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Tribal members get first look at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit ahead of grand opening

Ardith Van Riper

On October 18, Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit opened its doors to tribal members and their guests for a soft opening. The event ran from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm and featured entertainment, a survey table, a gift-bag scavenger hunt, and free play. The event also helped train the facility staff ahead of the grand opening slated for October 23.

The Ho-Chunk Nation owns and operates Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit and six other Wisconsin locations. There are currently 7,752 tribal members. The \$705 million Beloit facility is the tribe's largest gaming operation yet.

Event organizers scheduled buses to collect tribal citizens from St. Paul, Eau Claire, Black River Falls, Tomah, Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Nekoosa, La Crosse, and Wisconsin Dells.

As owners of the new gaming site, VIP guests could ask questions and provide feedback to staff. The preview offered live entertainment, an operating gaming floor, and several dining options.

Tribal members were encouraged
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Ho-Chunk Nation Receives 2026 Project of the Year Award for HCG Beloit

Kaili Berg

The Ho-Chunk Nation was recognized with the 2026 Project of the Year Award for Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit during Indigenous Biz Con V, held October 12–13 at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee.

The recognition comes before the grand opening of Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit on Friday, October 23, marking a significant milestone in the Nation's economic development efforts.

The award was presented as part of the Indigenous Business Awards Gala, which recognized achievements in Indigenous business and economic

development across Indian Country.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer accepted the recognition alongside fellow Tribal leaders and project partners that brought the Beloit project to completion.

"The reason why we were able to accomplish this in such a short period of time was because we aligned on a vision," Greendeer said.

Greendeer also acknowledged the contributions of past Tribal
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Ho-Chunk Nation Leaders Welcome Members of CAIM Hawaiian Delegation

Representative Tracy Thundercloud recently welcomed members of the CAIM Hawaiian delegation during their visit with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

During their time together, Representative Thundercloud presented the delegation with

Ho-Chunk Nation flags, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature T-shirts, and pencil baskets handmade by Kim Crowley as gifts of appreciation and welcome.

The visit was a great opportunity to share, build relationships, and spend time

together across Indigenous communities. A special thank you to Libby Fairchild and Larry Littlegeorge for helping make the visit possible and for the time and effort they put into bringing everyone together.



for our sovereignty
November 3



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conservationvoices.org/vote

The Ho-Chunk Nation
Police Department & Tribal Courts
are hosting a

HALLOWEEN

PARTY

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30, 2026
4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Courts
W9598 Hwy 54, Black River Falls, WI

**EVERYONE IS INVITED AND...
COME DRESSED IN A COSTUME**

**THERE WILL BE
FOOD & TREATS
FOR EVERYONE**

For information on this event you can contact the
Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department at 715-284-2658

Tomah Community Center
430 Julie Street Tomah, WI 54660

INDIGENOUS COOKING CLASS

With Rita Collins

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST
2 PM-5 PM**



Rita Collins is a Hoocqk chef, who cultivates ingredients from her own garden, celebrating the flavors and traditions of Indigenous cooking. This cooking class will involve hands on learning as she crafts a dinner consisting of Buffalo hand pies and Wild rice fritters.

The cost of the class is \$15, which includes the meal. This is open to the first 15 people to sign-up.

**To register, please contact by email or phone:
Carole.Decorah@ho-chunk.com
Direct line: 608-344-3555 or EXT. 13377**

THE WEST’S TRUE MONSTER: Turning the Vampire Myth into an Anti-Colonial Reckoning

Submitted by Ryan John Crain, Sr. MASL

In his gripping novel *The Buffalo Hunter Hunter*, acclaimed Blackfeet author Stephen Graham Jones turns the classic western vampire myth on its head. Instead of a European aristocrat in a castle, Jones gives us Good Stab—an immortal Blackfeet man who stalks the late-19th-century American West.

The *Buffalo Hunter Hunter* is an unflinching Indigenous

gothic novel that strips away the romanticized myths of frontier expansion to expose the raw, bloody reality of American colonization.

The story unfolds across two timelines. In the modern era, an academic named Etsy Beaucarne discovers a hidden 1912 journal while renovating a wall. The diary belongs to her ancestor, a white Lutheran pastor.

These pages form the book's core, recording the pastor's

unsettling interviews with Good Stab. As Good Stab shares his unnaturally long life, the novel turns those exchanges into historical reckoning.

The novel also confronts the 1870 Marias Massacre, a real-world atrocity in which the U.S. Cavalry slaughtered nearly 200 unarmed Blackfeet elders, women, and children along the Marias River.

Jones positions Good Stab's supernatural existence as an embodiment of his people's grief and rage, not a random curse. When Good Stab describes himself as "the Indian who can't die," he becomes a witness to a genocide the United States tried to sweep under the rug.

The book links human violence to ecological destruction. Jones details the systematic, government-backed slaughter of millions of American bison as an intentional effort to starve Plains nations into submission.

In this story, the vampire's hunger is targeted. Good

Stab hunts the white hide hunters who left the prairie rotting with animal carcasses. By flipping the script, Jones shows that the frontier's true, life-draining monster was settler-colonial capitalism.

Jones also uses the book to explore the power of language. By forcing a white pastor to write down his words, Good Stab disrupts the traditional "vanishing Indian" myth. He speaks with Blackfeet cultural rhythms and concepts of time, refusing to let a Western perspective sterilize his story.

The *Buffalo Hunter Hunter* is a visceral, challenging, essential read. By filtering the horrors of the American frontier through an Indigenous lens, Stephen Graham Jones shows history as a living entity still demanding justice.



Elders Birthdays

November

1 Violet Gardiner

Dawn Littlejohn-Gohre

Antonio Olivas

Travis Prescott

2 Stanley Decorah

Roger Garlow

Anita Naquayouma

Thomas Owen

Ruth Whitehorse Burns

3 Sandra Banuelos

Kerry Funmaker

Christian Mach

Diane Wallace

Pamela White

4 Edward Decorah

Carol Garvin

Dale Littlejohn

Gertrude Rusu

Anthony Whitehorse

5 Susie Melendez

Christine Romano

Pamela Stott

Lorna Loken

Clayton Lonetree

7 Leona Davenport

Maureen Kachnowski

Kirk Matcha

Robin McKee

Rosemarie Adams

9 Rosemarie Adams

Stanley Blackdeer

William Kemp

Sandra Lanier

Tammy Whitewing

10 Delphine Blackcoon

Barbara Goodbear

Michael Greengrass

Bryon Lonetree

Lawrence Waube, Jr.

11 Christine Webster-Steele

Daniel Blackdeer

Ruth Denny

David Hammer

Lori Houghton

Rosetta Hunt

Steven Owen

Ernest Roybal

Charlotte Tipton

Lisa Blackdeer

13 Paul Fox

Regina Lowe

Matthew Mc Kee

Robert Rockman

14 Gerald Blackhawk

Geraldine Blackhawk

Cheryl Funmaker

Brenda James

Scott Rabyor

15 Karen Combs

Alvin Greengrass

Gregory Johnson

Lois Lonetree

Davey Lowe

Janet McKee

Kenneth Wilson

16 Terry Evans

Jeffrey Ranta

Richard Walker

17 Lorrie Lungstrum

Jo Ann Maney

Margaret Pardini

Shirley Petersen

Robert Whitewing

18 Mary Brooks Hunter

Anna Leonard

Jon Miner

Daniel Sine

19 Phillip Blackhawk

Joan Dolesy

Karen Michel

Marjorie Raisbeck

20 Gail Funmaker

Johnny Smith, Sr.

21 Sharon Johnson

Robert Mudd

22 Betsy Falcon

Scott Funmaker

Kenneth Littlegeorge, Jr.

Dale Lonetree

Mary Ness

Errol Whitewing

23 Helene Bean

Stephanie Kauffman

Anna Thompson

Readona Wilson

Annie Winneshiek

24 Senlin Good Voice

Kenneth Smith

Muriel Swan

25 Mary Anwash

Carol Cook

Sheryl Smith

27 Nadine Houghton

Leah La Mere

28 Ida Ermenc

Kenneth Funmaker, Jr.

29 Leola Rockman

30 Kevin Knudsen

Jo Deen Lowe

La Crosse Celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day

Kaili Berg

Community members, tribal leaders, students and local officials gathered in La Crosse on October 11–12 to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The two-day celebration spanned Riverside Park and Myrick Park and featured Ho-Chunk games, cultural demonstrations, and educational activities.

During Monday's gathering, La Crosse Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey delivered an Indigenous Peoples' Day proclamation, marking the eighth consecutive year Wisconsin officially recognized the holiday.

The proclamation was followed by remarks from Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer. Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers also attended the celebration.

Greendeer spoke about the importance of preserving the Ho-Chunk language and its

connection to the Nation's identity, emphasizing the longstanding presence of the Ho-Chunk people in the La Crosse area.

"We are people that are named after our language, not the other way around," Greendeer said.

Greendeer also reflected on

the Nation's history of forced removal and the determination of Ho-Chunk ancestors to return to their homelands.

"We have always been here, and as long as our language is here, we will always be here," Greendeer said.

Throughout the celebration,

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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be November 6th which will be published on November 13th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Annaliese Rave Named Warrens Cranberry Queen

Kaili Berg

Annaliese Rave, a 16-year-old junior at Black River Falls High School, has been named the 2026–2027 Warrens Cranberry Queen. Rave, whose Ho-Chunk name is Naajupii, meaning “Good Hair,” will represent the Warrens cranberry industry and surrounding communities throughout her reign. The title primarily serves Monroe County, with appearances extending into the Tomah, Sparta and Black River Falls areas. Outside of her royal duties, Rave stays active in several extracurricular activities. She serves as co-captain of the cheerleading team, competes as a varsity wrestler, works as a figure skater and coach, and is a founder of her high school's debate team. Rave said she decided to run for Cranberry Queen to learn more about

Wisconsin's agricultural industry while encouraging other young women, particularly Indigenous girls, to explore opportunities in agriculture, public speaking and community leadership. She hopes to use her title to inspire young girls to step outside their comfort zones, try new things and consider their future goals. Rave also plans to give back to her community by donating the scholarship awarded to the queen by the royalty committee to a charity of her choice. For Rave, one of the most meaningful parts of representing the area is the community itself. She said her favorite part of living in Black River Falls is its diversity and the way residents support and uplift one another.



ATTENTION
District 4 Adult Tribal Members

Whoever is interested in receiving the district 4 area meeting packets and meeting agendas and meeting minutes, please send your email address to George Hushi Greendeer at: george.greendeer@ho-chunk.com and be added to the D4 email group. George Hushi Greendeer is the new District 4 Legislative Aide.

MN residents in Cook Co. you are in D4, the following MN counties you are in D1: Aitkin, Anoka, Benton, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Carver, Cass, Chisago, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Dakota, Goodhue, Hennepin, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Lake, Le Sueur, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Nicollet, Pine, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice, St. Louis, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Stearns, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena, Washington, Watonwan, Winona, and Wright;

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District 4: All counties, states and countries not included in District 1, 2, and 3.

(Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Redistricting and Reapportionment Article V, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation – Resolution 06-04-25 T)

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislators take part in Indigenous Peoples Day

Indigenous Peoples’ Day was recognized in communities across Wisconsin this year, and Ho-Chunk Nation Legislators were honored to take part in several of those gatherings. District 3 Representative Shelby Visintin accepted an Indigenous Peoples’ Day proclamation from the Beloit City Council. District 2 Representative Kyle White Eagle gave opening remarks at the Baraboo Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration, and District 2 Representative Damian Thundercloud led tours in La Crosse, sharing Hoocak history and the Nation’s deep connection to the area. We also want to thank all Hoocak communities, organizers, volunteers, and community partners who put their time and energy into making these events possible. These gatherings help share our history, strengthen relationships, and bring people together.



2026

TRIBAL ELDER FOOD BOX
NEWSLETTER

Summer/Fall Distribution

Ho-Chunk Nation
Distribution Locations:

Black River Falls
Wittenberg
Nekoosa

Tomah
Green Bay
Wisconsin Dells

Distribution time varies by location

DATES:

May 28th
June 25th
July 23th
August 27th

September 24th
October 22nd
November 19th
December 17th
January 28th,2027

Each box will contain proteins, produce, and shelf-stable items, sourced from Indigenous and non-Indigenous local producers and will be representative of traditional foods whenever possible. The average box will be 20 pounds. The contents of the boxes will change for each distribution based on what is available seasonally for the given distribution week.
PLEASE NOTE: Food provided is for Tribal members, 55 years and older. This project is funded by a Feeding America National Organization grant, Feeding Wisconsin's Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection ARP grant, and an Intertribal Local Food Purchasing Agreement grant.

received by the deadline date, Friday, November 6, 2026, by 4:30 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

- All shipping costs, including return shipping, will be the responsibility of the nominator
- The Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center will **NOT** be responsible for lost or broken artwork while in possession of the committee or via postal service or postal carrier
- If asked, the nominee must agree to participate in an interview and educational presentation of his/her work at a later date coordinated by the Ho-Chunk National Treasures Advisory Committee

Recipients will be announced on November 18, 2026.

Honoring Gala Ceremony on December 12, 2026.

More details to come on the Honoring Ceremony soon!



HO-CHUNK NATION NATIONAL LIVING TREASURE NOMINATION FORM



(Please type or print)

Nominee Information

Name (First Last): _____

Hoocak Name (if known): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Nominator Information

Name (First Last): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Please attach the following required materials — Incomplete Applications Will Be Disqualified.

- One (1) typed page or legibly handwritten page biography of the artist & work; please include the following:
 - Number of years in the field or doing the work
 - List of workshops, classes, etc., & dates/locations taught within & beyond the Ho-Chunk Nation 23 County area (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa).
 - List the specific communities taught within (may attach a separate page)
 - Galleries, art shows, & institutions where work has been represented
 - Additional Awards or Recognitions
- Copy of the individual's Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood
- One (1) typed page or legibly handwritten page of supporting documentation stating why you believe this culture bearer/artist should be recognized as a Ho-Chunk National Treasure
- One (1) written support letter from the culture bearer. Additional letters of support may be included.
- One (1) original work that best represents the culture bearer/artist's work
- Up to four (4) high-quality photos of the culture bearer/artist's work

Netflix drops ‘Free Leonard Peltier’ film on Indigenous Peoples Day

The movie documents the Turtle Mountain Chippewa’s 49-year struggle for freedom

by Kevin Abourezk
Reprint from ICT
The story of one of the most famous prisoners in the United States – Leonard Peltier – is coming to Netflix, the largest streaming platform, on Oct. 12. “Free Leonard Peltier” documents the famed Turtle Mountain Chippewa activist’s 49-year struggle for freedom, which culminated on Jan. 20, 2025, when former President Joe Biden granted him clemency, meaning he will have to serve out the remainder of his sentence at his home in Belcourt, North Dakota. “It’s going to go worldwide,” said Jhane Myers, one of the film’s producers. “You can’t get better than that. So we’re really excited that the film will get that platform.” Myers, Comanche and Blackfeet, said the film’s origins began when the film’s co-director, David France, saw graffiti on a bridge that read “Free Leonard Peltier” and he began to wonder what

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Student of the Month October 2026

McKinzie Rose

Black River Falls - 12th Grade
Parents: Greg & Francesca Bird

McKinzie is a pure delight to have in Creative Foods, where she shines as a prepared lab leader and a positive partner who keeps every kitchen running efficiently. Beyond her classroom success, McKinzie is a true multi-tasker and dedicated athlete who plays basketball and volleyball. In her creative downtime, she loves crafting and diamond painting. Most importantly, McKinzie balances her schoolwork and job while being a devoted mom, spending every free minute with her 2-year-old son. Looking ahead, McKinzie plans to attend UW-Eau Claire to major in Physical Therapy.





Student of the Month October 2026

Robert Youngthunder

Black River Falls - 7th Grade
Parents: Michael & Miranda Youngthunder

Robert is an excellent, polite, and hardworking student who serves as a phenomenal role model for his peers. Deeply engaged in his own learning, he naturally steps up to help his classmates stay productive and focused. Robert's natural leadership shines just as brightly outside the classroom—both as a leader on the football field and as a competitor on his VEX Robotics team. An avid sports lover, he roots hard for the Atlanta Falcons, studies the history of football, and stays busy playing baseball as a pitcher and catcher. No matter what he is doing, Robert is kind, helpful, and always gives 100% effort!





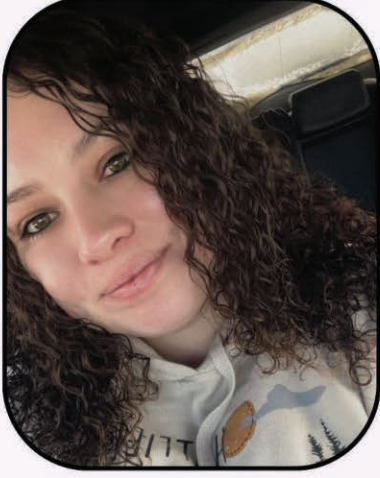
Student of the Month October 2026

Skylar Paulson

Caąt’i Mijınąkwį - Sitting in Plain Sight

Western Technical College - 2 Yr. Associate
Parents: Neil Whitegull & Stacy Byerlay

Skylar has achieved the remarkable feat of maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA while balancing the demands of being a mother, wife, and employee. Her exceptional ability to manage these multiple roles with grace, focus, and academic excellence is truly inspiring. Skylar proves that with determination, no goal is out of reach. We are incredibly proud to celebrate her hard work and outstanding achievement!





HEALTH & WELLNESS CLASSES/EDUCATION EVENTS

**MONDAY - FOOD DISTRIBUTION
(FOOD SAMPLES/NUTRITION INFO PACKETS):**

- Last Monday of the month - BRF - 1:00 pm - 3:45 pm Kathy B.

TUESDAY - EXERCISE CLASSES:

- Interval Class - HHCC Clinic - 4 pm to 4:45 pm - Kathleen Clemons
- Yoga - Nekoosa Branch Office - 1 pm to 1:45 pm - Jessica Artz

**WEDNESDAY - TAU
(FOOD SAMPLES/NUTRITION INFO PACKETS):**

- 3rd Wed. of the month - WI Dells - 11:00 am to 11:30 am - Alex R.
- Last Wed of the month - BRF - 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Heather J.

**WEDNESDAY - FOOD DISTRIBUTION
(FOOD SAMPLES/NUTRITION INFO PACKETS):**

- 1st Wed. of the month - Wittenberg - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm - Kathy B.
- 2nd Wed. of the month - WI Dells Indian Heights - 10: am to 11:30 am - Alex R.
- 4th Wed. of the month - Nekoosa Health Office - 12 pm to 1: pm - Alex R

WEDNESDAY - EXERCISE CLASSES:

- Sr. Stretch - Wittenberg TAU - 11:00 am - 11:30 am - Jess A.
- Yoga - Wittenberg Sigma Funmaker Comm. Center - 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm - Jess A.

THURSDAY - EXERCISE CLASSES:

- Sr. Stretch - Nekoosa TAU - 11:00 am - 11:30 am - Jess A.
- Fitness with Jess - Nekoosa Branch Office - 1 pm - 1:45 pm - Jess A.
- Fitness Quickies - Virtual - 9 am to 9:10 am - Kathleen Clemons

FRIDAY - EXERCISE CLASSES:

- Chair Fitness - TOB Cafeteria - 9 am to 9:30 am - Kathleen Clemons

Subject to change, please reach out to the H&W Staff member listed with any questions.

Indigenous Biz Con explores a renaissance in Tribal business, technology and entertainment

By Omar Waheed
Reprint from Madison365

Indigenous Biz Con returned for its fifth year Oct. 11-13, bringing Indigenous leaders, entrepreneurs and community members to Milwaukee to explore a potential economic renaissance for Indian Country.

The annual conference, held at Potawatomi Casino, featured discussions on the current state and future of Tribal enterprise across the country. Organized by the Indigenous Business Group (IBG), a nonprofit that connects Native-owned businesses with resources and opportunities, the conference brought together Indigenous leaders, entrepreneurs, community members and elected officials from across the United States and multiple industries.

This year's theme was "Indigenous Renaissance," reflecting a growing push for Tribes to move beyond working in isolation and build stronger partnerships. Organizers say this collective approach could help drive a new era of economic opportunity and collaboration across Indian Country.

"What we're understanding is that what the federal government did to tribes, but putting them in these locations and giving them

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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

Let's Get Vaccinated!

Aara Wapoxwagigiwire

2026 Flu & COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Includes influenza & 2026-2027 COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna SPIKEVAX) for adults.

October

10/14– Teejop Hocira (Madison) – 10am-2pm
4724 Tradewinds Parkway Madison, WI 53718

10/15 – Pac cinak TAU (Wittenberg) – 11am-2pm
W17965 Witt-Birn Townline Road Wittenberg, WI 54499

10/21 – Njoxawanj TAU (Black River Falls)– 10am-2pm
W8825 Decorah Road Black River Falls, WI 54615

10/22 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells – 10am-2pm
Salon A at S3214 County Hwy BD, Baraboo, WI 53913

10/27 – Nj Tanj Hocira (La Crosse) 10am-2pm
724 Main Street La Crosse, WI 54601

10/29 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa – 10am-2pm
Banquet Hall at 949 County Rd G, Nekoosa, WI 54457

No appointment needed!
Please bring ID and insurance card.*

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

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November

11/3 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison – 10am-2pm
2nd Floor at 4002 Evan Acres Rd, Madison, WI 53718

11/3 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls – 10am-2pm
Bingo Hall
W9010 WI-54, Black River Falls, WI 54615

11/10 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg – 11am-2pm
N7198 US-45, Wittenberg, WI 54499

11/10– Ahuco TAU (Tomah) – 10am-2pm
358 Eos Road Tomah, WI 54660

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USMC BIRTHDAY
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NOVEMBER 10, 2026

MEAL PROVIDED | GUEST SPEAKERS

10 AM

VETERAN RECOGNITION WITH GUEST SPEAKERS
JIM GREENDEER, WILFRID CLEVELAND, & DARREN PRICE

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12 PM

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happened to Peltier.

France later tracked Peltier to a federal prison in Florida where he was serving two consecutive life sentences after being convicted of aiding and abetting in the killing two FBI agents in 1975 at the Jumping Bull Ranch on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Peltier has maintained his innocence for more than half a century.

“This is a story that the world needs to see, as they will be seeing soon, just to educate them on the injustice that we know exists in Indian Country,” Myers told ICT.

Holly Cook Macarro, whose work as a lobbyist for Indigenous-led nonprofit NDN Collective trying to free Peltier is documented in the film, said Peltier’s story was an international one. In fact, she said, foreigners tended to support Peltier more so than people in the United States.

“The story of Leonard Peltier is far better known abroad than it has been in the United States, which I think is another part of the suppression of this story and the work of the federal government in terms of their treatment of Leonard Peltier,”

she told ICT. “But the joy around the world that we’ve been able to see that was just reverberated around the globe on the day that he was granted clemency and then released a month later has been really terrific to see.”

She said she was able to watch the film with Peltier following his release from prison. It was the first time he was able to see it, and he was visibly moved by it, said Cook Macarro, a Red Lake Band of Ojibwe citizen.

“It was ... emotional for all of us that were watching him watch it because he has poor sight so he was sitting very close to the television and he was mesmerized and at one point, I asked him, ‘Well, what do you think Leonard?’ And he said, ‘It’s bringing it all back,’” she said.

The film has had three different endings. The first was prior to Biden granting him clemency. The second – which Cook Macarro was able to view with Peltier – included his release from prison. And the third and final ending includes a scene in which Peltier watched the film in his home for the first time.

Cook Macarro said she had hoped Peltier could attend an Oct. 4 art exhibit featuring his

paintings in New York but he was denied a furlough to do so.

So what’s next for the film? “At the beginning of the month in October, we’ll start an Oscar campaign,” Myers

said. “It’s important that this film gets recognized. It’s important that Leonard gets recognized and all the people that put in the hard work because it’s just not us as filmmakers, all of us as

Native people, as activists, as filmmakers, all of us, we stand on the shoulders of generations of people that went on before us that always dreamed and hoped for some kind of ending to this story.”



Native Americans and allies gathered at the “Pipe Out Paddle Up Flotilla” at the Straits of Mackinac to call for the shutdown of Line 5. (Photo/Levi Rickert for Native News Online)

Nettie J. Kingsley

June 13, 1945 – October 7, 2026

Nettie J. Kingsley "Neesho Maniwinga", age 81, of Wisconsin Rapids passed away Wednesday, October 7, 2026 in Black River Falls, WI.

Services will be at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, 2201 Chestnut Street, Wisconsin Rapids. Burial will be at Dexterville Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:00 A.M. until the time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Nettie June Kingsley was born in the Indian Mission near Black River Falls, WI on June 13th, 1945. Her father was Amos Kingsley Sr. a World War II veteran, and mother, Dorothy Greengrass, a lifelong resident of Jackson County. Nettie was raised in Cranmoor, Wisconsin by her uncle Ed Lincoln and aunt Mabel (Kingsley) with her brother Amos Jr., and sister Betty. She graduated from Port Edwards High School receiving a National Honor Society Award for academic excellence. After graduation she went to trade school in Milwaukee for bookkeeping and accounting. While in Milwaukee she met Rodney Wilber and had four children, Veronica, Lisa, Christine and Ron. Before returning to Cranmoor she met and married Ray

Steidl, having her youngest daughter Ashley.

Using her education and training in finance she worked for three paper mills and the local utility company. Nettie would later devote her career to working for the Ho-Chunk Nation. She held many prominent positions with the tribe, growing with them as they grew. Beginning as a bookkeeper she worked in the different early enterprises of the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee, which would become the Ho-Chunk Nation. Working in bingo in Wisconsin Dells and then the casino in Nekoosa, Nettie held many crucial positions in management for the Nation.

Being fluent in the Ho-Chunk language, Nettie learned English as a second-language in her youth so she could attend school. Being raised by Ed and Mabel provided her with a knowledge of the many stories and traditions of her tribe. She started her final career move as a Historical Researcher working with elders, historians, State agencies and other tribes and groups to preserve Ho-Chunk history. This would lead to the position she would retire from as a Language Teacher for the Tribe, teaching Ho-Chunk and traditional skills



like beading, cooking, dressmaking and applique work.

Preceding her in passing were parents Amos Sr. and Dorothy, brothers Amos Jr. and Jerry Greengrass, husband Raymond, granddaughter Jamie and grandson Edmund, husband Ermon, and sister Jovita Orozco.

She left behind her beloved older sister Betty Kingsley and niece Ava (Ron) Radcliff DePriest, brother Ritchie Brown, sister Laverda Richter; her daughters Veronica (Mike) Smith, Lisa (Jeff) Harrison, Christine (Dean) Brown, Ashley (Dave) Natysin, and son Ron (Pam) Wilber. Grandchildren Shelena, Dean Jr. Dustin, Christine, Alex, Curtis, Fawn, Mary, Jameson, Raymond, Sarah, Anthony, Christian, Katelyn, and Madison, all shared their love for their Gaga with her many great-grandchildren.

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sovereignty, was never meant for us to be successful,” said Rob Pero, one of the founders of IBG. “What it’s turned into is a really immense opportunity for tribes as being the absolute best business partners in the world, sovereignty, self-determination to regulate whatever industry on your own land.”

Tribes have found themselves in a unique position amid the Trump administration’s tariffs, which have affected businesses and prices. Tribal sovereignty may create opportunities for Tribes to leverage foreign-trade-zone arrangements to strengthen their enterprises and partnerships while reducing exposure to multiple layers of taxation.

At the same time, Tribes are moving beyond working in isolation, building more collaborative relationships with one another and with the states where they are located.

“That’s what makes us a renaissance. Like we have all the tools in our war chest to take our culture back, to leave business, to build better relationships, to be inclusive, and find ways to be good business partners in our state to keep the dollars local because we’re all community members here,” Pero said. “This isn’t just the tribes versus non-tribal. This is the tribes opening doors to everybody to have a stronger community together and be more interconnected.”

Pero noted that tribes have only ever really been in contact with each other when pressing issues have faced them nationwide. The gaming reform caused tribes to be hyper-competitive and not collaborate much, Pero said.

Technology and sovereignty
A larger topic covered

in the conference was artificial intelligence, energy infrastructure and data centers. One of the sessions, “Innovation Across Indian Country,” brought CEOs in energy, economic development and construction to speak on the potential for Tribal enterprise to capitalize on the current wave of data center construction.

Jeff Johnson, chief operating officer of Potawatomi Ventures, the economic development arm of the Forest County Potawatomi Community, discussed a development project the tribe launched 13 years ago.

“The tribe had the wherewithal to invest in technology, and with that, the location was relevant,” Johnson said. “The tribe had the wherewithal to put together and prioritize sustainability and ecological impact.”

The data center is not like what is currently being pushed to build now as AI has taken the reins of development interests. It is not a hyperscale facility; its general ecological impact is not fully comparable to the demands of modern data centers needed for AI.

However, it did put forward a roadmap for a responsible building out of a data center. Potawatomi’s data center is cooled with a closed-loop glycol system — an antifreeze compound — to absorb and remove heat from equipment. Modern AI-focused data centers are known to rely on water from the area in which it is built.

“The only water that’s servicing that data center in operation is to flush the toilets and use the sink. That’s it. So a family household uses more water every year than the data center,” Johnson said. “We also have a solar array that’s on campus as well, and that

solar array can support the daily operations of the data center itself.”

Johnson supports a moratorium on data centers, like the one currently being considered by Milwaukee’s City Council, because it does not approach things in a sustainable way.

There is a risk, Johnson and other panelists admitted, by having to go through extra levels of consideration to make a data center comes with increased costs. When it was created 13 years ago, the price tag came in at around \$28 million. The same project now would cost around \$75 million, Johnson said.

“The capex to get involved in that investment is very high, and it prices tribes out of the market,” Johnson said. “If you don’t prioritize it, and it’s not a priority actually in the community, there’s a lot the tribe could do with \$75 million.”

Still, there is opportunity to be involved with data centers in a way that is sustainable even if the price tag is too high.

Isaiah Ness, CEO of Sun Bear Industries, pointed to the energy demands of in-demand data center construction needs that current power grids cannot always fulfill.

“In order to build these gigantic facilities, you need access to power, and so you can’t incentivize tech without incentivizing power. Right now, there’s a huge issue with, I would say, the macro scale data centers,” Ness said. “What Jeff is referring to, building those models with solar systems, building those models of small clean energy, is very feasible. That’s something that every tribe in the country can obtain.”

Ness said that despite the pushback on data centers, many of those are some years

off from being completed. There is a chance to build the necessary infrastructure that can bring in cash flow to the community.

“In the chaos of it all, there’s also a huge opportunity, particularly for tribes, to not only take ownership of some of this infrastructure before you get approached by a large tech company asking to lease land or develop land, but to really be part of the virtuous cycle and make sure that you keep the cash within the community,” Ness said.

A future in entertainment
Multiple sessions tackled the increased interest in Indigenous stories following the success of movies and shows like “Prey,” “Killers of the Flower Moon,” “Reservation Dogs” and more.

Authentic, relevant storytelling is different now from how Native Americans have been historically portrayed on screen, said Jhane Myers, producer behind movies like “Prey.”

“Maybe I was about 5 years old, and I was watching the animated ‘Peter Pan’ ... and then when the Native part came on and all the Indians were dancing, we were all red,” Myers said. “And they had big noses, and just a caricature that is not the beauty of our people.”

Myers felt horrible about what she saw. She realized at a young age that something needed to change. Her path to making that change came from Disney when she owned one of the few Native-owned marketing and public relations companies in the United States.

She came up through the ranks where she delved into filmmaking and producing, where she found enough success to make a never-before-heard-of demand.

Myers managed to get “Prey” dubbed in Comanche.

“‘Prey’ holds the record on Hulu. That is the largest film launch and the most watched they have had,” Myers said. “When ‘Prey’ came out, it was shown that Natives watch entertainment.”

Myers has been in rooms where people haven’t been aware that something is about Native Americans, and it rattles their brains that it is an audience that wants entertainment relevant to them.

“I was looking at them like, ‘Do you think we all live in teepees and we don’t have electricity,’” Myers said. “It was a great proving point when ‘Prey’ came out and did so well because it broke all the records, and to this day we still hold the records.”

In the theme of the conference, entertainment — culturally relevant and accurate entertainment — is a legitimate economic vehicle in Tribal enterprise. Tribes can hire locals to act, consult, produce, grant access to film on their land and more. All that money can be funnelled back into the community to bolster its local economy.

Jonathan Thunder, animator and filmmaker, gave an example on how tribes can raise funds or utilize local tax incentives as he works on his short films “Ish and the Mermaid” and “Gitche Gumees Gazette.”

“I broke out in a sweat thinking about the very idea of trying to ask anybody for \$10k,” Thunder said. “I found out that there are people out there who like to sign over a check for \$10k for arts, maybe through a kind of nonprofit’s fiscal sponsor is nothing, you know. But I don’t know these people. I, these aren’t people in my arts circle.”

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Rob Pero, one of the founders of IBG. (Photo by Omar Waheed)



Samantha Skendadore moderates a panel on data centers and AI. (Photo by Omar Waheed)



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Study: Federal cuts led to \$469M loss to Indian Country

Brookings report found that the Department of Government Efficiency trimmed 1,597 federal contracts and awards from tribes and Native organizations

by Kevin Abourezk
Reprint from ICT

President Donald Trump’s 18-month effort to cut federal spending, spearheaded by the Department of Government Efficiency, led to \$469 million in cuts to grants and contracts for tribal communities, according to a report by Brookings Institution, a nonpartisan research and policy organization.

“A variety of leaders in Indian Country have talked about the very abnormal way that these funding cuts happened, in many cases without any consultation with tribal leaders,” said Robert Maxim, Mashpee Wampanoag and a fellow with Brookings. “There have been several instances where these funding cuts have been found by courts to be illegal, and so it really does undermine the trust relationship that the federal government has with Indian Country.”

Previous studies have shown that DOGE’s funding cuts disproportionately affected tribal communities, including a 2025 analysis by GrantExec that found that “Tribal” was the most frequently flagged term in canceled grant programs, with 31 percent of all canceled grant programs containing the word.

Much of DOGE’s funding

cuts to tribal communities came to programs focused on environmental efforts, agriculture and economic development, the Brookings study found. About 65 percent of DOGE cuts came from natural resources and environmental grants and contracts, and another 11 percent were classified as agriculture, according to the Brookings study.

An example of one such environmental program funding cut made by DOGE was that of a nearly \$20 million grant to the Alaska Native village of Kotzebue to build two wind turbines that would have allowed the village to generate its own electricity and use revenue from the sale of that energy to fund essential community needs such as water and sewer improvements and economic development initiatives.

The study’s authors struggled to determine how much tribal communities lost to DOGE cuts as the Trump administration has been shown to have inflated federal spending reductions, according to the New York Times. To address this issue, Brookings cross-referenced DOGE’s self-published numbers with spending reductions identified by USAspending, a government-sponsored federal spending

reporting website, in order to validate whether reported DOGE cuts actually took place.

The study’s authors found that DOGE canceled 1,597 grants and contracts affecting tribes and Native organizations. Those cuts accounted for about 6.5 percent of all DOGE funding cuts, far outpacing the population of Native Americans in the country, which varies between 1 and 2.7 percent according to Census figures.

In addition, tribes and Native organizations lost 12 percent of funding under awards canceled by DOGE, compared to just 8 percent for non-Native recipients. One reason may be that tribes and Native organizations that receive federal funds struggle to spend those funds in a timely manner compared to non-Native or -tribal recipients, in part because they often struggle to spend federal funds on a reimbursement basis as they often lack cash on hand and they often struggle to acquire federally required matching grant funds.

“They may have more difficulties spending the money upfront so they draw down awards at a lower rate and all of those factors left funding for Indian Country

much more vulnerable to these cuts than funding for non-Native organizations,” Maxim told ICT.

The report, however, does not attempt to quantify the impact of federal government employees who lost their jobs because of DOGE actions, nor does it calculate the impact of federal office or agency closures.

As one example of how federal layoffs in February 2025 affected Indian Country, Haskell Indian Nations University – which is operated by the Bureau of Indian Education – lost more than a quarter of its staff and forced the university to cancel classes and seek private funds to maintain operations.

The federal government provides nearly \$30 billion a year to tribes, so the DOGE cuts amounted to slightly less than 2 percent of those funds. Much of those lost funds had been targeted toward environmental programs, especially those focused on addressing climate change and investing in clean energy.

The lack of tribal consultation has led tribes to sue the federal government over the cuts and has led to several courts ruling against the federal government over the DOGE cuts, including a federal judge in South Carolina who ruled that the

termination of a \$3 billion Environmental Protection Agency block grant program was illegal but did not order the agency to reissue the funding. The ruling came as the result of a class action lawsuit filed by a coalition of nonprofits, local governments and the Alaska Native village of Kipnuk.

Maxim said courts simply are unable to force the federal government to reissue canceled funding so they often decline to even try.

The Brookings study recommended that Congress pass a law shielding Indian Country from future funding cuts that are based on political whims and also force federal agencies to reissue funds when courts decide those funds were cut illegally.

“Indian Country prepaid for this (funding) in the land and the lives that tribes lost over the course of U.S. history,” Maxim said. “And so now the U.S. maintains an obligation to support tribes through funding, and as a result I think there’s a big question about whether Indian Country can take the U.S. at its word and a lot of its funding obligations that it makes to us.”

Calls to the White House press office seeking comment on the report were not immediately returned.

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know, you can talk to the creator, and have one of these, and show that appreciation."

The celebration concluded with a community meal and dance prepared with the help of clan workers and Ho-Chunk Nation staff.



DATCP Warns Fans to Avoid Ticket Scams this Postseason

MADISON, Wis. — As Wisconsin sports fans gear up to support the Brew Crew during their postseason run, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is advising consumers to exercise caution when purchasing tickets. High demand for playoff games and sold-out events routinely creates opportunities for scammers pitching fake or counterfeit tickets.

“When there is demand for playoff tickets, scammers come out of the woodwork to rip off excited sports fans,” said Secretary Randy Romanski. “Be skeptical of too-good-to-be-true offers, sellers offering ticket printouts or photocopies, and requests to pay by wire transfer or pre-paid debit card.”

DATCP urges consumers to follow these key verification and safety guidelines before buying tickets:

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 - o Online at brewers.com/postseason
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- Use Trusted Resale Marketplaces: If buying secondhand, use established platforms with built-in buyer guarantees. SeatGeek serves as the official MLB fan resale marketplace.
- Designated Stadium Resale Zones: At American Family Field, a designated “Ticket Resale Zone” is located adjacent to Helfaer Field. Reselling tickets outside of designated areas is strictly prohibited.

- Watch for Hidden Fees: Third-party resale sites often inflate prices well above face value. Always review the full fee breakdown before completing checkout.
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 - Always Use a Credit Card: Credit cards offer federal fraud protection and formal dispute mechanisms for unauthorized or fraudulent charges.
 - Use Escrow Services for Peer-to-Peer Transactions: If purchasing from an independent seller outside a formal marketplace, insist on escrow payment protections. Walk away if a seller refuses or asks to bypass payment protections.
- 3. Properly Verify Digital Tickets & Security
 - Insist on In-App Transfers: Avoid static PDF attachments, scanned print-outs, or screenshots of barcodes. Official digital tickets for major sporting

events transfer directly through official applications, such as the MLB Ballpark app.

- Check Website URLs & Secure Your Account: Verify that website addresses begin with <https://> and check for misspellings or lookalike domains. Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) on ticketing and email accounts.
- 4. Be Ready to Recognize and Avoid Common Red Flags
 - “Too-Good-To-Be-True” Prices: High-demand, sold-out, or front-row seats offered drastically below market value are almost always fraudulent.
 - Social Media & Classified Ads: Exercise extreme caution on Instagram, Facebook Marketplace, X, or Craigslist. Scammers frequently hack legitimate accounts or pose as acquaintances. If a friend appears to be selling tickets, call or text them directly to verify.
 - High-Pressure Tactics:

Beware of sellers creating artificial urgency (“Pay right now, only two left!”) to force a quick decision.

- Unsecure payment methods: Avoid using cash, debit cards, wire transfers, store/gift cards, cryptocurrency, or peer-to-peer apps like Cash App or Venmo.

What to Do If You Have Been Scammed

- Contact Your Payment Provider: Reach out to the selling platform immediately and file a dispute with your credit card provider or financial institution.
- File a Consumer Complaint: Contact the DATCP Bureau of Consumer Protection online at wi.gov/datcp, email datcp hotline@wi.gov, or call the Consumer Information Hotline at (800) 422-7128.
- Report to Law Enforcement: Notify your local police department.

Four more tribes partner with prediction market giant Kalshi ‘There’s a growing divide’ between Indian gaming leaders and smaller tribes who feel left out of industry gains

By Amelia Schafer
Reprint from ICT
MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin – A growing divide between leaders in the tribal gaming industry has widened following the announcement Wednesday of four more tribes joining prediction market giant, Kalshi, to engage in the growing online

gaming market. Kalshi announced Wednesday its new partnerships with the The Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town of Oklahoma, the Greenville Rancheria of California, the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation and the Alturas Indian Rancheria. The news follows the Sept. 18 announcement that the

Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, would be the first tribe to partner with Kalshi. The announcement falls during an ongoing battle between Indian gaming leaders and prediction markets, which Indian gaming industry leaders say are operating illegal online gaming services under the guise of “event

trading” at the expense of hard fought exclusive tribal gaming rights. Leaders said they fear competition from prediction markets will cut into gaming revenues used by tribes to administer health care, education, housing, public safety, and other governmental services. But there is also tension within the ranks of the Indian

gaming industry. “Absolutely, there’s a growing divide,” said Mike Stopp, chief executive officer and principal of SevenStar Holdings, a company created to assist in economic development in Indian Country. Stopp, Cherokee and Muscogee. “Indian Country, a lot of people don’t

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to explore the new facility and take part in a scavenger hunt designed to help participants discover everything the property has to offer. The casino awarded \$175 in free play to tribal citizens and \$75 to their guests. Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit is also hosting a Beloit Community Day before the grand opening. People with a Beloit address on their ID or

who work in Beloit are invited to visit Thursday, October 22, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. The official grand opening to the public is October 23, with doors opening at 2:00 pm at 777 Willowbrook Road in Beloit, WI. The second phase of the property, which includes a 312-room hotel and a 2,000-seat conference center, will be completed later in 2027.





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Thunder learned that for the sake of tax deductions, people will just send a check. He realized it would cost more than \$10,000 fairly soon, but he would receive money each

month for his project.

“What people can do when they need to deduct taxes, so that equals art in my little small end of the filmmaking industry,” Thunder said. “I was able to pay filmmakers

\$250 a day to come and do things like hair and makeup.”

He also took advantage of tax rebates offered in Minnesota. The state has a lot of film incentives, like a 25% rebate, that can go towards

further work in the movie or be used to pay yourself to sustain an entertainment career.

“If you raise \$100,000 to make your film, and to me that’s a lot of money. For

some people that’s just scrap. \$100,000 spent,” Thunder said. “Your film’s made. The State of Minnesota will give you \$50k. That’s your incentive. You put that in your pocket.”

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realize, is very competitive in the resources because the resources are so limited ... and there is a distinct difference in the gaming world (where) 54 percent of gaming revenue goes to 9 percent of the tribes who participate in casinos.”

Stopp serves as the Alabama-Quassarte Tribe’s vice president of economic development.

ICT was unable to immediately reach the Greenville Rancheria, the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation for comment.

Alturas Indian Rancheria Chairman Phillip Del Rosa said he was unable to comment at this time.

Each of the four tribes that are entering the prediction markets will launch its own app with help from Kalshi. Tribes will maintain ownership of their respective app, its brand, marketing and usage, while Kalshi will operate the “layer beneath” referring to behind the scenes work of making each app function in accordance with federal law, according to a statement from Kalshi. While the individual tribes own the apps, each platform’s software is powered by Kalshi.

The less than 800 member Alabama-Quassarte Tribe exists within the boundaries of the Muscogee Nation in

eastern Oklahoma. Because of this shared geography, the Alabama-Quassarte cannot operate its own gaming facilities, Stopp said.

“Ultimately their gaming rights were taken from them, and they are no longer able to operate gaming within their territory,” Stopp said. “The tribal members of the Alabama-Quassarte are some of the poorest in the country, they’re struggling all the time, and so they’re constantly looking for ways to generate revenue to help their tribal members.”

The new announcements follow months long legal battles between tribal governments and Kalshi. The tribes maintain that Kalshi and other prediction market platforms violate the gaming exclusivity promised under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.

But tribes like Alabama-Quassarte say they’ve been left out of benefitting from the gaming law.

“IGRA (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) was not equal,” Stopp said. “Not every tribe in this country has the same access to the markets that some of these larger tribes do. I find it very unfortunate that these larger tribes, who have benefited so well from gaming, are taking the same stance that states took in 1988 against tribes using gaming as

a way of generating revenue.”

Indian gaming industry leaders said they feel the tribes are being used as pawns by prediction markets. The four tribes whose partnerships were announced on Wednesday all are located in areas without a large gaming market, meaning traditional gaming hasn’t brought them the same success as tribes in metropolitan areas, said Victor Rocha, the conference chair of the Indian Gaming Association.

“This is the oldest strategy in the book, which is to pick off the weak and the lame,” Rocha, Pechanga, told ICT Thursday. “In hunting, that’s what you do. And here, you go to the tribes that have nothing.”

Rocha said he felt it was a strategically planned move on Kalshi’s part to partner with a tribe in California and tribe in Oklahoma – both states have their own gaming associations who have each spoken out against Kalshi.

“You find these small tribes that don’t have gaming and then you promise them the world,” Rocha said. “They’re just being used as set dressing, and it stops nothing. It doesn’t stop our strategy. We keep going forward, and when we’re done, and when we succeed, we will go back, pick them up, dust them off, and put them back in the game.”

Stopp disagreed with Rocha’s statement, emphasizing that the partnership is an example of the Alabama-Quassarte Tribe and other smaller tribes to pursuing different avenues towards economic development.

“To say that they’re being used isn’t fair at all,” Stopp said. “The Alabama-Quassarte Tribe would not have participated in this, I would not have taken this to them as an opportunity, if there was not a real economic opportunity. This is not just trying to develop what some might call ‘Red-cover’ to legitimize what they’re doing. It is a legitimate economic business that will produce legitimate economic benefits for the tribal members.”

The California Nations Indian Gaming Association, the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association, Indian Gaming Association and tribes of Wisconsin and Florida remain united in calling for an end to prediction markets, Rocha said.

“There’s nothing organic about Kalshi or their messaging, there’s nothing organic or original about this strategy,” Rocha said. “It’s been done before, and it’s going to have the same results as last time, which is that it’ll be a failure. It doesn’t stop anything.”

Additionally, Rocha warned that a clause hidden within a Sept. 17 letter from the Commodities Future Trading Commission could be opening tribes up to lawsuits.

Tribes operating casinos under the terms of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act are afforded certain legal protections known as sovereign immunity that shield them from potential lawsuits.

Deals between tribes and organizations like Kalshi, such as those announced Wednesday, fall outside of these protections and the tribes must waive their right to sovereign immunity which opens them up to potential future lawsuits.

The potential of lawsuits was something the Alabama-Quassarte Tribe took into consideration when weighing the benefits of a partnership with Kalshi, Stopp said, and ultimately decided the benefits outweighed the potential downfalls.

“While I hear what the gaming tribes are saying, at the end of the day, I think they need to remember just exactly what we’re talking about here,” Stopp said. “We’re talking about a sovereign choice by a sovereign nation to determine how they are going to engage in the economy, in the same way

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT SEP 02 2026 <i>[Signature]</i> Clerk of Court / Notarize
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>James Pettibone</u> ☐ Amended Notice to Creditors Case No. <u>PR 25-02</u>		
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: <u>James Pettibone</u> 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, <u>Clarissa Haapala</u>, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is _____ Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate. <u>Mary Thunders</u> Clerk of Court <u>Mary Thunders</u> Name Printed or Typed <u>09/15/26</u> Date		
Form completed by: (Name) <u>Clarissa Haapala</u> Address <u>4433 Nicolet Drive</u> <u>Green Bay, WI 54311</u> Telephone <u>414-322-1235</u> Bar Number (if any) _____ PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material. (8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE		

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Arlene M. Shegane</u> ☐ Amended Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate Case No. <u>PR26-06</u>		
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>5/26/1937</u> and date of death <u>6/4/2026</u> was domiciled in <u>Wood</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u> , with a mailing address of: <u>3809 St. Johns Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54445</u> 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: _____ 4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>LANE</u> , on (Date) <u>December 9, 2026</u> at (Time) <u>10:00 Am</u>		
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.		
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. <u>Mary Thunders</u> Clerk of Court <u>Mary Thunders</u> Name Printed or Typed <u>10/16/2026</u> Date		
DO NOT PRINT the following text when publishing this notice.		
* IF not all of the addresses of the interested parties are known, give this form once it is returned to you filled out by the Clerk of Court to the newsletter staff for publication *		
Notice to Petitioner: The petitioner is responsible for providing a copy of this notice, a copy of the will and codicils (if any), and a copy of the petition to all interested persons by certified mail or personal service at least 45 days before the hearing. If the address, or identity of any person is not known and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence, the petitioner must post a copy of the notice in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Nation at least forty-five (45) days before the time set for the hearing and publish the notice in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation, currently known as the Hocak Worak, for three (3) consecutive issues See 8 HCC § 13.65a(2). Notice to Newspaper: Notice must be given by publication of this form in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation for three (3) consecutive issues with the first publication occurring at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the hearing date noted in Section 4		
PR002, 04/18 Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material. (8 HCC § 13.47b, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE		

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leadership and employees, emphasizing that the project represents more than the opening of a gaming facility.

"Our team held steadfast. We kept a narrative positive, and in just a few short days, we're gonna cut the ribbon to a 44 year old promise that the state owed us, and

we're finally going to do it," Greendeer said.

Now in its fifth year, Indigenous Biz Con brings together Tribal leaders, Indigenous entrepreneurs, corporate partners and innovators to discuss economic sovereignty, business ownership and opportunities for future

generations.

This year's conference followed the theme "Indigenous Renaissance," featuring discussions on Tribal economic development, entrepreneurship, technology, procurement, food sovereignty and Indigenous storytelling.

For the Ho-Chunk Nation,

the award comes at a historic time as the Beloit development prepares to welcome its first guests.

The grand opening on October 23 will represent the culmination of decades of planning and efforts by past and present Tribal leadership to bring the project to fruition.

"And because of that, the

people that walk in and see what was done, they may never know what we took, but at the same time, I don't know what it took the people before me, to get me here, to do what I could do today, and for that, those are who we think of," Greendeer said.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, DARCY FUNMAKER & VANETTA CLOUD, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent

Improvements located at: W8953 SAND PILLOW RD BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 5,

TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF BROCKWAY, JACKSON COUNTY,

WISCONSIN

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division

Attn: Register of Deeds

P.O. Box 310

Black River Falls, WI 54615

Phone: (715) 284-9343 Ext 11032

By or before NOVEMBER 21, 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.

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING

Tribal Office Building

W9814 Airport Road

Black River Falls, WI 54615

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Twin Cities AREA MEETING

St. Paul Branch Office

1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

Thursday, November 12, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com (715)299-1016

tracythundercloud@ho-chunk.com (715)299-0576

For WebEx/e-packet, information please contact:

michelleramberg@ho-chunk.com

(715)284-9343 Ext. 11250

Posted on: 10/14/26



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attendees participated in traditional lacrosse and double ball tournaments, dance exhibitions, educational booths,

moccasin-making, guided bus and marsh tours exploring Ho-Chunk country, and community vendors.

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that gaming gaming tribes choose to engage in the economy using casinos. Every tribe has its right to engage in the economy as it uses it. In this particular case, we respect the sovereignty of other tribes to conduct gaming on their reservations.”

Meanwhile, tribes across the United States continue to launch lawsuits against Kalshi and other prediction markets.

Thursday morning, the Seminole Tribe of Florida filed a lawsuit against DraftKings, Inc. and its Chief Executive Officer Jason Robins. The lawsuit, filed in Broward Circuit Court, alleges Draftkings is operating an illegal sport betting business in Florida in violation of state law and a 2021 Gaming Compact between the State of Florida and the Seminole Tribe.

“Every wager that Defendants now accept through their illegal sportsbook siphons away revenue that funds both the tribe’s and Florida’s public programs and government services; diverts betting from Florida’s regulated system into an underground, unregulated, and outlawed book; and deprives the Floridian who places such a bet of the consumer protections guaranteed by Florida law,” the lawsuit states.

Stopp said he has yet to see any data indicating prediction markets are negatively impacting revenue generated through traditional Indian gaming.

“I think that the challenge is that right now you’re hearing from the tribes that have money, so they’re the ones that have a marketing machine out there to go out and talk,” Stopp said. “They’re the ones that have the incentive to raise litigation questions. It is the smaller tribes that have been left out of the benefits of [the Indian Gaming Regulation Act] that do not have a loud voice right now, and it’s because they don’t have the same economic resources that these other tribes have. This is an opportunity for tribes to engage and to grow their economic base to help their citizens in the same way the 1988 IGRA passage helps those gaming tribes who are earning from it now.”

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Cynthia Yellowcloud

DOD 2-20-26

☐ Amended

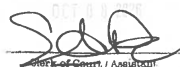
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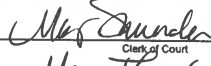
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Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Cynthia Yellowcloud

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, Elaine Yellowcloud, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is Jan 8, 2026. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate


Clerk of Court


Name Printed or Typed

10/8/26
Date

Form completed by (Name)

Address

Telephone

Bar Number (if any)

PR 14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

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

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Notice of Vacancy and Deadline

For Districts 1, 3 & 4

Election Board Delegate and Alternate

Term ending December 2028

Districts	Number of Election Board Members	Alternate
<u>District 1</u>		
BRF	1	1
Minneapolis/St Paul	1	1
<u>District 3</u>		
Green Bay	1	1
Wisconsin Rapids	1	1
Madison	1	1
Milwaukee	1	1
Wittenberg	1	1
<u>District 4</u>		
Chicago	1	1

All Election Board Members shall serve terms of two (2) years or until their successors have been chosen. As states in the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Article VIII – Elections, Section 4. Election Board, Election Board members shall serve for two (2) years. Election Board member may serve more than one term. These terms will end December 2028.

NOMINATIONS: One (1) Election Board Delegate and One (1) Alternate to represent for each District must be voted upon during your District's monthly meeting in November 2026.

The District's meeting minute must include each District's nomination for Election Board Delegate and Alternate. The minutes must be emailed to the Election Board Office no later than **4:00 PM – Thursday, December 31, 2026**

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE

W8801 Mission Road

Black River Falls, WI. 54615

Email: election.board@ho-chunk.com

715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583

Posted October 6, 2026

NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Tuesday, October 20, 2026



LEGISLATOR
DISTRICT 1, SEAT 3

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

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

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Please check eligible voter list for your District.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:

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

COURT ORDER IN PLACE CASE NO: CV 26-16
HEREBY EXTENDS THE INJUNCTION ON THE SPECIAL ELECTION, FOR TUESDAY, October 20, 2026.

2026. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX< SECTION 10, Removal, Recall and Vacancies and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

ARTICLE IX-REMOVAL, RECALL VACANCIES

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

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

appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

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

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **October 15th, 2026 by 4:00 P.M.** *See Election Code, Page 26, Sec. 13 (a) (i).* Requests **MUST INCLUDE** the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Sunday, September 20th, 2026

POST ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST

September 24th, 2026

OFFICIAL NOMINATION PETITION DEADLINE

September 30th, 2026 @ 4:30 PM

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST MUST BE RECEIVED BY

September 30th, 2026 @ 4:30 PM

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS

October 15th, 2026 @ 4:00 PM

SPECIAL ELECTION
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

POLLING PLACES:
OPEN AT 8:00 AM
CLOSE AT 7:00 PM

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
INDIAN MISSION COMMUNITY BUILDING
W8813 Mission Road
(715) 299-6104

MPLS./ST. PAUL, MN
MPLS./ST. PAUL BRANCH OFFICE
1724 Selby Avenue
(715)284-7660

Other Polling Sites will be closed during this Special Election.

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Update

Special D1 Election Information!!

Our court hearing for October 14th, 2026 was canceled. The Election Board was informed that HCN Tribal Court gave a Minute Order to Extend the Injunction & Request Documentation. The deadline is set for October 23rd, 2026 at 4:30 pm. At this time the election is on hold and there isn't a court hearing established at this time. So, long story short, the Special Election for D1 is currently on hold until further notice.

Please contact the Election Board Office or your Election Board members in your district.

Respectfully submitted by
D1-BRF Delegate, Devin Funmaker

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