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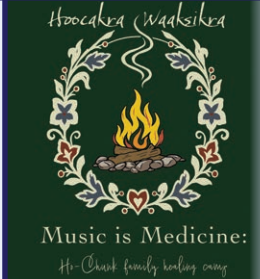
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Five Proposed Resolutions Ready to be Addressed at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the General Council

Ardith Van Riper

The Office of General Council received five proposed resolutions for the Ho-Chunk members to address at the Annual Meeting of the General Council on September 19, 2026, at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center near Wisconsin Dells.

The Annual Meeting of the General Council is one of the largest and most vital events of the Ho-Chunk Nation because each year, the membership meets to set policy for the Ho-Chunk Nation. All eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council.

The proposed resolution deadline was established by the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Resolution 09.21.24N titled, 'Resolution to Set Time Parameters on General Council with Limited Exceptions.'

In part, Resolution 09.21.24N reads, "the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council hereby requires that members of the General Council

submit all future General Council Resolutions 60 calendar days prior to the duly called annual meeting with the following exceptions: 1. That the duly called annual meeting date allows for at least a 90 calendar day grace period which would allow General Council Members with at least 30 calendar days to draft resolutions, and if a 90 day grace period is not provided then all Resolutions will be accepted up to the start of the meeting. 2. Resolutions for the purpose of removing elected officials shall be accepted up to the start of the meeting."

The Office of General Council announced the deadline date of July 21, 2026, to submit resolutions for the 2026 Annual Meeting. The following proposed resolutions were received:

1. Remove District One Legislative Representative Paul Fox for Malfeasance.

2. Endorse the Ho-Chunk Nation

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Annual Meeting General Council 2026

Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center
1305 Kalahari Drive
Lake Delton, WI

September 19, 2026

More Information

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Ho-Chunk Garden Dedicated at Riverside International Friendship Gardens

Kaili Berg

A new garden honoring Ho-Chunk history, culture and connection to the La Crosse area was dedicated July 30 at Riverside International Friendship Gardens in Riverside Park.

More than three years in the making, the Ho-Chunk Garden was developed through collaboration between the Ho-Chunk Nation, Riverside International Friendship Gardens and community partners.

The space features native plants, Ho-Chunk clan benches, trail marker tree sculptures and a bronze sculpture of Ho-Chunk healer Betsy Thunder.

The garden sits along waterways that have been home to Ho-Chunk people for generations. During the dedication, Ho-Chunk Chief Clayton Winneshiek reflected on that history.

"Ho-Chunk people lived along this river here for a long time," Winneshiek said. "And

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3. Authorize Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. to Give a Short (20-Minute or Less) Presentation on the ccUlator App to the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council.

4. Set Virtual Participation in General Council Meetings as the Official Policy of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

5. Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to Elect the General Council Advocate.

The five proposed resolutions are published in full and will be made available to the voting membership at the Annual Meeting of the General Council.

The Annual Meeting must first reach quorum to conduct business. Quorum is twenty percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation and is established through registration and electronic voting. The Office of Enrollment typically releases the official quorum number the week of the meeting.

The first official action of the

General Council Meeting is to nominate and select a chairperson. Then, the next action is to set the agenda.

All proposed resolutions to be voted on must be presented in a motion to add to the agenda and receive a second to the motion.

The membership will address the proposed resolutions on the agenda following a motion to close the agenda.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is also currently holding a Secretarial Election with the deadline of September 19, 2026, to amend the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Details of this election are also published in full.

The Election Board mailed out ballots for this election on August 5, 2026. Voters can return completed ballots by the U.S. Postal Service, in person to the Election Board office, or in person at the Annual Meeting of the General Council

The Election Board is scheduled to be posted in the African Ballroom the day of the Annual Meeting of the General Council. The polls open at 8:00 am and close two hours after the meeting adjournment.



HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL
The People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE DISTRICT ONE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE PAUL FOX, FOR MALFEASANCE.
09.19.2026 - _

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- WHEREAS**, the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
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- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (a), the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. This policy shall be resolutions proposed and approved at Annual and Special Meetings, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. This policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes by the Legislative Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation within forty-five (45) days after a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings. The Executive Branch shall enforce this policy within sixty (60) days of the majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. In the event that this policy is not enacted by the Legislative Branch or enforced by the Executive Branch within fifteen (15) days of the aforementioned deadlines, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council shall file suit in the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court against elected officials of the Ho-Chunk Nation branch of government. The Supreme Court of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall have original jurisdiction within fifteen (15) days of filing date of suit. **[Amendment X adopted on August 14, 2012 which became effective on September 28, 2012 by operation of law.];** and
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- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and
- WHEREAS**, that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council recognizes, Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution Article IX - Removal, Recall and Vacancies Section 1. General Council Removal of Legislators. The General Council may remove any member of the Legislature for malfeasance. No vote by the General Council to remove a member of the Legislature shall take place before such Legislator has been given reasonable notice of the impending action and has had a reasonable opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council further recognizes that District One
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Ho-Chunk Dancer Nico Lonetree Builds Career in Entertainment

Kaili Berg

From the Academy Awards and Grammys to television and international tours, Ho-Chunk tribal member and dancer Nico Lonetree has spent the past decade building a career alongside some of the biggest names in entertainment.

Lonetree’s credits include performing with Ryan Gosling and Chappell Roan, touring with Lorde and Melanie Martinez, appearing on HBO’s “Euphoria,” and working with artists including The Weeknd, Christina Aguilera and Nine Inch Nails.

One of Lonetree’s first major opportunities came around age 20, when he booked a tour with Lorde. His career has continued to grow since.

In 2024, Lonetree joined Ryan Gosling and dozens of dancers for the live “I’m Just Ken” performance at the Academy Awards. Performing in front of an audience filled with some of Hollywood’s biggest names brought its own pressure.

“You could see Zendaya and Martin Scorsese and all these crazy celebrities,” Lonetree said. “So, it was really scary.”

The following year, Lonetree was selected from an audition of more than 100 dancers to perform with Chappell Roan during “Pink Pony Club” at the Grammys. The dancers spent about three weeks preparing for the performance.

Lonetree has also appeared on television, including in the final episode of the second season of HBO’s “Euphoria.” Along with dancing in the episode’s school play sequence, Lonetree landed a speaking part after the production asked dancers to audition for lines.

“It was cool. I had a line and everything,” Lonetree said. “Usually as a dancer, you just dance.”

His other credits include a music video with The Weeknd, a performance with Christina Aguilera and a Coachella performance with Nine Inch Nails. He has also worked on television and film projects, including helping develop movement for a character in a recent “Spider-Man” film.

Lonetree is currently touring with Melanie Martinez for the second time. He originally landed the opportunity through an audition where roughly 100 dancers were competing for two positions.

Despite the competitive nature of



Nico Lonetree performs alongside Melanie Martinez during the 2026 HADES: The Sacrifice Tour.

the industry, Lonetree said one of the biggest lessons he has learned is that success is not always about being the best dancer in the room.

“Everybody’s good. Everybody’s amazing,” Lonetree said. “You just have to be the best person to work with. You have to have a good heart. You have to be happy; you have to love what you do.”

Lonetree grew up in St. Paul and began dancing around age seven. After graduating high school, he decided to spend what was supposed to be a gap year in Los Angeles.

Ten years later, he is still there. While Lonetree has worked on major productions throughout Hollywood and the music industry, he hopes to eventually have an opportunity that connects his Indigenous background with his professional career.

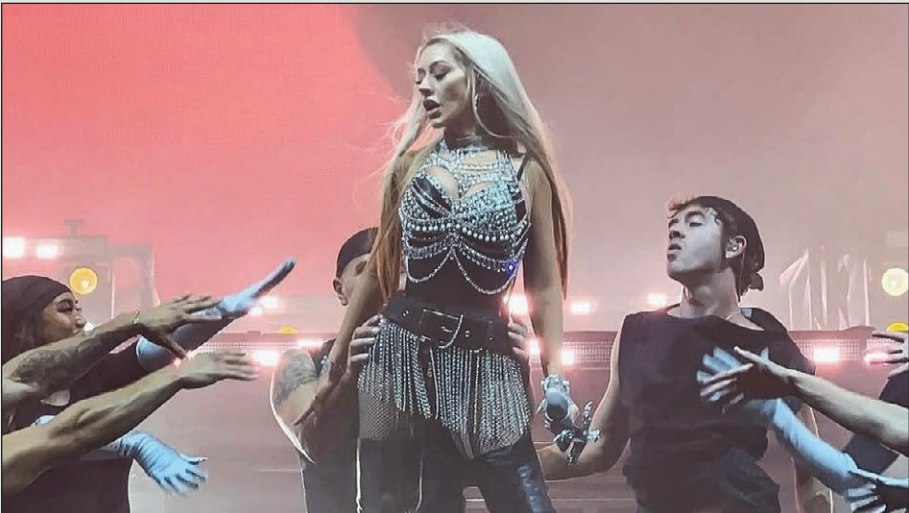
“I would love to as a dancer,” Lonetree said. “I just grew up learning at powwows and stuff, and I would just love to do something like that.”

Lonetree said he is encouraged by the continued growth of Indigenous representation in film and television.

“It seems like representation is just going up and up and up and becoming more and more welcome,” Lonetree said. “So, I hope one day. That’s what I wish for.”

For younger Indigenous people hoping to pursue their own careers, Lonetree offered simple advice.

“Don’t let people tell you who you are or what you should be doing,” he said. “Just do exactly what your heart needs,” Lonetree said. “If you really want what you want, just do it. Go for it.”



Nico Lonetree performs with Christina Aguilera at the 2025 Portola Music Festival

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Legislative Representative Paul Fox committed malfeasance by utilizing tribal resources for his own personal use and not at his own expense contrary to law; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council further recognizes the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics which defines malfeasance as "the commission of an act that is positively unlawful," "any wrongful conduct which affects, interrupts, or interferes with the performance of official duty," and "an act for which there is no authority"; and

WHEREAS, the actions alleged herein constitute acts for which no authority existed under the Fleet Ordinance and Finance Ordinance and therefore satisfy the definition of malfeasance established by the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council move to remove District One Legislative Representative Paul Fox, for malfeasance, namely a failure to uphold the Fleet Ordinance and the Finance Ordinance which are laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Ho-Chunk Nation's Executive Branch, through the Department of Administration's Transportation Division informed the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch of Representative Paul Fox's actions which demonstrate a failure to uphold his oath to the Constitution and Laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Ho-Chunk Nation Code (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 10 FLEET ORDINANCE (2 HCC § 10) states:

7. **Prohibited Use.**
The following actions are prohibited when using the Nation's Fleet and Personal vehicles when driving on the Nation's behalf or when collecting reimbursement for mileage:

d. Employees are prohibited from driving a vehicle home after regular work hours unless approval is granted by the Transportation Director.

Legislative Representative Paul Fox never gained permission from the Transportation Director to drive the vehicle home after regular work hours.

8. **Vehicle Requisition and Assignment:**
b. Long-Term Vehicle Assignment:
(1) Long-term vehicle assignments may be for a period of up to six months at which time the vehicle will be evaluated by the Transportation Department and the assignment may be renewed.
(2) Long-Term Vehicle Requisition Form must be approved by the Transportation Department prior to an employee or department being assigned or reassigned a vehicle and will be based on availability.

Legislative Representative Paul Fox never filed a Long-Term Vehicle Requisition Form to be evaluated and approved by the Transportation Director for assignment. Legislative Representative also failed to uphold the The Ho-Chunk Nation Code (HCC) TITLE 5 BUSINESS AND FINANCE CODE SECTION 5 FINANCE ORDINANCE (5 HCC § 5) which states:

20. **Credit Card Policy.**
c. Fleet Cards.
(1) Restrictions. Fleet Cards may only be used for Nation owned fleet vehicles. Personal use is prohibited.

Legislative Representative Paul Fox used a Fleet Card for his own personal use to drive to and from the designated work site. The Job Description for a Legislator states within the minimum qualifications that a Legislator must have a Valid driver's license, dependable transportation and proper insurance which implies that a Legislator will have the means to get to and from the designated work site just like any other employee of the Ho-Chunk Nation, no other employee is afforded a vehicle or a Fleet Credit Card to pay for their gas to get to and from the work site, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any term or provision of this Resolution is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable such term or provision will be stricken and of no further force and effect, and the remainder of the Resolution shall continue in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Council through the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of General Council and/or Nathaniel Longtail Jr. shall have the authority to file suit on behalf of the General Council for all matters of non-enforcement to Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch to ensure that this Resolution is strictly implemented in accordance to the requests defined within this General Council Resolution 09.19.2026 - _ pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution:

Article IV, Section 3 (f), Actions by the General Council shall be binding.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of ____members, of whom ____constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 19th day of September, 2026, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of ____members, ____opposed, and ____abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Secretary _____ Date _____



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The Ice Age Trail Alliance is co-creating a podcast with the Ho-Chunk Nation that highlights Indigenous stories about the land and glaciation in Wisconsin.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in sharing a story related to one (or multiple) of the following themes:

- Glaciation in Wisconsin
- Using/caring for the land
- Stewardship
- Foraging
- These places/locations: Devil's Lake, Kettle Moraine State Forest, Sauk County, Marathon County, Jefferson County, or Walworth County.

Please email Melissa Pierick (Melissa@iceagetrail.org) or Kyla Beard (KylahsBeard@gmail.com) if interested.

All storytellers who participate will be compensated!

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HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL

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HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE HO-CHUNK NATION AND ITS MEMBERS AS OFFICIAL ALPHA AND BETA TESTERS FOR THE CCULATOR APP AND TO RECOGNIZE THE PROJECT AS AN ONGOING INITIATIVE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRIBE AND ITS MEMBERS.
09.19.2026 - _

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council recognizes the traditional Ho-Chunk principles and values of community support, mutual aid, Member innovation, collective progress, and the benefit of official association that helps tribal Members advance constructive projects without financial burden on the Nation; and

WHEREAS, that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council finds value in providing official standing and recognition to Member-led projects that invite participation by the Nation and its People as testers, thereby creating a clear pathway for development and publication; and

WHEREAS, that Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr., enrolled Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation (Tribal ID 3375), descendant of Mother Mary Eileen Decorah and her father Beverly Benjamin Decorah, of 426 Pierce St, Black River Falls, WI 54615, contact @WeirdDASHly on X and 715-896-9102, has presented the ccUlator app under development and has requested that the Ho-Chunk Nation and its Members serve as official alpha and beta testers, with no request for any appropriation of funds, and seeks recognition of the project as an ongoing initiative associated with the Tribe and its Members to facilitate an expedited path to publishing; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council hereby **ENDORSES** the Ho-Chunk Nation and its Members as official alpha and beta testers for the ccUlator app

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7 Tips for Supporting Someone Recovering from Addiction

1. Take care of yourself (So that you can take care of someone else)
2. Remember that addiction is a disease
3. Recognize that there's a lot to learn about substance use disorder
4. Be careful not to use your love and comfort against them
5. Know that you can give recovery support without enabling addiction
6. Be prepared for recovery support to be a lifelong process





Student of the Month

August 2026

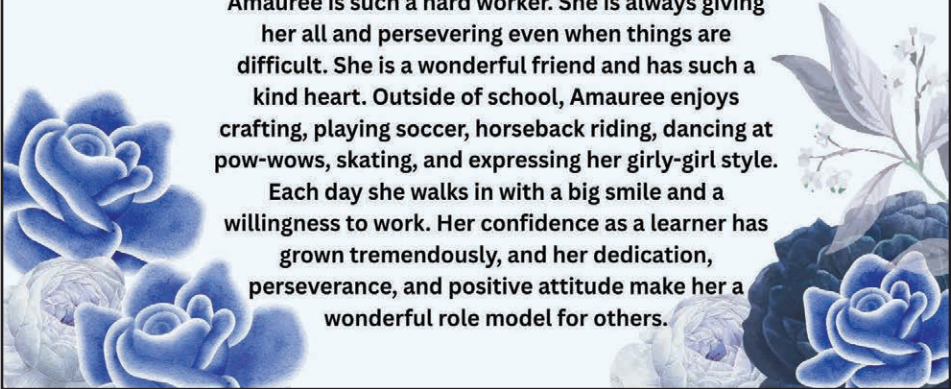
Amauree Stout

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One who sits on the mountain



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Amauree is such a hard worker. She is always giving her all and persevering even when things are difficult. She is a wonderful friend and has such a kind heart. Outside of school, Amauree enjoys crafting, playing soccer, horseback riding, dancing at pow-wows, skating, and expressing her girly-girl style. Each day she walks in with a big smile and a willingness to work. Her confidence as a learner has grown tremendously, and her dedication, perseverance, and positive attitude make her a wonderful role model for others.





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under development by Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr.; RECOGNIZES the ccUlator project as an ongoing initiative associated with the Tribe and its Members; and AFFIRMS that this endorsement confers official standing for the purpose of supporting development and providing a clear, expedited pathway to publication of the app, with no funds appropriated or requested; and FURTHER that Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. shall submit a digital copy of the presentation for the Nation's official records; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any term or provision of this Resolution is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable such term or provision will be stricken and of no further force and effect, and the remainder of the Resolution will continue in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Council through the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the General Council, General Council Advocate, and/or Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. will have the authority to file suit on behalf of the General Council for all matters of non-enforcement to Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch to ensure that this Resolution is strictly implemented in accordance to the terms and conditions defined within this General Council Resolution 09.19.2026 - _ pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution:

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Secretary _____ Date _____



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HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MICHAEL PATRICK MULLEN, JR. TO GIVE A SHORT (20 MINUTES OR LESS) PRESENTATION ON THE CCULATOR APP TO THE HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL.
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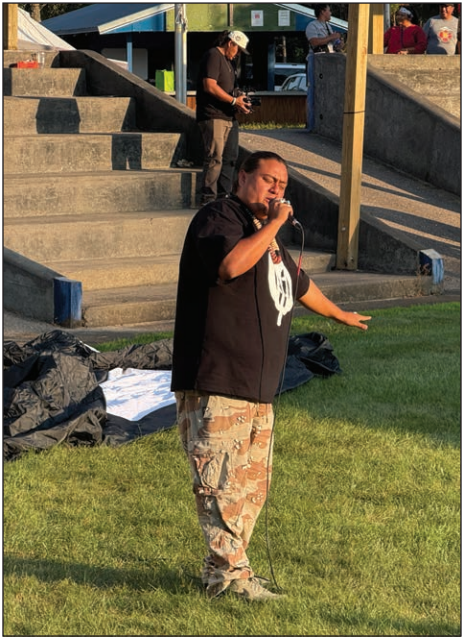
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Sixth Annual Family Healing Camp Focuses on Healing Together

Kaili Berg
The Ho-Chunk Nation held its Sixth Annual Family Healing Camp August 4-6 at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow Grounds in Black River Falls. This year’s camp carried the Hoocak message “Wooxetekine Wookixetewire,” or “Love yourself. Love each other.” Throughout the camp, participants took part in healing circles, cultural activities, educational sessions and family programming for both youth and adults.

More than 20 learning stations offered activities including moccasin making, hand games, traditional medicines, corn husk dolls, language activities, lacrosse and weaving. Sessions throughout the week also addressed historical trauma and resilience, Ho-Chunk history, recovery, family relationships, clans, kinship, and traditional roles and responsibilities. On Wednesday evening, Navajo, Oglala Lakota, and Omaha brothers Nataanii Means and Tatanka Means brought music and comedy to the camp during a “Music is Medicine” performance. Returning for his second year at the camp, Nataanii Means performed songs reflecting his own experiences with sobriety, healing and reservation

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2026

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

11:00 AM SPECIAL FLAG RAISING
ANDREW BLACKHAWK
AMERICAN LEGION POST 129
WELCOME TO POST: TBA

NOON LUNCH MEAL

1:00PM KEY SPEAKER: TBA
GRAND ENTRY

THUNDERCLOUD SINGER

HOST DRUM

OPEN DRUM

FAMILY VETERAN SONGS

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D.O.R.A. AUCTION

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MIKE DAY 608.434.7790 or JIM DAY 262-637-9046

Alcohol & Drug Use Is Strictly Prohibited. Organizers & Event Hosts Are Not Responsible For Lost Or Stolen Items.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, and Article VI Section 2 (j), an Annual meeting has been duly called and notice duly given by the President; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council recognizes the traditional Ho-Chunk principles and values of community support, mutual aid, innovation by its Members, sovereignty in the modern era, and the strength that comes from Members contributing their talents and projects for the benefit of the Nation and its People; and

WHEREAS, that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council supports opportunities for its Members to share constructive projects and ideas directly with the General Council in a manner consistent with efficient meeting procedures; and

WHEREAS, that Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr., enrolled Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation (Tribal ID 3375), descendant of Mother Mary Eileen Decorah and her father Beverly Benjamin Decorah, of 426 Pierce St, Black River Falls, WI 54615, contact @WeirdDASHly on X and 715-896-9102, is developing the ccUlator app and seeks a short (20 MINUTES OR LESS) opportunity to present it to the General Council for the purpose of inviting the Nation and its Members to serve as alpha and beta testers, with no request for funding; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council hereby **AUTHORIZES** Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. to give a short (20 MINUTES OR LESS) presentation on the ccUlator app under development, immediately upon the passage of this Resolution, for the purpose of inviting the Ho-Chunk Nation and its Members to serve as alpha and beta testers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any term or provision of this Resolution is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable such term or provision will be stricken and of no further force and effect, and the remainder of the Resolution will continue in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Council through the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the General Council, General Council Advocate, and/or Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. will have the authority to file suit on behalf of the General Council for all matters of non-enforcement to Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch to ensure that this Resolution is strictly implemented in accordance to the terms and conditions defined within this General Council Resolution 09.19.2026 - _ pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution:

Article IV, Section 3 (f), Actions by the General Council shall be binding.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of _ members, of whom _ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 19th day of September, 2026, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _ members, _ opposed, and _ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Secretary _____ Date _____



HO-CHUNK NATION &
RUTH FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

CROSS STITCH
APPLIQUE
WORKSHOP

Join us for a 2-day Ho-Chunk style cross stitch applique workshop where you'll make a tote and learn about Ho-Chunk culture, history, and art.

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

- HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE:**
Learn how to do Ho-Chunk style cross stitch applique from expert instructors. No experience needed.
- HISTORY & CREATIVE EXPRESSION:**
Explore various tools, materials, methods and designs.
- DESIGNING AND CREATING:**
Understand and take part in the process of designing and sewing your own cross stitch applique bag!

HO-CHUNK NATION
THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 Main Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
August 19th 8-3pm
August 20th 8-4:30pm
MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS

Light breakfast items, lunch and snacks provided.

Funded by Ruth Foundation for the Arts

RSVP NOW



Mattea.Twinn@ho-chunk.com



FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP FORM

Department of Housing

This form is for curbside pick-up only. See the list of areas that have curbside community clean-up.

Applicants in communities with curbside pick-up need to fill out and return this application at least three business days prior to your area’s scheduled pick-up date.

IMPORTANT: Place all items at the beginning of the driveway, road, or curbside. Housing staff will not drive onto the property or go into the backyard or enter the house, garage, or shed to pick-up items and will leave any items not listed on the application or not allowable under this program. Only allowable items will be picked up.

Allowable: appliances, computers, TVs, air conditioners, tires (limited to 10), batteries, lawn mowers, grills, bicycles, mattresses (limited to 6), and other bulk items.

Not Allowable: household trash, clothing, lawn clippings, tree branches, oil or other automotive fluids, roof shingles, building or construction demo or waste, and items that pose a hazard, such as chemicals, paint, fuel, aerosol containers, etc....

Applications missing information will not be scheduled for pick-up.

Please print ALL information

First & Last Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Items to be picked up:

Item	Qty	Item	Qty
Air Conditioner		Batteries	
Computer		Freezer/Refrigerator	
Furniture		Microwave	
Range		Tires (10 Limit)	
TV's		Washer/Dryer	
Mattresses (6 Limit)			

List other items: _____

*Department of Housing will NOT make a return to an address for items not left out on scheduled date.

By signing below, you agree that you have read and understand the terms for Community Clean-up.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Augusta / Fairchild	8 Merrillan / Hatfield Hixton	9 Neillsville/DellsDam	10 BRF/Brockway Maplewood	11 BRF/BROCKWAY CONTINUED*	12
13	14 BRF CONTINUED*	15 BRF CONTINUED*	16 BRF CONTINUED*	17 Tomah/Cataract Blue Wing	18 Bangor/Onalaska La Crosse	19
20	21 New Lisbon/Mauston	22 Indian Heights/Wis Dells Lyndon Station	23 ChristmasMountain Baraboo/Reedsburg	24 Rapids/Nekoosa ChakHaChee	25 Wittenberg/ PotchCheeNunk	26
27	28	29				

HO-CHUNK NATION ENROLLED HOMEOWNERS: FALL COMMUNITY CLEANUP SEPT. 2025
CONTACT VERDIE KIVIMAKI or FRONT DESK @ (608)374-1225 FOR PUBLIC SANITARY SERVICES.
PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS READY FOR PICK-UP AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY ALONG WITH CLEAR ACCESS TO THE ITEMS BEING DISPOSED. LIMIT 6 MATTRESSES
SCHEDULES ARE TENATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ADVANCE !!
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS



HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL
The People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION TO SET VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION IN GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
AS THE OFFICIAL POLICY OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION
09.19.2026 - _

- WHEREAS**, on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Constitution"), formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and
- WHEREAS**, the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (a), the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. This policy shall be resolutions proposed and approved at Annual and Special Meetings, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. This policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes by the Legislative Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation within forty-five (45) days after a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings. The Executive Branch shall enforce this policy within sixty (60) days of the majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. In the event that this policy is not enacted by the Legislative Branch or enforced by the Executive Branch within fifteen (15) days of the aforementioned deadlines, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council shall file suit in the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court against elected officials of the Ho-Chunk Nation branch of government. The Supreme Court of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall have original jurisdiction within fifteen (15) days of filing date of suit. **[Amendment X adopted on August 14, 2012 which became effective on September 28, 2012 by operation of law];** and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse actions of the Legislature except those enumerated in Section 4 of this Article. The General Council shall return such reversals to the Legislature for reconsideration consistent with the action of the General Council; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret actions of the Legislature. The General Council does not retain the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret this Constitution; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (c), the General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII, including those which reverse decisions of the Judiciary interpreting this Constitution; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (e), the General Council retains the power to call a Special Election; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f), Actions by the General Council shall be binding; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, and Article VI Section 2 (j), an Annual meeting has been duly called and notice duly given by the President; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and
- WHEREAS**, members of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council reside across the United States and, in some cases, reside in other countries; and
- WHEREAS**, some Ho-Chunk Nation General Council members do not have the economic or financial means to travel to General Council meetings, especially when General Council members live outside the State of Wisconsin or in other countries; and
- WHEREAS**, some Ho-Chunk Nation General Council members have disabilities, medical conditions, or other reasons that they cannot safely attend General Council meetings in-person, regardless of area of residence; and
- WHEREAS**, technology exists for Ho-Chunk Nation General Council members to participate in General Council meetings by virtual means—in other words, technology exists that would allow Ho-Chunk Nation General Council members to share information and data in real-time using means of electronic communication without being physically present at the location of the General Council meeting; and
- WHEREAS**, allowing Ho-Chunk Nation General Council members to participate in General Council meetings by virtual means will enhance voter engagement, improve quality of General Council decisions, eliminate feelings of disenfranchisement, and otherwise promote the general welfare of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and
- WHEREAS**, the General Council wishes for virtual participation in General Council meetings to be the official policy of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council hereby declares that the policy of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be to allow participation in General Council meetings by virtual means; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this policy shall be enacted as law by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature through a code, ordinance, resolution, or statute within forty-five (45) days after the adoption of this Resolution by the General Council, such law may address issues such as data security, criteria for virtual participation, including criteria for voting and presenting resolutions remotely, and procedures for registering as a virtual participant;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Executive Branch shall enforce this policy within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Resolution by the General Council;

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HaagaBoi Shares

Submitted by Ryan John Crain, Sr. MASL

Rituals and relationships are vital to a good life, so practice them and cultivate them. My wife and I celebrated our 8th anniversary back in June. Some of our favorite things to do are traveling, eating delicious local food, visiting independent bookstores, drinking good coffee, and hiking fun trails. So, we decided to celebrate by searching out just that. My wife has a book that showcases all the wonderful independent bookstore locations and why you should visit them. We decided on Rochester, Minnesota, because there were two stores pretty close together and a fantastic lunch spot between them. We sat on the patio at Forager for lunch; the restaurant features a farm-to-table approach and a scratch kitchen. As we sat on the patio, we discussed our upcoming 2026 winter trip, which has become a family ritual we take over her Christmas break from teaching. This upcoming winter, we are going on a cruise, and I can’t wait for the boys to experience a large vessel.

After lunch, we stopped at Garden Party Books, which is a used-book store that focuses on keeping books out of the landfill. Near the entrance were flyers highlighting upcoming events they host, including local book launches, craft nights, poetry readings, and a book fair at a local gathering spot. This bookstore has a wide variety of genres, and each is separated by small rooms with specific themes like a children’s room, murder mystery, a bargain room, and many more. The location is cozy and inviting, and the books are both reasonably priced and plentiful. My wife picked a handful of books to buy, but I was struggling to feel a connection to a story or theme to choose for myself. I may have left empty-handed, but I was excited for my wife to find a bunch of great books at an amazing price.

The second stop was at Griot Arts, which is located near the hospital and downtown area. As we approached the store, a piece of art almost blocked the entrance, but the door was unlocked, so we sidestepped the artwork and were welcomed by the owner, who said she was preparing to close but that we should come in and look around. Oops, I guess the art piece was meant to deter people from entering the store, but regardless, I instantly felt at home, though I wasn’t fully sure why. As I looked at the first wall of books, I saw they all highlighted stories from BIPOC voices and was surrounded by art that pulled you into their cultures. As I made my way to the back of the store, I expected to see other non-BIPOC books, but none appeared. I felt at home because it reminded me of our Ho-Chunk Community Library and



the wonderful collection of stories from indigenous voices, and the representation that is sadly non-existent at most stores outside February and November. I found a book that called out to me as it reminded me of a previous book review I did on *If The Dead Belong Here* by Carson Faust. Both stories followed a family over multiple generations and had spiritual undertones; both were the authors’ literary debuts. As I went to pay for *The Devil Three Times* by Rickey Fayne, the owner mentioned she was currently reading the same novel. Be on the lookout for that book review.

After paying, we decided to walk to Spyhouse Coffee Café, where all the coffee is roasted locally out of the Twin Cities. The shop is located on the first floor of the Marriott, which on the map looked like a short walk from the bookstore, but construction in the downtown area and the heat made it quite the adventure. We chose Spyhouse because they have a rotating list of pour-overs and multiple espresso options. We ordered our coffee and found a comfortable place to relax, catch our breath, and dive into the books we just bought. The ritual of sipping our coffee and enjoying our books right next to each other has become one of my favorite activities. After a couple of chapters, we headed out to Quarry Hill Park to walk the trails. The hiking trails were well maintained, and the park included a pond and 329 acres of other natural treasures to see.

Our anniversary celebration was a success. Our repeated actions of celebrating our love by doing stuff we love together make for a good life. Cultivating the most important relationship in your life is proven to have amazing returns. Creating memories and doing so in a structured way can positively alter an individual’s internal and external state. Rituals and relationships are important.



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and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any term or provision of this Resolution is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable such term or provision will be stricken and of no further force and effect, and the remainder of the Resolution shall continue in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Council through the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of General Council and/or Henry White Thunder shall have the authority to file suit on behalf of the General Council for all matters of non-enforcement to Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch to ensure that this Resolution is strictly implemented in accordance to the requests defined within this General Council Resolution 09.19.2026 - _ pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution:

Article IV, Section 3 (f), Actions by the General Council shall be binding.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of _ members, of whom _ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 19th day of September, 2026, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _ members, _ opposed, and _ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Secretary

Date

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
Division of Public Health

Wažookj woo’ehi
family conversations

We invite you to gather, learn, and share at our virtual education series on Ho-Chunk culture, resources, services, and connection to health.
Wednesdays 1pm-2pm

August 19th -
Men’s Mental Health take 2
John Pluegers & Joe White Eagle

August 26th -
Empowered & Informed:
Substance Safety and Overdose Prevention
Rachael Dozer, LCSW, CSAC, CS-IT
Dual Diagnostic Therapist - HOW

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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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HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL

The People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
TO AMEND THE HO-CHUNK NATION CONSTITUTION TO
TO ELECT THE GENERAL COUNCIL ADVOCATE
09.19.2026 - _

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Constitution"), formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse actions of the Legislature except those enumerated in Section 4 of this Article. The General Council shall return such reversals to the Legislature for reconsideration consistent with the action of the General Council; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (c), the General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII, including those which reverse decisions of the Judiciary interpreting this Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (e), the General Council retains the power to call a Special Election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f), Actions by the General Council shall be binding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, and Article VI Section 2 (j), an Annual meeting has been duly called and notice duly given by the President; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council recognizes that the Office of General Council requires strong, effective leadership; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches of government are elected, and

WHEREAS, changes to the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Constitution require a Secretarial Election conducted by the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Election Board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council Advocate shall be elected by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation, in accordance with the General Election provisions in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Ho-Chunk Constitution effective with the 2027 Primary and General Elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article VIII, Section 1 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution be revised to include the position of General Council Advocate in this Section, adopting the qualifications and duties as outlined on the Legislative approved General Council Advocate job description; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Council Advocate is eligible to serve four (4) year terms not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following language be added to Article IX which will be placed at the end of the Article:

The General Council may remove the General Council for malfeasance. No vote by the General Council to remove the General Council Advocate shall take place before such General Council Advocate has been given reasonable notice of the impending action and has had a reasonable opportunity to be heard; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article IX, Section 8 shall be revised to add the highlighted portion of the Section as follows:

Any person serving as President, Legislator, General Council Advocate or a member of the Judiciary, who is convicted of a felony while in office, shall be removed from office and such office shall be deemed vacant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council hereby directs the Election Board to conduct a Special Secretarial Election no later than November 15, 2026 to make these change to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any term or provision of this Resolution is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable such term or provision will be stricken and of no further force and effect, and the remainder of the Resolution will continue in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Council through the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the General Council, General Council Advocate, and/or [NAME OF PRESENTER] will have the authority to file suit on behalf of the General Council for all matters of non-enforcement to Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch to ensure that this Resolution is strictly implemented in accordance to the terms and conditions defined within this General Council Resolution 09.19.26 - _ pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution:

Article IV, Section 3 (f), Actions by the General Council shall be binding.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of _ members, of whom _ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the 19th day of September, 2026, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _ members, _ opposed, and _ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Secretary

Date

AUGUST

2026

HO-CHUNK NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00AM - 11:45AM
1:00PM - 3:45 PM

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
PHONE: 715-284-7461 EXT. 35038

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 OPEN BRF	4 OPEN BRF	5 WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - KATHY	6 OPEN BRF	7 CLOSED MONTHLY SHIPMENT
10 OPEN BRF	11 OPEN BRF	12 WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION 10 AM- 1:30 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - ALEX	13 REEDSBURG HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF	14 WI DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF
17 OPEN BRF	18 OPEN BRF	19 TOMAH DISTRIBUTION 12N- 1:00 PM	20 OPEN BRF	21 LA CROSSE PICKUPS OPEN BRF
24 OPEN BRF NUTRITION BOOTH - KATHY	25 OPEN BRF	26 NEKOOSA DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - ALEX	27 OPEN BRF	28 OPEN BRF LAST PICK-UP DAY
31 CLOSED INVENTORY				

CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS

PARTNERS

in

PARENTING

Wittenberg Area

A free educational class specific to parents, grandparents & guardians of infant to school-aged children, to learn practical parenting skills, connect with resources, and strengthen your family's health and well-being.

WHEN:

August 17, 2026

WHERE:

Siga Funmaker Community Center
Wittenberg, WI

GUEST SPEAKER

Salena Lemieux

Behavioral Health

BEYOND THE BACKPACK

Supporting children's mental health during the back-to-school transition

EVENT INCLUDES

FREE LUNCH AND RAFFLE!

Must attend presentation to receive raffle entry and incentives.

To sign up for your lunch reservation:

Claudia Yaeger
Public Health Worker
(715) 253-2382 EXT. 33140
claudia.yaeger@ho-chunk.com

This class is open to Ho-Chunk Tribal Members & HCN Employees

created by JD 07/13/26

Community Health

Foot Clinics

AUGUST 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

A Registered Nurse will clip/file your nails, and dremel if necessary. For ingrown toenail removal, please contact podiatry.

Black River Falls - 8/3, 8/20, 8/26

Community Health Office
W9850 Airport Road
(715) 896-1343

Tomah - 8/11

Tribal Aging Unit
358 Eos Road
(608) 372-5202

La Crosse - 8/18

Three Rivers House
724 Main Street
(608) 783-6025

Nekoosa - 8/20

Nekoosa Health Office
1021 County Road G
(715) 886-5444

Baraboo - 8/25

House Of Wellness
52845 White Eagle Road
(608) 355-1240 x35509

Madison - 8/25

Branch Office
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy
(608) 277-9964

Wittenberg - 8/26

Siga Funmaker Center
W17634 Radke Road
(715) 701-2069

Open to Tribal Members - No walk-ins - Appointment is now needed.

WATAJOX HII WIIRA
Corn Popping Moon: August

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

WICAWAS
Corn

Berry Cornbread

About Corn

Corn has been central to Indigenous diets and health across the continent, where many different varieties were grown and used.

Corn was dried and stored, and could feed communities for up to two years without harvest.

Corn is a good source of complex carbohydrates, which provides lasting energy.

Though corn lacks lysine, tribes balanced their diets by pairing it with beans, creating a complete protein source.

Many communities also processed their corn with wood ash or lime. This process, known as nixtamalization, helps to break down the outer shell of the corn which enhances flavor and increases the amount of calcium, niacin, and vitamin B3 a body can use.

Corn can be enjoyed many ways: eaten fresh, roasted, or dried and ground into cornmeal for tamales, breads, and soups.

For more info:

1) <https://aihd.ku.edu/foods/corn.html>

2) <https://www.phyllisdlight.com/the-food-legacy-of-native-americans-corn-beans-and-squash/>

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. This material was funded by USDA's supplemental nutrition assistance program-SNAP.

Ingredients:

1 cup whole grain cornmeal

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup all-purpose flour

2 eggs

5 teaspoons baking powder

1 cup lowfat milk or plant milk

1/4 cup white sugar or maple sugar

1/3 cup oil

Optional: 1 cup fresh or frozen berries

Steps:

1. Preheat an oven to 350 degrees.

2. Grease a 9x9inch baking dish, or muffin cups.

3. Mix cornmeal, flour, baking powder, sugar and salt together well in a bowl.

4. Stir the eggs, milk and oil into the cornmeal mixture.

5. If using berries, toss them with a teaspoon of flour before adding to batter, so they don't sink to the bottom of the bread. Stir them into the batter, and transfer the batter to the baking pan.

6. Bake on a center rack for about 30-35 minutes for the 9x9-inch pan, or about 25-30 minutes for muffins. The edges of the cornbread will pull away from the sides of the pan, and a toothpick inserted into the center will come out clean. Cool 10 minutes.

Recipe adapted from: Cooking Healthier with FDIPIR foods cookbook, USDA.

For more Information Contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/ Nutritionist:

BRF, Tomah, Wittenberg areas:
(888) 685-4422, ext. 35335
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(888) 685-4422, ext. 35340
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LIVE WELL, PREVENT DIABETES!

AUGUST 2026 - OCTOBER 2026

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM VIA WEBEX OR IN PERSON
(12:30 PM PST / 1:30 PM MST / 2:30 PM CST / 3:30 PM EST)

The Live Well, Prevent Diabetes! Program is a 12 week program designed for people with prediabetes, or those who are at high risk for type 2 diabetes, and want to lower their risk. The class will be available online and in person. Every other session will be interactive.

Webex Invites will be sent out the day before class, you must have a minimum of a phone and e-mail address to participate.

Please reach out to Rachel Montana or Lyndsey Killian to register.

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rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com

Lyndsey Killian
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Session 1: August 11th - Intro & Prevent T2

• Kathleen Clemons at Ho Chunk Health Care Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 2: August 18th - Intro to Yoga (Interactive)

• Jessica Artz at the Nekoosa Branch Office - Conference Room or WebEx

Session 3: August 25th - Getting Active & Tracking Activity

• Jessica Artz at Nekoosa Health Office - Conference Room or WebEx

Session 4: September 1st - Roasting and Air Frying Vegetables (Interactive)

• Kathy Braaten at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or Webex.

Session 5: September 8th - Eating Well & Tracking Food

• Kyla Ripp at House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room or WebEx

Session 6: September 15th - Strength Concepts (Interactive)

• Kathleen Clemons at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 7: September 22nd - Coping with Triggers/Stress, & Building Support.

• Heather Jerzak at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 8: September 29th - Lean Protein Cooking Methods (Interactive)

• Alex Richeson at House of Wellness - Cafeteria/Kitchen or WebEx

Session 9: October 6th - Shopping/Cooking, & Eating Well Away From Home

• Kathy Braaten at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 10: October 13th - Chair Exercises w/Progressions (Interactive)

• Nick Butchart at House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room or WebEx

Session 11: October 20th - Staying Motivated & When Weight Loss Stalls

• Alex Richeson at House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room or WebEx

Session 12: October 27th - Salads and Homemade Dressings (Interactive)

• Heather Jerzak at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

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Davids cruises to win in Kansas Democratic primary

Four-term U.S. House representative and Ho-Chunk citizen moves on to November general election

By Logan Pierson
Reprint from ICT
OLATHE, Kansas – Rep. Sharice Davids, D-Kansas, cruised to victory Tuesday in the Democratic primary and will face Republican Eric Jenkins in the November general election.

“I’m deeply honored to earn the trust of voters across the Third District,” Davids, a citizen of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin, said in a statement released after she secured victory. “I fundamentally believe the government should work for the people it serves — not special interests, big corporations, or partisan agendas.”
With all 736 of 736 precincts reported, Davids led her opponent, Sarah Preu, with 83 percent of the vote. “Every single day, I hear from Kansans who are working hard, budgeting carefully, and doing everything right, but are still getting squeezed by rising costs on everyday essentials like groceries, healthcare, and housing,” said Davids, who is seeking her fifth term in the U.S. House.

Former Kansas House of Representatives member Christina Haswood, Diné, said that Davids continues to be a consistent, ethical voice for both Kansas and Indian Country.

“Sharice is that bipartisan person who’s able to bring those results back home, and at the federal level and working with Indigenous issues, working with veterans’ issues and transportation,” Haswood told ICT. “She’s been able to bring those results back to her home district, but also working across Indian Country and being that voice that we need in Congress.”

Davids, 46, first took office for the district in 2019 as one of the first two Native women to hold seats in Congress. Davids is the only Democrat in the Kansas U.S. congressional delegation and the longest-serving Indigenous woman in Congress.

Voters across five counties poured into cool, air-conditioned voting booths in libraries, churches and more on Tuesday to cast their ballots during a humid, muggy and bright election day with little wind to cool them down. While many came out to vote on Kansas’ new, rejected Republican-backed, supreme court amendment, Davids’ supporters and registered Democrats came out in clear support.

Patricia Maholmes, 60, voted for Davids at the Olathe Indian Creek Library voting station, and said she wanted to maintain a strong Democratic opposition to Republicans in Congress.

“I just think we just have to keep our officials that are now in office, and I think with the election for president coming up soon, within the next couple of years, I think it’s important that we have our Democratic support,” Maholmes said.

“I see her working for it, and I see her working for Kansas too.”

Fred Weems, 74, said he has appreciated Davids’ efforts in standing up for veterans and protecting green card holders since taking office. Weems’ wife is from China, and he said they frequently have issues that Davids’ makes efforts to address.

“We have green card issues sometimes and she’s been very helpful. She knows what she’s doing and she has a good staff working for her. They’re very good people,” Weems told ICT after voting and exiting the Olathe Indian Creek Library.

Davids’ opponent Preu told ICT that, while she did not win this year, she believes her progressive messages to Kansans are evergreen and will continue to hold an impact on the state.

“There is no losing here. We had to challenge the status quo,” Preu told ICT outside of her bustling watch party full of supporters at Strip’s Chicken and Brewing in Merriam.

While the candidates found common ground on raising the minimum wage and protecting reproductive rights, Preu ran on progressive policies such as abolishing the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, supporting single-payer Medicare for all, and opposing unconditional military aid to foreign countries.

“We have always been at the forefront of ethical politics. It is our literal birthright as Kansans,” she said. “I am a born and raised Kansas girl, and this moment feels very true to me. There is a real depth to the understanding that we can’t sit by while vulnerable people are attacked and continue to vote (for) the same people who have gotten us to this point.”

In comparison, Davids has taken a moderate approach. In healthcare, Davids has fought for the expansion of the Affordable Care Act and backed legislation which allows Kansans to retain private insurers. However, In February, Davids faced pushback from supporters in her district after she became one of 21 democrats, out of the 212 sitting in the house, to vote for temporarily extending funding for the Department of Homeland Security amid the Trump administration’s immigration crackdown in Minnesota, which led to the deaths of Alex Pretti and Renee Good in January.

In a statement in January, Davids said she voted for the funding to avert a prolonged government shutdown and deliver critical investments, which included spending on roads and aviation infrastructure in Johnson County, just outside Kansas City. However, Davids later called for strong oversight and accountability from ICE, and voted against the Secure America Act, the bill that awarded \$70 billion in funding to Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and ICE through fiscal year 2029.

Davids said she will continue to work across the aisle



U.S. Rep Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk, of Kansas. (Photo by Davids campaign)

to attain results.

“Kansans don’t want political games or constant partisan bickering — they want practical, common-sense solutions. That’s why I’ll keep working across the aisle with anyone, Republican or Democrat, to lower the cost of living, protect healthcare access, and build an economy where every family has the opportunity to get ahead,” Davids said in her Tuesday statement.

Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District includes most of the Kansas side of the Kansas City metropolitan area, representing all of Anderson, Franklin, Johnson and Miami counties and parts of Wyandotte County.

While The Kansas City Indian Center is based on the Missouri side, the nonprofit assists Urban Natives experiencing food insecurity on both the Kansas and Missouri sides of the city. While the center acts as a nonpartisan 501-(c)3, leaders at the center spoke Tuesday on the policy and protections that they want to see from the next term’s representative.

“We cannot continue to keep absorbing policies that are getting entrenched in a way that is going to be unsustainable for our communities we serve,” Director of Civic Engagement and Advocacy at the center, D’Arlyn Bell, Cherokee Nation, told ICT.

Among other things, leaders at the center said they wanted to see protections for medicare and medicaid, and a prioritization from representatives to address and be aware of poverty and issues with food assistance and housing, along with ensuring that people have access to a living wage.

“We’re all concerned about being able to afford housing. We’re all concerned about nutritional security. We’re all concerned about all these things,” the center’s Executive Director Gaylene Crouser, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, told ICT. “I think that that’s the biggest thing for either of these candidates, for all the candidates, is not forgetting that we’re all human beings and there are all inherent needs and rights, and we need to take care of each other first and foremost.”



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Capt. Matt Nordquist
Madison Police Department

Location
Ho-Chunk Nation
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- Local ordinances



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To learn more contact Cher Laubmeier by email at Cher.Laubmeier@ho-chunk.com or by phone at (608) 277-9964 Ext. 13220.



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Text **988** for 24/7 free, confidential mental health hotline that connects individuals in need of support.



All Nations Crisis Hotline: Text **Support** to **33464** for emotional support



Levi Cleveland

August 2, 2006 – July 29, 2026

Levi Cleveland, age 20, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, passed away leaving a profound void in the hearts of his family, friends and community. Though his time here was far too short, Levi lived a life deeply rooted in family tradition, an incredible work ethic, and unshakeable pride in his heritage. He was a proud member of both the Bear Clan of the Ho-Chunk Nation and Louis Bull Tribe of the Cree Nation.

Visitation will be held at the Native American Church beginning on Friday, July 31, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells with Kyle White Eagle officiating. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

Levi was born on August 2, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Corey Shortneck and Jolie Ann Cleveland. Levi was known for his remarkable youthful energy and determination, he graduated from Challenge Academy in 2024 and later balancing his time working at Walmart and then FedEx. He brought a strong sense of dedication to everything he did, earning the respect

of his coworkers, teachers and leaders and proving himself to be a reliable, driven young man.

Beyond his hard work, Levi's true happiness was found on the open road, within the sacred fireplace, and along the powwow trail. He was happiest traveling with family, making countless memories across Canada and the United States. He walked a spiritual path, deeply loving and respecting his Native American Church way of life, finding strength, identity, and peace within those sacred prayers and traditions. These travels and teachings are deeply tied to his family's rich legacy. Levi was incredibly proud to be a part of Ho-Chunk Station, the family drum group originally founded in 2007 by his late grandfather, Rick Cleveland, Sr. alongside his uncles, friends, and close-knit family. Levi helped carry forward the drum ways, morals and songs he was raised with. He was a gifted singer and powerful dancer, bringing beauty, speed and energy to the arena through both the Fancy Feather and Grass dance style. For Levi, the powerful rhythm of the drum, the motion of the dance, and the bond shared with his relatives wasn't



just a passion-it was his entire world.

Levi leaves behind a legacy of beautiful travel memories, a reputation of hard work, and a family that will carry his spirit with them to every future destination, every song, and every sacred circle.

Levi is survived by Father, Corey Shortneck; Grandmothers, Nelsena Deschamp and Danielle Lewis; Aunts, Ilena Cleveland and Jackie Cleveland; Uncles, Timothy Deschamps, Terrence Cleveland, Delano Cleveland, David Cleveland, Buster Cleveland and Lucas Cleveland as well as many other friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his Mother, Jolie Cleveland; Grandfather, Rick Cleveland, Sr; Uncle, Rick Cleveland Jr.

Amyah Sweet Addison

October 4, 2007 - July 28, 2026



Amyah's kindness led her to want to become a nurse, as caring for others became a way of life she cherished immensely. Whereas family and friends were her anchor, the reciprocity of giving guided her life in harmony with her heritage and found creative expression in many forms: from her love of ribbon-skirt and regalia making, *paaxge*, and her quickness in the kitchen, her presence left each person with the unmistakable feeling that they were seen, cherished, and that they truly mattered. Her living memory will remain a lasting blessing, deeply cherished by all who knew her and profoundly missed by all whose lives were touched by her love.

Amyah Sweet joins her ancestors and relatives, including maternal grandparents Athena Long and Johnny Whitecloud, her Naani Chanina Whitecloud, and her brothers Quame Addison, Triston Addison, and Marc Anderson, and sister Gianna Yellowbird. She is survived by her parents, paternal grandparents, Marty and Arilda Chavez, and her siblings: Dayvina, Autry, Emjay, Aaron, and Tyin; niece and nephew, Azias Pauliot and Chanina Shegonee; and in addition, she leaves behind many extended relatives.

Prayer service for Amyah will take place Friday, July 31st, 2026 at 5:00 PM, with the Native American Church taking place immediately after at 7:00 PM. A final meal will take place at 10:00 AM, with commitment services and final viewings starting at 12:00 PM. Amyah will be laid to rest at the Decorah Cemetery with Pallbearers: Justin Anderson, Paxton WhiteEagle, Dustin Funmaker, King Brown, Kia Alamanza, Aaron Day, Mason Longtail, Cardell Sincere Longtail.

The Buswell Funeral Home is assisting the family with final arrangements, 715-284-2231.

Amyah Sweet Addison, Maašupī [Pretty Little Quill Feather] from Black River Falls, Wisconsin, walked into eternal life on July 28, 2026, in Hixton, Wisconsin. Amyah was born on October 4, 2007, to Corena Mae Whitecloud and Aaron George Addison Sr., in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Through the way she lived in relation with everyone she met, she became known as a beautiful reflection of love, kindness, faithfulness, and cultural pride, leaving an enduring impact on the hearts of all who were blessed to know her as a daughter, sister, niece, cousin, auntie, granddaughter, and friend.

From the moment she entered this world, Amyah Sweet carried a radiant beauty and a smile that filled every room with warmth, light, and joy. Throughout her life, she found deep happiness in dancing old-style jingle dress at powwows, attending ceremonies, and learning and speaking the Ho-Chunk language and culture. These traditions were not only a source of pride for Amyah, but also a gift she lovingly shared with her family and friends, strengthening the bonds between them and honoring those who came before her. Firm and unwavering in her faith, Amyah was a devoted member of the Native American Church, teaching her the principles of unconditional love she shared with many.

As a recent high school graduate of the 2026 class,

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we had different settlements around here that used to be our home at one time.”

Although the landscape and communities surrounding the rivers have changed, the dedication marked a continued Ho-Chunk presence in an area connected to the Nation’s history.

“No matter what the Ho-Chunk have been through, no matter how many times we’ve been removed,” Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer said, pointing to the Nation’s continued existence and revitalization of its language as a reflection of the resiliency of previous generations.

That connection between past and future is reflected in the garden’s centerpiece, a bronze sculpture of Betsy Thunder, a Ho-Chunk woman and healer who cared for Native people and settlers in the region during the 1800s.

Greendeer said Thunder represents more than one individual, recognizing the generations of Ho-

Chunk women who have sustained their communities and cultural ways of life.

“She represents the amount of women leaders in our communities that often go unrecognized, for their strength, their resiliency,” Greendeer said.

The garden also marks a change in how Native people are represented at Riverside Park.

La Crosse Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey recalled years of conversations with Native students and community members about a former Native American statue in the park that many felt did not appropriately represent Indigenous people.

“Whenever you remove something, you have to make sure you replace it, right?” Washington-Spivey said. “And you have to make sure you replace it with the right thing.”

Rather than deciding what that replacement should look like, Riverside International Friendship Gardens worked with the Ho-

Chunk Nation to develop the new space.

Washington-Spivey called that approach an opportunity “to honor our Indigenous people” while acknowledging the history and wrongdoings experienced by Native people in the area.

“Because while we’re honoring the Ho-Chunk people, this is also the community coming together,” Washington-Spivey said. “Look around you. This is a beautiful sight to see.”

Along with the Betsy Thunder sculpture, the garden includes native, drought-resistant plants, many valued by Ho-Chunk people for their healing properties, as well as quaking aspen, cedar and dogwood trees. Sculptures of traditional trail marker trees and flagstone benches bearing Ho-Chunk clan insignias are also incorporated throughout the space.

The project was supported by the Ho-Chunk Nation, the City of La Crosse and numerous community organizations and donors.





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

Miguel Custodio Jr.

October 23, 1998 - July 21, 2026



Miguel Custodio Jr., Peec Hirakara, age 27 of Black River Falls, was called home on July 21st, 2026.

He was born on October 23rd, 1998, in Green Bay, WI to Karena Snake-Custodio and Miguel Custodio Sr.

Miguel will be remembered for his big heart, warm smile, and the meaningful connections he made along his way. He was strong-willed and genuine, with a caring nature that showed when he would lend a helping

hand or offer supporting words to those who needed them. He lived a life with a vibrant and free-spirited energy that was uniquely his own. He left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him and the memories he created with all those he loved will be cherished forever.

He is survived by his two children Liyana Mae and Denahi Lee Custodio; his siblings Marissa Stabler, Michaela Snake, Alejandro Rodriguez, Magdalena Custodio and Halie Marg-Snake; his mom Tricia Snake; and many other relatives.

Peec Hirakara is proceeded in death by his mother, Karena Custodio; brother, Darus Stabler; grandparents Cheryl and Norman Snake Sr.; and uncle, Norman Snake Jr.

There will be a visitation on Thursday, July 23rd, 2026, at the Buswell Funeral Home from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m with NAC devotional services to follow, at the Mission Building Community Center. Funeral services for Miguel will take place Friday, July 24, 2026, at the Mission Building Community Center at 12:00 p.m. Shannon Rave will officiate. Friends and family are invited for visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Burial will be at the Decorah Cemetery, immediately after, with a commitment meal to follow.

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life.

“I wanted to perform some songs that involve a lot of kind of my own personal healing, my own journey with sobriety, and dealing with, you know, reservation life,” Means said.

Means also reflected on what he had witnessed during his time at the camp, saying he intentionally arrived on the first day to listen to elders, talk with participants and learn from the gathering.

“You don’t see collective healing like this,” Means said. “You see the ceremonies, you see the gatherings, but when there’s something focused on collective healing, that’s very inspirational for me to see.”

Means and others worked with several local youth during a Music is Medicine workshop, teaching participants how to write songs and record music.

The youth also helped direct a

music video filmed around the Black River Falls area, along with a short documentary showing the process behind the project.

Means said programs centered specifically on collective healing are something he would like to see in more Native communities.

“This is something that needs to be rooted in almost every Indigenous community,” Means said. “Beautiful, what you guys have here. You know, take care of it, nurture it.”

Tatanka Means followed the night with comedy, bringing humor into an evening.

The camp continued Thursday with a recovery panel, family support programming, healing circles and family sessions focused on roles and responsibilities and kinship.

The three-day gathering concluded Thursday afternoon with participant feedback, a traveling song and lowering of the flags.

Bruce R. Blackdeer

June 8, 1955 – August 1, 2026



Bruce R. Blackdeer, aged 71, of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin passed on Saturday, August 1, 2026 due to health issues.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at the Blackdeer Homestead, Town of Brockway, Jackson County, Wisconsin with Chief Clayton Winneshiek officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:30 am until the traditional 12 pm (noon) service begins. Burial will follow in the Blackdeer Family Cemetery.

Bruce was born on June 8, 1955 at St. Mary’s Ringling Hospital in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Bruce was the son of William (Bill) and Lila (Greengrass) Blackdeer.

Throughout his lifetime, Bruce enjoyed fishing, trapping, deer

hunting, and other outdoor sports. He was generous in sharing his fishing expertise by sharing tips with his younger relatives; he wanted other to enjoy fishing as much as he did. He would often reminisce about his years as a “Brockway Bomber” under his dad’s coaching. Bruce enjoyed watching military, war, and western movies; his DVD collection is comprised of his favorites. Bruce was also an avid reader. He loved westerns and his favorite fiction authors were Louis L’Amour and Zane Grey. These stories focused on early traditional western and frontier adventures. He loved learning the historical details and outdoor survival skills shared within these books. Bruce loved to play card games. His favorites were cribbage, euchre, poker keno, and Liverpool; his favorite rivals were his family and friends. Bruce enjoyed spending time at the local Ho-Chunk Bingo Hall and Casino, located “close to home in Sauk County.”

Bruce will be greatly missed by his immediate family, extended family, friends and community.

Bruce is survived by his brother, Christopher Todd (Verna) Blackdeer; his daughters Joanne, Christine, Mariah, and his niece, Felicia.

Bruce was preceded in death by his grandparents, Earl and Eva (Littlebear) Blackdeer and Edwin Greengrass and Bessie Youngbear; by his parents, William P. and Lila Blackdeer; his sister, Adrienne, and his brother, Aaron; his son, Dalton; and his niece, Molly Mann.

Rosemarie Carol Funmaker

December 6, 1949 - July 26, 2026



Rosemarie C. Funmaker (Mąąšųs hisawaįga), 76 of Wittenberg, walked on, on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at home, under the care of Moments Hospice.

Rosemarie was born on December 6, 1949, in La Crosse, the daughter of Leslie Decorah Sr. and Lucille Bear Chief.

She was united in marriage to Dennis Funmaker Sr. He preceded her in death on October 8, 2020.

Rosemarie had a love for reading and enjoyed trying her luck at the casino, where she often did quite well. She was known for her wonderful sense of humor, always joking around and sharing laughter

with those around her. Above all, she treasured spending time with her family, especially her beloved grandchildren.

Rosemarie is survived by her children, Shelby (Dave) Wulf, of Wittenberg, Dennis Funmaker Jr. and Dustin Funmaker Sr., both of Lyndon Station; three grandchildren, Rayann Wulf, Dustin Funmaker Jr. and King Bear Funmaker; siblings, Nancy Prescott, best friend, Bonnie (Terry) Tech, Richard Decorah and Jeanine (Tony) Catron; sister-in-law, Barb Wilsman and aunt, Marie Lewis.

Rosemarie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dennis; special friend, Wayne Funmaker; daughter, Ina Funmaker; siblings, Lauren (Martin) Little Wolf, Leslie (Barbara) Decorah Jr., Marvin Decorah and Benjamin Decorah; nieces, Kozee Montana Featherstone Medicinetop Decorah, Ella Mae Decorah and Regina Smith, and nephews, Calli Decorah and Jesse Decorah.

A Commitment Service will be held at 10AM on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at the Siga Center, Wittenberg. A Gathering will be held starting at 9AM until the time of the service. Elliot Kolner will officiate. Burial will be in John Stacy Memorial NAC Cemetery. A light lunch will follow the burial at 12NOON.

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg is assisting the family.



Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board News

Welcome! Welcome to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board News!

Our goal is to keep tribal members informed about upcoming elections, important deadlines, voting options, and election updates.

Upcoming Elections at General Council

Secretarial Election-Saturday, September 19, 2026

Eligible voters may vote in-person at General Council (African Ballroom)

Polls open at 8 a.m. and close 2 hours after adjournment.

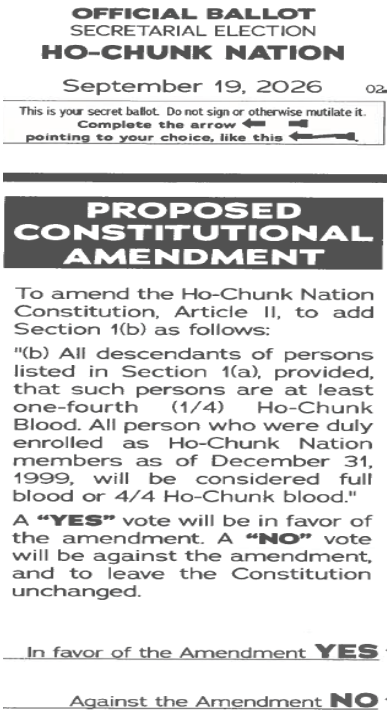
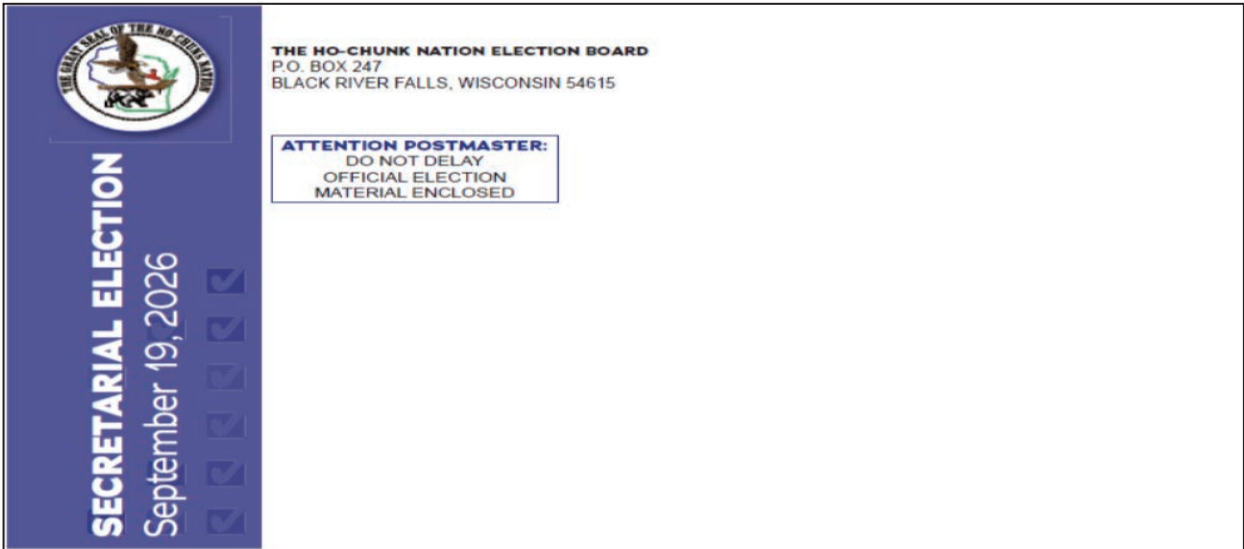
Ballots were mailed on **Monday, July 6, 2026**, to last known address. Eligible voters should mark their ballot, sign the return envelope and have the witnessed sign the returned envelope who is **18 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen** and **return by mail with correct postage** to the Election Board Post Office Box or drop off in-person to the Election Board Office or delivery your ballot in-person the day of the Secretarial Election at General Council. **You cannot interoffice your ballots.**

Need a Replacement Ballot?

If your ballot has been lost or damaged, please contact the **Election Board Office** to request a new one before Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Watch for Your Ballot

This is the envelope your ballot was mailed to your last known mailing address:



General Primary Election 2027- Will be called in the near future.

Did you know?

- The election board is neutral. We do not support or oppose candidates. We provide fair and impartial elections.
- Mailing your ballot early ensures it arrives on time.
- Replacement ballots may be requested from the Election Board Staff before the posted deadlines, should your ballot be lost or damaged.

Election Board:
Phone: 715-284-8900
Office Hours: M-F 8:00-4:30
Melissa Olvera Ext.11309
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W8801 Mission Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615



The institutional review board is having a regular meeting on Wednesday August 12th at 4:15PM. We review any research done on Ho-Chunk properties or with Ho-Chunk people. Our meeting will be virtual to allow access to anyone who is interested. You can connect via the information below.

Join by computer:	Join by phone:
Meeting link: https://ho-chunk.webex.com/ho-chunk/j.php?MTID=m9f49aef53c42766186d0400e448694a1	+1-415-655-0002
Meeting number: 2496 476 2042	Access code: 24964762042
Meeting password:99vaKebXKP7	

DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE

LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE

724 Main Street La Crosse, WI

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING

324 Epinal Avenue Tomah, WI

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 6:00PM

BARABOO/W DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS

975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 6:00PM

Date adjusted to accommodate Neeshla Powwow.

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

REP. DAMIAN THUNDERCLOUD damianthundercloud@ho-chunk.com (608) 606-2644

REP. KYLE WHITE EAGLE kyle.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (800)294-9343 x.11276

POSTED 7/27/26

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
In the Interest of Decedent:
Sherry Ann Wilson DOB 10/26/2025
By Frederick Lee Youngbear.

☐ Amended
Notice to Creditors
Case No. PR 25-08

For Official Use

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

AUG 05 2026

Janet Blackmon
Clerk of Court / Assistant

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

The personal representative is responsible for providing the deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate to all known or reasonably ascertainable creditors.

This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues; the first publication date must be within 15 days from the date underneath the Clerk of Court's signature.

Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Sherry Ann Wilson
A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Frederick Lee Youngbear, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is Nov. 5, 2026. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate

May Youngbear
Clerk of Court

May Youngbear
Name Printed or Typed

08/05/26

Date

Form completed by (Name)
Frederick Lee Youngbear
Address
922 West 54th St. South
Wichita, KS 67217
Telephone
505 660 0066
Bar Number (if any)

PR 14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

58 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE

This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, RHEA SANCHEZ (DECORAH) & ANDREZ SANCHEZ DECORAH, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W17671 SHEPLEY RD WITTENBERG, WI 54499

And more particularly described as: LOT 4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, TOWN OF BIRNAMWOOD, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Any objections must be filed in person at Executive Office Building / W9814 Airport Road or received by mail at:

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division

Attn: Register of Deeds

P.O. Box 310

Black River Falls, WI 54615

Phone: (715) 284-9343 Ext 11032

By or before SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Absent any objections the Ho-Chunk Nation Register of Deeds shall issue Title for the above described Permanent Improvements to the named individual(s) within 10 days following the deadline.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, JILL WHITEGULL, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W8760 THUNDERCHIEF LN BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 11 WITHIN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION N 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI JULY 21, 2026 Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call:	President Jon Greendeer-P Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-EX Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P Rep. Paul Fox-P Rep. Damian Thundercloud-EX Rep. Stephanie Begay-P Rep. Kyle White Eagle-EX Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P	Rep. Edward Mullen-VC Rep. David Greendeer-VC Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC VC-Video Conference Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:00 a.m. Opening Prayer: Rep. Paul Fox offered a word of prayer. Approval of Agenda:	MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda ADDING under New Business E. Betsy Thunder Dedication Ceremony and F. Neesh la Pow Wow. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Legislative Meeting-July 7, 2026	MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the July 7, 2026 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Special Legislative Meeting-July 13, 2026 MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the July 13, 2026 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with Continued on Page 15
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corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Gaming Commission Report

Commissioner Blaschke is online. A written report was submitted.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Gaming Commission Report. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business: *No agenda items.*

New Business:

Resolution-Granting of a Construction Easement to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on Ho-Chunk Village Property

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 07-21-26 A***, Granting of a Construction Easement to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on Ho-Chunk Village Property. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Mary Lopez to the Department of Housing Board of Directors as the District 3 Member

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt ***Resolution 07-21-26 B***, Appointment of Mary Lopez to the Department of Housing Board of Directors as the District 3 Member. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 8-0-1(Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy Unleashing Tribal Energy Development Grant

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 07-21-26 C***, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy Unleashing Tribal Energy Development Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

G2E – Las Vegas, September 28-October 1, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve up to 6 Legislators to attend G2E. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Betsy Thunder Dedication Ceremony

Legislative Public Relations Officer Shane Yellow Thunder stated that there is a Betsy Thunder Dedication Ceremony scheduled for July 30, 2026 at the International Friendship Garden in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The budget is for all costs associated with the event.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Betsy Thunder Dedication Ceremony budget in the

amount of \$1,918.40 payable to Shane Yellow Thunder with reconciliation on an **emergency basis**, from D2 Community Improvement Funds. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Neesh la Pow Wow

A request was submitted for the remaining balance of the budget. The request breakdown is as follows: \$200 vendor coordinator and \$100 miscellaneous for a total of \$300.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the \$300 budget (for the remaining balance) payable to Courage Cleveland with reconciliation from the Pow Wow Line Item. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 6-1(Rep. David Greendeer)-2(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. Sandra Whitewing) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D1 Njioxawanj – July 15, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Department of Justice, Department of Housing and Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Felicia White to approve Brooke Funmaker as the District 1 housing board member, pending background check. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 8-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Darcy Funmaker to reestablish the Youth Summer Work Program. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to D1 Legislators the **MOTION** by Karena Thundercloud to have District 1 Legislators oppose the Milwaukee Branch Office Project. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 8-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to LDT, Realty, Office of the President, Cultural Resources, Heritage Preservation and Legislature the **MOTION** by Forrest Funmaker to have District 1 support Bear Clan to have feast grounds on Nine Eagles property. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 7-0-2(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion: It was mentioned that at LDT, safety concerns were brought forward as the fence only covers a portion of the cliff. President Greendeer stated Bear Clan can set feast up anywhere they would like. No approval needed.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Legislature the **MOTION** by Darcy Funmaker to ban Data Centers on tribal land. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislature and HHCDa the **MOTION** by Darcy Funmaker for the upcoming heating assistance

to go back to HHCDa for this fiscal year. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Jovanna White Eagle to have Business Department research on offering other tribes a tribal discount at our C-Stores. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Department of Administration, Maintenance, Language, Heritage Preservation and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Paula Mike Legislative Counsel to have the Ho-Chunk Language added to all TOB signage. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Darcy Funmaker to allocate \$1 million to the pow-wow grounds project. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Department of Administration and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Wilfrid Cleveland for Administration Department to fast track the BRF Pow-wow grounds project. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to HHCDa, Department of Housing and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Rita Gardner to have HHCDa and Ho-Chunk Housing create a priority list for tribal members with medical emergencies. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Legislature and the Housing Commission the **MOTION** by Wilfrid Cleveland to have Legislature create a housing law for tribal members with medical emergencies. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Department of Administration, DICC and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Darcy Funmaker to have District 1 Community Center be open Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Department of Administration, DICC and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Darcy Funmaker to have District 1 Community Center change their age to 12 years old to be able to attend unsupervised. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to also include Insurance in the referral. Second concurs. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Note: Wilfrid Cleveland spoke at the area meeting about how Ho-Chunk people are here to guide the youth to adulthood, and the importance of having a place for them to go on the weekend. He

would like to see this go back to the way it was.

D1 Maanico Horuzra – July 16, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the next Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Mike Goze to donate \$2,000 from the Community Improvement funds for the Spirit Care Elder Services & DIW Community Elder Picnic. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hinyukwas– July 13, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Finance Team and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Tracy Littlejohn to reaffirm last month’s motion for a Beloit budget update progress report as detailed as possible for July area meeting and request the budget vs. actual numbers and change orders included in the update. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Commission and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Tracy Littlejohn to request that Legislature provide the funds for the water/sewer emergency repairs utilizing Maxwell White as the vendor. Amended the motion to remove Maxwell White as the vendor. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Adam Kruse to approve a budget up to \$2,500 for the Betsy Thunder dedication.

D3 Tesishik – July 8, 2026

No motions.

D3 Pac cinqk – July 13, 2026

No motions.

D3 Tee hoiksek – July 14, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Department of Housing the **MOTION** by Pam Wilber to get a Housing Maintenance position in Green Bay. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Office of General Council and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Mary Lopez for General Council to forward resolutions to the area meetings so tribal members know what they are voting on. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle stated that Department of Justice attorneys have not been available at District 3 area meetings to help tribal members with drafting General Council resolutions, even though they offered the assistance.

D3 Tejop – July 15, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Department of Administration and Office of the President the

MOTION by Miriam Whiteagle to get a detailed report of the Madison Branch Office sign. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Cexhaci – July 16, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Barb Smith to have lights installed at the Nekoosa Baseball Field. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Guushgonak – July 13, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Edward Mullen to refer to Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Reta Littlegeorge for D4 members to receive a one-time \$100 gas card for area meetings. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Virtual Meeting – July 15, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Edward Mullen to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Casey Brown for District 4 to receive school supply assistance. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: The Tomah and Mauston/Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells district meeting minutes were not completed, and will be on the next Legislative Meeting agenda.

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.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:19 p.m., and was called back to order at 12:52 p.m. Quorum is established.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 1:52 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.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to August 4, 2026 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Edward Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.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) (b).

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 BY

Wednesday, 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

OR WILL ACCEPT AT GENERAL

COUNCIL UNTIL POLLS ARE

CLOSED

Ballots will be accepted in-person at the

Election Board Office till closing day

Friday, September 18, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

CERTIFICATION WILL BE HELD

on Sunday, September 20, 2026

at HCG- Wisconsin Dells

starting at 9 a.m.

Amended Post 08/04/2026