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UW Alumni Association recognizes two Ho-Chunk scholars

By Anne Thundercloud
Contributing Writer

Years after traversing the sprawling campus of UW-Madison as students, two Ho-Chunk scholars were recognized for their contributions to their communities and their desire to advance UW-Madison's positive impact on the world.

Dozens of UW alumni and their families gathered at the Wisconsin Alumni Association Cooweeja Native and Indigenous Affinity Group's Summer Alumni Gathering held June 22 at Madison's Tenney Park.

"It means a lot to me. The people who received these awards have all done selfless acts of service on behalf of the Teejop Native community, for Wisconsin Native communities, and for their tribes for quite a long time," said award recipient Adrienne Thunder.

Thunder, MS'97, is pursuing her PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis at the UW-Madison School of Education. She is also currently serving as the Language Division Manager for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Thunder was the recipient of the Badger of the Year Award. According to Cooweeja treasurer David O'Connor (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa), this award is reserved for those who have represented the university positively through success in their profession, community service initiatives, or volunteer activities.

"Serving as a cross-college advisor, Adrienne Thunder assisted students through their collegiate journey," O'Connor added. Thunder served in this capacity for twelve years before heading the Nation's education department and language revitalization efforts.

Tribal elder and scholar Janice Rice was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. Rice, MS'75, has been a long-time Madison resident and a fixture on the UW campus. Rice is credited with helping countless Indigenous students navigate their experience on campus for over 30 years before her retirement in 2013.

"Janice Rice has held important space as one of our campus elders and as a librarian for our UW-
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The Wisconsin Alumni Association Cooweeja Native and Indigenous Affinity Group's Summer Alumni Gathering honored Adrienne Thunder (left), who received the Badger of the Year Award, and Janice Rice (right), who received the Lifetime Achievement Award. *Photo credit: NxT Media.*

Funding Renews for General Welfare Payments

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

During a Special Legislative Meeting on June 20, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed Resolution 06-20-25J, titled '2025-2026 General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and Minors' by a vote of 12 members, zero opposed, and zero abstaining. The structure and amount remains the same with the previous year.

The Resolution's purpose is to promote the general welfare and provide a social benefit to all Tribal Members, ensuring appropriate access to food, clothing, housing/shelter, utilities, transportation, fuel, healthcare, elder and disabled
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General Welfare Payment Approved in 2025-2026 Budget

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has officially passed the 2025-2026 Budget Bills, which include renewed funding for the General Welfare payment. Eligible adult members will receive a direct distribution, with additional support also designated for minors.

The structure and amount of the distribution remains consistent with the previous year.

Monthly payments will continue as scheduled for July and August. To continue receiving payments starting in September, an application must be completed by August 15th, 2025. The application will be posted soon.

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Black River Falls Joins National “No Kings” Demonstrations

Kaili Berg

On June 14, a group of Black River Falls residents gathered to take part in the nationwide “No Kings” Day of Defiance, joining millions of Americans across the country in a coordinated stand for democracy.

The demonstration was one of more than 2,000 similar events held nationwide on June 14, a date that landed on Flag Day, President Trump’s birthday, and the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army.

Organized by a coalition of grassroots groups including Indivisible, MoveOn, 50501,

and the ACLU, the “No Kings” protests were designed as a response to what many see as growing authoritarian rhetoric and heavy use of military imagery in American politics.

Though Black River Falls is a small community, it was one of nearly 60 cities and towns across Wisconsin that participated.

Local residents, including tribal members, community leaders, and families, gathered peacefully, holding signs that read “No Crowns, No Kings” and “This Is What Democracy Looks Like.”

Similar events across Wisconsin drew hundreds in places like Rib Mountain, Eau Claire, and La Crosse.

Organizers emphasized that while the demonstration coincided with large-scale celebrations in Washington, D.C., their goal was to keep the focus on civic participation and constitutional principles, rather than displays of military might.

The “No Kings” movement quickly became one of the largest single-day protests of Trump’s presidency, with millions participating nationally.



MITCHELL REDCLOUD JR. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025

PARADE THEME: SALUTE TO REDCLOUD

ONE GRAND PRIZE WINNER
MOST ORIGINAL TO THEME

FLOAT COMPETITION CATEGORIES:
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- FLOATS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH OTHER PARADE UNITS
- PARTICIPANTS SHOULD AVOID EXCESSIVE NOISE, DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR, & OTHER DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR
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Thursday, July 24th
11am–2pm

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Wednesday, July 2, 2025

10:00 AM

Lower Dells Ballroom Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Lunch will be provided

Twelve Clans Shareholder News

June 10, 2025

We write to you to update you on our third quarter activities and provide more insight into our future endeavors. Recently, Twelve Clans and the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature met in Madison, Wisconsin for a third quarter update. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Legislators for a productive and meaningful meeting, and we are excited about the collaborative future that lies ahead.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held during the new fiscal year. At this time, we want to sincerely thank our current elected representatives for their leadership and collaboration over the past fiscal year, and we wish them continued success in the future. We look forward to building on this foundation with the incoming representatives.



THIRD QUARTER ACTIVITY

As we reviewed our third quarter business activities, Brown Thunder shared updates on current projects, upcoming opportunities, and initiatives we have chosen not to pursue. A key topic that emerged was the idea of establishing true partnerships on future projects. Both the Legislators and Twelve Clans expressed genuine interest in this approach and are eager to explore these collaborative opportunities together - a mark that signals a turning point for both parties.

THE WINN AT GOLDEN VALLEY

Joining the meeting for this update, Brian Woosley, Co-Founder and Principal at Monarch Commercial Real Estate, presented key updates on Twelve Clans’ recent real estate investment, informally known as the Golden Valley Apartments. The project has now been officially branded as The Winn at Golden Valley and is set to open its doors to tenants in spring 2026.

It is currently 101 days ahead of its framing schedule which means it can possibly open its doors 1 month earlier in phase 1 (200 units) and 4 months earlier on phase 2 (100 units). The project has secured \$1.8 million in cost savings through vendor & subcontractor negotiations. A contingency fund of \$683,954 was set aside for unexpected expenses, and so far, only a small portion has been used, with \$542,082 still available showing strong financial management.

NEW INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

CEO Joe Brown Thunder shared the exciting news that Twelve Clans recently partnered with another tribal economic development corporation (EDC) for an acquisition of a food distribution company. While we cannot disclose the details just yet on this exciting opportunity, we are beyond thrilled to partner with another tribal EDC focusing on building stronger Midwest tribal economic collaboration. We will disclose the details of the new investment to you all once we are able.



FINANCIAL UPDATES

CFO Steve Baklund provided a financial update for the third quarter. As of the end of Q3 (March 31, 2025), TCI’s investments have generated \$3.1 million in income against \$491,000 in expenses, resulting in \$2.6 million in net income. TCI’s total asset base has grown to \$27.7 million, reflecting a 10% increase since the end of the previous fiscal year.



As of March 31, TCI has invested \$21.5 million across its portfolio. These investments have already yielded \$8.8 million in cash returns, with an additional \$26.9 million in projected future returns. Baklund concluded his update by noting TCI’s portfolio is performing strongly, with high returns and steady asset growth, indicating effective investment management and long-term value creation.

REFRAMING OUR SHARED VISION

Last quarter, we shared our progress

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July Elders Birthdays

1	Toree Jones	18	Pamela Mael
	Gregory Littlejohn	19	Jerry Kines
	Decorah Mach		John Ward
	Ardella Quackenbush		William Winneshiek Jr.
2	Richard Bittner	20	Helen Cloud
	Sarah Littlegeorge		Rosalee Faga
	Jo Anne Small		Michael Greengrass
3	Barbara Danke		Janis Pesek
	Cynthia Smith	21	Elaine Bear
	Diane Whiteeagle		Cheryl Christianson
4	Maureen Bighorn		William Goff Jr.
	Timothy Cabasos		Kevin Knudtson
	Mary Funmaker		Mary Rowley
	Patricia Hall		Tara Tindall
	Tracy Jourdan		Thomas Yellow Thunder
	Martha Martinez	22	Doran Goodbear
	Loylee Mike		Colette Trumpy
	John Myers	23	Roberta Chrisjohn
	Albert Naquayouma		Ronald K. Decorah
5	Charlene Tebo		Tina Topping
6	Cyril Delarosa	24	Colleen Fanning
	Mary Dick		Dale Holst
	Sadie Garvin		Constance Lonetree
	Michael Mullen Jr.		Terrie Staples
7	Priscilla Cleveland	25	Genevieve Bollig
	Howard De Cora		Lucinda Naquayouma
8	Diana Demarrias		Catherine Rawson
	Priscilla Niemi		Ruth Wilson
9	Virgil Clausen		Edward Winneshiek
10	Lavinia Alan	26	Rosemary Blackhawk
	Lorrie Johnson		Ritchie Brown
	Dale Stephens		Michael Hellrud
	Nadine White Eagle		Susan Jones
11	Peggy Davison	27	Myra Price
	Reginald Delarosa		Unga Diane Stacy
	Kevin Funmaker		Paul Thundercloud
	Nancy Johnston		Marlys Whiteagle
12	Barbara Rave		Dawn Wiley
	Corwin Roth	28	Janice Lopez-Roska
13	Dana Thundercloud		William Quackenbush
14	Barbara Smith		George Redhawk
15	Richard Anderson		Pamela Riddle
	Virginia Littlegeorge	29	Valerie Bartlett
	Roley White Eagle		Loretta Hopinkah
	Robin Yellowthunder		Bruce La Mere
16	Mark MacKinnis	30	Ralph Snake
	Cecelia Sine		David Snowball
	Randall Taylor		Wendland White
17	Christopher Blackdeer	31	Lana Dobbs
	Mona Funmaker		Cheri Snake
	Faith Morris		
	Loretta Prescott		

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be July 3rd which will be published on July 11th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Ho-Chunk Teen Publishes Short Story in Fright Club

Kaili Berg

Evelyn Wallace, a 14-year-old Ho-Chunk tribal member, has become a published author after her short story was selected for inclusion in Fright Club, a collection edited by Lynsey Evans.

Wallace, who is preparing to enter ninth grade at Central High School, submitted her story through Longfellow Middle School. The story follows a girl who is alone when a stranger begins following her, a concept Wallace developed after receiving a basic writing prompt.

“I just started off with a topic, and from there, I just started going off,” Wallace said.

Writing has long been a hobby for Wallace, who says she enjoys coming up with ideas and editing her work.

“Most of it just came up to my head, and I just started writing away,” Wallace said. Seeing her work published came as a surprise. “I was shocked, because I didn’t expect to be in a book.”

In addition to writing, Wallace enjoys reading teen romance novels and has expressed interest in pursuing journalism. She plans to continue writing but has not yet decided on future projects.

Wallace credits her family and Ho-



Evelyn Wallace is a 14-year-old tribal member who is preparing to enter ninth grade at Central High School in La Crosse, WI.

Chunk culture as sources of support, noting that her sister also recently wrote a story that was published.

When asked what advice she would give to other young writers, she said, “Just keep writing, because it’ll take you somewhere in life.”

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

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☒ Swim suits

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☒ Snacks

☒ Kayaks

☐ Life jackets

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Madison community. She is a keeper of cultural and institutional knowledge and has worked to pass that knowledge on. She has also worked with the Wisconsin Alumni Association to support efforts in designing the Teejop Waterscapes Boat Tours and culturally relevant components to Alumni Park that lift the Ho-Chunk people,” O’Connor said.

Singing of the Ho-Chunk people echoed through the pavilion as invited drum Little Priest Singers



Badger of the Year Award recipient Adrienne Thunder and family. Photo credit: NxT Media.

entertained attendees.

During her acceptance speech, Rice took the time to thank the singers and explain the significance of their involvement.

“I’m so grateful for everything that has been done here today,” Rice said. “We’re on lands of Indigenous people so we were here first. I’m glad Cooweeja is strengthening the alums and making something to look forward to for the future,” she added.

“It’s been an honor and a responsibility I think we all feel and hope the next generation will carry on. Plus, it felt really good to be back in the company of so many people we’ve known, cared about, and invested in for so many years,” added Thunder, “we’re like one big family.”

Among other alumni recognized at the event were Thunder’s husband Dr. J P Leary (Cherokee/Delaware descendent) and Dr. Nicole Soulier (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe).

According to their website, the Wisconsin Alumni Association: Cooweeja Native and Indigenous Affinity Group strives to use creative, innovative,

and community-suggested programs to assist alumni and students in preserving their diverse cultural values. The group aims to advance the mission of the Wisconsin Alumni Association and the university by advocating for Native and Indigenous participation, access, and utilization of resources.

Following the Wisconsin state motto the group’s name “Cooweeja” translates to “Forward” in Ho-Chunk. UW alumnus Henning Garvin contributed to the development of the name.



Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Janice Rice and family. Photo credit: NxT Media.

Angel Sampayo Garcia III

May 13, 1956 – June 9, 2025

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce the passing of Angel Sampayo Garcia III, age 69, of Black River Falls, Wisconsin. He fell asleep in death on Monday, June 9, 2025 at Mayo Hospital in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Angel was born in San Diego, CA, on May 13, 1956, to Angel Garcia, Jr. and Elena Garcia. He held many dear titles to those who loved him including husband, father, grandpa, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He is the second eldest of 7 brothers and 1 sister. He was raised in a military family.

His dad was in the Marine Corps. for 20 years and in the U.S. Army for 2 years before that. The family moved back and forth about every year between Texas and California. They resided in Twenty Nine Palms, CA, Camp Pendleton, CA, Oceanside, CA, San Antonio, TX, and other cities during his youth. He attended 6 elementary schools, 2 junior high schools and 2 high schools. Throughout school, he loved a variety of sports, especially football and track. Angel was a strong athlete, and had a special love for track and field. He held records and received many awards for his speed. He could run a mile in 4 minutes and 4 seconds (The world record is currently 3 min 43 secs).

Angel followed in his father’s footsteps, joining the United States Marine Corps at 17 years old. His parents signed for him to join early as he wanted to. Thus, he finished high school at Carlsbad High in Camp Pendleton. He later served in a Marine detachment on the USS Coral Sea during the Mayaguez Incident, the last battle of the Vietnam War in 1975. He assisted in the helicopter rescue mission. He served his country in the USMC from 1973-1977. A couple years after his military service, he pursued higher education at Los Angeles Trade Technical College and at Cal State Los Angeles. He received his Associate of Science degree in Cabinet making and Millwork. Afterward, he transferred to CSULA where he finished another year. A time later Angel pursued schooling in Computer Science and Electrical work.

In 1979, he met Rae Anna Sallaway at work at Sav-On Drug Store in Huntington Park, CA, his future wife and mother of his 5 children. They were married on July 10, 1987 in Santa Ana, CA. They raised their growing family in the Los Angeles area. Years later the family moved to Black River Falls, Wisconsin in August of 2000. Angel taught by example a stellar work ethic, a quality that stood out to those who knew and observed him. He worked hard to support, protect, and care for his family. He worked at various companies throughout his life as a father, including Zacky Farms,



Huntington Memorial Hospital, Ashley Furniture and the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Dept.


Angel lived a life defined by service, dedication, and deep love for his family. He was a man of many talents and passions who loved learning. He was an avid reader, a phenomenal cook, and a natural teacher - always sharing his knowledge and skills with his children and grandchildren. Angel was a fierce protector, provider and supporter of his family. He was a caring father whose concern for his family’s well-being never wavered. All of his family will sorely miss how he further expressed his love for them through his witty sense of humor, unforgettable dad jokes, delicious cooking, and love and protective spirit for the ones he loved.

Among the many of Angel’s accomplishments, one of his most cherished was one he achieved in his later years - that of being awarded the title of “World’s Greatest Grandpa” by his grandchildren. Angel’s family meant the world to him - and he means the world to his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his beloved wife Rae Anna Garcia; his children Joshua L. Garcia, (Cesar) and Christina A. Corona, (Aaron) and Sarah C. Frisbey, John W. Garcia, and (Nathan) and Ariel A. Rios. His grandchildren, Kadance Dobbs, and Emmy Frisbey. He also leaves behind his much loved brothers Richard Garcia, Robert Garcia, George Garcia, Albert (Diana) Garcia, David Garcia, and his sister Sylvia Garcia.

Angel was preceded in death by his father Angel Garcia Jr., and mother Elena S. Garcia; his brother Steve Garcia, and grandparents Steve and Refugia Reyna and his sister-in-law Lilia Garcia.


* Special thanks to the Ho-Chunk Nation OOP, District 1 Community Center staff, and the La Crosse branch office staff for all their assistance to his immediate family while he was in ICU. We’re also so very grateful for all the loving care and concern expressed through texts, calls, prayers, flowers, cards, and donations for Angel and his family.




Student of The Month

June 2025

Robert Walker




Robert Graduated from the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) School of Law in May 2025.
Parents: Robert “ Bob” & Shana Walker
Robert volunteered with the Pro Bono Initiative (First Chancery District), McArthur Justice Clinic, North Mississippi Rural Legal Services (Oxford Office), District Attorney’s Office - Third Circuit Court, and the Mississippi Attorney General’s Office (Oxford Division). Robert hopes to go into prosecution after passage of the July 2025 Mississippi Bar Exam. Robert is very thankful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for the help they gave me throughout the years. I could not have accomplished this dream without them.



Students of The Month

June 2025

Neenk Chunk Gra Head Start Baraboo/Dells



The children have shown incredible growth this school year! They now communicate with peers and teachers with ease and confidence.
They can recognize and write their own names and even identify their friends’ names. Their use of good manners and social skills shines—whether playing with classmates, welcoming visitors, or exploring public spaces.
Since the start of the school year in August, their progress has been amazing. We are so proud of each one of them—they are all stars in our eyes! ★



Student of The Month

June 2025

Cedar Hill - Biidaanaamud

7th grade Black River Falls Middle School.
Parent: Tracee Hall

Cedar is known for his respectful attitude and creative spirit. Cedar stands out as a well-rounded and dedicated young man in academics and personal growth.

Activities & Hobbies:
Cedar is a talented artist and passionate gamer. His artistic abilities were recognized early on when his artwork was selected and sent to a museum for display during the 5th grade. Whether he’s drawing or enjoying his favorite video games, Cedar always finds ways to express his creativity.

Sports & Fitness:
Athletic and driven, Cedar has actively participated in middle school football and basketball. He brings teamwork, energy, and determination to the field and court, always giving his best and encouraging others to do the same.

Other Achievements:
Beyond school and sports, Cedar continues to demonstrate a strong character and respectful demeanor in all he does. His combination of athleticism, artistry, and positive attitude makes him a role model among his peers.



Education Department Seeking Ho-Chunk Citizens with Skills!

A number of our programs (Good Life, JOM, IMLS grant, and Culture and Community Ed) require us to seek local talent for various events.

1. Are you interested in being contacted as a possible teacher/ instructor? Yes No

If yes, name: _____

Contact information (phone or email): _____

2. What skills do you have that you would be willing to teach others?

___ Basketry

___ Traditional games (moccasin or kasu)

___ Loom work with beads

___ Tack-down bead work

___ General bead working

___ Dancing (traditional, fancy, jingle, shawl)

___ Diagonal bead working (paxge hou’u)

___ Featherwork (bustles, fans, headdresses)

___ Flute making

___ Hat making

___ Hide Tanning

___ Leather tooling

___ Leather sewing

___ Parfleche crafting

___ Pottery

___ Twining (type of weaving)

___ Metal smithing

___ Storytelling

___ Finger braiding (yarn belts)

___ Foraging

___ Lacrosse sticks and game

___ Double ball sticks and game

___ Quillworking

___ Hand sewing (old-style applique)

___ Quilting

___ Machine sewing

___ Scrimshaw

___ Survival skills

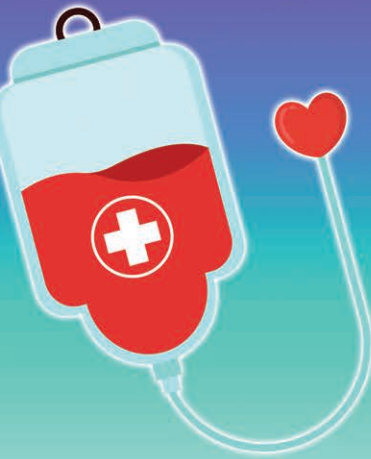
___ Woodworking

___ Other (Please list) _____


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HO-CHUNK TRIBAL AGING



Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
Division of Public Health

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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

July 2nd

Healing to Wellness Court


Robert Mann



July 16th

Community Health Improvement Plan

Kandyce Dunlap, Public Health Director

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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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Canning Class

Haastjĭk Jam

(Blueberry)

Thursday July 24th

4-6pm at Tomah Youth Cafeteria

430 Julie Avenue, Tomah WI

Win a Ball Canning Book!

Take home a jar of fresh blueberry jam!



Get hands-on canning experience!

Class provided by UW-Extension
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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SUMMER 2025

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HEALTH RESOURCES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES,
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July 9th

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Free event for tribal members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
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care, and assistance to promote self-sufficiency.

Per the Resolution, members of the Nation 18 and over as of the date of the payment shall be eligible to receive a monthly General Welfare payment in the amount of

\$1,000.00. Members of the Nation 17 and younger as of the date of the payment shall be eligible to receive \$1,000.00 distributed to their trust account, with the exception of the August, November, February, and May payments, which shall be \$750.00 as a trust account

distribution and \$250 as a personal check.

Monthly payments for July and August will continue as scheduled.

To continue receiving payments starting in September, eligible Tribal Members must complete a General Welfare Program Application by

August 15, 2025.

Watch the Hocak Worak Facebook page or the Ho-Chunk Nation website for the application.

College of Menominee Nation Announces 2026 Next-Gen Mini-Grant Program

Applications Due July 31, 2025 | Award Notification in August 2025 | Project Start Date: October 2025

Keshena, WI – June 23, 2025 – The College of Menominee Nation (CMN) is proud to announce that applications are now open for the **2026 Next-Gen Mini-Grant Program**. This program, supported by USDA NextGen, offers a unique opportunity for Tribal communities across Wisconsin to enhance their efforts in natural resources, sustainable food practices, and nutrition through community-driven projects. The **Next-Gen Mini-Grant Program** will award **\$60,000** in Year 3 to support innovative projects that focus on food sovereignty, capacity building in Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences (FANH), and increasing the resilience of Tribal communities.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be a Tribe, Tribal Entity, business, or representative of a school organization, with membership or descendant status from one of Wisconsin’s 12 Tribes. Projects should align with natural resources, sustainable food systems, nutrition, or any initiative that fosters long-term sustainability and food sovereignty in the community.

Key Dates:

- **Application Deadline:** July 31, 2025
- **Award Notification:** August 2025
- **Project Start Date:** October 2025

Jennifer Peters, representing Indigenous Advise LLC, shared, "The Next-Gen Mini-Grant Program has continuously supported impactful, community-led

projects that address sustainability and food security. We look forward to seeing new and creative ideas for the 2025 cycle."

Geraldine Sanapaw, Chief Academic Officer at the College of Menominee Nation, added, "This grant is an invaluable resource for Tribal businesses and communities looking to strengthen their sustainable practices. We encourage all eligible applicants to submit their proposals and make a meaningful impact on food sovereignty in their communities."

How to Apply:

Applications for the 2026 Next-Gen Mini-Grant are available at <https://www.menominee.edu/nextgen-grants>. The website contains detailed application guidelines, FAQs,

and other resources to help applicants submit a strong proposal.

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on their alignment with program goals, project feasibility, community impact, sustainability, budget justification, and level of community involvement. A review panel from CMN and Indigenous Advise LLC will assess the submissions and recommend the awardees.

Stay Connected:

For additional information and updates on the Next-Gen Mini-Grant Program, follow CMN on social media:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/collegeofmenomineenation>
- Bluesky: <https://bsky.app/profile/menominee.edu>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cmnedu>

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For inquiries related to the application process or eligibility, please contact Nicole Fish or Jennifer Peters at cmngrants@indigenouslyadvise.com.

About the College of Menominee Nation:

The College of Menominee Nation is an accredited institution that promotes educational excellence and community well-being through culturally relevant programs, research, and collaboration.

About Indigenous Advise LLC:

Indigenous Advise LLC provides consulting services focused on empowering Indigenous communities through sustainable development, capacity building, and strategic initiatives.



Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

WebEx/Election Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 9:00 am

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells, WI

The public will be allowed to observe in person or through WebEx

Posted 06/23/25

NATIVE ARTS & CULTURE OF TEE WÁKAČĄK

Join us to engage in the art and culture of the area's Indigenous peoples.

This **FREE** art series takes place on **select Thursdays** outside the Nature Center at Tee Wákačąk, (Ho-Chunk place name meaning Sacred Lake), renamed as Devil's Lake.

Class size is limited, so reserve your spot today! Class time is 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

To Register: Call the Nature Center (608) 356-8301 ext. 140



FULL MAY 29TH
BLACK ASH BASKETRY

Kimberly Crowley (Ho-Chunk) continues the legacy of master black ash baskets, an art form that she learned from her parents. Participants will learn about the basket-making tradition and create their own black ash basket.



JUNE 19TH
AN INTRO TO PORCUPINE QUILLS

Melanie Tallmadge Sainz (Ho-Chunk) is an award-winning mixed media artist and Director of Little Eagle Arts Foundation. She will provide a hands-on workshop integrating natural porcupine quills and beads. Participants will create bracelets or chokers as a memory of this shared cultural experience.

JULY 31ST
INDIGENOUS FOODS OF TEE WAKAČĄK

Lightning New Rider (Ho-Chunk/Oneida) is a naturalist and caterer specializing in indigenous foods. He will share his knowledge and provide samples of foods that have been foraged and used by indigenous peoples for generations.

AUGUST 28TH
THE LANGUAGE OF BEADS

Sayokla Kindness (Oneida) is an award-winning bead artist and a water protector. She will share her knowledge of the use of beads amongst Native peoples paired with her commitment to the environment. Participants will create water protector pins made with beads.

SEPTEMBER 11TH
Effigy Mounds: Sacred Sites & Native Arts

Effigy mounds are sacred sites that are found throughout the park. Rob Nurre, historian and former president of the WI Archaeology Society will guide participants in engaging with these sacred sites and creating a lasting memory of their experience.



Programming made possible through the generous support of:



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toward becoming a \$100 million company. While we are certainly on track and already a quarter of the way there, we realized that our deeper purpose behind this goal was not clearly reported.

This goal is not just about reaching a financial milestone, but it is about creating a powerful vehicle for innovation and long-lasting value for our shareholders. Becoming a \$100 million company means we can invest infrastructure,

create high-quality jobs, tangible shareholder benefits, and grow businesses that our shareholders are proud to own. It opens the door to new markets, strengthens our economic influence, and gives us the resources to fund community

priorities. Most importantly, it lays the foundation for a strong and proud Ho-Chunk future, one that is built on ownership, opportunity, and long-term self-determination.



Alexia Natalie Ann Samphere

Parents: Michelle and Jeff Samphere
Graduated from Baraboo High School
Alexia plans to continue her education at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Baraboo, where she plans to pursue a degree in Pediatric Nursing.



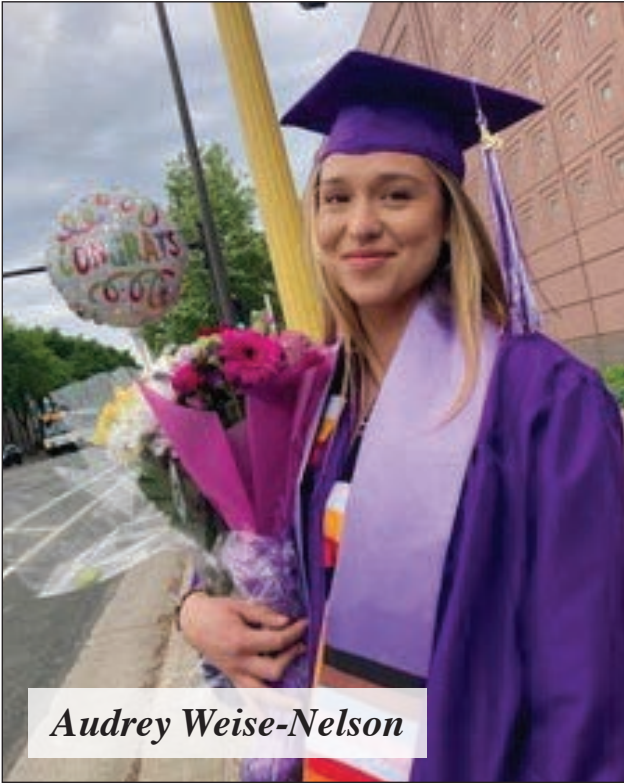
Brooke Brown Thunder

Parents: Joseph & Simone Brown Thunder
Graduated from the University of California - Los Angeles
Bachelor of Arts - Psychology
Post Baccalaureate, Research Assistant in the Laboratory for Clinical and Affective Psychophysiology and Medical School



Cecil Lopez

Son of Jasmine Domenget
Graduated from Black River Falls High School
Coaching JV summer league for BRFHS through July, followed by attending TC for a couple years and transferring to UW-Madison.



Audrey Weise-Nelson

Daughter of Rebecca Weise
Graduated from Minneapolis Community and Technical College with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education.
Audrey will pursue her Bachelor's degree at Metropolitan State University this fall.



Carrington Blake Decorah

Parents: Keith and Erin Decorah
Graduated from Neillsville High School
Future Plans: Carrington plans to go into the family construction business.



Cedela Jude Lonetree-Rindahl

Parents: Dakota and Hera Lonetree-Rindahl
Graduated from Eleva-Strum High School
High School Highlights: Class President, Captain in Softball and Cheer, Band, Choir, Forensics, SADD Leadership Team, Cardinal Mentors, NHS and numerous school musicals.
Future Plans: University of Utah to earn a degree in Health Society and Policy



Ayden Nikag White Madwewegüzhik

Parents: Brandy and Odawa White
Graduated from Madison College
Degree: Associate of Applied Science IT Cyber Security Specialist
Future Endeavors: Continue onto a 4 Institution and continue to play soccer



Carter Anthony Rolo

Parents: Mabel E. WhiteEagle & Nicholas B. Rolo
Graduated from Neenk Chunk Gra head start
He wants to grow up to be a scientist, a soccer ball player and basketball



Dellah Berg Wakqçak Maqñ(w)i

Parents: Tiffany King and Derek Youngthunder Sr.
Grandparent: Sara WhiteEagle
Graduated from Puzaki Pei Cinak Center
Future Endeavors: "wants to work at the casino with mom and dad"



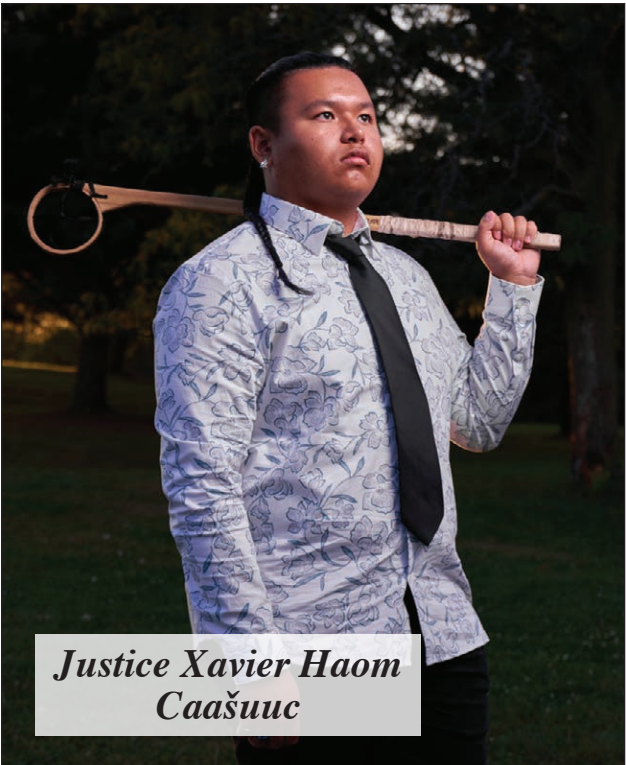
Ethan M Harshman

Son of Kessa Greendeer
Graduated from Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
He plans on continuing with music over the summer
and possibly working in the trades after that.



Jacob Blackdeer
Nqaknihe

Parents: Valerie and Greg Blackdeer
Graduated from Western Technical College
Degree: Automotive Technician



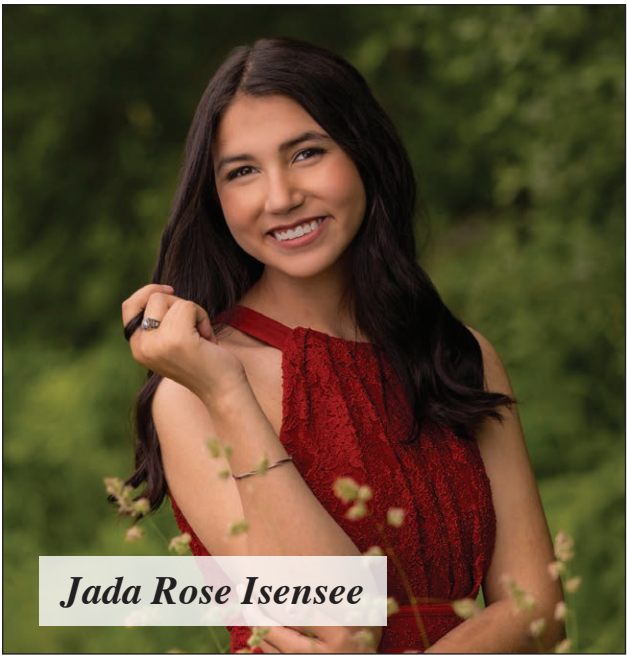
Justice Xavier Haom
Caašuuuc

Parents: Jill Greendeer (Naani) / Anthony Haom (Jaagi)
Graduated from STMA High School where he graduated
with honors and with 64 PSEO college credits.
Attending: University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Major: Astrophysics
Sports: Lacrosse (traditional & colonized)



Genavie Sauseda

Parent: Jo Ann E. Maney (Gaga)
Graduated from Hitch Elementary School
8th Grade



Jada Rose Isensee

Parents: Jeremy and Andrea Isensee
Graduated from Black River Falls High School
Enlisting in the United States Air Force



Karolann Mann
Hinuk wasi

Parents: Matthew and Jesse Mann
Graduated from Black River Falls High School
Girls swim, basketball, track, band and handbells.
Vice President of Wasik Wacek and an intern for the
Falls History Project and the school's
marketing department.
Future Plans: Attending UW Platteville to study
Forensic Science



Isabella Falcon
Nqajijej

Daughter of Leslie Falcon
Graduated from Black River Falls High School
Extra curricular: Volleyball, Basketball, Track,
National Honor Society,
Will be attending UW Milwaukee for Sonography



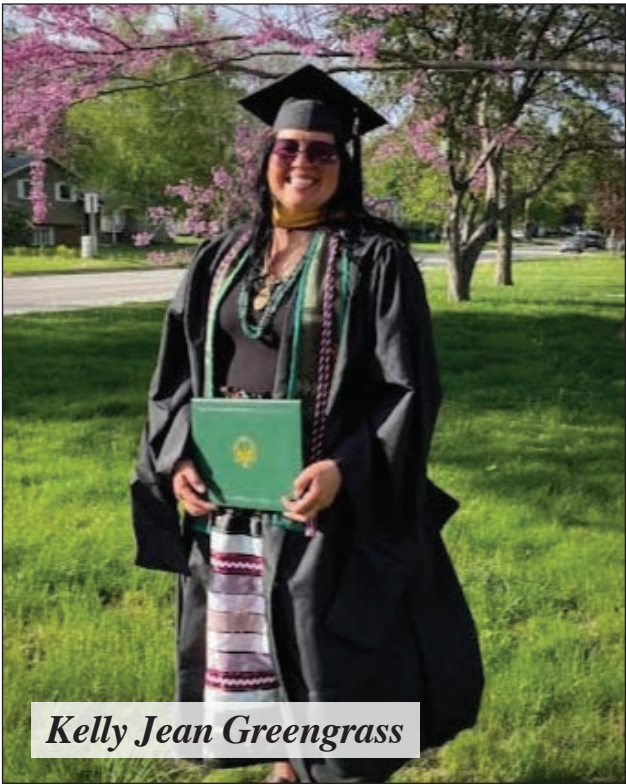
Jayce Kenneth WhiteEagle

Parent: Kristin WhiteEagle
Grandparent: Theresa Youngthunder
Great-Grandparents: George and Patricia
Youngthunder
Graduated from Black River Falls High School



Juanita D. Dublin

Parents: Antoinette and Steven Davids
Graduated from Gresham Community School
Currently working as summer school assistant at
Gresham school, undecided



Kelly Jean Greengrass

Parents: Alvin Greengrass Sr. and Rosalie Kakkak
Graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Green
Bay with a Master of Social Work degree
My future endeavors include pursuing a doctoral
degree in Indigenous Health (Ph.D.) from the
University of North Dakota or a Doctorate of
Education in First Nations (Ed.D.) from the
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.



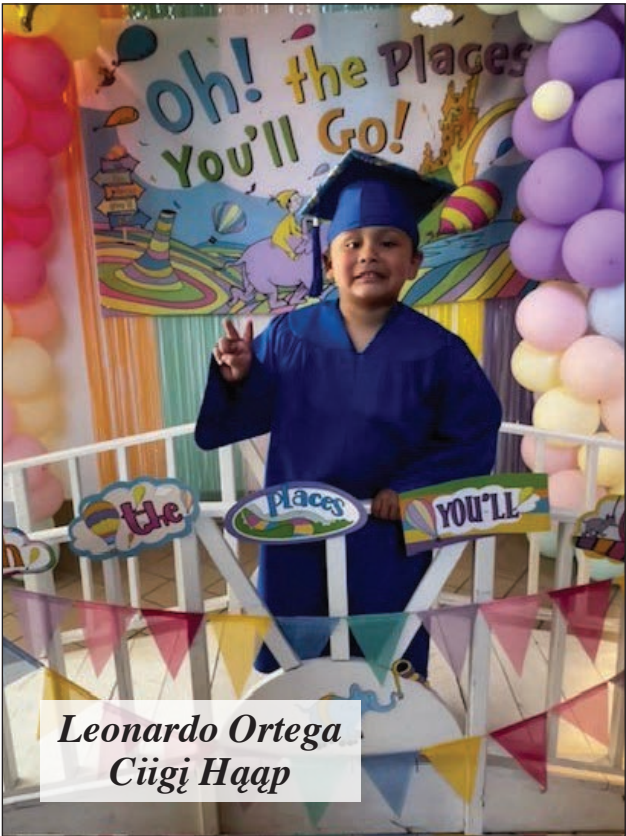
Kylee Beversdorf
Waiperesgaiga

Parents: Jamie Decorah and Clint Beversdorf
Graduated from Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School
Kylee plans to go to Oregon Tech for Nursing.



Neenk Chunk Gra Headstart

Left to right: Leonardo Ortega, Marie WhiteEagle, Gloria Rivera, Carter Rolo, Opal Henneha, Axton Topping. Missing: Parker Traver.
Opal and Axton are graduating next year while the rest go to kindergarten.



Leonardo Ortega
Ciigi Hqap

Parents: Cheyenne Mike & Jose Ortega
Graduated from Neenk Chunk Gra Headstart
This last school year Ciigi Hqap participated in Hockey, Wrestling, and Tball. When he grows up he wants to be a Firefighter and a Pirate.



Lily Newman

Parents: Tony and Dawn (Blackhawk) Newman
Graduated from Parrish Community High School
Accepted to Florida Gulf Coast University
Majoring in Marine Science



Matthew Vana

Parents: Brian and Kelly Bethke
Graduated from Bismarck State College
Associate in Applied Science
Graphic Design and Communications
Employed by Bismarck State College
and continuing education



Lilliana P.S. Beard

Parents: Dawn (late) and Scott Beard
Graduated from Portage High School
Attending UW-Green Bay in Fall '25
Major: Social Work, Minor: Spanish



Marquise "Waamqanı" Robinson

Graduated from Saint Cloud State University
Undergraduate degree in Information Systems.
Masters in Information Assurance.
Minors in Computer Science and
American Indian Studies.



Cedela Jude Lonetree-Rindahl

Parents: Jayme Littlegeorge Kowalke and Brent Kowalke
Graduate from Sauk Prairie High School
Attending Madison College to begin Nursing
program



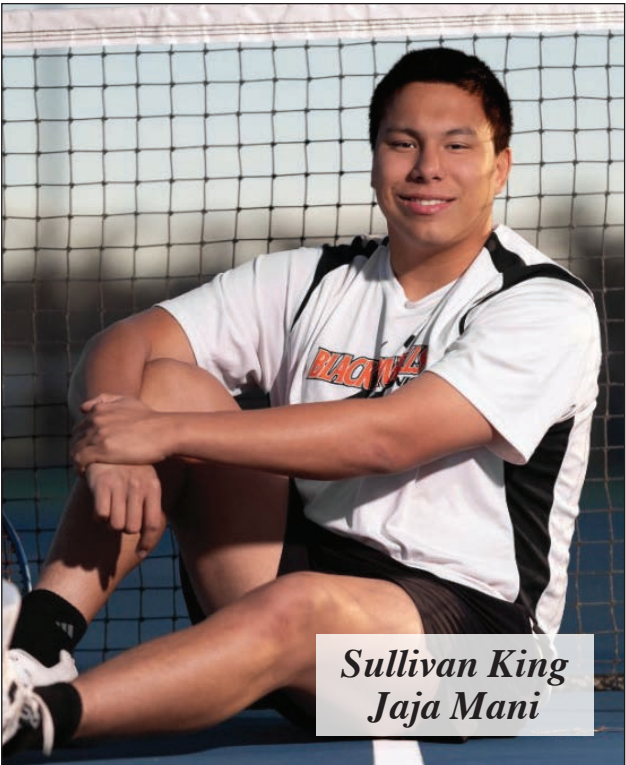
Randall Blackdeer III
Wqagejawe

Parents: Randall and Rosa Blackdeer
Graduated from Black River Falls High School, cum laude
Extracurriculars: Wąksik Wacek club, Track and Soccer
Future Plans: Attending LSU this fall, majoring in Physics



Sander King
Hahe Mani

Parents: Isaiah Funmaker & Tasha King
Graduated from Black River Falls High School
Isaiah plans to attend UW Stevens Point where he will also play tennis.



Sullivan King
Jaja Mani

Parents: Isaiah Funmaker & Tasha King
Graduated from Black River Falls High School
Sullivan is an active duty service member in the National Guard and attending college at UW Stevens Point



Raymond Miner

Son of Crystal Miner
Graduated from Black River Falls High School
Future endeavors: Automotive Technician



Sophia Lemieux

Parents: Eric and Sheyenne Lemieux
Grandparents: Earl & Jackie Lemieux, Thomas & Allison Ball and Judith Buffalo
Graduated from Wittenberg Birnamwood High School Cum Laude
Sophia was in Athletic Club, Culture Club, Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force and Future Business Leaders of America. She also volunteered at the Rainbows End day camp through Aspirus Health. She participated in Theater/Musical for three years. Played three sports all four years of high school (Volleyball, Basketball, Softball). Started on the Softball Varsity team all four years. 1st team All-Conference in 2024 and Honorable Mention in 2025 for softball. American Legion All-Star in 2024. Was a member of Regional Championship basketball teams in 23-24 and 24-25. Member of Regional Championship team for softball in 2024. Awarded the Wittenberg American Legion Scholarship and the Matt Salvesson Memorial Scholarship. She plans on attending UW-Eau Claire in the fall where she has not decided on a major.



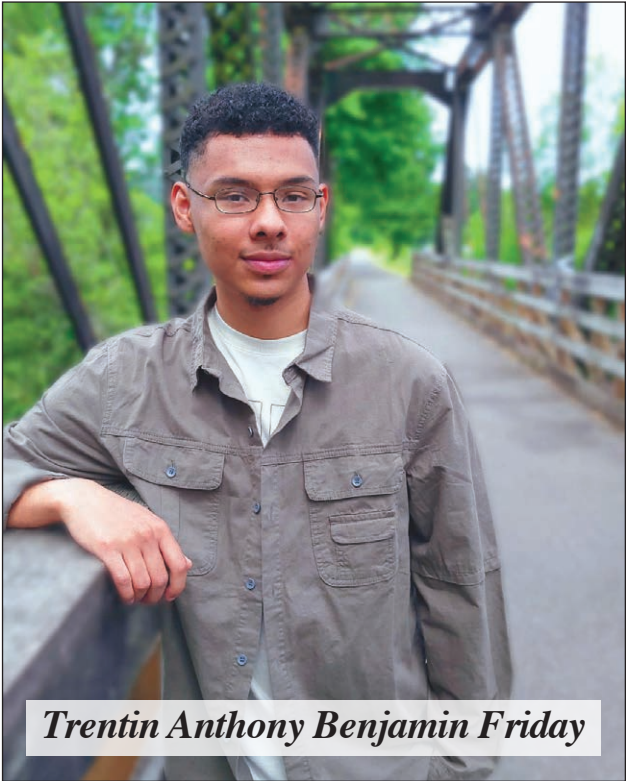
Tatum Thompson

Parents: Dennis and Shannon Thompson
Graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison
Bachelor of Science: Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies
Bachelor of Arts: German
Certificates: Native American Studies and Entrepreneurship



Robert Walker

Parents: Robert "Bob" & Shana Walker
Graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law



Trentin Anthony Benjamin Friday

Parents: Tyron Friday and Lavonna Friday
Graduated from Bethel High School, Spanaway, WA
Trentin plans on going into an apprenticeship for heating and cooling or electrician.

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, July 9, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Twin Cities AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, July 17, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

paul.fox@ho-chunk.com
robert.pilot@ho-chunk.com
jessika.greendeer@ho-chunk.com

rodney.rave@ho-chunk.com
phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com

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michelleramberg@ho-chunk.com

Posted on: 6/16/25



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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE

LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 Main Street La Crosse, WI
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING
28370 Epinal Avenue Tomah, WI
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025 6:00PM

BARABOO/WI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS
975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 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. ELECT KYLE WHITE EAGLE kyle.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (800)294-9343 x.11214
HILARY GREEN, LEGISLATIVE AIDE hilary.green2@ho-chunk.com (800)294-9343 x.11214

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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE

MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 | 5:30 PM

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 | 5:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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District 4 Area Meeting Notice

IN PERSON / VIRTUAL MEETING CHICAGO AREA MEETING
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Monday July 14, 2025
6:00pm CST

VIRTUAL CALIFORNIA WEBEX MEETING
Available via WebEx
Wednesday July 16, 2025
6:00pm PST

6/9/2025 - Updated ("Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch" on Facebook and email updates.)



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For WebEx information please contact:
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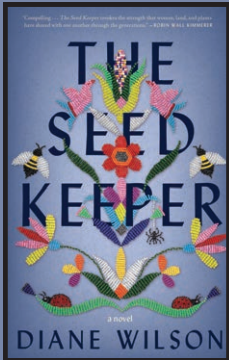
SEED KEEPING EVENT
Book Signing & Author Talk

Sunday, June 29th, 2025
11am-3pm

Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hosto / Hoocak Community Library
District One Community Center, Black River Falls, WI

Diane Wilson

- Author: "The Seed Keeper"
- Book Signing
- Mdewakanton



Jessika Greendeer

- District One Legislator
- Seed Keeper
- Ho-Chunk



If you have questions, please contact the Hoocak Community Library at 715-284-0905 x 15230

At-Large Health Management Program (ALHMP)

This program is for Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Members only that reside outside of the 16 counties of the Purchase Referred Care Delivery Area which include Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marathon, Monroe, Sauk, Shawano, Vernon, Wood, WI, and Houston, MN (FKA Contract Health Services)

The purpose of the Program is to provide healthcare assistance to low income (250% Federal Poverty Guidelines per household size) Ho-Chunk Tribal Member(s) who do not have insurance. Tribal members must apply for alternate resources first, such as Medical Assistance or The Marketplace as their primary coverage. The ALHMP will assist with Health Insurance Premiums for Marketplace participants, limited benefits for dental, vision, prescriptions, durable medical equipment, and copays/deductibles. ALHMP is not an entitlement program or insurance plan and is to be considered as "payer of last resort." The Program is funded entirely by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Application is now fillable on-line
<https://health.ho-chunk.com/alhmp.html>

Feel free to call 715-284-9851 ext. 35315, with any questions.

Or email me at natalie.bird@ho-chunk.com

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation’s newsletter and on the Nation’s website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant’s name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. In cases of adopted Applicants, certain identifying information will be neither published nor released pursuant to Wisconsin and other States’ Laws. **This determination may be appealed to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary by any adult enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes the Notice of Eligibility for Membership.**

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APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Becker, Rush Gilbert	01/22/2024	3/8	George Lonetree Hoonch Ha Ta Kah Base Roll 1901 - 00808		Sequoia Sierra Lonetree
2. Blackdeer, Elliot Jairus	05/18/2024	5/16	Peter Whitegull N1910 - 00436	Non-Member	Olivia Marie Blackdeer
3. Burnside, Kaya May	05/03/2018	1/4	Tom Monegar Chask Chunk Kah 1901 - 00249	Non-Member	Lainey Willette Ward
4. Cloud, Eirlys Evonne	12/31/2022	1/4	George Cloud Son Nik O He Way Kah 1901 - 00149	Non-Indian	Cheyenne Rain Cloud
5. Cloud, Ryder Steven Jacob	10/23/2021	1/4	George Cloud Son Nik O He Way Kah 1901 - 00149	Non-Indian	Cheyenne Rain Cloud
6. Fanning, Carter James	10/23/2020	1/4	Isaac Yellowbank N1912 - 01085	Benjamin Emanuel Fanning	Non-Indian
7. Goodbear, Amelia James	10/24/2023	1/4	Ray Goodbear Na He Ho No Kah 1901 – 00083		Sarah Ann Goodbear
8. Goodbear, Gianna T	09/28/2020	1/4	Ray Goodbear Na He Ho No Kah 1901 – 00083	Toma Verlyn Goodbear	
9. Green, Maxine Marlene	01/13/2023	121/128	Luke Green Mon Mar Chau Naw Gee Car War Kaw 1881 - 00104	Montgomery James Green Jr.	Gabrielle Ann Rave
10. Hainlen, Aiyana Marie Faith	06/08/2013	1/4	Frank Bigsoldier Ke Kah Unga 1881 - 00046		Enakay Lea Gray
11. Hancock, Lucas Scott	12/20/2022	1/4	John Thompson Sr. Na He Kah 1901 – 00631	Non-Indian	Jamie Leigh Hancock
12. Lopez, Lilian Faye	02/02/2022	1/4	John Thompson Sr. Na He Kah 1901 – 00631	Non-Indian	Aliya Faye Merritt
13. Lopez Jr, Luis Angel	07/27/2019	1/4	John Thompson Sr. Na He Kah 1901 – 00631	Non-Indian	Aliya Faye Merritt
14. Mann, Emily Priscilla	12/06/2023	1/4	John Man II Na He Kah 1901 – 00022	Richard Michael Mann	Non-Indian
15. Mendoza, Ava Grace	02/29/2024	1/4	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 – 00328	Richard Zuniga Mendoza Jr	Non-Indian
16. Morgan, Thomas James	05/03/2023	1/4	George Deer Chep A Hip Kah 1901 – 00300	Non-Indian	Geraldine Yvonne Morgan
17. Obaya, Leticia Pearl	09/28/2006	63/128	George Cloud Son Nik O He Way Kah 1901 – 00149		Krystal Lyn Cloud
18. Rave III, Gayland	05/08/2002	47/64	Alex Lonetree Na He Na Kee Kah 1881 – 00016	Non-Member	Tanya Lyn Mrotek
19. Rotar-Lewis, Amiyha Rayne	09/23/2023	1/4	Confidential 1901	Ian Michael Lewis	Non-Indian
20. Storm, Kal-El Eric Frank	07/29/2019	1/2	Jim White Bear Hoonch Skah Kah 1881 – 00522	Patrick James Storm	Non-Indian
21. Storm, Kara Selena Pearl	12/28/2017	1/2	Jim White Bear Hoonch Skah Kah 1881 – 00522	Patrick James Storm	Non-Indian
22. Villeda, Alaya Lluvia	08/24/2021	35/128	Wesley Green Sr N1910 – 00695	Wesley Wayne Green IV	Non-Indian
23. Wauqua, Cianna Joy	12/01/2019	1/4	Henry Whitethunder Wau Kon Chaw Skaw Kah 1901 – 00332	Colin Joseph Wauqua	Non-Member
24. Youngthunder Jr, Derek Peter	02/19/2024	95/128	Charlie Youngthunder Ma Ah Qua Kah 1881 – 01215	Derek Peter Youngthunder	Tiffany Maves King

I, **Eliza Decorah /s/**, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this 20th day of June, 2025.

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

Call to Order: Vice President Kristin White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

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 with TABLING under Commission

Reports A10. Employee Group Waiver Program, under Unfinished Business A. Red Cloud Park, B. Impact Statement on Federal Programs (Grant Funded Programs and Employees), under District Meetings A. D3 Tejop – May 14, 2025. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-May 20, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 20, 2025 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting-May 27, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 27, 2025 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Health, Insurance, Education, and Social Services Commission-May 19, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the May 19, 2025 Health, Insurance, Education,

and Social Services Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Jackson County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-04-25 A**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Jackson County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Monroe County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-04-25 B**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Monroe County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to

Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Sauk County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-04-25 C**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Sauk County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Shawano-Menominee Counties for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-04-25 D**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Shawano-Menominee Counties for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Wood County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-04-25 E**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Wood County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Eau Claire County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-04-25 F**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Eau Claire County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with La Crosse County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-04-25 G**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with La Crosse

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County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison-Dane County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 H***, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison-Dane County for Communicable Disease Response and Collaboration. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into an Affiliation Agreement with Grand Canyon University

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 I***, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into an Affiliation Agreement with Grand Canyon University. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Employee Group Waiver Program-TABLED at approval of agenda

Housing Commission-May 22, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the May 22, 2025 Housing Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Development Commission-May 27, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to approve the May 27, 2025 Development Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of Ho-Chunk Nation All-Hazards Mitigation Plan

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 J***, Approval of Ho-Chunk Nation All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Commission-May 29, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to approve the May 29, 2025 Finance Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 7-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Department

of Treasury Infor GHR Automation Module

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 K***, Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Treasury Infor GHR Automation Module. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **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 Department of Administration Information Technology Division Software Licensing Renewal

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 L***, 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 Department of Administration Information Technology Division Software Licensing Renewal. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-0 **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 Department of Housing Heavy Equipment Division Dozers

10:22 a.m. Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. is away from his computer.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 M***, 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 Department of Housing Heavy Equipment Division Dozers. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **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 Department of Administration Transportation Division Upfitting of Work Trucks

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 N***, 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 Department of Administration Transportation Division Upfitting of Work Trucks. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

Red Cloud Park-Standing Agenda Item-TABLED at approval of agenda

Impact Statement on Federal Programs (Grant Funded Programs and Employees)-

Standing Agenda Item-TABLED at approval of agenda

Mother Earth’s Young Protectors Funding Request

Rep. Phyllis Smoke mentioned that this was tabled at the last meeting, as an updated budget summary was forthcoming.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to request Legislative Legal prepare a resolution for the funding amount for the Mother Earth’s Young Protectors request in the amount \$35,132 to come out of the local assistance tribal consistency fund and to have that resolution ready for today. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance (2 HCC § 12)

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 O***, Adoption of Amendments to the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance (2 HCC § 12). Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment for the Tomah Baseball Club

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 P***, Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment for the Tomah Baseball Club, noting \$40,000 within the resolution. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Adrian Township, Monroe County, WI Hemlock Road Chip Seal Project Cooperative Agreement

10:32 a.m. Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. is back online.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 Q***, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Adrian Township, Monroe County, WI Hemlock Road Chip Seal Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave Native American Church of North America National Convention

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 R***, Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave Native American Church of North America National Convention. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consideration of Quick Passage to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code (2 HCC § 6)

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie

Begay to consider quick passage to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code (2 HCC § 6). Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code (2 HCC § 6) regarding Matters Impacted by Redistricting

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 S***, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code (2 HCC § 6) regarding Matters Impacted by Redistricting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Redistricting and Reapportionment Article V, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 T***, Redistricting and Reapportionment Article V, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Election Code (2 HCC § 6) out for Thirty Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 U***, Authorization to Place the Election Code (2 HCC § 6) out for Thirty Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Asset Management Policy Manual (5 HCC § 8) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 V***, Authorization to Place the Asset Management Policy Manual (5 HCC § 8) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D3 Tejop – May 14, 2025 – TABLED at approval of agenda

D4 Guųšgonąk – May 19, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to TABLE D4 Chicago minutes until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 California – May 21, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to TABLE D4 California minutes until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice,

Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

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 Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:34 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business (Re-visited):

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Mother Earth’s Young Protectors Woogus Hirakara Youth Summit

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 06-04-25 X***, Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Mother Earth’s Young Protectors Woogus Hirakara Youth Summit. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D4 Guųšgonąk – May 19, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Casey Brown for the Election Board workers to receive an extra \$50 on election days during poll hours. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

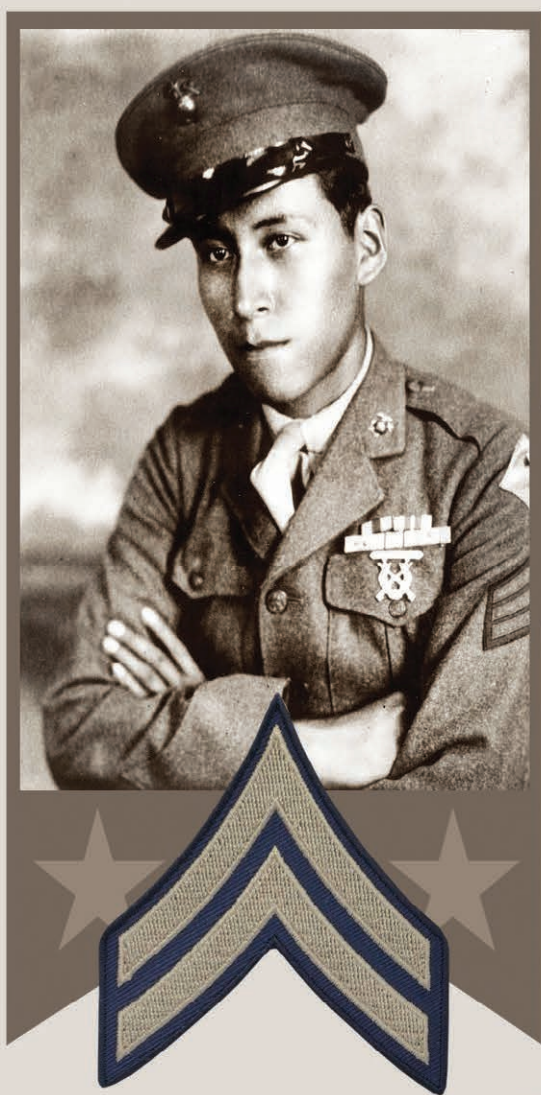
D4 California – May 21, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to Health, Education, Insurance, Social Services Commission the MOTION by Victoria Stacy-GoodThunder for all tribal members to have 100 health coverage. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to June 17, 2025 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.



CPL. MITCHELL REDCLOUD JR. DAY

JULY 4, 2025 ★

75th Year of Remembrance

PARADE | SOCIAL DANCE | GAMES

N7261 Warrior Ave
Black River Falls
WI

Schedule

- 10:00 AM - Parade line-up
- 11:00 AM - The Parade Begins at Sandpillow Ball Fields
- 12:15 PM - Raise the Mitchell RedCloud Jr. Flag, sing the Mitchell RedCloud Jr. song, and share his story
- 12:30 PM - Lunch Time
- 2:00 PM - Games (Lacrosse, Double Ball, Cornhole Tourney, Tug of War, 3-Legged Races)
- 3:00 PM - Grand Entry (singers and dancers will be paid)
- 4:00 PM - Flag Lowering
- 5:00 PM - Announce Winners

*Times are tentative

Information

Pay for parade volunteers and prize money for parade categories, additional information will be provided regarding all events... stay tuned

If you would like to sign-up to be in the parade please contact the Parade Coordinator, Rosalind Cleveland: rosalind.cleveland@ho-chunk.com
Pow-wow vendors: ken.lewis@ho-chunk.com

T-Shirts -\$20

Cpl. Mitchell RedCloud Jr. Remembrance Day T-Shirt, All proceeds go towards next year's event.
Contact: OOP.Help@ho-chunk.com

