if you receive a text message from the pharmacy
- Call us at 608-355-5177 (HOW) or 715-284-9851 option 3 (BRF) and follow our NEW prompts

**WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE**

02/25 MW

Ho-Chunk Basketball Fundraiser  
**Pool TOURNAMENT**  
 Saturday, March 15th

Location:  
 Smitty's Overtime Inn  
 8293 State Highway 173  
 Tomah, WI 54660

Pre-Register available @ Ho-Chunk Basketball  
 608-512-5748  
 Cashapp available upon request

Donations welcomed!!!

\$10 Per person

Scotch Doubles

Luck Of the Draw!!!

Silent Auction

10am Start

50/50 Raffle

\*\*Proceeds go to tournament expenses\*\*

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE



BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Twin Cities AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, March 13, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

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Posted on: 2/17/25



HO-CHUNK NATION
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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 Main Street La Crosse, WI
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING
28370 Epinal Avenue Tomah, WI
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 6:00PM

BARABOO/WI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS
975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 6:00PM

REP. STEPHANIE BEGAY stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-0339
REP. DAMIAN THUNDERCLOUD damianthundercloud@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-9321
REP. KRISTIN K. WHITE EAGLE kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (608) 477-3007
HILARY GREEN, LEGISLATIVE AIDE hilary.green2@ho-chunk.com (800)294-9343 x.11214

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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



MILWAUKEE | CANCELED DUE TO ELECTIONS BEING HELD AT THE BRANCH OFFICE

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 | 5:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Monday, March 10, 2025
6:00 p.m. CT

VIRTUAL CALIFORNIA AREA MEETING
Available via Webex
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
6:00 p.m. PST

For WebEx information please contact:
brianna.tahdoahnipah@ho-chunk.com
jennifer.adams@ho-chunk.com

2/18/2025



HO-CHUNK NATION
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2025 FAMILY HEALING CAMP
T-SHIRT DESIGN
CONTEST

THE SCOOP

Table with 2 columns: Icon and Text. Rows include: Contest open to all, Event theme: Holistic healing for generations, Winner receives \$100 gift card, Submit entries by: March 7, 2025.

Any questions and entry submissions send to:
FHC@Ho-Chunk.com

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Jacqueline Marie Prescott -Funmaker DOD 9/2/24

By Isiah Hanna Funmaker

Amended
Notice of Hearing on
Petition for Probate

Case No. PR 24-05

For Official Use

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION
TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

FEB 06 2025

Mary Thunder
Clerk of Court / Assistant

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. A Petition for Probate was filed 3-15-1987 and date of death September 2, 2024
2. The decedent, with date of birth and date of death was domiciled in Sauk County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of S1064 Winneshiek, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: 731 W. Grand Ave., Beloit, WI 53511
4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Wendi A. Huling on (Date) April 2, 2025 at (Time) 2:00 p.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Mary Thunder
Clerk of Court
Name Printed or Typed
01/06/25
Date

SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, and HCN Child and Family Services, Petitioner, v. Winnie Dubson, Respondent.

Case No.: CS 24-17

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Winnie Dubson

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this child support action. This legal notice of the filed Petition for Child Support is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of service to respond to the Petition for Child Support. Failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation, which may result in the entry of a Default Judgment against you. An Answer (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below, and must be served on all parties to the action. The Court shall convene an Initial Child Support Hearing as permitted by CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28.

The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The Initial Child Support Hearing shall be held at 3:00 p.m. CST on the 25th day of March, 2025. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

NOTICE- VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT. THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In re the Paternity of: L.M.C., DOB 04/28/2023

Case No.: PA 24-21

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Winnie Dubson

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The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The Initial Child Support Hearing shall be held at 2:30 p.m. CST on the 25th day of March, 2025. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

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SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In re the Paternity of: E.J.D., DOB 03/17/2021

Case No.: PA 24-15

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Winnie Dubson

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The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The Initial Child Support Hearing shall be held at 1:30 p.m. CST on the 25th day of March, 2025. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

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SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In re the Paternity of: D.L.C., DOB 07/05/2024

Case No.: PA 24-20

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Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging

4912 Winneshiek Lane Nekoosa, WI 54457

Notice of Vacancy

The Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Division is currently seeking (1) applicant from the Nekoosa area to fill a vacant position on the Hoocak Waaqshik Xete Advisory Board.

Board members are elected to a three year term. Meetings are held on a monthly basis, as current conditions allow.

Interested candidates should contact the Nekoosa TAU at 715- 886 - 5416 by March 3, 2025 to complete the Hoocak Waaqshik Xete Advisory Application.

Elections will be held on March 11, 2025 at the Nekoosa T.A.U. from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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### HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI FEBRUARY 4, 2025

**Call to Order:** President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

#### Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P  
Vice President Danielle DeLong-P  
Rep. Jessika Greendeer-P  
Rep. Rodney Rave-EX  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC  
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoohrippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

#### Approval of Agenda:

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda adding under New Business: H. Round Table Discussion; New Business: I. The Day of Healing; New Business: J. Legislative Branch-Financial Contingency Plan. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add under New Business: K. Resolution-2025-2028 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority. Second concurs. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add under New Business: L. Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Partner with WISYS to Apply for the National Science Foundation Regional Innovation Engines Wisconsin Forward Grant. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

#### Legislative Meeting-January 22, 2025

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 22, 2025 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Special Legislative Meeting-January 31, 2025

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 31, 2025 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with correction. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Commission Reports:

#### Housing Commission-January 23, 2025

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 23, 2025 Housing Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Letter of Support for the City of Eau Claire and Its Humanitarian Crisis of the Unhoused

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to send a letter of support from the Ho-Chunk Nation to address the homelessness crisis, and its impact in our local communities, and to authorize the Vice President to sign the letter. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Health, Insurance, Education, and Social Services Commission-January 27, 2025

**MOTION** by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to receive the Health, Insurance, Education, and Social Services Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to approve the Health, Insurance, Education, and Social Services Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorizing a Memorandum of

#### Understanding with School District of Wittenberg-Birnamwood

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 A**, Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with School District of Wittenberg-Birnamwood. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorization to Apply for U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program Funding to Implement Conservation Practices at Maa Wakacak

**MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 B**, Authorization to Apply for U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program Funding to Implement Conservation Practices at Maa Wakacak. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Confirmation of Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Board of Directors

**MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 C**, Confirmation of Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Development Commission-January 28, 2025

**MOTION** by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to approve the January 28, 2025 Development Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Rights-of-Way Ordinance out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

**MOTION** by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 D**, Authorization to Place Proposed Rights-of-Way

Ordinance out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Finance Commission-January 30, 2025

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the January 30, 2025 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-18-24 Q, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Tutor Services Division

**MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 E**, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-18-24 Q, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Tutor Services Division. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Establishment of Hoocak Ee Cooni Restricted Account

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 F**, Establishment of Hoocak Ee Cooni Restricted Account. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgetary Spending Limits

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 G**, Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgetary Spending Limits. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Unfinished Business:

##### Red Cloud Park

Attorney General William Gardner (AG) was in attendance and gave a verbal update. Department of Justice had a meeting with the City of La Crosse Parks Director, and things turned out very well. The Nation would not be looking at

a potential zoning change from Governmental, Public or Semi-Public (which it currently is) and not be taxed. There will be discussions regarding taxes down the road. The La Crosse Parks Office is comfortable for the zoning status to remain as it is. Currently, the Three Rivers building pays \$18,500 per year in taxes. There was discussion about the potential to build on the site. The Parks Commission would feel comfortable in finding room for that building. The Parks Department would ask for continued maintenance of the shelter, and the mowing of the grass. The Parks Director feels that if the Community Center allows kids and community members to use the facility, he could say this is an upgrade to what is offered now. Executive Director of Administration Michael Rave said the Nation does this all the time with allowing community members to use the facilities. They are in agreement to meet every two weeks.

The next step for the City of La Crosse is to get the lawyers involved, and to provide documentation on how to move towards the transfer. AG Gardner is encouraged with what he heard, and happy to work with these individuals to get this moved as quickly as possible.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the Attorney General and Executive Branch continue with movement of obtaining the document that would be considered for transferring the property, and to work with Legislative Counsel for communication to Legislature and provide the update at the next Legislative Session, and keep this on the agenda. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment to Asset Builders of America for the Elevate Wisconsin Program

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 H**, Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment to Asset Builders of America for the Elevate Wisconsin Program. *Continued on Page 13*

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Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was noted there was not a dollar amount within the resolution.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to add after Executive Session a Rescind and Restatement of Resolution 02-04-25 H, Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment to Asset Builders of America for the Elevate Wisconsin Program. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### New Business:

#### *Amicus Brief on EPA Rule regarding PFAS*

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle for Legislature to request Kevin Gunderson, Rob Voss and Randy Poelma Environment Health Specialists to review the Amicus Brief on EPA with the position of the Ho-Chunk Nation; also request to reach out to Mid-West Environmental Advocate through Legislative Legal Counsel to determine if they are aware of the case and if they are tracking it; to request Attorney General William Gardner to reach out to Wisconsin Attorney General Kaul to see how the Nation can support that position with the Amicus Brief. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### *Castro-Huerta Decision, Tribal Consultation*

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Legal review the documents and actions that the Ho-Chunk Nation had in regards to our position with this decision, and present some talking points for Representatives to speak to at this Tribal Consultation, and to authorize one of the representatives to talk on the Nation's behalf. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### *Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 05-23-17 G, Authorizing Placing Lot 10 Timber Run Property 4.920 Acres into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 I**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 05-23-17 G, Authorizing Placing Lot 10 Timber Run Property 4.920 Acres into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by

Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### *Resolution-Consent to BIA Fiscal Year 2025 Tribal Priority Allocations*

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 J**, Consent to BIA Fiscal Year 2025 Tribal Priority Allocations. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### *Resolution-Authorization to Place the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance (2 HCC § 12) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 K**, Authorization to Place the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance (2 HCC § 12) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### *Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-22-25 D, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service Special Injury Prevention Project 2025*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 L**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-22-25 D, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service Special Injury Prevention Project 2025. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### *EPA Tribal Consultation Letter, Ontario Wastewater Treatment Plant*

President Jon Greendeer will be reviewing this letter for a recommendation.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle that the Legislature support the recommendation to have the Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer to send a letter to EPA acknowledging the request that the Nation does not wish to engage in formal consultation, but would ask to be continually informed of any permit modifications and will support the President's letter. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr was excused from the meeting at 10:48 a.m.*

#### Round Table Discussion

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah

Lemieux-White Eagle to request the Legislative Public Relations Officer Shane Yellowthunder to draft an introduction letter sharing with the Districts and the Representatives contact information for Tribal members. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Executive Branch and IT to look into the planning to add a Tribal member portal on the website, and to bring back the planning of incorporating such a portal, and the financial impact that this would have on the Nation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to request Legislative Finance Team to find funding for postage for the introductory letters for the next Finance Commission meeting. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

President Greendeer would like this on the record. This is not a time for Ho-Chunk or any other tribes to start to question the effectiveness of Tribal Council, Legislative, Governing body or Executive Branch. We want to have a plan of contingency, and to be prepared for anything coming down the line. However, we have a moving target in front of us. Preparedness is something the President and the Vice President have discussed. Trust in the fact, the Legislature and Office of the President are providing a smooth continual quality of services for the Tribal members and its communities. Now that we know what the potential is, we are shoring up and making sure we are able to maintain our operations including grant management and federal aid. On the civil side, we have a responsibility to protect the Tribal members to a certain extent. The Legislature and the Office of the President are improving the communications to the Tribal members, and internally we are able to run a smooth operation.

#### The Day of Healing

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to put this on the next Legislative agenda, and input from Heritage Preservation on the resolution and to obtain any other input that could be provided by then for consideration of adoption at the next Legislative Session. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Danielle DeLong-EX

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 1:01 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Rep. Rodney Rave asked for a moment of silence in lieu of a prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:** **MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### New Business:

#### Legislative Branch-Financial Contingency Plan

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle for Legislative Counsel to put together a resolution to create a workgroup that include the Legislative Branch and any other branch of the government to be coordinated with our Executive Branch and Office of the President, and to have that for the next Legislative Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-2025-2028 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 M**, 2025-2028 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Partner with WISYS to Apply for the National Science Foundation Regional Innovation Engines Wisconsin Forward Grant

**MOTION** by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 N**, Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Partner with WISYS to Apply for the National Science Foundation Regional Innovation Engines Wisconsin Forward Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Executive Session:

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

#### Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-04-25 H, Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment to Asset Builders of America for the Elevate Wisconsin Program

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-04-25 O**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-04-25H Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment to Asset Builders of America for the Elevate Wisconsin Program. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION**

#### Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-04-25 G, Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgetary Spending Limits

*Rep. Shelby Visintin arrives virtually at 1:04 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-13-25 A**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-04-25 G, Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budgetary Spending Limits. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CARRIED.**

#### Executive Session:

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:09 a.m.*

*Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. returned to Executive Session at 11:48 a.m.*

*The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:16 p.m. President Jon Greendeer called Executive Session to order at 12:57 p.m. Quorum is established.*

*Rep. Stephanie Begay left the meeting and is now online at 3:00 p.m.*

*Rep. Shelby Visintin is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 4:00 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 4:02 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Release to Open Session:

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request that this letter to the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation is prepared and drafted by Legislative Legal Team and Outside Counsel Lobbyist in coordination with receiving input from the Office of the President Inter-governmental Relations Officer, and to have this ready for addressing some of the current affairs, and state the Nation's position, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Adjournment:

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to February 18, 2025 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.*

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**Call to Order:** Tribal Secretary Rep. Stephanie Begay called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-EX

Vice President Danielle DeLong-EX

Rep. Jessika Greendeer-VC

Rep. Rodney Rave-P

Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P

Rep. Damian Thundercloud-VC

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC

Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC

Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC 1:04 p.m.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC

Rep. Robert Pilot-VC

Rep. Paul Fox-VC

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahrippah-EX

**Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being):** No agenda items.

#### Adjournment:


**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.*



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hours together. "The thing that strikes me the most about Leonard is the fact that he has not gotten bitter or angry," he said. "He didn't give in and give up, and a lot of people would be deflated and defeated. ... He's got a good heart."

Greg LeBeau, 44, a staff member at Belcourt Elementary School, grew up in Leonard Peltier's hometown hearing stories about Peltier and decided later to educate himself about the circumstances of his imprisonment.

He said the past few weeks since Biden's decision have been an "emotional roller coaster" and he called the decision to grant Peltier clemency an act of justice for all Native people.

"It's a historical day, and I'm very proud to be a part of it and be present for it," he said. "All I hope for him is that he gets the peace that he's waited for for so long."

Little Crow Bellecourt, 52, executive director of the Indigenous Protector Movement in Minneapolis, said he grew up singing with drum groups at events held to rally support for Peltier.

When he heard about the clemency decision, he said he thought of his father, famed AIM leader Clyde

Bellecourt, and the many years he fought for Peltier's release.

"A lot of his brothers and sisters that he fought with in the movement are in the spirit world now. Gone," Little Crow Bellecourt said. "So my hopes are that he can be around family, and he's been the face of Native resistance for many years, my whole life. Gives me hope that we don't give up."

He said the AIM's birth in Minneapolis in 1968 sparked a nationwide movement for Indigenous pride and social justice. He said his father was one of the first Native people in Minneapolis to grow his hair long.

He said AIM fought for the people, especially those on the Pine Ridge Reservation who called for the organization's support. Additional celebrations are scheduled for Wednesday.

"It's going to be a big day," he said, choking back tears. "I can't wait for tonight, to see him, sing some songs. I actually get to sing the Peltier songs tonight while he's a free man, and that's awesome."

A community feed for Peltier will take place from noon-4 p.m. Central time Wednesday at the Sky Dancer Casino Event Center in Belcourt.



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