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City of La Crosse and the Ho-Chunk Nation Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration Centers on Histories and Cultures

Kaili Berg

On October 14, 2024, the City of La Crosse and the Ho-Chunk Nation came together to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, highlighting the significant contributions, culture, and history of Indigenous communities.

The day's events took place across several key locations, including the La Crosse Center, Riverside Park, and the Pearl Street Walkway. The celebration provided a mix of traditional performances, educational talks, and a lacrosse tournament, emphasizing the importance of reclaiming Indigenous history and fostering community connections.

The morning began with registration for the lacrosse tournament, followed by the tournament's official start at Riverside Park. A powerful presentation titled "A Story of Resistance to Colonization in the City We Now Call La Crosse" was held at the La Crosse Public Library, underscoring the resilience of Indigenous peoples in the face of colonization.

As part of the day's theme, Dr. Ariel Beaujot gave a talk that

intertwined personal and historical narratives to promote a deeper understanding of colonization's impacts on the region.

Jon Greendeer, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, gave a welcoming speech at the Pearl Street Walkway,

where the flag-raising ceremony and proclamation occurred. This symbolic gesture marked the official recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day in La Crosse, demonstrating the city's commitment to honoring the deep-rooted history and ongoing

contributions of Native peoples. Throughout the day, Josie Lee, Director of the Ho-Chunk Museum & Cultural Center, delivered multiple talks in the Education Room, furthering the understanding of Ho-Chunk
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Ho-Chunk Nation Election Results
SPECIAL ELECTIONS
OCTOBER 17, 2024

OFFICIAL RESULTS

| | BLACK RIVER | BAKONISH | LACROSSE | TOWANA | BARABO | WISCONSIN RAPIDS | WYTERING | DESERI WAY | MILWAUKEE | MINNEAPOLIS | CHICAGO | ASSEMBLY | TOTAL | % |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|--------|------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| SPECIAL REDISTRICTING ELECTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| REDISTRICTING SCENARIOS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCENARIO #14 | 20 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 38 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 101 | 12.02% |
| SCENARIO #17 | 24 | 13 | 12 | 28 | 72 | 6 | 29 | 2 | 41 | 48 | 12 | 5 | 292 | 34.76% |
| SCENARIO #24 | 156 | 26 | 28 | 55 | 87 | 28 | 12 | 26 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 447 | 53.21% |
| SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISTRICT 2 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CANDIDATES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ROBIN BLACKDEER | 5 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 8.55% |
| BETH A. BRIDGES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1.18% |
| SHERMAN FUNMAKER | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 7.96% |
| CONROY R. GREENDEER, JR. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 14.75% |
| DONALD R. GREENGRASS, SR. | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2.65% |
| TRACY LITTLEJOHN | 2 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 5.31% |
| LAURETTE PETTIBONE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 27 | 7.96% |
| JAYCE GAGE SALLAWAY | 0 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 10.32% |
| DAMIAN THUNDERCLOUD | 2 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 15.63% |
| BETTINA (TINA) WARNER | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 11.21% |
| MICHELLE WINNESHIEK | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2.06% |
| TRAVIS CLOUD (WRITE IN) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 10.91% |
| OTHER WRITE IN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1.47% |

ELECTION CERTIFICATION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED ELECTION OFFICIALS OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE ABSTRACT OF THE VOTES SHOWN HEREIN FOR THE ELECTIONS HELD ON THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024. WE FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THIS ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION.

SIGNED AND DATED EIGHTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024

CHAIRPERSON: *Myrna Gaudreault*

MEMBER: *John Mancy*

MEMBER: *Tracy Littlejohn*

MEMBER: *Marcha Smith*

MEMBER: *Myrna Gaudreault*

MEMBER: *Mary Lopez*

MEMBER: *Tatank C. Red Eagle*

MEMBER: *Chris Aquabene*

MEMBER: *Alexandra Lang*

MEMBER: *Alan Hansen*

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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 Nation Introduces Energy Project

The sustainable and clean energy development for the Nation has been a vision in progress to address the growing concerns of energy consumption, cost, carbon emission, and overall negative impacts to Ho-Chunk and its people. In 2001 the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature introduced the Sustainable Energy Workgroup to focus on solutions to reduce or alleviate causes that perpetuate pollution and other harmful effects and consider the high energy consumption usage of the Nation's facilities.

In 2023 the Energy Workgroup initiated several projects, including an energy use audit, Legislative Energy Summit, introduced and approved a job description for an Energy Management Manager, and assisted in issuing an

RFP for energy consultant purposes.

This year, the Department of Administration – Division of Planning was able to fill the Energy Management Manager position by Adam Meinerz. This is an exciting step forward for the Nation, as the Nation prioritizes energy management and sustainability in future projects. Mr. Meinerz is joining the Division of Planning and Development with almost 10 years of experience of working with the Nation. The past four years he has worked in the Division of Environmental Health managing EPA grants addressing brownfields and other environmental hazards. Mr. Meinerz has experience in energy emissions research as well. Prior to working in Environmental Health, Adam was employed for six

years as the Nation's GIS Coordinator, assisting several of the Nation's Departments and programs on various environmental issues. Mr. Meinerz was the geographic informant for: BIA, FEMA, US Census, WI DNR, Land Information Officers, GIS professionals, surveyors, and county emergency management.

Mr. Meinerz is excited to be taking on the challenge as the Energy Management Manager. Ultimately it is goal to invest in renewable technologies and to move forward on energy projects that will result in better air quality, electricity cost reductions, generate revenue, create skilled jobs, improve reputation, increase tribal sovereignty, and most importantly protect Mother Earth.



Madison College highlights Native American artists in "A Story of Resistance" exhibit

Gallery reception Nov. 14, exhibit runs Nov. 6 – Dec. 6

Madison College's Division of Climate and Culture is hosting an art show that showcases the outstanding work of Native American artists from Wisconsin.

This year's theme, "Indigenous Wisconsin: A Story of Resistance," aims to delve into and exhibit the rich cultural stories and enduring spirit of 12 Tribal Nations.

The featured exhibit piece is "Reflections of Healing" by contemporary Native American artist Christopher Sweet. This acrylic painting was inspired by the disproportionate impact of COVID on minorities, particularly on Native American Communities. Sweet was also inspired by the work of photographer Eugene Tapahe, who launched "Art Heals: The Jingle Dress Project". Sweet is an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and also White Earth Ojibwe through his father. He has been artistic all his life and is mostly self-taught.

The exhibit also features 24 other Indigenous artists from across Wisconsin,

showcasing a mixed-media art show that celebrates a variety of artistic disciplines. Please join us for this free exhibit.

EVENT DETAILS

Indigenous Wisconsin: A Story of Resistance Exhibit at Madison College's Gallery at Truax, 1701 Wright St. Madison, Wisconsin.

Gallery Reception: Nov. 14, 4:30-7 p.m.

The opening ceremony and exhibit are free, and the public is welcome.

Exhibit on display: Nov. 6- Dec. 6

The Art Gallery is located on the mezzanine in the entrance of the Truax Building Room A1005, 1701 Wright St., Madison, Wisconsin. Guests may park in the visitor or student lots. Gallery hours: Monday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday 2-6 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 12:30-6 p.m., Thursday 2-6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Questions? Contact: Gallery@madisoncollege.edu 608-246-4576

For more information of the exhibit, contact Micaela Salas asalas6@madisoncollege.edu



"Reflections of Healing" by Christopher Sweet

The Fourth Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow & Native American Art Market Celebrates Indigenous Peoples' Day

The 4th Annual Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Pow Wow & Native American Art Market was in Rothschild, WI on October 12 and 13. Grand Entry was at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Masters of Ceremonies were Dylan Prescott and Sonny Smart. Paul Roberts served as Arena Director. Honor guards were Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 and Veterans

of Menominee Nation. The committee provided a feast for all attendees at 5 p.m. on Saturday, which was prepared by Myrna Littlewolf and her helpers. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting services were available for the Saturday 1 p.m. session. Eleven drum groups participated with Eagle Feather (Tama, IA) as Host Drum. The City of Wausau proclamation declaring
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Monday, October 14, 2024 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Wausau was read at the Sunday session.

"This weekend event is a meaningful way to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day. As we celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, may we also reflect on the unique contributions, histories, traditions, way of life and continued existence of Indigenous communities in our state and country and recommit to learning from the past to ensure a better future. We're still here," said CWIPDC founding director

and Ho-Chunk tribal member Tricia Zunker.

Sponsors for this event include: Ho-Chunk Nation (gold sponsor); Oneida Nation of Wisconsin (bronze sponsor); Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg (bronze sponsor); Democratic Party of Wisconsin (bronze sponsor); Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; Wisconsin Native Vote; Cloverbelt Credit Union; Kathleen Rulka and Brian Ewert; Wausau Pilot & Review; and the Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitors Bureau.



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| Ruth Whitehorse Burns | Richard Walker |
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Letter from Chaplain Lindgren

Good Morning, I am Chaplain Lindgren of Stanley Correctional Institution located in Stanley, Wisconsin. We are a 1500+ male medium security facility.

Our Native Group is about 100 men. I have worked with incarcerated Natives for over 35 years. Bernie Stevens got me started way back when at Lincoln Hills, and taught me much.

We currently are in need of a few items, or direction on how to obtain some of these items.

If you can assist in any way please let us know.

Charles Davis from the Tomah area is our volunteer, and serves at several facilities.

1. Our Native Large Drum: Currently we are in need of a hide. Our hide tore about 8 months ago. The men have had a new frame made, and are now working at getting a hide. We could use either a hide, or entire large drum.

2. Lodge Poles: A few years back Mole Lake donated poles to help us construct a new lodge. Several of the poles have begun to break. We need either 10-12 poles 1.5"x10-12 feet to repair the broken poles. Or 32-40 poles 2" and under poles to help

construct a new lodge.

3. Teaching materials: CD's, DVD's, Books, etc. We have a selection, but many are old from the early 2000's. Men learn songs and language with these, as well as history and culture. Any items would be appreciated.

4. Large Pipe Bowl: We currently have a pipe bowl that is a bit small for the group. They fill it several times while going around the circle and in the lodge. It works fine, but a larger bowl would work better.

5. Teachers: We have a volunteer, but would also like to invite any tribe, or group to come in to run a seminar or teaching for the men. They are eager to learn more about all things Native.

6. Share our Needs: If you could distribute these needs through your publications or Bulletin Boards or Meetings, it would be greatly appreciated.

If I can answer any questions, or be of any help, please feel free to contact me.

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Wendell Pettibone Receives Prestigious Entrepreneur Grant Award at the Indigenous Business Con 2024

Kaili Berg

Wendell Pettibone, a proud Ho-Chunk Tribal Member and business owner, was recently honored as a recipient of the prestigious Entrepreneur Grant Award during the Indigenous Business Con 2024, held at the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino in Milwaukee on October 14-15, 2024.

Pettibone, the founder of Sanity Adjacent Candles and RURLDK Clothing, which operates from the bottom of the bridge on Main Street in Black River Falls, received the grant in recognition of his entrepreneurial efforts and dedication to building Indigenous-owned businesses in the community.

The event, co-hosted by the Wisconsin Economic Development

Corporation (WEDC) and the Wisconsin Indigenous Health & Economic Development Corporation (WIHEDC), celebrated 10 Indigenous-owned businesses from across Wisconsin.

These awards are part of a larger initiative to support and uplift Native entrepreneurs by providing financial backing and mentorship opportunities.

In addition to receiving the Entrepreneur Grant, Pettibone participated in a week-long Business Boot Camp hosted by the Native Loan Fund. The boot camp was designed to educate and assist Indigenous business owners in transforming their ideas into actionable business plans.

Attendees received mentorship and training on essential business skills, from creating sustainable business

models to navigating funding options. Upon completing the boot camp, participants were awarded a grant to help kick start their ventures.

Pettibone's involvement in the boot camp is a testament to his commitment to continuous learning and growth as a business owner. Workshops like these are crucial for Indigenous entrepreneurs looking to build long-lasting, successful enterprises.

With the ongoing support from organizations like the Native Loan Fund, more workshops are planned in the future, offering a pathway to entrepreneurship for other aspiring Native business owners.

The momentum from the Indigenous Business Con continues as more opportunities for growth and networking arise. Upcoming events include the WIHEDC Economic Development Conference on November 7-8, 2024, at the North Star Casino Resort in Bowler, Wisconsin.

This event will provide further educational sessions, networking, and support for Indigenous businesses across the state. Additionally, the WIHEDC 2025 Spring Economic Development Conference is on the horizon, with dates to be announced soon.

The success of Wendell Pettibone and the other award recipients highlights the importance of supporting Indigenous-owned businesses and fostering an environment of collaboration and shared knowledge. Events like the Indigenous Business Con 2024 serve as platforms for Native entrepreneurs to gain recognition, resources, and valuable connections that can propel their businesses to new heights.



With the continued efforts of WIHEDC, WEDC, and the Native Loan Fund, Indigenous entrepreneurship in Wisconsin is on the rise, opening doors for future generations to build thriving businesses rooted in cultural identity and innovation.

New Sculpture Stands as Tribute to Chief Yellow Thunder

On October 13, we celebrated the installation of Ho-Chunk artist Chloris Lowe III's sculpture at Wakajazi Maągexeja, near Baraboo, with great pride. The sculpture's installment was made possible by the support of the Sauk County Historical Society and tribal members.

The memorial features native plants and a

peaceful footpath that shares the story of Chief Yellow Thunder. It stands as a tribute to his strength and perseverance, qualities that still live on in the Ho-Chunk people today.

The Yellow Thunder Memorial was originally placed along County Road A, south of Shady Lane Road. Due to the widening of County Road A in

1965, the marker was moved to where it stands today. Yellow Thunder Memorial is owned by the Sauk County Historical Society and managed by the Sauk County Parks and Recreation service area. The memorial site is a cataloged burial site monitored by the Wisconsin Historical Society. There is no entrance fee at this park.



Haramiḥe 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

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in Deer


Many of you may have noticed earlier in September that midges (tiny gnat sized flies) have been out looking for a meal for their developing eggs. Biting midges, or "No-See-Ums," are out late summer and early fall looking to feed on blood. Midges historically were found in the southern states and have been moving northward as the winters have been becoming milder. Adult females can live for several weeks while they are producing eggs. They will continue to feed on blood and producing eggs until the first frost kills them off. During this time they are feeding on humans, pets, livestock and wildlife. Midges carry two viruses that affect ruminant animals like deer, cow and sheep. The first is Bluetongue virus (BTV) and the second is Epizootic Hemorrhagic disease virus (EHD). The first case of EHD in Wisconsin was in 2002 in Iowa County. It is slowly making its way north. This year, WI DNR has collected samples from two deer that tested positive for EHD. People cannot contract these diseases. Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) takes about seven days before the host deer starts showing symptoms. The deer will develop a high fever causing the individual

to become dehydrated. The deer may have a swollen head, neck, and tongue. It may lose its appetite, become weak, and may lose its fear of humans. The deer will seek out water as they succumb to the sickness. When a deer or a groups of deer are found dead near water and appear relatively in good health, Wisconsin DNR will test the deer to identify the cause of death.

If anyone has seen a deer with these signs or a deer foaming from the mouth due to excessive salivation, please reach out to the local WI DNR or Ho-Chunk Nation DNR.

Ho-Chunk Nation DNR can be reached at

- (715) 284-2852
- Our Wildlife Biologist, James Swenson, can be reached at
- James.Swenson@Ho-Chunk.com
- For Wisconsin DNR
- Please Call and leave a voicemail at
- (608) 267-0866
- Or Email
- DNRWildlifeSwitchboard@wisconsin.gov
- Resource for more information
- <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/99681>
- <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/disease/Epizootichemorrhagicdisease>



Balancing Your Life & Diabetes

Starting: November 20, 2024
1:00 pm Virtual - Via Webex

This curriculum provides basic information about type 2 diabetes, diabetes self-care and general health care practices. Phone number and e-mail address are required to participate. Class Webex link will be sent out by e-mail the day before class. Classes are interactive and you will be assigned a Lifestyle Coach to assist with your personal goals.

Session 1 - November 20th - Basics of Diabetes
 Session 2 - December 4th - Better Nutrition for Better Numbers
 Session 3 - December 11th - Improving Your Numbers with Exercise
 Session 4 - December 18th - Navigating the Numbers
 Session 5 - January 8th - Accounting for Complications

Contact Rachel Montana or Lyndsey Killian at 715-284-9851 ext. 35039 or ext. 35068 or by e-mail: rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com or lyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com to sign up!

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Let's Get Vaccinated!

Aara Wapoxwagigiwire

Community Vaccine Clinics
10am-2pm

Includes flu & updated COVID-19 vaccines

- 10/1 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison
- 10/2 – Siga Funmaker Community Center
- 10/8 – Tomah Health Office
- 10/9 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa
- 10/17 – Pac cinak TAU (Wittenberg)
- 10/17 - Wanaisguni Hocira Atrium (Baraboo)
- 10/22 – Nj Tanj Hocira (La Crosse)
- 10/24 – Njoxawanj TAU (Black River Falls)
- 11/6 – Ahuco TAU (Tomah)
- 11/7 – S'ak Hosto TAU (Nekoosa)
- 11/14 – Teejop Hocira (Madison)



No appointment needed.
Please bring ID and insurance card.*
**Employee insurance may be billed. Please check your coverage to avoid unexpected copays.*



Questions: 715-284-9851 ext 35042 or kandyce.dunlap@ho-chunk.com

Continued from Page 1 culture and history. Performances by the Majestic Monarchx dance team, Sampson Funmaker's flute solo, and storytelling by Corey Rae White enriched the cultural experience.

Indigenous Peoples' Day holds significant importance for many Native American communities, as it acknowledges and centers the histories and cultures that were often suppressed under the observance of Columbus Day.

This celebration promotes a more accurate representation of history, recognizing the resilience of Indigenous peoples and the vital role they continue to play in shaping the future. It also

highlights the ongoing struggles for rights, land, and recognition, fostering dialogue and education among the wider community.

This event marks a continued effort by the Ho-Chunk Nation and La Crosse to build a more inclusive and equitable relationship, with plans for further collaborations and celebrations in the future.

Indigenous Peoples' Day in La Crosse has grown into a vital platform for highlighting the rich traditions of the Ho-Chunk people and serves as a model for how communities can come together to honor the legacy and future of Indigenous nations.



MADISON CANNING CLASS

Kšee (Apple)

**Wednesday, November 6th
4-6pm at Teejop Hocira
Madison Branch Office
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
Madison, 53718**


Win a Ball Canning Book!

Take home a jar of fresh apples!



*Class provided by UW-Extension
Sponsored by HCN Health & Wellness Division
Contact Nutritionist Kyla Ripp to RSVP for your jar of apples
kyla.ripp@ho-chunk.com OR 608-355-1240 ext. 35554*

Anthony Victor Kingswan
April 1, 1943 – October 7, 2024



likable people you could ever meet. He was a mechanic, and taught the ways of the Ho-chunk people at local schools in the Madison area, and often participating in full costume where he danced at several Pow Wows. Tony worked at GTE/Verizon where he retired in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Kingswan; sons, Jeff Coffey (Keren Coffey), Troy Coffey (Jill Coffey), Scott Kingswan, and Joe Kingswan; sister, Joy Brown. Tony was preceded by his birth mother Vivian Brown; adopted mother, Evelyn Christenson; sister, Mary Brown. A memorial service is being held at the Kingswan household 236 Hjemdal Ln, Deerfield, WI., between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2024. Followed by a graveside service to be held at St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church, 3494 Oak Park Rd. Deerfield, WI., at 1:30 p.m. Luncheon will follow services at Nora's Two tavern, 1843 US-12 Deerfield, WI 53531. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Kingswan household 236 Hjemdal Ln, Deerfield WI 53531. Do not stand at my grave and weep, By Mary Elizabeth Frye Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you wake in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night. Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. (Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there, I did not die!)

Anthony Victor Kingswan, passed away at his home on October 7, 2024 at the age of 81. He was born on April 1, 1943 in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. Known as Tony by all who knew him. Tony was very athletic throughout school and high school. He would graduate from Black River Falls High School in 1961. He would go on to join the Air Force in 1962 where he would be Honorably Discharged in 1966. Tony would go on to start drag racing throughout the Midwest in a 1967 GTO. He also raced snowmobiles at Eagle River in 1978 and 1979 as well as a few other Wisconsin tracks and fairgrounds. He absolutely loved to watch and support his Wisconsin Sports teams, Packers, Brewers, Badgers and Wisconsin racers that had moved south to race in Nascar. He loved to get out and socialize with people quite often making friends with everyone that knew him. His sense of humor and kindness was very contagious. His love and dedication to family and friends made him one of the most

NOTICE
RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act
Ho-Chunk Member, VICTORIA ORTIZ, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W2376 RAEDEL LN WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965
And more particularly described as: S1/2 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 NOVEMBER 22, 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.

Luann Marie Littlegeorge
April 18, 1968 – October 20, 2024

Luann Marie Littlegeorge, 56, of Black River Falls, Wis., passed away on October 20, 2024, in Madison, Wis., surrounded by her loving family. She was born on April 18, 1968, to Fred Littlegeorge and Delores Wesho. Luann is survived by her brother, Erik Littlegeorge, sister Stephanie (Robert) Clark, her daughter Aliyah Swake, granddaughter Isabella Sandoval, nieces Brittany Redeagle, Lydia Dopson, Illian Littlegeorge, Raine Littlegeorge, Jessie Littlegeorge, nephews Ryan Littlegeorge, Derek Redeagle, Peyton Littlegeorge, Chase Littlegeorge, Arkady Littlegeorge, and Justice Littlegeorge. She is preceded in death by her father, Fred Littlegeorge, and her mother, Delores Wesho, as well as Alison Littlegeorge and Fred "Scott" Littlegeorge. A funeral will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at the Littlegeorge residence (W10208 Vaudriel Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615) from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Following the service there will be a burial at the Decorah cemetery.



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DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, November 13, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

WAUSAU AREA MEETING
Rothschild Village Hall
211 Grand Avenue
Rothschild, WI 54474
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 | 5:30 p.m.
IN PERSON

Representative jessika.greendeer@ho-chunk.com
Representative rodney.rave@ho-chunk.com
Representative phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com

For WebEx/e-packet, information please contact:
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Posted on: 10/22/24



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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE

LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 Main Street, La Crosse, WI
MONDAY, November 4th, 2024 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING
28370 Epinal Avenue, Tomah, WI
TUESDAY, November 19th, 2024 6:00PM

BARABOO/WI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | IND. HEIGHTS
975 Dyer St, Wisconsin Dells, WI
WEDNESDAY, November 6th, 2024 6:00PM

REP. STEPHANIE BEGAY stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-0339

REP. KRISTIN K WHITE EAGLE kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (608) 477-3007

LEGISLATIVE AIDE, Damian Thundercloud damianthundercloud@ho-chunk.com (800) 294-9343, Ext. 11151

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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024 | 6:00 PM

MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 | 5:30 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 | 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
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA
MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, November 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



MEETING NOTICE
HEALTH ACCREDITATION
BOARD MEETING

Friday, November 15, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Eileen Decorah Conference Room

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Virtual Option also available via WebEx

Please contact Lorinda Bird for Virtual meeting information.

715-284-9851 ext. 35351

Email: Lorinda.Bird@ho-chunk.com

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150

House of Wellness
52845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913
Ph. 888-552-7889 FAX 608-355-9643



TWELVE CLANS ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING

December 7, 2024
Ho-Chunk Nation District 1 Community Center
Black River Falls, WI

(715) 475-2119 | 12-clans.com | W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615

Twelve Clans will hold its annual shareholder meeting on December 7 at the District 1 Community Center. The meeting is open to all tribal members aged 18 and older who meet the Nation's voting requirements. Doors open at 10 AM, offering breakfast and coffee while attendees wait for the meeting to convene, which will begin once a quorum of 60 tribal members is present. During the meeting, Twelve Clans leadership will present key highlights and achievements from the past year. Attendees are reminded to bring their tribal ID, welfare paystub, or other proof of enrollment, along with a state ID. For more information, visit 12-clans.com/shareholder2024.

Wyeville Elementary Playground Receives Renovations

The Ho-Chunk Nation is proud to be among the many wonderful organizations, businesses, and families that contributed to the renovation of the Wyeville Elementary playground, benefiting all students, including the 20-25% Native American and Ho-Chunk youth who attend every year.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative branch was honored to be part of the recognition event, which included a meal with homemade desserts. Representative Stephanie Begay returned to her childhood school to celebrate this important milestone.



FACC offering free Profit Mastery, a 2-day workshop

Programs will be held in Ashland, Hales Corners, Wis.

October 21, 2024

Running a business, especially its finances, is hard, complicated work.

First American Capital Corp. (FACC) is offering a free two-day workshop to help business owners and managers with direct fiscal responsibilities better manage the numbers side of their operation.

The workshop — Profit Mastery — will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 28-29 at the AADC Offices, 422 3rd St., Ashland, Wis. and on Nov. 14-15 at FACC's office, 10710 W. Scharles Ave., Hales Corners, Wis.

An internationally acclaimed financial management program, Profit Mastery provides participants with the tools and confidence needed to manage their businesses by the numbers. The program provides business owners with unparalleled financial perspectives and tools to take advantage of opportunities and deal with challenges.

Steve LeFever developed the program, which uses a case-study format to help business

owners and managers better understand their fiscal situation. Profit Mastery takes sophisticated financial concepts and tools and explains them in practical language that everyone can understand. He will lead both workshops.

To register for the free program, contact Kara Gunderson at (218) 391-7031 or kara@firstamericancapitalcorp.org.

First American Capital Corporation, Inc. (FACC) is a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Microloan Program designated Intermediary Lender and a Community Advantage Small Business Lending Company (CA SBLC) licensed by the SBA to issue 7(a) loans. FACC's work and mission are also supported by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Key Strategic Partner program and the U.S. Department of the Treasury Community Development Financial Institution Fund, certified Native CDFI. Learn more at www.faccwi.org.

Sauk County Honors Indigenous Peoples' Day with Cultural Events and Unveiling

Kaili Berg

On October 14, 2024, downtown Baraboo hosted the sixth annual Indigenous Peoples' Day, organized by the Sauk County Historical Society.

The event celebrated Indigenous culture, with a focus on the Ho-Chunk Nation, through performances, food, and educational exhibits.

Starting at 1 p.m., Courthouse Square featured Native artisans, vendors, and traditional Ho-Chunk singers and dancers. Attendees were able to experience Ho-Chunk drumming and dancing while enjoying Native cuisine samples.

At the Al. Ringling Theatre, a series of short documentaries produced by Discover Wisconsin ran from 1 to 4 p.m., including a feature on Ho-Chunk artist Truman Lowe. These films offered insights into Ho-Chunk history and culture.

The day's key moment was the 4 p.m. unveiling of a new interpretive panel, which shares the history of the Ho-Chunk removal period from 1840 to 1874. The panel honors those who resisted relocation, ensuring the Ho-Chunk Nation remains in Wisconsin.

The event closed with a 7 p.m. screening of *Bad River*, a documentary about the Bad River Band's fight for sovereignty and environmental protection.

Directed by award-winning filmmaker Mary Mazzio and narrated by Quannah ChasingHorse and Academy Award nominee Edward Norton, *Bad River* tells the compelling story of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and their ongoing fight to protect their natural resources and maintain sovereignty.

Indigenous Peoples' Day in Sauk County continues to highlight the enduring strength and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities, supported by the Ho-Chunk Nation and local organizations.



Little Eagle Arts Foundation continues collaboration with Worm Farm Institute

Paul Arentz - Content Editor/Writer
Reprint from Difflessnow.com

Held during the opening weekend of Fermentation Fest's Farm/Art Dtour in Sauk County, Wisconsin, the Native American Art Marketplace featured authentic Native art, crafts, and food, October 5th and 6th.

The marketplace held at the old Badger Ammunition plant in Sauk City, Wisconsin, the land was renamed Maa Wákačak (Sacred Land) by the Hoocak (Ho-Chunk) when the tribe acquired it in a historic government to government transfer in 2014. The Hoocak have prairie and wildlife restoration in the forefront of their plan for the property, but in addition, Maa Wákačak hosts a cooperative art studio led by the Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF).

Fermentation Fest and the Farm/Art DTour, bills itself as a free self-guided excursion through 50 miles of scenic farmland in rural Sauk County, Wisconsin, punctuated by site-responsive artworks, pasture performances, roadside poetry, local food markets and more. The Native American Art Marketplace is a part of the Fermentation Fest Farm/Art DTour," said LEAF's Hoocak Founder, Director, and artist, Melanie Tallmadge-Sainz. "Every time they do a tour, they try to move it to different parts of Sauk County. So, two years ago, we were on the tour, but they moved it slightly to the west. This year we're not even an offshoot, but we're such good friends with the organizers at the Worm Farm Institute that they're promoting our event and we're promoting their event."

Sainz shared she counted about eight different other events going on in and around the area over the weekend. With a lot for people to choose from, she pointed out they are all wonderful cultural events. Sainz said the marketplace enjoyed a nice

constant flow of visitors and was encouraged to see them engaging in conversation with the artists and buying their artwork.

This year, LEAF's Native American Arts Market roster of artists included; Levi (Hoocak) and Verna (Menominee/Chippewa) Blackdeer- master hide tanners, Karen Ann Hoffman (Oneida) Iroquois-raised beadwork, Christopher Sweet (Hoocak / White Earth Ojibway)-acrylic paintings, prints, and mixed media work, Kimberly Crowley (Hoocak) master Black Ash basket maker, and Chef Elena Terry-founder and owner of Wild Bearies (Hoocak) and Zoe Fess (Hoocak). Terry, fresh off her recent competition on Food Network's Barbecue Brawl and Fess, spoke on the Indigenous food movement and provided a cooking demonstration of Native American corn and its connection to Native American culture. Kimberly Crowley and her family cooked and sold Native American food favorites; frybread, Indian tacos, burgers and hotdogs.

LEAF also featured a new sculpture garden near the studio at the "Earth Sky Water" sculpture on the Great State Sauk Trail that dissects Maa Wákačak, and visitors were greeted by a larger-than-life art piece titled, "Raising Three Sisters" by artist Christopher Sweet. One of seven commissioned artists, the piece was featured on the 2022 Farm/Art Dtour, and is inspired by the legends of the three sisters, corn, beans and squash, that are planted together to support, nurture and lift one another.

The Native American Art Market Place and LEAF Sainz said, is all about the artists, uplifting and nurturing them. Sainz has always stressed that as a nonprofit, LEAF is dedicated to preserving and promoting American Indian art by cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit of American Indian/First Nations artists in order to achieve success and promote a cycle of economic security. "Reflecting just recently, covid taught us a lot. It taught us how to take care of ourselves. But I learned in talking to all my friends and relatives who were dealing with lockdown at the time, a lot of people did creative things. They were cooking or baking or making things following YouTube, and just being creative. To me, art is more than just making or creating, art is medicine. And going away and spending so much time in the southwest as I did for over 30 years, I saw how Native art can really be a game changer in terms of economic development opportunities and how artists are really enjoying a healthy livelihood from their art. I saw that I got my own reputation as far as artists. I think I'm very blessed that way. Being raised by parents who were so community oriented, that were always doing things to support people, served as my mentors. Whether it was dad with Kiwanis and us distributing gift baskets for

the holidays to people who needed help, or people knocking at our door in the middle of the night wanting to sell a basket, because they were in dire need. That's the commitment to the community that mom and dad had. That's what they showed me. So, coming back and being able to create LEAF in support of Native arts and the Native artists' success, as far as business and entrepreneurship, I think, is a way for me to acknowledge, first of all, that there's lack of support for Native artists, but also that we as Native peoples can come together and create something that holds value not just for Native peoples, but for everybody to participate and engage with."



Artist Chris Sweet and wife Chrissy.



"Raising Three Sisters" at Maa Wakacak.



Levi and Verna Blackdeer's art.



LEAF's Hoocak Founder, Director, and Artist, Melanie Tallmadge-Sainz.



Levi and Verna Blackdeer – Master hide tanners.



Art of Master Black Ash Basket maker, Kimberly Crowley.



"Earth Sky Water" sculpture on the Great State Sauk Trail.

Most common forms of identification to show at voting polls: Wisconsin DMV's driver license or ID

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds citizens to check and be sure that they have the proper identification needed to vote in next month's election (November 5, 2024).

Wisconsin driver licenses or IDs are the most common form of identification used for voting purposes. A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required to show at the polls. The Wisconsin Elections Commission notes other forms of identification are valid for voting, such as military or student ID cards. To see if a card meets the requirements, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Begin online to see a list of

the required documents that are needed to present at a DMV Customer Service Center in order to obtain identification to show at the polls: wisconsin.dmv.gov/idcards. A process is available to U.S. citizens, free of charge, to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting if the ID card is not available in time.

DMV offers this service and ID cards for voting purposes free of charge. DMV's toll-free hotline (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID that can be used to vote.

DMV's website has a locator to help find the nearest DMV and check wait times (wisconsin.dmv.gov/centers).

New Addition to La Crosse's International Friendship Gardens to Honor Ho-Chunk Nation

Kaili Berg

Plans for a significant addition to La Crosse's International Friendship Gardens are moving forward.

The city's park board recently approved the creation of a new garden area dedicated to honoring the Indigenous people of the Ho-Chunk Nation, a move that will bring a local cultural perspective to a space traditionally reserved for celebrating La Crosse's international ties.

The existing gardens at Riverside Park currently honor the cultures of La Crosse's sister cities, which represent countries from around the globe. With the upcoming development of the Ho-Chunk garden, a new chapter will begin, highlighting the area's Indigenous history and contributions.

This addition comes after more than three years of planning, driven by the efforts of local volunteers such as Chuck Hanson, a key figure in the sister city program.

Development of the Ho-Chunk garden is expected to commence within the next month, starting with the installation of a pillar designed to hold a statue of Betsy Thunder, a Native American figure of great historical significance.

Betsy Thunder, a Ho-Chunk woman from the 19th century, is remembered for her medicinal knowledge and as a prominent figure in the region.

The garden is not only meant to recognize the Ho-Chunk Nation's past but also to foster awareness and respect for the present and future contributions of Indigenous people. Plans aim to have the garden completed and officially dedicated by October 2025.



Wisconsin, Michigan Native voters could decide election

With key races decided by razor thin majorities, Native peoples in swing states like Wisconsin and Michigan are anything but on the margins. They instead hold the power to dictate outcomes of some of the most important campaigns in the country.

Kadin Mills

Reprint from ICT

WASHINGTON — Voters nationwide have already started to cast their ballots for the 2024 general election. Two key swing states in the Nov. 5 election are Wisconsin and Michigan. Both have large Native populations that could decide the outcome of several key races.

In Michigan, there are nearly 242,000 Native peoples, according to the 2020 Census data for American Indians and Alaska Natives alone and in combination. The state has 12 federally recognized tribes. Wisconsin is home to 11 tribes, and about 147,000 Natives, according to 2020 Census data.

Early in-person voting in Wisconsin begins Tuesday, Oct. 22., and statewide in Michigan on Saturday, Oct. 26. Municipalities in both states offer even earlier voting, such as Detroit, where polling locations opened for early voting on Saturday, Oct. 19. Voters in both states are able to register to vote on election day.

Organizers say getting Native peoples to the polls now and on election day could decide the outcome of the presidential election.

In 2016, former Republican President Donald Trump won Michigan to Democratic challenger Hillary Clinton by a margin of 27,257 votes in Wisconsin and just 11,837 votes in Michigan. The two

states, along with Pennsylvania, effectively decided the election. Again in 2020, Wisconsin's electoral votes were decided by a razor thin margin, going to President Joe Biden by little more than 20,000 votes.

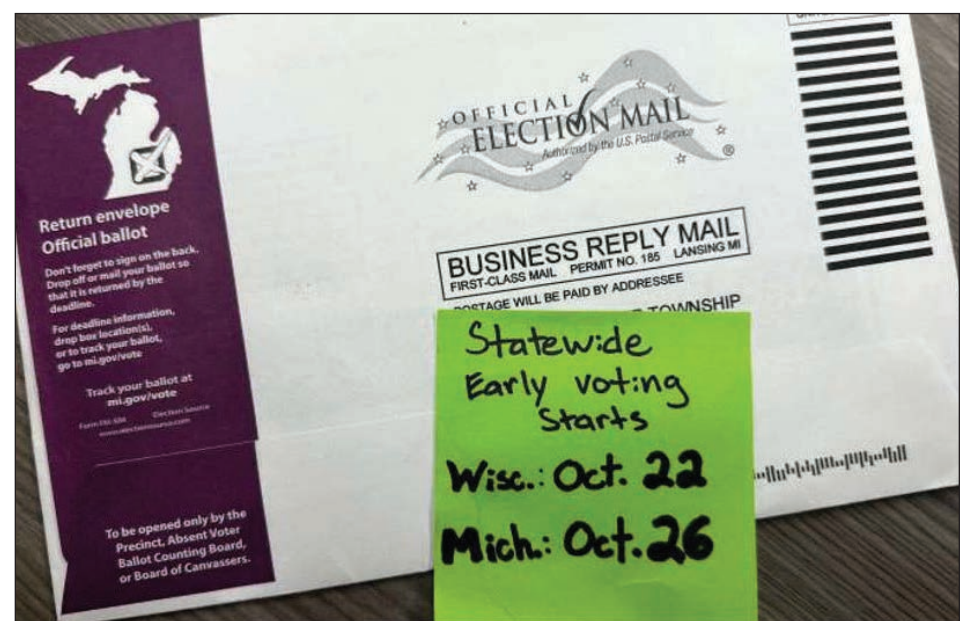
Judith LeBlanc says it is critical Native people show up to vote this November. "When our communities come out and vote, that counts," she said. "Elections are a snapshot of our political power — our voice on the ground."

LeBlanc, Caddo Nation, is the executive director of the Native Organizers Alliance, a grassroots organization that sprouted in 2010 to mobilize Native people around the Affordable Care Act and permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

She says Native peoples across the country have the potential to have a serious impact on the U.S. political landscape. "In this political moment when we do have the electoral college, there are seven states in which the Native vote is the swing vote."

Wisconsin and Michigan are two of those states, as well as Minnesota, Nevada, Arizona, North Carolina and Washington. There is also potential for Native voters in states like Montana to influence congressional races, such as Jon Tester's.

While many people may feel disillusioned by electoral politics,



An official Michigan absentee ballot, ready to be returned, as in-person early voting is set to begin statewide on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024. Early voting has already begun in some municipalities, and ballots are being returned by mail. Early in-person voting in Wisconsin begins Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024. (Photo by Kadin Mills/ICT)

LeBlanc says Native organizing during and in between election cycles is imperative to electing both Native candidates and strong allies.

"Representation is critical, but it is not a destination," she said. "It allows for us to organize and have people on the other side of the table who understand our realities and who will pay attention to what our communities need."

Maria Haskins is a manager and organizer with Wisconsin Native Vote, a nonpartisan organization that

focuses on voter education across tribal communities in Wisconsin. She is a descendant of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe.

Haskins says advocates are pushing to provide necessary education about voting. They are hoping to engage a key age group — 18 to 30 year-olds — one organizers like Haskins worry are feeling unmotivated. "The more we push education, the more people

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Gov. Evers Delivers Radio Address Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today delivered his weekly radio address recognizing and celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day, celebrated earlier this week, and reaffirming the state's commitment to respecting Tribal Sovereignty and fostering strong government-to-government relationships to build a brighter, more prosperous future for the state and Indigenous people and communities.

First formally recognized by the state in 2019 when Gov. Evers signed Executive Order #50 to annually designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, today marks the sixth consecutive year that Wisconsin has celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day. A copy of this year's Indigenous Peoples Day proclamation is available [here](#).

In 2021, in addition to recognizing the annual observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Wisconsin, Gov. Evers signed Executive Order #136, issuing a formal acknowledgment and apology for Wisconsin's historical role in Indian boarding schools. The governor's order also included a formal declaration of support for the

U.S. Department of the Interior's Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.

Wisconsin is home to 12 Native Nations, including the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Nation, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, and Brothertown Indian Nation.

Hey there, folks. Governor Tony Evers here. In my first year as governor, I was proud to sign two executive orders—one affirming the sovereign authority of Tribal Nations, and another designating the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the state of Wisconsin.

And every year on this day, we celebrate the generations of resilient Tribal communities, rich cultures, languages, and traditions that have formed

deep roots here since long before Wisconsin became a state.

Wisconsin is home to 12 Tribal Nations, and as governor, maintaining our government-to-government relationship with the Tribal Nations will always be one of my top priorities.

That's why, last year, I was proud to sign a state budget that made critical investments in the strength and well-being of the Indigenous communities across the state—including investments to expand access to child care in Tribal areas and child welfare services, support the Tribal Elder Community Food Box Program, and increase funding for Tribal veterans services.

As we reflect on everything our Tribal communities have given to our state, I'm hopeful this next year, that I'll be able to sign a biennial budget that will continue giving back.

So, today, I invite you to join me in honoring our Native Nations and the immense contribution Indigenous people have made on our state.

So, happy Indigenous Peoples' Day, Wisconsin. Thank you, and take care.

Now recruiting: Wisconsin State Patrol troopers, inspectors

The Wisconsin State Patrol is now accepting applications from individuals with a passion to serve Wisconsin. Whether you are new to law enforcement or are currently serving in another community, the State Patrol has openings for the 71st and 72nd Recruit Classes.

Troopers and inspectors are assigned to counties throughout the state to enforce traffic laws and keep Wisconsin's highways safe. As a division of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the sworn officers of the State Patrol play a key role in creating a safe and efficient transportation system for all.

"We are looking for applicants who want to make a positive impact in our communities and support the State Patrol's mission of public safety," State Patrol Superintendent

Tim Carnahan said. "As law enforcement officers, we have the opportunity to save lives and create a safer Wisconsin. I encourage anyone interested in a career with State Patrol, whether new to law enforcement or currently serving, to reach out and connect with a recruiter."

In addition to enforcing traffic and criminal laws across Wisconsin, State Patrol officers may serve in specialized roles including pilots, K-9 officers, crash reconstruction experts, and commercial motor vehicle inspectors. Other special units focus on combatting human trafficking and drug interdiction, and services like Honor Guard and dignitary protection.

Requirements and training Qualified candidates must pass physical readiness tests, a background investigation, interview, and pre-employment

medical and psychological exams.

Applicants accepted into the State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy receive a salary plus meals and lodging during their training. Taught by Wisconsin DOJ Training and Standards certified instructors, cadets learn from experienced officers with the goal of strengthening communication skills, self-confidence and physical capabilities.

The State Patrol's 71st Recruit Class will begin training at the Academy on July 14, 2025. This traditional recruit class is for individuals new to or with limited experience in law enforcement. After graduating from the State Patrol Academy, new troopers and inspectors are assigned to one of the five State Patrol regions where they will receive 12 additional weeks of on-the-job field

training.

The 72nd Recruit Class is for individuals who have been certified and employed as law enforcement officers. Recruits complete an accelerated training program that begins at the State Patrol Academy on July 28, 2025. The class rotates between training at the Academy and training in the field until 18 weeks have been completed.

Members of the 71st and 72nd Recruit Classes will be sworn in and receive their badges at the Wisconsin State Patrol Graduation Ceremony on November 21, 2025.

Applicants must have a two-year associate degree or a minimum of 60 college-level credits prior to starting at the Academy. Up to 60 credits may be waived for individuals with relevant training or military experience.

More information on the

application process can be found online.

The deadline to apply is January 19, 2025.

Opportunities to learn more Throughout the recruitment period, State Patrol staff will be available to meet with potential candidates to explain the hiring timeline, share ways to prepare for a career and answer any questions.

- Virtual information sessions: every other Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m., on Microsoft Teams

Join the conversation (microsoft.com)

- October 29
- November 12
- November 26
- December 10
- December 17
- January 7

- Meet a recruiter: recruitment coordinators are available for questions at each State Patrol post.

Ho-Chunk Nation Set to Break Ground on Major Casino Development in Beloit

Kailli Berg

In a monumental step toward economic development and regional partnership, the Ho-Chunk Nation will officially break ground on the highly anticipated \$405 million casino project at a 32-acre site on the southeast corner of Willowbrook and Colley Roads in Beloit on Friday, October 25.

The event marks the beginning of a multi-year development that promises to transform the local economy while boosting tourism and entertainment opportunities in southern Wisconsin.

The project will begin with the construction of the casino itself, with additional plans for a hotel and convention center to follow, according to Collin Price, a consultant for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

When fully completed in 2026, the 240,000-square-foot casino will feature a range of amenities, including 1,500 to 1,800 slot machines, 44 table games, a sportsbook, four restaurants, and a casino bar.

This massive undertaking is expected to attract significant interest, especially from out-of-state visitors, thanks to Beloit's prime location near the Illinois border.

As part of the project, the hotel and convention center will serve to accommodate the influx of visitors while offering flexible event space, making it a premier location for conferences and entertainment events in the area.

The casino's impact extends beyond entertainment, promising substantial economic benefits for the region.

The City of Beloit and Rock County have each negotiated revenue-sharing agreements with the Ho-Chunk Nation, which will bring up to \$3 million annually to both the city and the county.

These funds will be used to enhance public services, infrastructure, and local community projects.

In addition to the annual revenue contributions, the project is expected to generate hundreds of jobs, both during construction and once the casino is operational. The infusion of employment opportunities, combined with the increased tourism, will provide a much-needed boost to the local economy, which has seen industrial shifts in recent decades.

The casino is part of the Ho-Chunk Nation's broader strategy to expand

its economic base through gaming, hospitality, and tourism ventures. The Nation already operates casinos in several Wisconsin cities, but the Beloit project stands out due to its scale and potential for long-term growth. Once completed, it will be one of the largest casinos in the state.

With the groundbreaking complete, construction is set to proceed in phases, beginning with the casino and followed by the hotel and convention center. The entire project is expected to take several years, with the final phase wrapping up in 2026.

Once operational, the casino will not only attract visitors from across the region but will also serve as a model for future developments between the Ho-Chunk Nation and local governments.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
QUARLES & BRADY LLP
MADISON, WI
OCTOBER 1, 2024**

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Danielle DeLong-P
D1 Vacancy
Rep. Rodney Rave-EX
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
D2 Vacancy
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC (P-10:04)
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:02 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add under New Business: H. Resolution-In Support of HR 7227: Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policy Act of 2024. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-September 24, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 24, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Finance Commission-September 26, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the September 26, 2024 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

Enrollment Report

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the Enrollment Report. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Transportation

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Ho-Chunk Transportation Report.

Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration

A written report was received.

Department of Health

A written report was received.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

A written report was received.

Department of Social Services

A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:

Neesh-la Powwow grounds and Veterans Post

Rep. Kristin White Eagle wanted to make sure the Department of Administration reviewed the Land Use Plan with moving the Legion Post, along with any improvements for the powwow grounds. Rep. White Eagle wanted to ensure that this is part of the scope of the project. There will be additional costs with this move but it needs to be included and consistent with the Land Use Plan.

Executive Director of Administration Michael Rave mentioned he is aware and currently working on cost calculations to include the move. Director Rave will have that information soon. There will be a considerable amount of infrastructure that has to be moved.

Resolution-Statement of Support for Inter-Tribal Collaboration to Advance Wisconsin Cannabis Legalization, Regulation, and Operations

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 10-01-24 A**, Statement of Support for Inter-Tribal Collaboration to Advance Wisconsin Cannabis Legalization, Regulation, and Operations. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Executive Recruiter Retention Specialist New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Executive Recruiter Retention Specialist New Job Description. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Library Assistant New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Library Assistant New Job Description. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle is out of the room during the vote.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority, Town of Greenfield, Monroe

County, Egret Road Project Cooperative Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 10-01-24 B**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority, Town of Greenfield, Monroe County, Egret Road Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority, Marathon County, CTH J Road Project Cooperative Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 10-01-24 C**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority, Marathon County, CTH J Road Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority, Granting a Temporary Limited Construction Easement to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on the Siga Funmaker Center Lot

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 10-01-24 D**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority, Granting a Temporary Limited Construction Easement to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on the Siga Funmaker Center Lot. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

3rd Annual National Indigenous Cannabis Policy & Industry Summit, Washington, D.C.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to authorize any interested Legislators and staff to attend the 3rd Annual National Indigenous Cannabis Policy & Industry Summit in Washington, D.C. November 13-15, 2024. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. White Eagle mentioned the ICIA membership includes eight registration tickets.

IBG Sponsorship

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the IBG sponsorship Gold Level for \$10,000 from Charitable Contributions, which includes three complimentary registrations. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-In Support of HR 7227: Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policy Act of 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 10-01-24 E**, In Support of HR 7227: Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policy Act of 2024. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **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. 10-0-0 **MOTION**

CARRIED.

The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:29 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch during Executive Session at 12:53 p.m.

President Greendeer called the meeting back to order at 1:31 p.m. Quorum was established.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:55 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release the C-store update and HC Cinema update absent the re-opening budget and expenses for area meeting purposes and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to October 16, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.



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are prone to go to those polls,” she said.

Haskins said she wants people to feel comfortable and informed when it comes time to step into the ballot box. Wisconsin Native Vote accomplishes this by meeting with communities and holding events across the state encouraging civic engagement, including listening sessions, visits to tribal colleges and universities, and what Wisconsin Conservation Voices called “the largest Native tailgate ever” at a Milwaukee Brewers game in August. They also do traditional door knocking, tabling and phone banking.

Many tribal communities in both Wisconsin and Michigan are very rural, which for Natives, can also pose a barrier to the polls. “There’s a lot of homes that have the fire numbers for the address,” Haskins said. Fire addresses, or rural address signs, are address signs used to help identify properties during emergencies in rural areas. These nonstandard addresses have caused some discrepancies with voter registration rolls, she said.

Some voters are also unable to make it to polling locations on election day. Others are unable to register due to low access to government agencies that provide registration, according to a report from the Native American Rights Fund.

Haskins said Wisconsin Native Vote is working with the Native American Rights Fund to safeguard voting rights. She also said they have had to combat some misinformation about who is allowed to vote.

“We want people to know their rights,” she said. This includes making sure people know where polling places are located, that tribal issued identification is valid at polling locations, as well as making it clear convicted felons in Wisconsin can still vote.

Both states allow residents to present tribal identification at polling locations. Wisconsin also accepts expired IDs issued by tribal governments, as long as they have expired after the previous general election on Nov. 8, 2022. Michigan accepts tribally issued IDs as well, but requires voters to sign an affidavit if their ID does not display a photo.

She recalls one gentleman who lamented he couldn’t vote because he had a prior conviction. Haskins told him, “No, you can vote! As long as you’re done serving your sentence and done being on probation, you can definitely vote.”

In Wisconsin, the right to vote is restored for all felons after the completion of their sentence, including parole and or probation. In Michigan, the right to vote is restored immediately after release from jail or prison.

Other states across the country have implemented stricter laws around identification and address requirements. In a September interview with ICT, Jacqueline De León said these barriers are effectively a modern-day literacy test. De León is Isleta Pueblo and she is a senior staff attorney at the Native American Rights Fund.

“The truth is,” LeBlanc said, “if voting was not valuable, why do they spend so much time trying to take our right to vote away? Why?”

Teejop & Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations



Teejop & Beyond at Madison Public Library welcomes a variety of Native artists, storytellers, and community leaders for a series of programs celebrating indigenous people in and beyond Teejop. We invite you to attend programs!

Black Ash Basketmaking

Mon, Oct 28, 6-7:30pm | Central Library

In this workshop, learn the process of preparing the black ash, and making and finishing a Ho-Chunk black ash basket to keep for yourself. All materials are provided for one small basket per participant. Open to ages 12 years and older. **Registration is required.**



Paper Basketmaking

Sat, Nov 9, 11am-12pm | Hawthorne Library

Join Kimberly Crowley as she demonstrates the process of making Ho-Chunk Black Ash Baskets. Participants will be able to make their own paper basket as well as help make a communal Black Ash Basket for Hawthorne Library to keep and display. Open to all ages. **Registration is required.**

Tee Waksik Hominakra - Lake Mendota's Dugout Canoe Conundrum

Wed, Oct 30, 5-6pm | Pinney Library

This presentation focuses on the recent discoveries of two dugout canoes and how the recovery of these coincided with a recent canoe build the Ho-Chunk People have completed. The ongoing, collaborative inter-agency work now taking place puts a spotlight on the extensive research and collaboration being conducted between the Wisconsin Historical Society and the various tribes of Wisconsin. No registration required.

The KICC Anishinaabe Music Circle

Sat, Nov 9, 1-3pm | Lakeview Library

Learn about Anishinaabe musical instruments with Dawn and Rob Moneyhan. Included will be hand drums, flutes, and different types of shakers. Participants will have an opportunity to play along and learn how the instruments are made, the history behind them, how they are played, and any other audience questions. No registration required.



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NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL RUN OFF ELECTION

Saturday, November 16, 2024



LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 2, SEAT 1

Conroy R. Greendeer, Jr.
Damian Thundercloud

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 2. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election which will be held due to the removal of Robert Funmaker, Jr, District 2, Seat 1 effective September 18, 2024 by Resolution 09-18-24A. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX< SECTION 10, Removal, Recall and Vacancies and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

ARTICLE IX-REMOVAL, RECALL VACANCIES

Section 10. Vacancies in the Legislature. If a vacancy occurs in the Legislature because of death, mental or physical incapacity, removal or recall vote, resignation, felony conviction, or for any other reason, such vacancy shall be filled in the following manner:

- (a) If three (3) months or more remain before the next General Election, the Election Board shall call a Special Election in the appropriate District to be held within thirty (30) days.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See *Election Code Sec. 11 (a) (b)*.

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot

write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period, Section 11. c. ii. (Deadline, Sunday, October 27, 2024).

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Monday, November 11, 2024, by 4:30 P.M. See *Election Code, Page 26, Sec. 13 (a) (i)*. Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
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Black River Falls, WI 54615
TELEPHONE: (715) 284-8900
TOLL FREE: (800) 890-0583
FAX: (715) 284-8600
E-MAIL: Election.board@ho-chunk.com

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

Please check eligible voter list for your District.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any

election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:

There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

SPECIAL ELECTION
Saturday, November 16, 2024

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, October 21, 2024

POST ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 PM
Sunday, October 27, 2024

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS 4:30 PM
Monday, November 11, 2024

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