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Indigenous Language Summit Highlights Ho-Chunk Language Revitalization Efforts

Kaili Berg

The Hooçak Academy shared its language revitalization work during the 2026 Indigenous Language Summit, held June 18 in Stevens Point.

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the summit brought together Indigenous language educators and programs.

According to Education Coordinator Jessi Falcon, the Ho-Chunk Nation Language Division presented information on Hooçak Language Baseball, community

language events, and other initiatives aimed at increasing opportunities for language learning.

Hooçak Academy instructional teams also gave presentations on classroom programs and teaching approaches. One presentation focused on play-based learning, which uses the Hooçak language throughout daily classroom activities.

Educators shared examples of how students develop language skills through games, interactions, and hands-on learning experiences.

Presenters also provided updates on language archiving efforts.

Historical language books and materials are being cataloged and digitized to improve preservation and accessibility. Physical copies are being managed through records preservation efforts while digital copies are being stored for long-term access.

The day concluded with a Hooçak Language Baseball game, giving attendees an opportunity to see one of the language programs discussed during the summit in action.



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Ho-Chunk Cinema Continues Building Momentum

Kaili Berg

Several months after reopening, Ho-Chunk Cinema is continuing to attract moviegoers with upgraded amenities designed to bring a premium theater experience to rural Wisconsin.

The theater, which reopened in November after being closed for six years, has undergone extensive renovations that transformed the facility into a modern entertainment destination.

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

Christopher Sweet's Blue Bear Studio represents Ho-Chunk culture at Madison Public Market and beyond

By Camille Jackson
Reprint from Madison365

Among the tables at Madison Public Market's soft opening last Wednesday, Blue Bear Studios attracted customers with colorful multimedia artworks. The artist behind these works, Christopher Sweet, also known by his Ho Chunk name Huuc Coo Ga, travelled from Baraboo to be one of the vendors featured in the pop-up events ahead of the public market's July 23 opening.

"We got invited here for the pop-ups, and we had to jump at the opportunity," he said. "I love the location; it's a beautiful building".

Sweet began painting professionally in 2016. In the last 10 years, his work has been exhibited in the Pablo Center at the Confluence in Eau Claire, Overture Center for the Arts in Madison, and All My Relations Gallery in Minneapolis. After building his craft for five years, he opened his Blue Bear Studio in 2021, which serves as a gallery and a gift shop. There, he sells prints, notecards, and bags displaying his designs.

"I also have sculptures and large original paintings there," he said.

His studio, Blue Bear, is an English translation of his Ho-Chunk name. This name links Sweet's

artwork to a deeper personal meaning connected to his heritage and colonial history.

"There were many Ho Chunk villages all throughout this area, so it's an honor just to be here and be able to represent Ho Chunk and share the culture," Sweet said. "A lot of the culture in my artwork shows and that's important to me."

In the 1830s, the federal and Wisconsin territorial governments forcibly displaced the Ho Chunk Nation from their land in what is now the southern region of Wisconsin.

Blue Bear Studios has an educational aspect to its pieces, showcasing Ho Chunk teachings and sciences. "While I'm here, I want to be able to share the culture and share my work. My works have stories behind them." Sweet said. "For example, the Three Sisters- corn, beans, and squash- share the knowledge of planting techniques."

In addition to vending at The Madison Public Market, Sweet is busy working on his Three Sisters structure.

"I'll be repainting them and they'll be going up in Tenney Park. The opening will be from August 1st into November," Sweet said. "It will be a temporary installation that's part of a larger project with the Teejop Community History Public Art Project."



Christopher Sweet at the Madison Public Market. Photo by Camille Jackson.

This program seeks to recount Indigenous histories in the city through a Ho-Chunk perspective. Sweet will be one of several Native artists contributing pieces to the project.

Blue Bear Studios will be vending at the Madison Public Market's pop-up events every Wednesday from 3:30 to 7 pm until July 1. Beyond The Market, Sweet's art can be found in his gallery at 612 Oak Street, Baraboo.

CPL. MITCHELL REDCLOUD JR. DAY
JULY 4, 2026
RedCloud Raiders Triathlon Route

1 Bicycle 11 miles
2 Canoe/Kayak 3.6 miles
3 Run 2.7 miles

8 AM Start Time
Course will be marked with arrows

Triathlon STARTS AND ENDS at District One Community Center N7261 Warrior Ave. Black River Falls, WI

HO-CHUNK NATION
Department of Labor

06/16/2026

Summer Youth Workforce Initiative Update

The proposed Summer Youth Workforce Initiative was not funded as part of the Ho-Chunk Nation FY2027 Executive Branch budget process and, as a result, the Summer Youth Workforce program will not move forward as originally proposed.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the many Ho-Chunk youth, parents, guardians, departments, supervisors, and worksites who expressed interest in participating in and supporting this initiative. We are grateful for the overwhelming support and shared commitment to investing in the future success of our youth.

While the Summer Youth Workforce program will not be available this year, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor remains committed to youth workforce development. Throughout July and August, we plan to offer career readiness and workforce development trainings focused on transferable skills such as professionalism, workplace expectations, communication, teamwork, resume development, interviewing skills, career exploration, goal setting, and professional etiquette.

We look forward to continuing to explore future opportunities that help prepare Ho-Chunk youth for educational, career, and leadership success.

Individuals interested in participating in upcoming career readiness trainings are encouraged to contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor at 477@ho-chunk.com, TWD@ho-chunk.com, or (715) 284-5877 for additional information.

Thank you again to everyone who supported this effort and continues to believe in the potential of Ho-Chunk youth.

Respectfully,

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor Staff

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Bipartisan Bill Aims to Give Tribes a Larger Role in Federal Food Programs

Kaili Berg

U.S. Reps. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.) and Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa) have introduced bipartisan legislation aimed at increasing Tribal involvement in federal food assistance programs following widespread food distribution problems that affected Tribal communities in 2024.

The legislation comes after the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) changed its food distribution system in 2024, moving from two contractors to a single national vendor. Tribal leaders had warned the change could lead to delivery problems, and many of those concerns became reality.

As food shipments were delayed or canceled, some Tribal communities experienced shortages of basic food items. Some sites also reported receiving expired products. By the fall of 2024, several tribes reported bare shelves and limited food supplies. USDA later restored a second contractor to help address the problems.

If approved, the bill would require USDA to include Tribal representatives when reviewing and awarding contracts for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), which provides food assistance to eligible households living on reservations.

The legislation would also require USDA to identify an emergency contractor within 45 days if major supply chain disruptions occur. In addition, tribes could receive direct federal funding to purchase food themselves during emergencies instead of waiting for deliveries to resume.

The bill also encourages states to consult with tribes before making changes to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which provides food assistance to low-income adults age 60 and older.

Supporters of the legislation say the changes would help prevent future disruptions and ensure Tribal Nations have a stronger role in decisions affecting food programs that serve their



communities.

The legislation has bipartisan support in the Senate and is being led by Sens. Deb Fischer, Tina Smith, Adam Schiff, John Hoeven, Catherine Cortez Masto and Michael Bennet.

Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department Employee Spotlight: Mary Thundercloud-Eary

We are honored to recognize Mary Thundercloud-Eary, Founder and Director of Ee Cooni, our Ho-Chunk language immersion daycare program under the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department.

Mary created Ee Cooni with a powerful vision: to surround our youngest learners in the Ho-Chunk language from the very beginning of their educational journey. Her commitment to early childhood education and language revitalization is truly inspiring. Through her leadership, children are not only cared for—they

are immersed in culture, identity, and language every day.

Under Mary's guidance, her team was awarded a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, which supported the creation of Ho-Chunk language board books. These resources provide developmentally appropriate, culturally grounded materials that strengthen early literacy and language acquisition for our children and families.

Mary's advocacy for students is deeply rooted in her decades of experience as a classroom teacher. With invaluable insight

into strategies for closing the achievement gap, she understands both the systemic challenges students face and the culturally responsive solutions that help them thrive. She brings wisdom, dedication, and a lifelong commitment to student success into every aspect of her work.

We are deeply grateful for Mary's vision, leadership, and unwavering dedication to our youngest learners and the future of our language. Thank you, Mary, for the lasting legacy you are building for generations to come!



July Elders Birthdays

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

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be July 2nd which will be published on July 10th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

2026


TRIBAL ELDER FOOD BOX NEWSLETTER
Summer/Fall Distribution

Ho-Chunk Nation Distribution Locations:

Black River Falls	Tomah
Wittenberg	Green Bay
Nekoosa	Wisconsin Dells

Distribution time varies by location

DATES:	September 24th
May 28th	October 22nd
June 25th	November 19th
July 23th	December 17th
August 27th	January 28th, 2027



Each box will contain proteins, produce, and shelf-stable items, sourced from Indigenous and non-Indigenous local producers and will be representative of traditional foods whenever possible. The average box will be 20 pounds. The contents of the boxes will change for each distribution based on what is available seasonally for the given distribution week.

PLEASE NOTE: Food provided is for Tribal members, 55 years and older. This project is funded by a Feeding America National Organization grant, Feeding Wisconsin's Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection ARPA grant, and an Intertribal Local Food Purchasing Agreement grant.

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1ST - \$10,000 4TH - \$3,000
2ND - \$7,000 5TH - \$2,000
3RD - \$5,000

DANCE CONTEST
ADULT MEN: SR (35-54) / JR (18-34)
TRAD/GRASS/FANCY
1ST - \$1,000 3RD - \$500
2ND - \$700 4TH - \$300
ADULT WOMEN: SR (35-54) / JR (18-34)
TRAD/JINGLE/FANCY
1ST - \$1,000 3RD - \$500
2ND - \$700 4TH - \$300

GOLDEN AGE 55+ MEN TRADITIONAL, GRASS/FANCY COMBINED
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2ND - \$700 4TH - \$300

GOLDEN AGE 55+ WOMEN TRADITIONAL, JINGLE/FANCY COMBINED
1ST - \$1,000 3RD - \$500
2ND - \$700 4TH - \$300

TEEN BOYS TRAD/GRASS/FANCY
1ST - \$300 3RD - \$150
2ND - \$200 4TH - \$100

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1ST - \$300 3RD - \$150
2ND - \$200 4TH - \$100

JR BOYS TRAD/GRASS/FANCY
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CPL. MITCHELL REDCLOUD JR. DAY

JULY 4, 2026

7AM - 6PM

ALL VETERANS AND PUBLIC INVITED
PARADE | SOCIAL DANCE | GAMES

RedCloud Raiders Triathlon

New This Year!

More Information Coming Soon

Ho-Chunk Nation
District 1 Community Center
N7261 Warrior Ave Black River Falls, WI


17 Mi. Triathlon: Bike • Canoe • Run

Drinks & Lunch Provided

Cpl. Mitchell RedCloud Jr.
Korean War Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor
Display will be on site.

Vendors Welcome | Event Volunteers Needed
For further information e-mail: OOP.PR@ho-chunk.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



2026 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

Volunteers needed for Juneau and Monroe

What is the PIT
The PIT Count is a one-day snapshot of the people experiencing homelessness in our communities.

What you will do
Volunteers go into the community unsheltered areas (such as streets, parks, and encampments)—to help identify individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Volunteers respectfully engage with people, explain the purpose of the count, and ask them a brief set of survey questions to collect information on demographics, living situation, and immediate needs.


Locations (Ho-Chunk Tribal Lands)

In Counties of:
Brown, Jackson, Juneau, Monroe, La Crosse, Sauk, Shawano and Wood

Wednesday, July 22–23, 2026

Available Shifts 11 pm–1 am and 4 am–6 am

If you would like to be a volunteer please reach out to Lynnette Henry, Coordinated Entry Lead Specialist at (715) 284-2622 or lynnette.henry@ho-chunk.com or scan QR code.



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2026 Family Healing Camp

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Online Registration: Scan QR Code or Visit <https://shc.ho-chunk.com/>

Event Details

Date: August 4, 5, & 6
Location: Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds
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Black River Falls, WI 54615

Follow on Facebook to stay up to date on event details
facebook.com/groups/familyhealingcamp





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According to Theater Manager Andrea Estebo, the project included a complete overhaul of the auditoriums. New features include zero-gravity recliner seating with heated lumbar support, swivel tray tables, laser projection systems, and Dolby surround sound throughout the theater.

“We completely gutted the auditoriums,” Estebo said during a recent FOX 47 Madison segment highlighting the theater.

The upgrades were made to create a more comfortable and immersive

moviegoing experience for guests. Features commonly found in larger metropolitan theaters are now available closer to home for residents in the region.

Estebo said community support played a major role in bringing the theater back.

“With a huge push by the community, we were able to reopen the doors November of last year,” Estebo said.


The theater is currently showing summer releases including Toy Story 5, Supergirl, and Obsession.

ATTENTION Ho-Chunk Nation Members

The Annual General Council Meeting is on **September 19, 2026.**

The deadline to submit a proposed resolution is **July 21, 2026.**

A fillable resolution form is available on the Ho-Chunk Nation website under the Office of General Council tab.



Submit proposed resolutions to:
Henry.WhiteThunder@ho-chunk.com

Janet Jean Decora

February 9, 1953 – June 17, 2026

Janet Jean (Hocakinga, Ho-Chunk Woman) Decora passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in La Crosse. She was born on February 9, 1953 in Winnebago, Nebraska to Jim Decora and Marceline (Crow) Gilbertson.

She was married on November 1, 1973 to Gary Muir, Sr. Together they raised nine children and made their home in Black River Falls. They later divorced. In addition to being a wife and homemaker, she also worked as an executive secretary and as a bus driver.

Janet took care of children for her entire adult life. She took care of over 30 plus children over the years. She loved to play sports, especially softball and bowling. She also enjoyed horseback riding, going on motorcycle rides, and playing bingo.

Janet loved to spend time with her family and enjoyed trips and watching her grandchildren's activities. She also loved to go camping and fishing with her family. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Janet is survived by her children, Chandra (Greg) Ekern, Stacy (Bryan) Byerlay, Lance (Melinda) Muir, Sr., Ariana Cloud, Christian Cloud, Joanna Hill Roybal, and James Hill; grandchildren, Adam Decorah, Skylar (Zachary) Whitegull, Jonas (Jessica) Whitegull, Destiny (Nathan) Muir, Lance Muir, Jr., Alijas Whitegull, Lanie Byerlay, Christopher Muir, Jack Byerlay, Josiah Patterson, Jameson Patterson, Jr, Marcus Sylvester, Hazel Patterson, Liam Hoover, Gemma and Samiyah Newberry; great-grandchildren, Aamina, Aamond, Navaya, Brooklyn, Lola, Ezra, Arthur,

Bearen, and Clayton. Siblings, Daryl (Jeep) DeCora and Marilyn DeCora; along with many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Gary Muir, Jr.; daughter, Jacinda Muir; great-granddaughter, Aarowyn Williams; brother, Clayton Decora; and former husband, Gary Muir, Sr.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Friday, June 19, 2026 at Buswell Funeral Home in Black River Falls. Services will continue at the D1 Community Center starting at 6:00 pm. Visitation will continue at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 20 at the D1 Community Center with funeral services held at 12:00 pm. Burial will follow at Decorah Cemetery in Komensky Township. Pallbearers will be Derek Youngthunder, Sr., Judea Youngthunder, Damion Whitegull, Sr. Neil Whitegull, Zachary Paulson, and Nathan Bird. Buswell Funeral Home, Black River Falls is assisting the family with arrangements.



Lionel Abraham Cloud

March 30, 1944 – June 20, 2026



Lionel Abraham Cloud, Ma'itajehi, age 82 of Baraboo, Wisconsin walked on Saturday, June 20, 2026 at the Wm.S.Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin with his loving family by his side.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at the Native American Church, N881 US Highway 12, Wisconsin Dells with Joseph WhiteEagle, Sr. officiating. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells and then followed by a light luncheon at the church. Visitation will be held at the Native American Church on Monday beginning at 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. followed by supper at 6:00 p.m. The evening prayer meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Lionel was born March 30, 1944 in Shawano, Wisconsin the son of Howard and Gussie (Cloud) Mike. Lionel had a difficult childhood attending Indian Boarding School, foster home placement on a farm working in Merrimac. At age 18 he enlisted in the army. He failed basic training 3 times, he served four years in active duty and another 5 years in the reserves and was honorably discharged. He met his beloved wife Julia Joan John in Chicago, married her and moved to Baraboo to be near his relatives. Lionel

worked at the Badger Ordnance Ammunition Plant. Most of his career he was self-employed as an auto mechanic, wrecker service, junk yard, with the last of his more known business as "Lionel's Mobile Home Transporting". Through this business he traveled all over the US to places like Florida, Texas, Minnesota and many other states. Lionel took in strangers that were homeless or needed a place to rest their head or feed them a meal. He loved to talk and joke. He enjoyed a good televised pro-sport baseball or football game and WWE wrestling. Lionels favorite past time was gambling at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells where he loved winning jackpots. Lionel lived his life on his terms.

Lionel enjoyed classic music, such as Buddy Holly, Conway Twitty, Johnny Cash and western movies with John Wayne or Clint Eastwood in the "Good the Bad and the Ugly". He loved his mechanic tools. His favorite foods were chicken, fish, hamburger, Baraboo C-Store chili and a can of coke.

Lionel is survived by sons, Lionel Benjamin Cloud, Buckley Cloud, Sterling Cloud and Keith Channoprogada (Linda Gilchrist); daughters, Rebecca (Mike) Zittlow, Melissa Curtis, Alice (Michael) Quinlan and Theresa Day; and grandchildren; Ashley Funmaker, Sylvia Bissonette, Cole Zittlow, Jayson Zittlow, Carman Zittlow, Jeffrey Camacho, Christopher Curtis, Andrea Camacho, Tianna DeCora, Trinity DeCora, Kerstin Schriever, Shina Dean and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his; wife, Julia Joan John; sisters, Sharon Prusia, Carol Sandoval and brother Henry J Mike; mother Gussie (Cloud) Mike and father Howard Mike.

CAREER DAY 2026

REAL ESTATE & DESIGN

Hosted By: 12 Clans, Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department and Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department.

Tuesday, August 11th, 2026

10 am. - 3 pm.



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- Guided tour of the Winn
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The Twins game at 6:40 pm.

Must be registered for the event and attend in person.

1 ticket for one student and

1 chaperone.

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Attention ALL HOP, HRL, & Rental Tenants

Effective July 1, 2026

The Ho-Chunk Nation DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS mailing address has changed. Please send ALL mail to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing

27374 Hwy 21 E

Bldg. #5

Tomah, WI 54660

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at

608-374-1225

or

housing@ho-chunk.com

Thank you,

The Department of Housing

Hoocąk Academy Online Pathways Program Completion List for Winter 2026

PATHWAYS 1A

CaaHiyugej Brenda Owen
 Caat'iMjinaŋkwj Skylar Whitegull
 CaaxsepZiiwj Alexandra Walker
 HaąheMaąniwj Lori Pearson
 Hiinų Olivia Curley
 Hiinų Rachel Clinesmith
 HinųkWaąksikPij Michaela Snake
 Hohaąpikerewj Arvina Martin
 MaąCooSgał Heather Hillmer
 MaąxiSga Christopher Keenan
 WakacąkMaąniwj Karen Michel
 Waruxewj Jacie Walker
 Wihą Evagelina Ruiz-Chavez
 Wihą Jacqueline Barrera Real
 Wihą Mariah May

PATHWAYS 1B

Aahuco Andrew Marr
 CaaHiyugej Brenda Owen
 Hahaązi Jack Keenan
 Hiinų Heather Jerzak

Hiinų Lyndsey Killian
 HųcHiinųk Angie Lowe
 MaąCooSgał Heather Hillmer
 NjizųXoocej Whitney Colberg
 Wihą Abbi Houghton

PATHWAYS 1C

Caanikwj Mackenzie Blackdeer
 Heeną Elliot Kolner
 Heeną Matt Pagliaro
 Kwenago Carmen Redcloud
 Maąnaąpewj Gina Funmaker
 MaąxiSgał Kaira Wolfe
 Moorajej Jasmine Stacy
 Naąjijej Olivia Prescott
 NaąsaracMaąniwj Alicia Greendeer
 WaisaSgał Jennifer White Eagle
 Wakjexiwj Kimberly Whitewater
 WanjkSgał Leah LaMere
 Wirakarał Destiny Jones
 Woożawagirewj Rhiannon Blackdeer
 Xoorapasął Rita Peters

PATHWAYS 1D

CeexjiSgał Cheyenne Mike
 Haaga Vince Laubmeier
 HişjaSgał Whitney Munden
 HųcPijwj Tyler LaMere
 Naąjijej Olivia Prescott
 Njij'ejHaabaxwj Michelle LaMere
 WacożuMaąni Curtis Prescott

PATHWAYS 2A

Hiinų Kat Beyer
 HųcHiinųknał Dana Kinser
 MaąxiHikipaj Priscilla Cleveland
 Woo'ehiwj Cela Payer

PATHWAYS 2B

Aahucoj Kathy LaMere
 Ruucgesgał Penny LaMere-Smart

PATHWAYS 2C

HaramjheSgał Lucasta Snowball
 Hiinų Elizabeth Zingg
 Kunų Josh VandeBerg
 ReekuMaąnił Joan Greendeer-Lee

Saaąej Tonia Lowe

PATHWAYS 2D

CaaşjaMaąnił Kari Littlegeorge
 HiinųkSgu Sheila Shigley
 MaąxiCoowj Katya Adachi-Serrano
 Njij'onaążiwj Bridgette Schulz



Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
 Division of Public Health

Ważookj woo'ehi

family conversations

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

Wednesdays 1pm-2pm

July 1
Take Time To Care For Your Eyes... Tips For Healthy Vision
 Lisa M. Peterson, O.D, Ho-Chunk Optical

July 15
Beyond the Classroom: Ho-Chunk Education in Action
 Bethany Redbird, Diane Rave, Arielle Hall
 Ho-Chunk Education Department Personnel

[JOIN NOW](#)

If you have a topic you'd like to learn about, a topic you'd like to present, and to learn more contact:
 Jamie.Decorah@Ho-Chunk.com 715.896.1126
 Ronelle.McKernan@Ho-Chunk.com 715.896.2570

HO-CHUNK NATION
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SUMMER 2026 BLOCK PARTIES

"A Summer of Mental Wellness"
 10am-3pm

JUNE 10- WITTENBERG
 @ Siga Funmaker Community Center

JUNE 24 - TOMAH
 @ Ho-Chunk Cinema Parking lot

JULY 8 - BARABOO
 @ South YellowThunder Rd
 Pavillion behind House of Wellness

JULY 22 - NEKOOSA
 @ Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa

JULY 29 - MADISON
 @ Teejop Hocira Community Center

AUGUST 12 - BLACK RIVER FALLS
 @ Sandpillow Baseball Field

Free event for tribal members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation. This is a drug and alcohol free event
 More info: Melissa.Govek@ho-chunk.com, Jamie.Decorah@ho-chunk.com, Ronelle.McKernan@ho-chunk.com

HO-CHUNK HOUSE OF WELLNESS

Medication questions? Ask a pharmacist in person!

**Multiple questions?
 CMRs available!**

Comprehensive Medication Review

- Pharmacist goes over all of your medications with you
- Identifies any issues
- Answers questions or concerns

What can I bring with me?

- A medication list or pill bottles, including:
 - Prescriptions
 - Over-the-counter medications
 - Vitamins/supplements
 - Inhalers, blood sugar testing supplies, and other devices
- Written-down questions and/or concerns
- Health tracking data, such as:
 - Blood pressure logs
 - Blood glucose logs
 - Alc or other lab values

When/Where?

Tribal Aging Units
 Wednesdays
 10:30am - 1:30pm
 No Appointment Needed!

6/10/26 - Black River Falls
 6/17/26 - Tomah
 7/1/26 - Nekoosa
 7/15/26 - Wittenberg
 8/5/26 - WI Dells
 8/12/26 - Black River Falls
 8/19/26 - Tomah
 9/2/26 - Nekoosa
 9/9/26 - Wittenberg
 9/16/26 - WI Dells
 Future dates TBD

Contact Us 608-355-5177 Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
 Division of Pharmacy

All-Abilities Stroll

1.3 MILE WALK

**ABILITIES OUTWEIGH
 DISABILITIES!**

FREE REGISTRATION

@ DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 - 10AM
 9:30AM CHECK-IN; 10:00AM WALK START

Rest Stations Every 0.15 Miles With Seating
 Strollers, Wheelchairs, and Assistive Devices Welcome
 Therapy Pets Allowed; No Other Pets Please

T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.JacksonInAction.org/abilities



Adalina Tucker
Ce Nìk wiġa, Buffalo Clan

Stoughton High School, Stoughton, Massachusetts
Mom and Sister (Heidi & Dalia) are so proud of you! As a standout primary goalie, Adalina committed to play NCAA Division III lacrosse at the University of Wisconsin - Stout Polytechnic. She is seeking a degree in Computer & Electrical Engineering.

Adalina plays on the Haudenosaunee Jr Nationals u-19 team. She competed at the historic Brogden Cup held at USA Lacrosse headquarters in October 2025, and followed up by playing in the international Heritage Cup at Rider University in May 2026.

Alongside her college plans, Adalina was selected to represent the USA in an upcoming trip to Italy in the summer of 2026.



Adiana Martinez

Parents: Joshua Martinez & Laura Garcia
Martin Luther High School in Greendale, Wisconsin
Adiana will be attending MATC in the fall.



Ahsoka Mae H. White
Kaaġi seepwì (Black Raven)

Parents: Brandon & Aryka Wieskamp
Ahuco Head Start

Ahsoka is a delightfully silly girl known for her sudden, spontaneous dance moves, sweetly hummed tunes, and contagious laughter. She is a massive fan of tomatoes and frequently operates undercover as a midnight fridge-raider to secure shredded cheese. When she isn't chasing bubbles or watching fish documentaries, this aspiring superhero can be found practicing her telekinetic mind control to move objects at will. Watch out world, here she comes!



Alex Gorsh

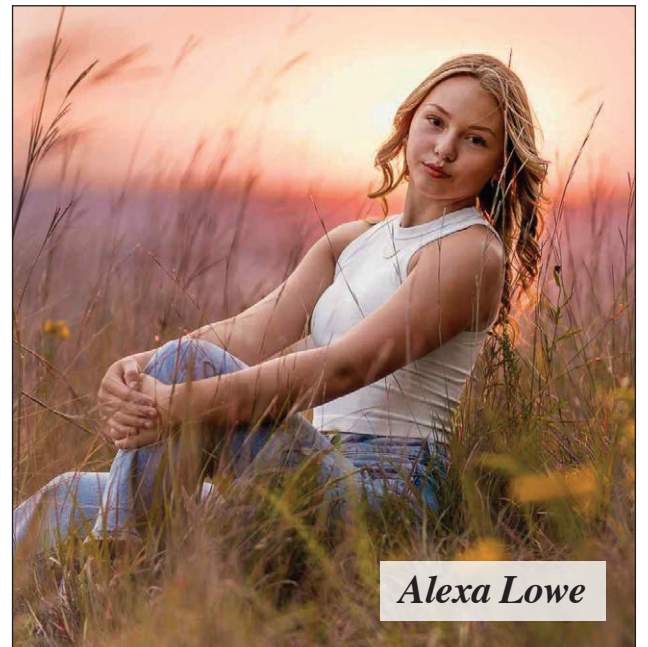
Parents: Jason & Angela Gorsh
Grandparent: Lee Thundercloud
Grandville High School

Alex earned credits in seven Advanced Placement classes, ran track and cross country, played cello and traveled with the orchestra, and took the stage in a Harry Potter play. He had an art piece selected for display in a local gallery. Alex will attend Michigan State University to study Linguistics and International Relations.



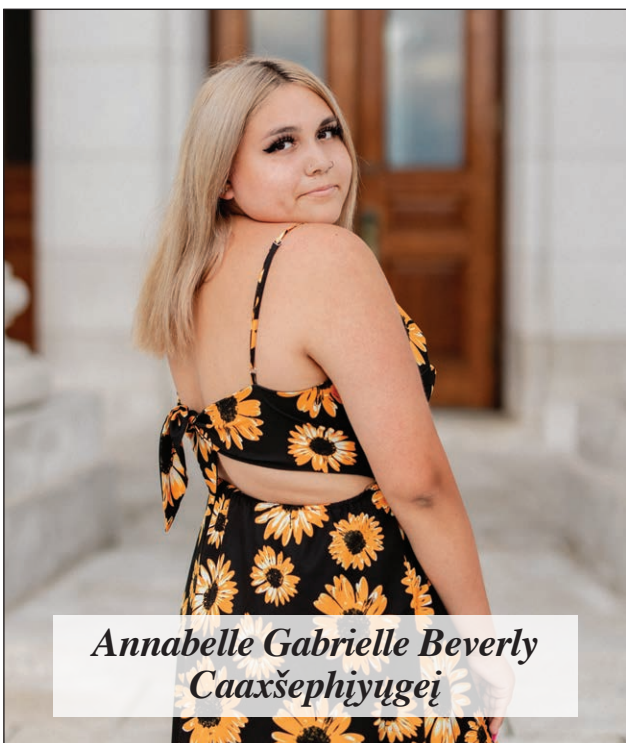
Alex Stacy
Hųc Hiinųk

Guardians: George Stacy, Samantha Skenandore & Cory Skenandore
Monona Grove High School
Alex will be attending Madison College focusing on Business Management.



Alexa Lowe

Parents: Scott Lowe & Melissa Porter
Black River Falls High School
Following her creative passion, Alexa will be moving to La Crosse to study Interior Design at Western Technical College.



Annabelle Gabrielle Beverly
Caaxšephiyugej

Parents: Mary B. Houghton & Stuart G. Beverly
Nekoosa High School
Annabelle will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point for Elementary Education.



Azaria Aiyanna Boulding

Parents: Genevieve & Nathaniel Longtail Jr.
Black River Fall High School
Azaria plans to continue her education in the fall at Western Technical College in the fall.



Alexander Paul Van Riper
Wakaja Caaxšep (Thunder Eagle)

Parents: Ardith Van Riper & Anthony Van Riper, Sr.
Grandparents: Emma Decorah wanaġira & Gordon Snowball wanaġira
Black River Falls High School
Alex participated in tennis, basketball, baseball, and football throughout his high school career. He took interest in studying auto mechanics, Ho-Chunk language for three years, lifeguarding and aquatic fitness, and piano. He plans to explore the workforce before finalizing future endeavors.



Amber Moon Frank

Parents: Sandra Barta & Karl Frank
Berkeley Law

Amber Moon Frank (Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin) is from Lake Berryessa, Napa, California. Amber is a first-generation law student who received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law on May 15, 2026. She received her B.A. in Political Science from UCLA in 2019 and a M.L.S. degree in Indigenous Peoples' Law and Policy from the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 2022. Amber attended the American Indian Law Center's Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians and Alaska Natives at UNM School of Law the summer before beginning law school in 2023 and was awarded the G. William Rice Award for Advocacy. During law school, she led the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) at Berkeley Law as a 1L Representative, Co-President, and 3L Representative, and was involved with the student-led pro bono Native American Legal Assistance project, and worked as a Udall Congressional Intern in the Department of the Interior's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Amber served as the Senior Publishing Editor for the Berkeley Journal of International Law, Associate Editor for Ecology Law Quarterly, and joined the school's in-house Human Rights Clinic and Veterans Law Practicum. Amber is preparing to sit for the California Bar Exam. She will join Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard's Natural Resources and Tribal Law groups in Sacramento, California, in the fall. Outside of her studies, Amber is an avid traveler, beach volleyball player, and runner.



Cameron Logan Aakejahuuga
(He comes across the water)

Parents: Eric & Edita Logan
Adelphi University, NY
Master's Degree in Business
Cameron is an entrepreneur, website and app creation for the Powwow Trail. He also experiences Lacrosse Coaching.



Carole Mae Decorah Wirakarawi

Parents: Francis & Roberta Decorah
Arizona State University
Master of Legal Studies
Carole plans to continue at Edgewood University for Doctor of Business Administration.



Cheyenne Morning Dove Reel Haapiiga

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Master of Science in Anthropology



Emma Aguilar

Parents: Latoya Aguilar & Tomas Aguilar
Ahuco Head Start



Gavin Nijhapapaga White Eagle

Parents: Cameron (Sarah) White Eagle & Karen Kreeger
UW - Madison
Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies & Communications with certificates in Criminal Justice, Digital Cinema Production and Game Design



Dante Dublin

Parents: Joshua Dublin & Stacy Attocknie
Guardians: Antoinette & Steven Davids
Gresham School District, Gresham WI
Dante plans to attend college in the fall.



ChyloCree G. Belisle Waabanongagookwe

Parents: Lael Hall & Tracee Hall
Black River Falls High School
ChyloCree's extra-curricular activities included softball, basketball, and Waksik Wacek Club. Her future endeavors are to attend college, earning a degree in Criminal Psychology, and play college softball.



Genesis Worthy-Daily Thundercloud

Parents: Christina Worthy-Daily & Kevin Daily
Kindergarten Homeschool Graduate
Genesis' favorite things to do are arts and crafts and build mazes for her Guinea Pigs, Bella and Cherry.



Hera Lonetree-Rindahl

Daughter of: Dale & Cynthia
Mom of: Rory, Marshall, Lawrence, Cedela, & Dahlia, Dr.
Gaga of: Harrison
Wife of: Dakota
The Chicago School
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Counselor Education and Supervision (CES)
Hera's family is so proud of her, her hard work does not go unnoticed and they love her!



Jacqueline Lee Ennis

University of Wisconsin – Platteville
Bachelor of Business Administration, Major in Management
Jacqueline looks forward to entering the professional business world and exploring management career paths. In her free time, she hopes to spend more time with her family, grow in her faith and discipleship, and get back to reading for recreation.



Jaesa Nichole Thundercloud

Western Technical College
Associates of Applied Science – Accounting
Jaesa will be pursuing her Bachelors in Accounting at Viterbo.



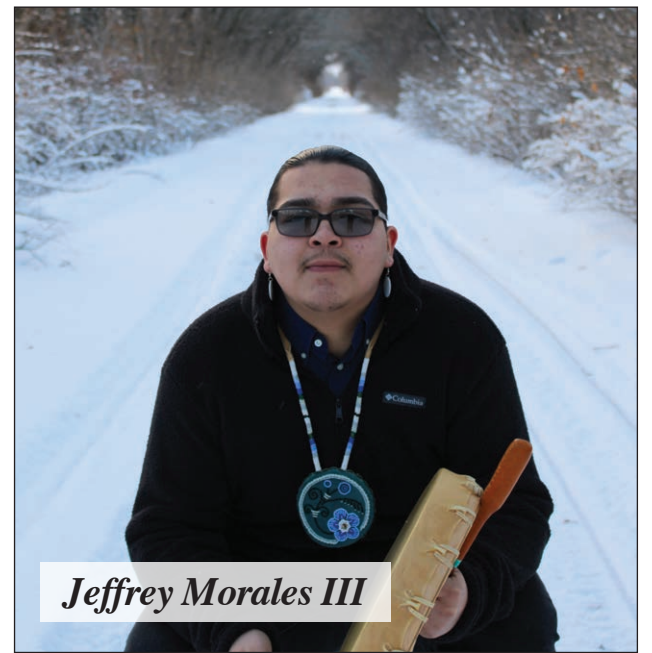
Jayden Adam Bryant

Parents: Jennifer & Reginal Bryant
Angleton High School in Angleton, TX
Jayden will attend Brazosport College in the fall to pursue a degree in Instrument technology.



Jecenia Youngthunder

Indiana Bible College
Associates of Arts in Missiology



Jeffrey Morales III

Parents: Cary Pidgeon & Jeffrey Morales JR.
Grandparents: the late Daniel Pidgeon
Green Bay East High School
Jeffrey's future plans involve securing employment in a trade during the Fall Semester of 2026, with the aspiration to enroll at Haskell Indian Nations University in Spring 2027.



Joel Ezra Posner
Maoonah gi gee day
(God's Helper)

Parents: Stacy Whitecloud & Howard Posner
Culver City High School in Culver City, California
Joel's future endeavors include majoring in molecular and cell biology at the University of California Berkeley.



Jordana White Eagle

Parents: Cody & Amber Greendeer
University of Wisconsin Platteville
Associate of Arts and Sciences
She will be attending UW-Eau Claire this fall majoring in bachelor of Social Work (BSW).



Kaleigh Jean Cook
Hinųkjoopwiga

Parents: Julia Goodbear & Matthew Cook
Grandparents: Barbara & Orbert Goodbear
Reedsburg Area High School
After graduation, Kaleigh plans to explore career options and find what she is passionate about.



**Logan Mann
Maahihimaaniwi**

Parents: Matthew & Jesse Mann
Black River Falls High School
Logan will be attending Viterbo University in the fall to pursue a Nursing Degree.



**Makaela Rae Kiesow
Hiugwi (Princess)**

Parent: Nicole Thunder
Osseo-Fairchild High School
Makaela's future endeavors include Elementary Education (CVTC then transferring to University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire).



**Maliya Rain
Wiiwewipi**

Parent: Ashley Funmaker
Monona Grove High School
Maliya plans to attend UW – Madison to study Interior Architecture.



Maribel Felipe Carmona

Parents: Amanda Carmona & Ernesto Felipe Hernandez
Neek Chunkgra Head Start
Maribel wants to be a head start teacher like her favorite teacher Ms. Iwona Pakos from Neek Chunkgra Head Start.



**Memphis Cleveland
Maqjijej**

Parents: Michelle Greendeer-Rave & Lance Rave, Silas Cleveland
University of Wisconsin La Crosse
Bachelor of Science Public Communications and Advocacy Minor in College of Arts Social Sciences and humanities
After graduating from the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse with a Bachelor of Science in Public Communications and Advocacy and a minor in the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities, I plan to continue growing Waaxu LLC, my Ho-Chunk owned leatherworking business that blends traditional Woodland Indigenous artistry with contemporary western wear and equestrian craftsmanship. I hope to expand Waaxu into a nationally recognized brand while creating opportunities for Indigenous representation within the leather, western, and equine industries.
In addition to entrepreneurship, I plan to remain active in community advocacy, cultural preservation, and youth engagement within the Ho-Chunk Nation. My goals include supporting Indigenous language revitalization efforts, organizing cultural and sporting events, mentoring Native youth, and continuing work that uplifts Indigenous voices and stories. I also hope to pursue opportunities that strengthen connections between tribal communities, higher education, and public service while honoring Ho-Chunk values and traditions.



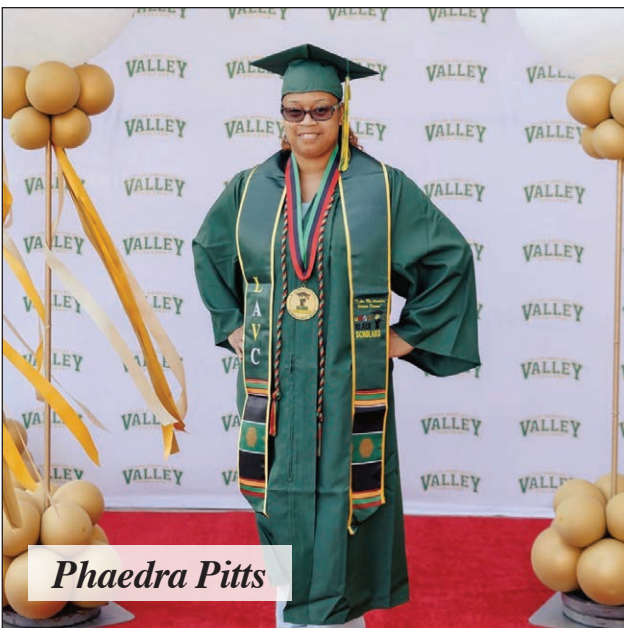
**Morella Adelaide RedEagle Benninghoff
Heexsgaa**

Parents: Laura C. RedEagle & Tim Benninghoff
LaFollette High School, Madison
Morella plans on going to UW–Madison, College of Letters & Science. Her extra-curricular activities included Cello, art, outdoor, reading, film critic, journalism, and science olympiad.



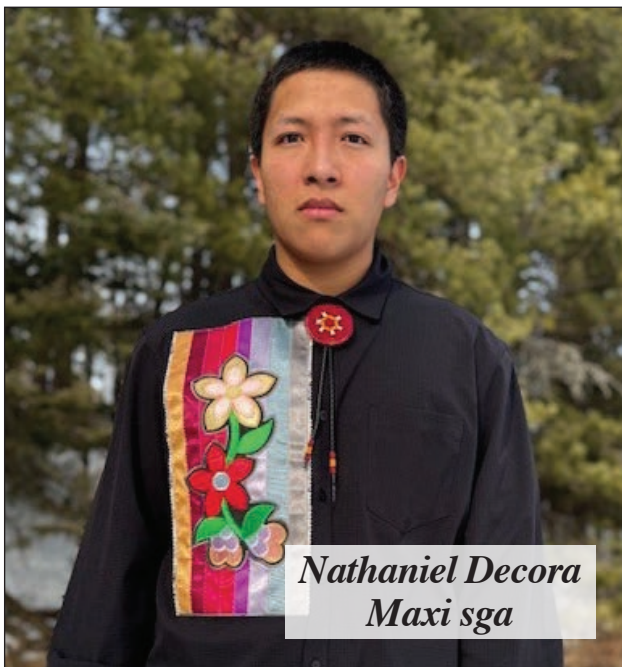
**Natalie Littlejohn
Hųc Hiinųk**

Parents: Jake Littlejohn & Beth Lilligren
Paternal Grandfather: Dale Littlejohn
Spring Lake Park High School
Natalie's future plans include Thrive Transitions program in Spring Lake Park, MN.



Phaedra Pitts

Los Angeles Valley College
Associates in Child Development
Phaedra is looking forward to transferring to University Cal State Long Beach to major in Psychology to help youth.



**Nathaniel Decora
Maxi sga**

Parents: Celia-Joi White & Derrick Decora
Lakeland Union High School
Nat Decora enjoyed being a Student-Athlete participating in football and baseball throughout his high school years. Nat plans to continue his education goals towards becoming an athletic trainer with a B.S. in Kinesiology.



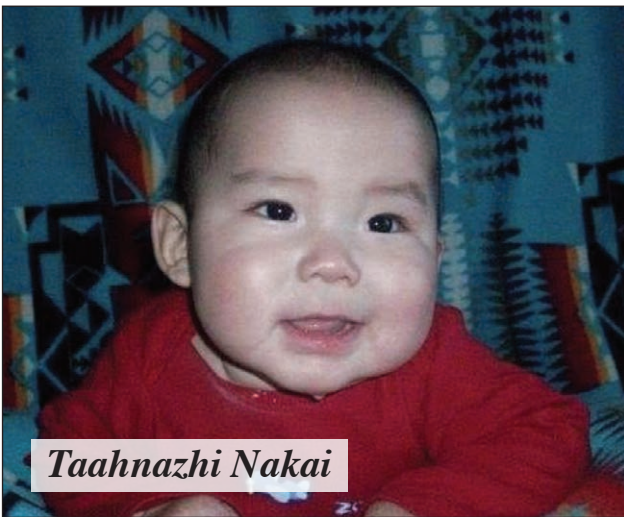
Paige Elizabeth Blackdeer

Parents: Chad & Amy Blackdeer
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Bachelor's Degree in Sociology
Certificate in American Indian and Indigenous Studies
Paige has returned to Black River Falls where she intends to work for the Nation.



Rebecca Nambo Piiniika

Parent: Montgomery Green, Sr.
Western Technical College – La Crosse, WI
High Honors Landscape & Horticulture Technician
Rebecca’s goal is to utilize her knowledge and “fix what we have.” She obtained Certificates in Chainsaw 1 & 2 and Diggers Hotline damage prevention.



Taahnazhi Nakai

Parent: Ramona McDonald
Nekoosa High School
Taahnazhi plans on attending further schooling for Welding.



Sydney Emery Neal

Parents: Maria Blackhawk-McCabe & Ryan Emery
UW - Green Bay
BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) & a minor in Psychology
Sydney has been working at Bellin Health since October of 2021. She plans to gain more experience with Bellin as an RN. Her future goal is to work in pediatrics.



Tyler Kenneth Youngthunder

Western Technical College
GED
Tyler will be pursuing a Technical Diploma in Welding at CVTC.



Rogan Duane Dissmore

Parents: Brittany & John Dissmore of Onalaska, WI
Grandparents: Mary (Littlejohn) Taylor & late Dennis Dissmore
Coulee Region Virtual Academy
After graduation Rogan plans to spend time exploring his interests to determine his future career/educational path.



Tavaris Jackson Rave

Parents: JoVanna Whiteeagle & Winston Rave
Black River Falls High School
Tavaris will attend University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee this fall, where he will pursue a degree in Education with the goal of becoming a high school teacher.



Valin Mykel Ramberg Maqcozii

Parents: Michelle Stacy & Charlie Ramberg
Marshfield High School
Valin plans on attending University of Wisconsin - La Crosse for Finance and UW - La Crosse Basketball.



Russell Wolfe Frank

Parents: Sandra Barta & Karl Frank
Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO
Bachelor of Arts
Major: Philosophy
Minor: Environmental Policy



Star Posner

UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)
Bachelors of Arts in Journalism and Media Studies with a concentration in Audio and Podcasting
For the future, Star is considering going for her Master's in Fall 2026.



Vayda Garvin Roohmaqanijwi (Many Walking)

Parents: Larry Garvin II & Melissa Garvin
Onalaska High School
Vayda’s future endeavors include attending University of Minnesota this Fall to major in Psychology through the College of Liberal Arts, majoring in Psychology, with plans to work in the medical field in a psychology-related profession.

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. Blackdeer, Payton James	03/09/2010	3/4	Black Deer Chau Zap Kah 1881 - 00174	James Vincent Blackdeer	Charlee Renee Winneshiek
2. Boyd, Azrael Adonis	03/30/2015	3/8	Frank Johnson Coo Noo Kah 1901 – 00595		Raena Marie Rave
3. Boyd, Melody Leticia	01/08/2014	3/8	Frank Johnson Coo Noo Kah 1901 – 00595		Raena Marie Rave
4. Briones, Phinley Tristan Dean	11/07/2019	1/4	Black Deer Chau Zap Kah 1881 – 00174	Non-Indian	Dannell Andrea Kingsley
5. Haskins, Nora Littlebear	04/03/2023	1/4	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 – 00328	Non-Indian	Olivia Rose Curley
6. King-Kimble, Valic Darnell	07/04/2024	7/16	Peter Rockman Nee Zha Me Nunk Kah 1901 – 01112		Destinee Rae King Kimble
7. Montanye, Armani	01/12/2023	5/16	Charlie Greengrass Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah 1881 – 00286	Non-Indian	Sierra Dawn Mc Kee
8. Nault-Hart, Andrea Lynne-Elaine	03/28/2012	1/4	Black Deer Chau Zap Kah 1881 – 00174		Dannell Andrea Kingsley
9. Ortiz, Madison Ivy	07/18/2023	1/4	Frank Snowball Wau Soo Mau Nee Kah 1881 – 00502	Non-Indian	Raiann Candyce Ortiz
10. Reel Stewart, Zephyr Radley	02/17/2025	3/8	Nat Sager Dick Mauh Tis A Kah 1901 – 01178	Kale Randall Stewart	Sommer Bright Star Reel
11. Stauber, Alivia Marie	07/19/2024	3/8	Grant Green Littlejohn Ha Na Kah 1901 – 01206	Non-Indian	Katelyn Marie Bird
12. Stauber, Brinley Margaret	07/19/2024	3/8	Grant Green Littlejohn Ha Na Kah 1901 – 01206	Non-Indian	Katelyn Marie Bird
13. Thundercloud, Aubrey Jane	10/29/2024	1/4	George Green Thundercloud Na He Kah 1901 – 00459	Kyle Richard Thundercloud	Non-Indian
14. Tryhane, Moira Aubrey Rose	04/17/2025	3/8	1901	Non-Indian	Kendall Marie Tallmadge Tryhane
15. Williams, Jayvion Kirk	08/16/2016	3/8	Frank Johnson Coo Noo Kah 1901 – 00595		Raena Marie Rave
16. Williams, Joleesa Taralynn	07/29/2017	3/8	Frank Johnson Coo Noo Kah 1901 – 00595		Raena Marie Rave
17. Williams, Jovonni Kyren	08/16/2016	3/8	Frank Johnson Coo Noo Kah 1901 – 00595		Raena Marie Rave

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 19th day of June, 2026.

SUMMONS
(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

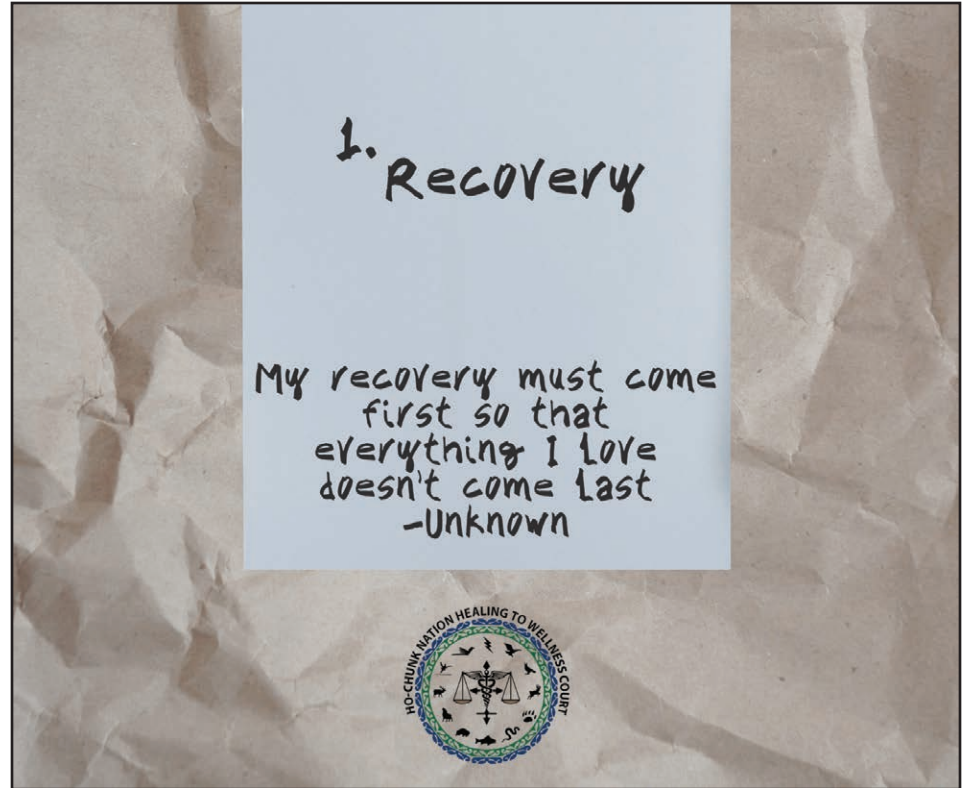
Ho-Chunk Nation CSA, State of Wisconsin and Zoe E. Two Crow, Petitioners, v. John P. Rave, Respondent.

Case No.: CSFJ 25-09

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: John P. Rave

You are hereby informed that you have been named the payer in the above-entitled child support action. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id., § 7.36(b)(v).*

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



HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Department of Housing (1) D-3Housing Board of Director

Duties:

- Be involved in the Department's strategic community housing plan
- Serve as a consultant during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives required pursuant to the *Appropriations and Budget Process Act*.
- Serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director of Housing.

Qualifications:

- Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation
- Shall have the requisite skill, knowledge specific to housing
- Provide professional and expert advice and recommendations
- Board experience and having a flexible scheduling are beneficial to being appointed

Membership:

- Shall not be an employee of the Department of Housing
- Shall not be a member of more than two (2) department Boards of Directors
- Shall not be appointed nor serve as a member of a subordinate advisory board within the Department of Housing
- Shall not be appointed nor serve as a Commissioner of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency

Term:

- Shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The term shall be alternated so that two (2) Directors are appointed or re-appointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter

If you have any questions or need additional information, you can reach me at (608) 374-1225 Ext: 15915 or via email Denise.Wright@ho-chunk.com

Thank you,
Denise Wright
Executive Director
Department of Housing


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Join us for a **free**, comprehensive homeowner class designed to give you the tools and knowledge you need for a secure and successful future.

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- ✓ Home Maintenance & Safety




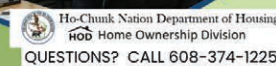
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QUESTIONS? CALL 608-374-1225



HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
PROCUREMENT DIVISION

June 23, 2026

ADDENDUM #1

RFP # 2026DWS01 – Architectural Design Services

Change of Schedule of Events

Addendum Items:

Release of RFP on Website	May 22 nd , 2026 by 4:00PM (CST)
Deadline for Questions by e-mail via addendum	June 4 th , 2026 at 4:00 PM (CST)
Addendum Posting of Answers to Questions*	June 25 th , 2026 at 4:00 PM (CST)
Proposals Due Date*	July 9 th , 2026 at 2:00PM (CST)

*Indicates change in schedule.

END OF ADDENDUM

Dakota Walton-Smith, NIGP-CPP
Procurement Agent
Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department
Procurement Division
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
800-779-2873 Ext. 11271

Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP # 2026DWS01
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

c/o Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department-Procurement Division
Attn: Dakota Walton-Smith, CPPB
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho-Chunk Nation is inviting sealed proposals for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Invitation for Proposals document and submit proposals.

Sealed proposals must be submitted by **2:00 PM CST on July 9, 2026**. Any proposals received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the proposers unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at <https://ho-chunknation.com/procurement-opportunities/>. Search on the proposals number and proposals title.

Please call Dakota Walton-Smith at 800-779-2873, Ext. 11271 or Steve Sallaway, Ext 11227 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this 26 day of JUNE, 2026.

Dakota Walton-Smith, CPPB
Procurement Agent
Ho-Chunk Nation

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 | 5:00p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Twin Cities AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

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HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE

MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026 | 6:00 PM
WITTENBERG | MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026 | 6:00 PM
GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 | 6:00 PM
MADISON | WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026 | 6:00 PM
WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 | 5:30 PM

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District 4 Area Meeting Notice

IN PERSON / VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Monday, July 13 2026
6:00pm CST

VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING
Available via WebEx
Wednesday, July 15 2026
6:00pm PST

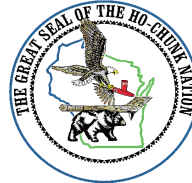
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HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Department of Housing is seeking (1) D-1Housing Board of Director

Duties:

Be involved in the Department's strategic community housing plan
Serve as a consultant during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives required pursuant to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act.
Serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director of Housing.

Qualifications:

Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation
Shall have the requisite skill, knowledge specific to housing
Provide professional and expert advice and recommendations
Board experience and having a flexible scheduling are beneficial to being appointed

Membership:

Shall not be an employee of the Department of Housing
Shall not be a member of more than two (2) department Boards of Directors
Shall not be appointed nor serve as a member of a subordinate advisory board within the Department of Housing
Shall not be appointed nor serve as a Commissioner of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency

Term:

Shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The term shall be alternated so that two (2) Directors are appointed or re-appointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter

If you have any questions or need additional information, you can reach me at (608) 374-1225 Ext: 15915 or via email Denise.Wright@ho-chunk.com

Thank you,

Denise Wright
Executive Director
Department of Housing

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JUNE 9, 2026

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

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC
Rep. David Greendeer-VC
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-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. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-May 19,

2026
MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 19, 2026 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-2(Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Edward Mullen) MOTION CARRIED.

Emergency Special Legislative Meeting-May 28, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 28, 2026 Emergency Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-2(Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Edward Mullen) MOTION CARRIED.

Special Legislative Meeting-June 2, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the June 2, 2026 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Commission Reports:

Housing Commission-May 21, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the May 21, 2026 Housing Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Development Commission-May 25, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to approve the May 25, 2026 Development Commission Meeting minutes

with corrections. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Commission-May 28, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 28, 2026 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-2(Rep. Sandra Whitewing, Rep. David Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Proposed Repeal of the Recognition of Foreign Orders Ordinance (4 HCC § 2) out for 45-Day Public Comment-Referred from May 18, 2026 Health, Insurance, Education and Social Services Commission Meeting
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MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-09-26 A**, Authorization to Place the Proposed Repeal of the Recognition of Foreign Orders Ordinance (4 HCC § 2) out for 45-Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business: No agenda items.

New Business:

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Brockway Township, Jackson County, Wisconsin Castle Mound Improvements Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to approve **Resolution 06-09-26 B**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Brockway Township, Jackson County, Wisconsin Castle Mound Improvements Project. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. **MOTION IS AMENDED TO ADOPT.** Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority

Adrian Township, Monroe County, Wisconsin Hemming Avenue Chip Seal Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-09-26 C**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Adrian Township, Monroe County, Wisconsin Hemming Avenue Chip Seal Project. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Lyndon Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin Raedel Lane Improvement Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-09-26 D**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Lyndon Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin Raedel Lane Improvement Project. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Election Code (2 HCC § 6)

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-09-26 E**, Adoption of Amendments to the Election Code (2 HCC § 6). Second by Rep. Paul

Fox. 8-4(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sandra Whitewing, Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. David Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Weeta Montelongo as District 2 Sauk County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-09-26 F**, Confirmation of Weeta Montelongo as District 2 Sauk County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administration Leave for Mending Broken Hearts Workshop in Baraboo

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-09-26 G**, Authorization for Paid Administration Leave for Mending Broken Hearts Workshop in Baraboo. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **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. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.

Rep. Kyle White Eagle is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:38 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Edward Mullen is not online.*

Released to Open Session:

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 06-09-26 J**, Appointment of James Dakota as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 8-0-3(Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 06-09-26 K**, Appointment of Toni Blackdeer as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to June 23, 2026 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Edward Mullen is not online.*

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JUNE 12, 2026**

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
Rep. Edward Mullen-EX
Rep. David Greendeer-VC
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 9:01 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda with ADDING under New Business I. Ho-Chunk Basketball Request. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises (Gaming & Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned there were a few challenges with the budget this year: a huge error within the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, and a revised budget for Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit, both were addressed after the spending limits were set. Legislature had to make changes to get to where we are today.

Rep. Stephanie Begay said that the only change to the Enterprise budget was one addition to Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, a Training and Development Management position.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-12-26 A**, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises (Gaming & Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Budget Bill for the Legislative Branch, General Fund, Tribal Health Insurance and Gaming Commission for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 06-12-26 B**, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Budget Bill for the Legislative Branch, General Fund, Tribal Health Insurance and Gaming Commission for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Noted for the record: Changes to the final recommendations made by the Finance Commission on May 14, 2026 include: increasing the General Fund Revenue and Interest Revenue each by \$178,418.

President Greendeer noted the Executive Branch did not receive this budget bill.

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive

Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-12-26 C**, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 10-0-1(Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Noted for the record: Changes to the final recommendations made by the Finance Commission on May 14, 2026 include; the addition of a Drug Enforcement Coordinator, Human Resources Generalist and Insurance Division Benefits Specialist and Elder Benefits Specialist to the Department of Personnel budget, the addition of an Accounting systems Administrator, Junior Accountant and Accountant to the Treasury Department budget, and the Tutor Services Division shall remain within the Department of Education with reporting requirements. Higher Ed – Increased Scholarships line item (ED & OOP approved \$800,000), Added \$700,000 for total of \$1.5M to Scholarships & Added \$25,000 to Youth Project Assistance (laptops/computers) where zero was approved. School Community Relations aka JOM, Increased Community Requests (Prek-12) (ED & OOP approved \$186,036) Added \$113,964 bringing total to \$300,000. Heritage Preservation – Approved DEPT column \$1,064,898 & Not OOP column of \$519,799, increase of \$545,009TAU- Added 3 positions (CER for GB & BRF, Maintenance Worker) and Youth Services-Added 10 Youth Coordinators, one for each Center.

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis

Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-12-26 D**, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 06-12-26 E**, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Utilize the Tax Code Criminal Code Account for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Department of Justice Law Enforcement Division

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-12-26 F**, Authorization to Utilize the Tax Code Criminal Code Account for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Department of Justice Law Enforcement Division. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Funding of General Welfare Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-12-26 G**, Funding of General Welfare Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-2026-2027 General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and Minors

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 06-12-26 H**, 2026-2027 General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and

Minors, application deadline of August 15, 2026. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Basketball Request

Rep. Stephanie Begay requests from parents of the HO-Chunk Basketball Team. They travel to various tournaments, and have fundraised. This year the team was selected to play in the Native American Junior Nationals in Mesa, AZ In Mesa, AZ. They paid for the entry fees and some of the Airbnb, and are requesting funds for the remainder of their expenses.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the request from the Ho-Chunk basketball parents in the amount of \$6,500 from Youth Assistance, payable to Leland Bird on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. **SECOND IS WITHDRAWN.** Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 8-0-3(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Sandra Whitewing) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Tracy Thundercloud inquired if the player's eligibility for high school basketball could be jeopardized if they receive winnings from the tournament.

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

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

NOTICE OF RULES OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is calling an Election to amend the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation,

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: "Section 1. Requirements. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: "Section 2. Requests for a Secretarial Election. It shall be the duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two thirds (2/3) of the entire Legislature, at the request of the General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation."

Mail and in person procedures:

The Election Board will mail out ballots no later than 30 days before General Council. The Voter will mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter will then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope will be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope, and signed by a witness who is a U.S. Citizen 18 years or older along with the address of said witness, and he or she will then return it by mail to the location designated by the Election Board pursuant to Section 14.a.(2).(a), in-person to the Election Board Office or in person at the annual General Council meeting if applicable.

A voter may make a request to replace a lost ballot no later than ten (10) days before the Election. Upon the request of the voter, the Election Board will replace the lost ballot within twenty-four (24) hours by sending a new ballot by overnight shipment. The Election Board will not be held responsible for ballots which are received beyond the deadline for receipt of ballots. It will be the voter's responsibility to ensure the ballot is returned by the due date.

The Election Board will also make available the ability to vote at General Council in accordance with Section 21.e.(3). The Election Board will set up a number of voting locations in and around the location of General Council as the Board deems necessary to allow voting to occur with a reasonable wait time. Such in-person elections will be done consistent with the procedures listed in Section 13.g, j, and k of the Election Code.

Hours for voting at General Council will be from eight a.m. until seven p.m., unless quorum is not achieved or if General Council adjourns before the close of polls, then the polls will close two hours after adjournment or failure to achieve quorum, but no later than seven p.m. Any voter still in line at close of polls shall be allowed to vote.

LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

To amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, would be as follows, with underlined text as new language added to Article II, to add Section 1(b) of the Constitution as follows:

"(b) All descendants of persons listed in Section 1(a), provided, that such persons are at least one-fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk blood. All persons who were duly enrolled as Ho-Chunk Nation members as of December 31, 1999, will be considered full blood or 4/4 Ho-Chunk Blood."

g. Challenges to Results; Amendments.

(1) Challenges to the results of the Election may be made pursuant to Section 18 of this CODE.

(2) The Election Board is not responsible for the legality or constitutionality of any amendments. If a member believes that an adopted amendment is in violation of the CONSTITUTION, or applicable federal law such as the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 25 USC Ch. 15, such suit will be brought against the proponent of the Amendment, either the petitioner, Legislature, or General Council.

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII SEC 1 AND THE ELECTION CODE, THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS MUST CAST A VOTE EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT TO BE VALID. IF LESS THAN 30% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS PARTICIPATE, THE AMENDMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO NOT PASS.

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) (6)*.

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. (August 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
W8801 Mission Road
P.O Box 247
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
E-MAIL: Election.board@ho-chunk.com

Ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

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:

The Election Board will make attempts to prevent electioneering on the issues of the Secretarial Elections from occurring within fifty (50) feet of the locations where voters are queued to receive their ballots, so long as those attempts do not interfere with the Board's ability to timely assist voters. Advocacy of the issues for consideration for a Secretarial Election does not carry the same concern as a candidate electioneering for their own office. Therefore, such advocacy in and of itself within fifty (50) feet of the voting location shall not be sufficient to challenge the results of a Secretarial Election.

**SECRETARIAL ELECTION
Saturday, September 19, 2026**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, June 22, 2026**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Thursday, August 20, 2026**

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE
VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED
SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2026 PRIOR
TO 4:00 PM**

**ALL MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE
MAILED
Friday, August 5, 2026**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
REPLACEMENT BALLOT
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
By 4:00 pm**

**ALL BALLOTS DUE TO POST
OFFICE BOX
BY
Saturday September 19, 2026
at 12:00 p.m.
OR WILL ACCEPT AT GENERAL
COUNCIL UNTIL POLLS ARE
CLOSED**

**CERTIFICATION WILL BE HELD
on Sunday, September 20, 2026
at HCG- Wisconsin Dells
starting at 9 a.m.**

Post 6/22/2026