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**Wendy White Eagle Bags Daily Herald’s Influential Women in Business Award**

*Award honors women executives who excel in business, civic and personal arenas*

**St. Charles** – Wendy K. White Eagle, President of Tek Pak, Inc., has been selected as a 2024 Honoree of the Daily Herald Suburban Business Influential Women in Business. One of 9 individuals being honored, Wendy was selected for demonstrating exemplary leadership in business, enduring commitment to civic causes in her community, and service as an inspiring model for women in private and public arenas.

A transformational leader, White Eagle oversees the management of capital, financial and operational assets and is the driving force behind Tek Pak’s corporate governance, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) initiatives. A strong advocate for women in manufacturing, Wendy has spearheaded programs aimed at recruiting and advancing women engineers and leaders within the company. She has been instrumental in creating paid job training opportunities for women, opening doors in the traditionally male-dominated manufacturing industry. Her mentorship extends beyond Tek Pak, as she works to close the gender gap across STEM fields, fostering an environment where women are inspired and empowered to thrive through guidance and career-building opportunities.

“I’m honored to join a group of 9 exception women business leaders being honored by the Daily Herald Suburban Business in this year’s class,” said **Wendy K. White Eagle.** “We must constantly and intentionally work to mentor, inspire and encourage a new generation of women leaders in business who will bring diversity to the workforce, offer creative approaches and perspectives, and be a force for change as we endeavor to get more women and girls engaged in manufacturing and STEM fields. I am incredibly grateful for this great honor.”

In addition to driving corporate success, White Eagle is also the driving force behind Tek Pak’s Diversity 2025 Vendor Project, which aggressively seeks to expand the diversity of the company’s vendor relationships. The program aims to build a more diverse, resilient and responsible supply chain with the goal of reaching a 35% spend on all products purchased from diversity-compliant suppliers from underserved communities to bring it to parity with leading Fortune 500 companies by 2025.

A member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, White Eagle boasts over 30 years of business-building experience, seamlessly integrating strategic approaches into organizational culture. She is skilled at integrating various strategic approaches – from Six Sigma to Customer Relationship Management – into organizational culture, creating organizational approaches that augment capital infusion and aligning core competencies with these strategy directions. Wendy’s community engagement spans impactful professional roles, including: Managing General Partner, Inspire Nous3; Gubernatorial appointment to the State of IL Native American Employment Advisory Council, Director and Vice-President, Membership, Auxiliary of Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage & Delnor Hospitals, board member & Audit Chair of the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation and the Wisconsin Native Loan Fund; Board Chair of the Chicago Foundation for Women (2016-2018) where she worked on gender equity issues related to the empowerment of women and girls, as well as Finance Committee Chair (2010-2011)/Secretary (2011-2012); First Nations Community Financial Board.

**About Tek Pak, Inc.**

Tek Pak, Inc. is a global manufacturing company specializing in thermoforming tooling and providing light gauge thermoform, molded fiber, and packaging solutions for electronic, food, healthcare, and industrial industries from design concept through prototype and production. Headquartered in St. Charles, Illinois, Tek Pak remains a closely held private corporation with five facilities in the western suburbs of Chicago. The company provides the most comprehensive, high-quality, and fastest light gauge thermoforming development in the world. For more information, please visit <https://www.tekpak.com>.

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