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Inside the Ho-Chunk Gaming - Beloit Grand Opening

Ardith Van Riper

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit celebrated its grand opening on Friday, October 23. The venue officially opened to the public at 2:00 pm, with events taking place behind the scenes beforehand. The day's festivities began with a flag-raising ceremony, followed by remarks from dignitaries, a red-carpet ribbon-cutting ceremony, and a mini powwow.

Ho-Chunk Gaming - Beloit is the seventh location of the Ho-Chunk Gaming organization, and the new gaming floor features 1,300 slot machines and 33 table games. The Ho-Chunk Nation owns and operates Ho-Chunk Gaming. Formerly known as the Winnebago Tribe of Wisconsin, the Ho-Chunk Nation currently has 7,752 enrolled tribal members.

To launch the celebrations, the American Legion Post 556 Sanford White Eagle Post ceremoniously raised the flags at the Memorial Garden Roundabout.

The main event master of ceremonies was Chance Lee Rush, an enrolled Hidatsa. Chance travels throughout the United States and Canada to work with Native communities in efforts to inspire, heal, motivate, and energize.

The Lake Delton singers rendered songs during the main event. The Sanford White Eagle Post brought in the colors with dancers following.

Ho-Chunk Nation Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek addressed the guests in the Hoocak language. He welcomed all his children and all the friends to Ho-Chunk land. Then he spoke about Keecak (the Ho-Chunk word for Turtle) Village, acknowledged the time it took to accomplish the grand opening, and thanked everyone who helped get us to this point.

Turtle Village was a major Ho-Chunk settlement existing roughly from 1822 to 1832. The village was on the north bank of Turtle Creek, near the Rock River confluence in what is now Beloit. The Ho-Chunk sheltered Sac leader Black Hawk and his followers during the Black Hawk War of 1832 as the Sac fled Illinois. Afterward, Chief Whirling Thunder

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Indigenous Women Lead the Way in 2026 Elections

Kaili Berg

November's Native American Heritage Month carries huge significance this year as Indigenous women celebrate historic victories in the 2026 midterm elections.

The November 3rd elections marked several firsts for Indian Country, including the election of the first Native American woman to serve as a U.S. governor, the first Native American woman elected to the U.S. Senate and the first women elected to lead the Navajo Nation and Seneca Nation of Indians.

Among those celebrating another victory was Ho-Chunk Nation citizen Sharice Davids, who secured reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives in Kansas.

Davids first made history in 2018 alongside Deb Haaland of Laguna Pueblo when the two became the first Native American women elected

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Ho-Chunk Nation Language Division Presents at National Symposium

Kaili Berg

The Ho-Chunk Nation Language Division shared its language revitalization efforts with Indigenous communities from across the country during the 14th Annual Indigenous Language Institute Symposium, held October 21-23 at Mystic Lake in Prior Lake, Minnesota.

The division was invited to present after representatives from the Indigenous Language Institute took notice of its programming and community outreach efforts through social media.

Dana DeBoer, Hoocak Language Instructor III, said Raul Aguilar of the Indigenous Language Institute reached out after following the division's work online.

"He told us that he's been following us on social media, and he really loves the things that we do," DeBoer said.

The symposium brought together approximately 400 registered participants, including language instructors, learners, speakers and community members from across the United States and Alaska.

This year's theme focused on moving beyond learning Indigenous languages to actively speaking and using them in everyday life.

Workshops, presentations and interactive activities explored ways to create environments where Indigenous languages are regularly spoken in homes, schools, workplaces and communities.

DeBoer, Jessi Falcon, Bonnie Bird, and Samson Falcon represented the Language Division, presenting an overview of its school programming, family outreach and community engagement efforts.

During a 50-minute presentation, the group discussed the division's work in high schools, its online language courses and efforts to encourage families to use Hoocak outside the classroom.

The presenters also led two breakout sessions demonstrating activities used at community events, including language carnivals, baseball activities and GooseChase, a mobile scavenger hunt designed to encourage participation and language use.

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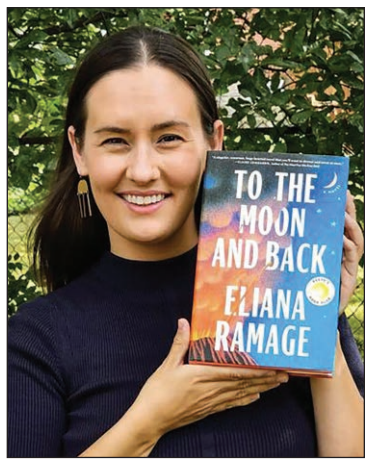
Space, Sovereignty, and the Stars: A Review of To the Moon and Back

Submitted by Ryan John Crain, Sr. MASL

In her brilliant debut novel To the Moon and Back, author Eliana Ramage (Cherokee Nation) takes readers on a sweeping, three-decade journey that redefines what it means for an Indigenous woman to claim space. The story follows Steph Harper, a young Cherokee woman driven by a singular, consuming ambition: to become the first Cherokee astronaut. Spanning from her childhood in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, into the near future, the narrative moves between the cold, calculated precision of NASA training and the warm, complex realities of Steph's community back home. Ramage's writing is both poetic and grounded, offering a deeply moving look at the heavy price of individual excellence as it pulls you away from the collective.

At its core, the novel explores the tension between personal ambition, generational trauma, and cultural responsibility. For Steph, education becomes the bridge between her reality and her cosmic dreams, pushing her to pursue higher learning at any cost. Yet this pursuit often clashes with the struggles her family faces on the ground. While Steph looks to the stars, her activist sister Kayla works to preserve Cherokee traditions, and her college girlfriend Della Owens fights to reclaim her identity after being separated from her tribal community. Through these characters, Ramage sharpens the question: when we reach for the frontiers of tomorrow, how do we honor the roots and relatives that sustained us?

Ultimately, the book stands as a powerful testament to resilience and the enduring strength of Indigenous womanhood. Ramage balances the vast isolation of outer space with the grounding intimacy of Cherokee kinship, demonstrating that true success is never achieved in a vacuum. By showcasing characters who refuse to be defined by historical trauma, the novel acts as both a mirror for contemporary Indigenous struggles and a beacon of hope for future generations. It is a vital, unforgettable read that proves our stories belong not just in history books, but among the stars.



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Division of Public Health

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November 4th

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Isaac Yellowbank - Public Health Specialist

November 18th

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Kathleen Clemons - Exercise Physiologist

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1957 LIFE Magazine Cover Preserves a Piece of Ho-Chunk History

Kaili Berg

Nearly 70 years before the Milwaukee Brewers claimed their first World Series championship, another Wisconsin baseball victory made national headlines, with several Ho-Chunk dancers featured on the cover of LIFE magazine.

The October 14, 1957, issue of LIFE magazine captured the celebration following the Milwaukee Braves' World Series victory over the New York Yankees.

The cover features Ho-Chunk men dressed in their regalia, joining in on festivities surrounding the Braves' championship in downtown Milwaukee. Several men are pictured dancing alongside a vehicle, while others stand nearby.

The photograph recently resurfaced when Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member Kat (Kathy) Blackdeer shared the magazine cover on Facebook, identifying her father and several other men pictured in the celebration.

"Our father is front and center: Calvin Whiterabbit Decorah from Tomah Wisconsin," Blackdeer wrote.

Others identified in the photograph include Nathan Bird, Tom Hopinkah, James Smoke, Peter Pettibone, Jasper Blowsnake Carley, Lyle Greendeer, Chadwick YellowThunder and Ed Lonetree Jr.

The Milwaukee Braves arrived in Wisconsin in 1953 after relocating from Boston. Led by players Hank Aaron, Eddie Mathews and Warren Spahn, the Braves defeated the New York Yankees in the 1957 World Series, securing Milwaukee's first Major League Baseball championship.

The victory sparked celebrations throughout Wisconsin, including the downtown Milwaukee parade featured on the cover of LIFE magazine.

The Braves returned to the World Series in 1958 but lost to the Yankees. The team remained in Milwaukee until 1965 before relocating to Atlanta.

Milwaukee welcomed Major League Baseball back in 1970 when the Seattle Pilots relocated to the city and became the Milwaukee Brewers. The name honored Milwaukee's brewing history and revived the name of an earlier local baseball team.

The Brewers made their first World Series appearance in 1982, losing to the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games. Despite several successful seasons since then, the Brewers have yet to win a World Series championship.

On October 28, 2026, the Milwaukee Brewers made history by winning their first World Series championship, defeating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-1 in Game 5 and taking the series four games to one.

The championship marked Milwaukee's first World Series title since the Braves' victory in 1957, ending a 69-year wait for the city.

Editors Note: The October 14, 1957, LIFE magazine cover referenced in this article can be viewed through the LIFE photo archive.



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ordered the village abandoned to avoid military retaliation.

Former Ho-Chunk Nation President JoAnn Jones spoke next. She served as President from 1991 to 1995, when gaming entered the tribe.

"It's a great day for the Ho-Chunk Nation, the city of Beloit, and the state of Wisconsin." She said, "We also salute all the workers, the architects, the engineers, everyone who made this dream come true."

Former President JoAnn Jones provided a brief history. It was more than 30 years since her administration signed a gaming compact with Wisconsin. They signed in August 1992, and all tribes signed for their gaming sites. The Ho-Chunk Nation fought for a fourth site.

"This is culmination of that fight," said Jones.

Initially, the Ho-Chunk Nation sought to have Madison host a Class III gaming site but lost that fight in court. The Madison site became a Class II.

The Act establishes three classes of games, each with a different regulatory scheme. Class I is defined as traditional Indian gaming, which may be part of ceremonies and celebrations and social gaming for minimal prizes. Class II covers games of chance commonly known as bingo and similar games. Class III is broad and includes

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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocąk Worak will be November 20th which will be published on November 27th. Please contact Hocąk Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Hocak Woga

It is that time of year again, where Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services provides Christmas presents to the children that receive services through our division.

This year Children and Family Services have 70 children/youth which we are hoping to locate sponsors for Christmas gifts. This can be an individual project donation or a group project for a department. Each tag represents an individual child and designates the age and whether the gift is for a boy or a girl. We are requesting gifts that are valued between $20 and $25.

Child and Family Services request that you return the present unwrapped and return the gift to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services-Division of Child and Family Services offices in Black River Falls by December 1, 2026.

Child and Family Services thanks you for your continued generosity. Thank you in advance for helping to make Christmas special for our children.

PLEASE CONTACT CARLY YELLOW CLOUD #15190 OR JACKIE MOEN-KADLEC AT #15134

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Halloween Fun Across Ho-Chunk Communities

Kaili Berg

Ho-Chunk Nation communities celebrated Halloween with costumes, games, treats and plenty of fun. Here's a look at some of the festivities and activities enjoyed by community members this Halloween season.













IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Tenants of Department of Housing – Rental Management Division

Dear Tenants,

Please be advised that effective on January 1, 2027, there will be an Increase in Monthly Rent of $25.00 and *Metropolitan unit increase of $50.00. We appreciate your tenancy and thank you for understanding and your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Mya Hall or Mikki Thundercloud at 608-374-1225 in the Rental Management Division.

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Thank You,

Department of Housing – Rental Management Division



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*Metropolitan rent: Beloit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Madison will increase by $50.

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all forms of games commonly played at casinos such as slot machines, blackjack, craps, and roulette.

"We had bingo games back in 1983 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, and Nekoosa," said Jones. "Long story short, the United States government got involved in 1988. The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act established the jurisdictional framework that governs Indian Gaming. It was to promote economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal government. The Act was to also protect tribes from organized crime. There were tribes that were dealing with that, where organized crime was trying to come into their gaming. We had to battle that also."

The gaming act balances state and tribal jurisdictions through formal compacts.

"We fought off outsiders who tried to take control over our government and its gaming and the opportunity for gaming," explained former President JoAnn Jones. "We adopted gaming to help our communities. Today, that gaming brings health buildings, beautiful headquarters, housing, and education opportunities. Additionally, where ever our gaming is, it helps the community with revenue, businesses, and opportunities. Gaming has been good for the Ho-Chunk Nation and for Wisconsin."

Jones went on to declare, "We salute White Crow, Whirling Thunder, Walking Turtle, and Little Priest. I am sure their spirits are with us today as we celebrate this opening here at Keecak village."

Amendments were made, and the Fourth Amendment passed on January 8, 2025, clearing the Federal Operation of Law hurdle to allow this fourth site, Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit.

Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr., offered remarks. He spoke about working in gaming before becoming a Legislator. He encouraged employees and thanked partners who helped make the grand opening possible. Cleveland also acknowledged those who are no longer with us and helped make this accomplishment possible.

"Today is also about possibility, new jobs, new

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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 Suer, 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)

The Ho-Chunk Nation Twin Cities Branch Office and SPYLC are excited to announce that we will be hosting our

2nd Annual Holiday Food Drive

Donation Drop Off Timeline
Friday, November 6th – Wednesday, December 16th

Suggested Non-Perishable Items
Canned fruits/veggies, potatoes, stuffing, Jell-o, cake mix, etc.

With the Holiday season fast approaching we would like to help gather and distribute some of the essentials that most need when planning their holiday meal. Food insecurity is a tremendous worry for many, especially in the Twin Cities where prices on everything has gone up significantly and many are struggling and wondering how long this will continue and if it's going to get worse before it (hopefully) gets better.

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. We will be announcing the pick-up dates and time in early December



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02	03 **Green Bay** Branch Office 11am-12:30pm *No 477*	04 **Wittenberg** Siga Center 11am - 1pm w/ Food Distribution	05	06
09	10 **La Crosse** Three Rivers House 11am-1pm	11 **Office Closed** Veterans Day	12 **Tomah** Community Building 11am-1pm	13
16	17 **Madison** Branch Office 11am-1pm	18 **Baraboo** House of Wellness 11am-1pm	19 **Black River Falls** TOB Men's Health Fair 11am-2pm	20
23	24 **Twin Cities** Branch Office 11am-1pm *No 477*	25	26 **Office Closed** Thanksgiving	27 **Office Closed** Ho-Chunk Day
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opportunities, more ways to support our families, care for our elders, and open doors for our children," said Cleveland.

He closed by inspiring Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit employees to treat guests well after the celebrations calm down and congratulating everyone on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.

Indian Gaming Association Chairman David Bean spoke about the grand opening of Ho-Chunk's $705 million casino. He congratulated Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, Tribal citizens, and the generations of leaders whose persistence helped complete the project. Bean also credited the development teams, construction workers, gaming professionals, regulators, and employees who prepared the property to welcome its first guests.

The Indian Gaming Association is an inter-tribal association of federally recognized Tribes united by a mission to protect and preserve tribal sovereignty and Tribes' ability to attain economic self-sufficiency through gaming and other forms of economic development. The association advocates for Tribes before Congress, the White House, and federal agencies.

Chairman David Bean highlighted that the opening contributes to a broader record of growth throughout Tribal government gaming. According to the National Indian Gaming Commission, the industry generated $46.2 billion in gross gaming revenue in fiscal year 2025, up $2.3 billion, or 5.3 percent, from the previous year. Those results reflected 545 gaming establishments operated by 246 Tribes across 29 states.

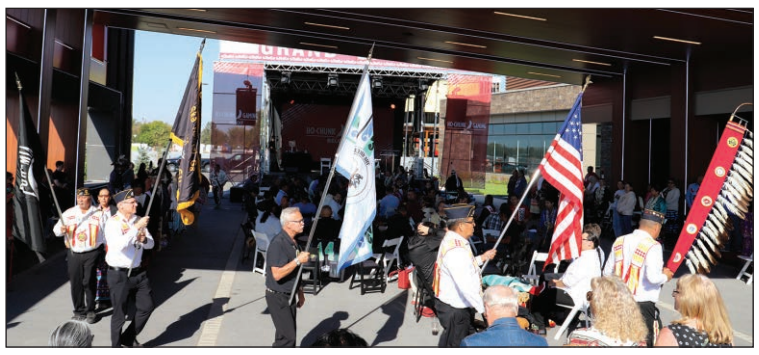
Bean also thanked the Ho-Chunk Nation's leadership in challenging Kalshi's online sports betting activities. The Nation's lawsuit asserts that sports-event contracts offered on Ho-Chunk lands constitute unauthorized gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the Nation's Tribal-State compact, and its gaming ordinance.

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit's Executive Director Steven Abangan then provided acknowledgments.

Steven Abangan is an enrolled member of the Ho-

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You've put in the real work and your progress deserves to be acknowledged!

HO-CHUNK NATION HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT

This message brought to you by the HCN Healing to Wellness Court

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Annual Shareholder Meeting

You are invited to the upcoming shareholder meeting of Twelve Clans.

When: Saturday, December 5, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Where: Lower Dells Ballroom B at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells

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We are pleased to invite all **18+ tribal members** to the upcoming Annual Shareholder Meeting. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. CST for registration, with breakfast and coffee provided. At this year's meeting, we will share important financial and economic development updates from the past year, connect with shareholders, and connect with shareholders. Enjoy breakfast, light refreshments, and a chance to win Native-made prizes for those attending in person. For all meeting information, please visit www.12-clans.com/events or email cjohnson@12-clans.com.

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HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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NOVEMBER 2026 – JANUARY 2027

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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Session 1: November 10th - Intro & Prevent T2
- Kathleen Clemons at Ho Chunk Health Care Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 2: November 17th - Intro to Yoga (Interactive)
- Jessica Artz at the Nekoosa Branch Office - Conference Room or WebEx

Session 3: November 24th - Getting Active & Tracking Activity
- Jessica Artz at Nekoosa Health Office - Conference Room or WebEx

Session 4: December 1st - Roasting and Air Frying Vegetables (Interactive)
- Kathy Braaten at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or Webex.

Session 5: December 8th - Eating Well & Tracking Food
- Kyla Ripp at House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room or WebEx

Session 6: December 15th - Strength Concepts (Interactive)
- Kathleen Clemons at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 7: December 22nd - Coping with Triggers/Stress, & Building Support.
- Heather Jerzak at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroomo or WebEx

Session 8: December 29th - Lean Protein Cooking Methods (Interactive)
- Alex Richeson at House of Wellness - Cafeteria/Kitchen or WebEx

Session 9: January 5th - Shopping/Cooking, & Eating Well Away From Home
- Kathy Braaten at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 10: January 12th - Chair Exercises w/Progressions (Interactive)
- Nick Butchart at House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room or WebEx

Session 11: January 19th - Staying Motivated & When Weight Loss Stalls
- Alex Richeson at House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room or WebEx

Session 12: January 26th - Salads and Homemade Dressings (Interactive)
- Heather Jerzak at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

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Waukegan Historical Society To Host Dancing for Our Tribe Exhibition

In Celebration of Native American Heritage Month, Sharon Hoogstraten's powerful portraits come to the Waukegan History Museum

Waukegan, Illinois (November 2, 2026) – The Waukegan Historical Society is honored to host the special exhibition, Dancing for Our Tribe: Potawatomi Tradition in the New Millennium, created by renowned photographer and artist, Sharon Hoogstraten. Running from November 4 through December 5, 2026, at the Waukegan History Museum at the Carnegie, located at 1 N. Sheridan Road, Waukegan, Illinois, this powerful showcase offers visitors an intimate look at how Native traditions are fiercely preserved, honored, and carried forward into the modern world.

The exhibition is the culmination of a monumental decade-long project by Hoogstraten, an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. It spotlights 23 stunning, large scale canvas portraits captured by the artist, who has meticulously documented her people in their full, vibrant regalia to create a permanent visual legacy for future generations.

Innovation meets tradition in Hoogstraten's unique physical design for the show. Suspended from hand-crafted cedar bands, her massive canvas portraits mimic the movement of dance and flowing regalia. She intentionally designed the display so the canvases would "continue to move in the rhythm of the ancestors."

To further deepen the visitor experience, the gallery also showcases authentic, physical regalia curated to accompany the portraits. Pieces on display belong to Hoogstraten, alongside the treasured regalia of the late Gerald Cleveland, Sr., a respected member of the Bear Clan of the Ho-Chunk Nation. On loan by permission of his son Gabriel Cleveland—a champion dancer and talented regalia maker—the museum is profoundly honored to share the regalia of a man who served as an influential member to generations of Great Lakes Native dancers.

Opening Celebration & Special Program

The public is invited to celebrate the exhibition's launch with an opening celebration and guided tour on opening night. Attendees will view the gallery of nearly life-size portraits of contemporary Potawatomi people while Sharon Hoogstraten and Ho-Chunk artist and dancer Gabriel Cleveland share stories of these Native people and their determination to save tradition while showing that "WE ARE STILL HERE."

Following the gallery tour, Hoogstraten will deliver a special presentation at 6:00 PM detailing the Potawatomi history of the local land and the profound significance of the beautiful regalia on display. Because space is limited for the 6:00 PM presentation, attendees are required to register in advance to reserve their spots.

Exhibition Details:

- Title: Dancing for Our Tribe: Potawatomi Tradition in the New Millennium
- Photographer: Sharon Hoogstraten, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Dates: November 4, 2026 – December 5, 2026
- Venue: Waukegan History Museum at the Carnegie, 1 N. Sheridan Road, Waukegan, Illinois
- Admission: Included with general museum admission

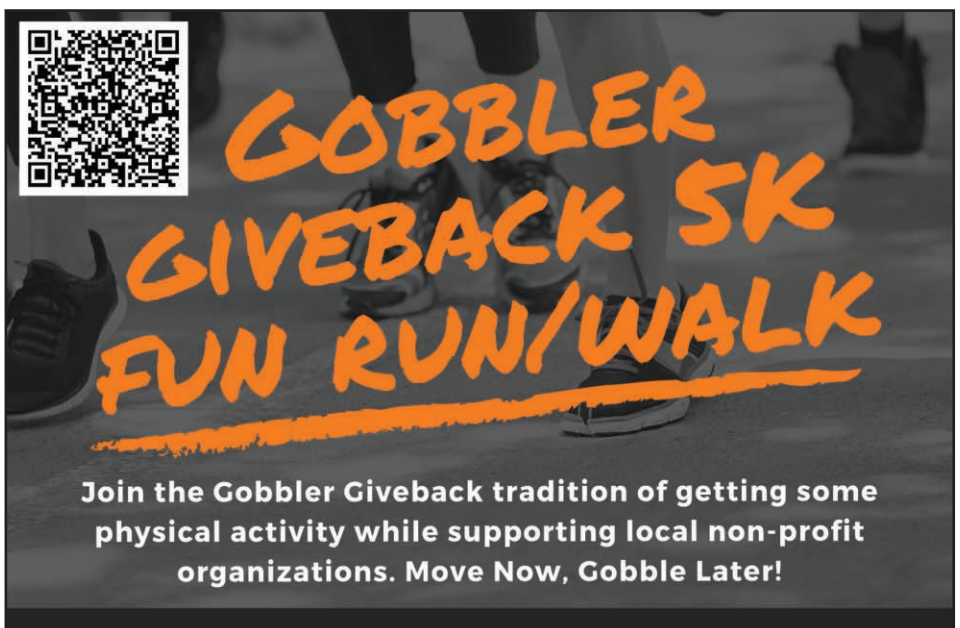
Hoogstraten will return to the Waukegan History Museum on November 14 at 1:00 PM for the film screening and discussion of the new documentary Ouilmette by filmmaker Susan Roe Musacchio.

For more information and to register for the special program on November 4, please visit waukeganhistorical.org or call 847-336-1859.

waukegan historical society
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Roger Perry

April 12,-1956 - October 25, 2026

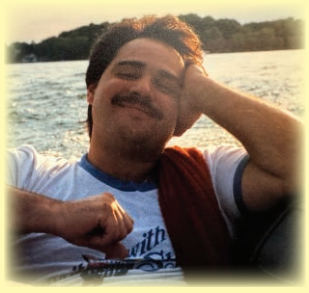
Roger Perry, age 70, of Addison, Illinois, died Sunday, October 25, 2026. He was born April 12, 1956. To John and Edna (Goze) Perry in Illinois.

Roger loved to GOLF, hunt, and build things. He was an electrician. He was always there to help others in need.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen Perry, his son's Michael and Evan Perry, brothers John (Janine) Perry, Ronald (Colleen) Perry, Angelo (Debbie) Perry, and Kenny (Elvia) Perry, along with many nieces, nephews and golf buddies.

He was preceded in death by his mother Edna Perry, father John Perry, brother, Edward Perry.

Funeral services will be a private family get together at a later date.



Sandra Jayne White Eagle

Oct 6, 1987 — Nov 4, 2026

Sandra White Eagle, age 39 of Portage, Wisconsin walked on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sanford White Eagle Legion Post 556, E11046 North Reedsburg Road, Baraboo, Wisconsin with Joseph White Eagle, Sr. officiating. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Visitation will be held at the Sanford White Eagle Legion Post 556 on Friday, November 6, 2026 beginning at 4 p.m.

Sandra was born October 6, 1987 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Sandra is survived by her parents, Taylor White Eagle and Estelle Perry; sons, Jevon Cedris and Josiah Carter; and a daughter, Jazlyn Charlene. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Mildred Perry and paternal grandmother, June White Thunder.



Howard Larry DeCora

July 7, 1965 — October 30, 2026

Howard DeCora, age 61 of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin walked on Friday, October 30, 2026 at Wisconsin Dells Health Services.

Funeral services will be held at the Blue Wing Community Center on Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 12:00 noon with Robert Mann officiating. Burial will be at Blue Wing Cemetery near Tomah, Wisconsin. Visitation will be held at Blue Wing Community Center on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 noon

Howard was born July 7, 1965 in Chicago, Illinois the son of Kenneth and Corinne (Buffalo) DeCora.

Howard is survived by his significant friend, Elaine Anderson; a son, Alexander; stepsons, Jonathan Anderson and William Hopfensperger; stepdaughter, Michelle Hopfensperger; brothers, Kenny and Frankie; sisters, Nela Stacy, Kim Waukau and Melissa Day; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; and special friends, Cleland and Sheri Goodbear, Nate and Roxy Leger, Kirk Hopinkah, TJ Winneshiek, Chuck Miner, Doran Goodbear and Kathy Blackhawk and niece, Devinn Sky. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dennis Was and sister, Michelle DeCora.



Thomas "Tom" E. King

June 14, 1962 — October 24, 2026



Thomas "Tom" Edward King, age 64, of Oshkosh, WI, passed away after a short illness on October 24th, 2026, in Watertown, WI.

Tom was born on June 14th, 1962, in Chicago, IL, son of Thomas Roy King and Alvane (nee Redeagle) King. He graduated from Nekoosa High School in 1980. In his life Tom held many jobs, including working for Rainbow Casino, now Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa, being a bouncer at local bars, and as a cab driver for River Cab in Wisconsin Rapids.

Tom had a passion for video games, always keeping up with new releases for some of his favorite series including Resident Evil and Assassin's Creed. He also enjoyed watching movies. When he could, he loved going to the local movie theater to watch the newest releases, even ones that his daughter would take him to, such as Twilight and The Hunger Games. Some of his favorite movies included anything staring Bruce Lee, Smoke Signals, and Powwow Highway. Tom will always be remembered for his height of 6'4, stern face, and stubbornness, but beyond that, he was one of the kindest and most compassionate people you could meet, always willing to help when he could.

Thomas is survived by his daughter, Anastacia whom he called Bug; his son-in-law, Cameron, whom he called Sonny Boy; his ex-wife, Christina; his brothers, Tarren (Emmy) King; Leonard Friday; and his sister, Violet (Greg) Friday Gardiner; Tammy Bable; Tonya Palmar. As well as many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by, his mother, Alvane King; brother Tony Friday; brother Timothy King; nephew Tarren "TJ" King Jr.

A memorial service for Thomas will be held on Monday, November 2, 2026, at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Homes-Westside, 100 Lake Pointe Dr., Oshkosh, WI, beginning at 11:00am. Visitation will start at 9:00am and continue until the start of the service.

Did you know……. that it is

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH OCTOBER

- Remember to replace your batteries
- *Test your smoke alarm
- Replace expired smoke alarms
- Talk to your family about evacuation plans

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Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

pam.thunder@ho-chunk.com or

715-284-9851 ext. 35011

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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health



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Community Health Foot Clinics

HO-CHUNK NATION COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOVEMBER 2026

Black River Falls - 11/2 & 11/30
Community Health Office
W9850 Airport Road
(715) 896-4869

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.

Tomah - 11/10
Tribal Aging Unit
358 Eos Road
(608) 372-5202

Madison - 11/17
Branch Office
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy
(608) 277-9964

La Crosse - 11/17
Three Rivers House
724 Main Street
(608) 783-6025

Nekoosa - 11/19
Nekoosa Health Office
1021 County Road G
(715) 886-5444

Baraboo - 11/17
House Of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Road
(608) 355-1240 x35509

Wittenberg - 11/19
Siga Funmaker Center
W17634 Radke Road
(715) 701-2069

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

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These activities are intended to introduce community members to Hoocak and encourage them to pursue additional learning opportunities.

"I think that what we're doing, as far as our involvement in schools, Bringing Hoocak Home, our family outreach and community outreach, they all work together," Falcon said.

The division also highlighted its family outreach programs, including Bringing Hoocak Home and the upcoming Learn With Me initiative, both aimed at encouraging families to practice and use Hoocak in their daily lives.

Despite staffing reductions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the division has expanded its reach through free online language courses. Its school programs have also helped develop future instructors, with former students going on to become apprentices and language teachers.

DeBoer and Falcon emphasized that these programs work together to create more opportunities for community members to learn, practice and speak Hoocak beyond the classroom.

The symposium also provided an opportunity to connect with other Indigenous language programs, exchange ideas and learn about revitalization efforts taking place in different communities.

"It was really an honor to be noticed and to be able to present and share our work with other Indigenous communities," DeBoer said.

Walter Rubin Whitehorse

March 28, 1925 - October 26, 2026



MCFARLAND - Walter Rubin Whitehorse, age 101, passed away at Drumlin Reserve Memory Care in Cottage Grove, Wis. Walter was delivered by his father en route to Chicago. He was the son of Ralph Rubin Whitehorse and Annie Greencrow Whitehorse and was the oldest of seven siblings. He attended the Indian Mission Industrial School in Tomah, Wis. He spent many of his younger years traveling with his parents, selling natural herbal medicine at Maxwell Street in Chicago, and state and county fairs.

In 1942, Walter joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was trained as a Radarman2 and served on a destroyer and a communications ship in Europe and North Africa, being a part of every invasion of Europe. He loved being in the service where he got three square meals a day and change of clothing.

When he was honorably discharged in 1945, he met Marie Stoffel in Volo, Ill. They were married in 1947 and moved to Madison. He attended MATC to study auto mechanics and painting. He and Marie started their own business, Chief Auto Parts, in Monona. With Walter's grit and Marie's tenacity they were successful in both business and life.

Walter had a passion for racing and built his own race cars — midgets and sprint cars and raced them at Angell Park in Sun Prairie and various locales over the Midwest. He was inducted into the Badger Midget Auto Racing Association Hall of Fame in 2025.

From a very young age and into his adulthood, Walter was an avid sportsman — fishing, hunting deer, geese, ducks, pheasants and larger game out west. He would tell his family of the many wild game he had eaten as a child; such as squirrel, rabbit, snake, opossum, racoon, beaver and even tried skunk, most of which he claimed, "tastes like chicken!" In the 1960s, along with his family he built a cabin in Adams Friendship which was used for his outdoor activities.

Walter enjoyed trap and skeet shooting and was the State Champion in several states for many years. He felt the need to do something in the winter months and took up Alpine skiing at the age of 40. He skied for many years in Colorado with his children. Since he liked the speed of race cars, he also enjoyed skiing fast, and would ski like a cannonball straight down the hill, seldom turning. A few times he would break his skis after crashing, but would bounce back up and buy a new set of ski's at the chalet.

Walter also loved building and racing ice boats, naming his "Fast Buck." He raced at many regattas and was very competitive. He was a long-time member of the Four Lakes Ice Boat Club.

Walter was a devoted Christian and a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Madison. He attended services religiously up until a few months before his death.

Walter is survived by his sister, Helen Whitehorse, who is the last of his siblings; and brother-in-law, Samuel Starnes, who was married to Walter's sister, Alberta, who just recently passed away.

He leaves behind his sons, Dennis (Kathy Purcell) Whitehorse, Kenneth (Susan Martinez) Whitehorse and James (Marilee) Whitehorse; daughter, Ruth Ann Whitehorse-Burns; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie (Stoffel) Whitehorse; parents; son, Daniel Whitehorse; son-in-law, Thomas Burns; and siblings, Harry Whitehorse, Mildred Hendrix, Alberta Starnes, and Paul and David Whitehorse.

A funeral service will be held at CROSSPOINT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 5011 Commercial Ave., Madison, at 12 noon on Thursday, November 5, 2026, with a luncheon to follow. Visitation will be held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday. Burial will be held at Roselawn Memorial Park.

Sincere appreciation to Paul Pankratz and his staff at Yahara Clinic. Paul had been Walter's Physician Assistant for decades, they enjoyed talking with each other. Thank you to the nurses and CNAs at HoChunk House of Wellness in Baraboo and to nurse Heidi and CNA Tricia through the HoChunk area office for their home visits. Walter enjoyed their company and loved telling them stories about his childhood and his military service. Heidi always heard a new story. He enjoyed Tricia reading from the Bible during her visits. In addition, heartful appreciation to Drumlin Memory Care staff who took good care of Walter for six months. They would always remark what a sweet man he was. The family is also grateful for the Agrace HospiceCare team and their care for him along with considering any family needs or concerns.

2Timothy 4:6-8 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering and the time for my departure is near: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund at Crosspoint Church of the Nazarene. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Update

Special D1 Election Update!!

Court order decision reads as follows:

"THEREFORE the Court DETERMINES that General Council Resolution 9-19-26-A was RECINDED, and that any and all action taken under the mistaken belief that if had been passed shall be VOIDED.

FURTHERMORE, that the actions taken by the Election Board on September 20, 2026 were overzealous in nature as no official record from the General Council meeting had been rendered at the time.

This means the Legislative Representative Paul Fox shall be reinstated to his Legislative Seat, that he shall receive any and all back pay the he may be entitled to, that he shall receive ant bridge service credit and any other benefits that he would have been entitle dot, but for the failure to follow the adopted rules and procedures of General Council.

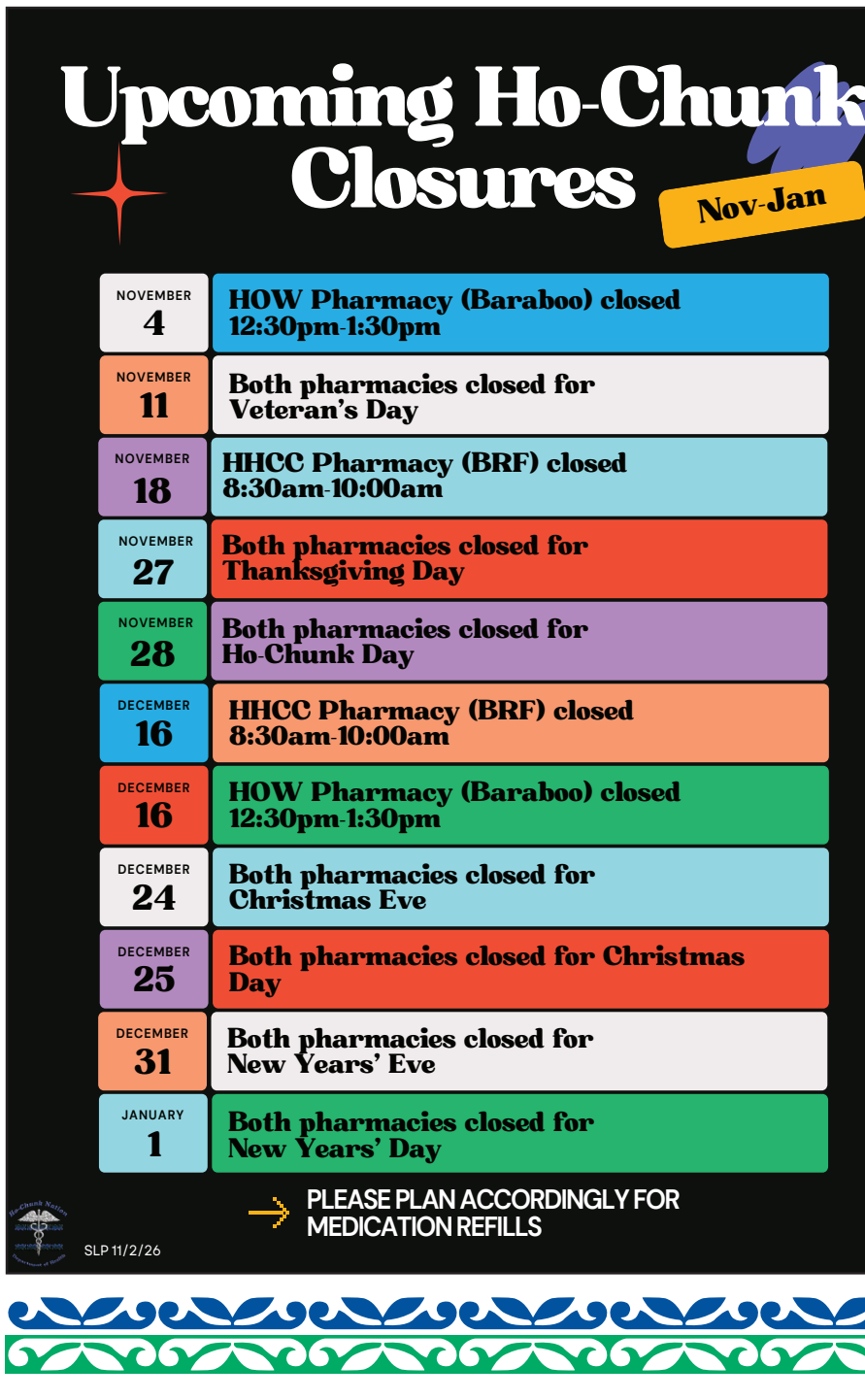
ADDITIONALLY, the Special Election originally scheduled for October 20, 2026 is CANCELED."

To sum it up, there will be no Special D1 Election as Representative Paul Fox shall be reinstated.

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



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Chunk Nation with over 35 years of finance and executive leadership experience in tribal gaming, hospitality, finance, and economic development. He holds an MBA, Multiple undergraduate degrees, an Associate's Degree, the Accredited Investment Fiduciary designation, and executive education from Harvard Business School. His leadership emphasizes financial excellence, operational performance, cultural responsibility, and sustainable economic prosperity. He attributes these experiences and education to the opportunities Indian Gaming provides.

"I'd like to say thank to our workers, our partners; CCI, Miron, HBG, and all the people involved in this," said Abangan and went on to mention the community and the Ho-Chunk Nation. "The Legislative group have been nothing but supportive of our needs...The Office of the President has been invaluable…The General Council, that's the people of the tribe, have been supportive over the years."

Steven acknowledged his Executive Management team, made up of tribal and non-tribal professionals who have corporate experience.

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit employs over 600 individuals.

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DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
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

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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE

LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 Main Street La Crosse, WI
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING
324 Epinal Avenue Tomah, WI
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 6:00PM

BARABOO/WI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS
975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026 6:00PM

REP. STEPHANIE BEGAY	stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com	(608) 408-0339
REP. DAMIAN THUNDERCLOUD	damianthundercloud@ho-chunk.com	(715) 896-9321
REP. KYLE WHITE EAGLE	kyle.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com	(800)294-9343 x.11276

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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE

MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026 | 6:00 PM

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026 | 5:30 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026 | 6:00 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

REP. LAMBERT CLEVELAND	lambertcleveland@ho-chunk.com	(715) 896-5166
REP. SARAH LEMIEUX	sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com	(715) 315-8071
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District 4 Area Meeting Notice

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IN PERSON / VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING

Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Monday, November 9, 2026
6:00 PM CST

CALI VIRTUAL D 4 AREA MEETING

Available via WebEx
Thursday, Nov 12, 2026
9 PM (EST), 8 PM (CST), 7
PM (MST) and 6 PM(PST)

For WebEx information please contact:

Rep. David Greendeer	david.greendeer@ho-chunk.com	(715)-896-9192
Rep. Edward Mullen	edward.mullen@ho-chunk.com	(715)-896-9180
Rep. Sandra Whitewing	sandra.whitewing@ho-chunk.com	(715)-896-9183
	D4@ho-chunk.com	

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to Congress. Eight years later, both women continue to make their mark on American politics.

Haaland, who previously served as the first Native American U.S. Cabinet secretary under President Joe Biden, was elected governor of New Mexico, becoming the first Native American woman to lead a state.

In Minnesota, Peggy Flanagan, a citizen of the White Earth Nation, became the first Native American woman elected to the U.S. Senate. Previously serving as Minnesota's lieutenant governor, Flanagan defeated Republican Michele Tafoya to secure the seat.

Crystalyne Curley was also elected the first woman president of the Navajo Nation, one of the largest tribal nations in the United States. Curley previously made history as the first woman to serve as speaker of the Navajo Nation Council.

The Seneca Nation of Indians also elected its first woman president, Tina Abrams, marking another milestone for women in tribal leadership.

Indigenous representation in Congress expanded further with the election of Claire Valdez, a citizen of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, as New York's first Native American congresswoman.

Sean McCann, a citizen of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, also became the first Native American elected to Congress from Michigan.

The significance of these elections is especially meaningful during Native American Heritage Month, a time dedicated to recognizing the histories, cultures and contributions of Indigenous peoples.

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.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Marlon Ruth Wilson DOD 5/20/04
By Joan Elaine Wilson

☐ Amended

Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate

Case No. PR26-04

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A *Petition for Probate* was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10-15-29 and date of death 5-20-04 was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 29505 Hwy 21 E, Tomah, WI 54660
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 Michelle Greendeer-Rave, on (Date) Nov 10th 2026 at (Time) 10:00 Am

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.

Clerk of Court
Mary Thunder
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Date

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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 — 8 HCC § 13 47b, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE
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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, .

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Arlene M Shegonee

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Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate

Case No. PR26-06

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A *Petition for Probate* was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 5/26/1937 and date of death 6/4/2026 was domiciled in Wood County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 3809 St. Johns Road Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
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 LONE, on (Date) December 9, 2026 at (Time) 10:00 Am

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.
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Date

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Cynthia Yellowcloud
DOD 2-20-26

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Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR26-03

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: 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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate

Case No. PR 26-02

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A *Petition for Probate* was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 7-30-47 and date of death 4-3-25 was domiciled in Juneau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N992 D Dyer St Wis Dells, WI 53965
3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
   Vance Fontenelle, N992 D Dyer St Wis Dells WI 53965
4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Wendi Hurling, on (Date) September 29 2026 at (Time) 10:00 am

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.

Clerk of Court
Mary Thunder
Name Printed or Typed
08/10/26
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 — 8 HCC § 13 47b, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE
This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

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The goal is to employ 1,500 people after the facility fully opens in 2027.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer then greeted everyone in the Hoocak language. He explained that the creator gave us this language and our elders were on this land long ago, saying prayers.

"We are a warrior nation," said Greendeer. "We have fought. We are fighting. We will continue to fight. There is no beautiful way to talk about our history. There is no way to describe what you would do to protect your home, or your family. You will fight with your last breath. That's exactly why we are still here today."

Long ago, the Ho-Chunk people were outnumbered and out-militarized, and they moved the people west of the Mississippi into marshes and swamps. The people survived but had nowhere to return because of homesteaders. That is how the Ho-Chunk Nation ended up with parcels of land across the I-90 corridor and no contiguous reservation.

He continued to speak about the work and about the workers. He thanked former President Jones for summarizing some of the history. Greendeer mentioned services and programs that were made possible through gaming revenue.

"Ho-Chunk Gaming - Beloit was never my goal. It was always a means to reach the goals of our people," explained President Jon Greendeer.

The festivities then moved on to the red-carpet ribbon-cutting ceremony where Ho-Chunk Nation leadership, Miron, CCI, HBG, Beloit Officials, and State Officials took part in photo ops.

The casino then opened to private event attendees as the mini powwow began.

Heather Green and Rock Greendeer were the head dancers during the mini powwow. Drum groups in attendance were Bearheart (Damian Funmaker), Blackdeer (Robert Blackdeer), Indian Trail (Aison Funmaker), Iron Mound (James Blackdeer), Lake Delton Singers (Allen Cloud), Little Priest Singers (Kelly Logan), Twin Tailz (Jalen Funmaker), Waterspirit Drum (Rom Redbird III), and Winnebago Sons (Kurt Greendeer). Elliot Funmaker served as Arena Director.

President Jon Greendeer welcomed the public who gathered in line to enter the casino at 2:00 pm.

The new casino is at 777 Willowbrook Road, Beloit, Wisconsin. It offers many dining options, including Draft Picks Pub House, Food Truck Alley (Playin' Chicken, Maskadores, Bread Busterz), Black River Coffee Shop, Live Wire Lounge, and a steakhouse.

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit's website (ho-chunkgaming.com/beloit/) provides useful information on upcoming promotions and special events.

The second phase of the property, which includes the 312-room hotel and 2,000-seat conference center, will be completed later in 2027.

























Notice of Vacancy and Deadline
For Districts 1, 3 &4
Election Board Delegate and Alternate
Terms January 2027 - December 2029

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

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

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI OCTOBER 6, 2026

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

Roll Call:
President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Vacancy
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-P
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 10:01 a.m.

Opening Prayer: President Jon Greendeer offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda ADDING under New Business Q. Confirmation of Carmen Redcloud as Tribal Law Enforcement Commissioner for Wood County and R. Pac cinąk Halloween. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-September 22, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 22, 2026 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Emergency Special Legislative Meeting-September 24, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 24, 2026 Emergency Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sandra Whitewing) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:
Development Commission-September 23, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to approve the September 23, 2026 Development Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Housing Commission-September 24, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the September 24, 2026 Housing Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sandra Whitewing) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Commission-October 1, 2026

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the October 1, 2026 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Madison Electronic Key Control Boxes

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 A***, Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Madison Electronic Key Control Boxes. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Madison Replacement Body Cameras

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 B***, Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Madison Replacement Body Cameras. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act (2 HCC § 4) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 C***, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act (2 HCC § 4) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Finance Ordinance (5 HCC § 5) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 D***, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Finance Ordinance (5 HCC § 5) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 E***, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Asset Management Policy Manual (5 HCC § 8) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Materials Management Policies and Procedures Manual (5 HCC § 9) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 F***, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Materials Management Policies and Procedures Manual (5 HCC § 9) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. David Greendeer explains the proposed amendments to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act, finance ordinance, and asset management policy. Changes

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has approved the 2026 Economic Assistance Program, providing direct payments to support tribal members

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

TRIBAL MEMBER PAYMENTS 2026 ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE:

Adults (18 & over): $1,000
Minors (17 & under): $400

These payments are part of the Ho-Chunk Nation's ongoing commitment to promote general welfare, including assistance for food, housing, healthcare, transportation, and essential needs.

Eligibility: All enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Members as of **November 20, 2026**.

Payment Date: Payments will be on or before **November 20, 2026**.

Opt-Out Option: Members may opt out of receiving payment by contacting the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department before the payment date.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

HO-CHUNK NATION EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PAYMENT

HONORING OUR EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND SERVICE
The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and Executive Branch have approved Employee Appreciation Payments to recognize the dedication and hard work of employees across all programs, enterprises, and partner agencies. This one-time distribution reflects gratitude for your continued service and contributions to the Nation's success.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Employees of the following entities employed as of November 03, 2026:

- Ho-Chunk Nation Government and Enterprises
- Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA)
- Cedar Growth
- Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

Payments are based on continuous years of service as of November 3, 2026:

Less than 5 years: $350
5 years to less than 10 years: $400
10 years to less than 15 years: $450
15 years to less than 20 years: $500
20 years to less than 25 years: $550
25 years to less than 30 years: $600
30 years to less than 35 years: $650
35 years to less than 40 years: $700
40 years or more: $750

PAYMENT DETAILS

- Payments will be made on or before November 20, 2026
- Employees who work for multiple Ho-Chunk entities will receive only one payment, at the higher amount
- Payments will be issued the same way as regular payroll
- Treasury will not deduct any debts, insurance, or benefit contributions from this payment
- If an employee is no longer employed at the time payments are processed, they are not eligible for this distribution

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clarify definitions (net gaming revenue, operating income), add tracking for unexpended funds, revise reporting timelines, add general fund as a revenue source, require enterprise balance sheets, and raise equipment thresholds to reduce administrative burden. The goal is to improve cash access, optimize gaming revenue, and streamline reporting.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-20-26 G Regarding Legislative Office Credit Card Usage Policy for Elected Officials and Employees

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 G***, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-20-26 G Regarding Legislative Office Credit Card Usage Policy for Elected Officials and Employees. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Open an Account with Key Bank for Grant Management

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 H***, Authorization to Open an Account with Key Bank for Grant Management. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business: *No agenda items.*

New Business:

Resolution-Per Capita Declaration for November 1, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 I***, Per Capita Declaration for November 1, 2026. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-1(Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Human Health Hazard Ordinance (3 HCC § 14)

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 J***, Adoption of Amendments to the Human Health Hazard Ordinance (3 HCC § 14). Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acceptance of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Indian Housing Plan for Fiscal Year 2027

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 K***, Acceptance of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Indian Housing Plan for Fiscal Year 2027. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Hoocąk Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Black River Falls School District for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 L***, Hoocąk Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Black River Falls School District for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding Between the Hoocąk Waazija Haci Language Division and the Tomah Area School District for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 M***, Memorandum of Understanding Between the ***Hooca\k*** Waazija Haci Language Division and the Tomah Area School District for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding Between the Hoocąk Waazija Haci Language Division and the School District of Wisconsin Dells for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 N***, Memorandum of Understanding Between the Hoocąk Waazija Haci Language Division and the School District of Wisconsin Dells for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Hoocąk Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Baraboo for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 O***, Hoocąk Waazija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Baraboo for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Hoocąk Nation Children and Family Act (4 HCC § 3) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 P***, Authorization to Place the Hoocąk Nation Children and Family Act (4 HCC § 3) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing the Black River Falls School District 4-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) 2026-2027 School Year Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 Q***, Authorizing the Black River Falls School District 4-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) 2026-2027 School Year Agreement. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Renewal of Ho-Chunk Nation Stop Loss Insurance Coverage

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 R***, Renewal of Ho-Chunk Nation Stop Loss Insurance Coverage. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 S***, Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan, selecting 3% increase. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Short Term Disability RFP

Due to service issues with the short-term disability carrier, the insurance division requests authorization to issue an RFP for life and disability coverage to ensure options are available for a February 1, 2027 effective date.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to authorize the Nation's Insurance Division to move forward with the RFP process for the life and disability. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

RES Conference, March 8-11, 2027, Las Vegas

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve travel for up to 4 Legislators to attend the 2027 RES Conference. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Nomination of Representative Stephanie Begay to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 T***, Nomination of Representative Stephanie Begay to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Acknowledgement of 2026 General Council Minutes

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to acknowledge receipt of the annual 2026 General Council meeting minutes received on September 24, 2026; allowing time in event the Attorney General provides an Attorney General opinion for 2026 General Council resolutions. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR RECORD: Rep. Stephanie Begay abstained as her sister was the recording secretary of the 2026 Annual General Council meeting.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit Grand Opening Budget

Rep. Shelby Visintin mentioned an updated budget has been submitted shortly before the meeting started this morning, for a total of $477,733.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve $477,733 on emergency basis with funding coming from Beloit restricted account. Second by Rep. Edward Mullen. 7-1(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud)-3(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Sandra Whitewing) **MOTION DEFEATED.***

**2/3 affirmative vote of Legislators participating is required for a motion on emergency basis.*

Concerns for the budget included: not having proper time to review; no plans to incorporate Tribal Members that reside in District 4; compliance on the three-bid process; reconciliation.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to put this back on the agenda after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Edward Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Carmen Redcloud as Tribal Law Enforcement Commissioner for Wood County

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to adopt ***Resolution 10-06-26 U***, Confirmation of Carmen Redcloud as Tribal Law Enforcement Commissioner for Wood County. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Pac cinąk Halloween

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve $2,000 for the event with check payable to Kathleen La Mere from D3 Community Improvement funds. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle for the previous motion to be on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 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. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0

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MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:16 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m., and was called back to order at 1:01 p.m. Quorum is established.

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:17 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:
Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit Table Games Pit Manager & Table Games Shift Operations Manager Job Descriptions

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve pay grade changes for Table Games Pit Manager from 12 to 13 and Table Games Shift Operations Manager from 12 to 14; these changes are job specific for Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. MOTION IS AMENDED to include the change is due to regional market hiring workforce conditions. Second concurs. 10-1(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to release the Table Games Pit Manager and Shift Operations Manager for Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit change motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business (Re-visited):
Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit Grand Opening Budget

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to take $500,000 from the Beloit Restricted Account for Department of Business for the Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit Grand Opening, with surplus funds returned to the Beloit Restricted Account, on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-1(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Shelby Visintin questioned why an earlier motion she presented was defeated but a similar motion now succeeds, requesting clarification on what changed. President Greendeer mentioned the Legislature reviewed that the materials had been tabled earlier for review and that an updated budget was circulated, which Rep. Shelby Visintin notes contained only two changes she had already identified in the morning presentation. The budget was sent the day prior at 1:20 p.m. as a part of the packet that were sent out to the full Legislature and an updated one was sent the morning of the meeting with two changes. President Greendeer treats the newly passed vote as final and shifts focus to planning for the grand opening.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to November 3, 2026 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1(Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
OCTOBER 13, 2026

Call to Order: Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:
President Jon Greendeer-VC
9:03 a.m.
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Vacancy
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC
Rep. David Greendeer-VC
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

Opening Prayer: Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke 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. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 9:03 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:28 a.m.
MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Emergency Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Emergency Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
BELOIT, WI
OCTOBER 23, 2026

Call to Order: President Jon Greedneer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call:
President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VP
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-VC
Vacancy
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC, P
9:20 a.m.
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC
Rep. David Greendeer-P
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-P

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 8:32 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Shane Yellow Thunder offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Adopting the Proclamation "The Return to Kečąk" and the Kečąk Doctrine, and Directing the Commemoration of Wakąjagiwįxga (Whirling Thunder) and Turtle Village at Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt ***Resolution 10-23-26 A***, Adopting the Proclamation "The Return to Kečąk" and the Kečąk Doctrine, and Directing the Commemoration of Waką jagiwįxga (Whirling Thunder) and Turtle Village at Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. MOTION IS AMENDED to include Bill Lowe and Angie Waege to the list of individuals that assisted with the project, Traditional Court, and striking "and adopts the Kečąk Doctorine" from NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and striking "fourth gaming location" in the tenth WHEREAS. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Native Women Run – New York City Marathon Funding Request

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Native Women Run request in the amount of $3,000 from District 2 Community Improvement Funds on an **emergency basis**. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-17-24J to Appoint Ho-Chunk Representative and Alternative Representative to the Midwest Tribal Energy Resource Association

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to adopt ***Resolution 10-23-26 B***, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-17-24J to Appoint Ho-Chunk Representative and Alternative Representative to the Midwest Tribal Energy Resource Association. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 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. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 8:48 a.m.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:34 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

Amendment to the Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to add under New Business D. Budget Modification. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Budget Modification

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve budget modification 4100-102026-M2. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

SEALED BID VEHICLE AUCTION

OPEN TO ALL HO-CHUNK ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS 18+

ALL VEHICLES ARE SOLD AS IS



2015 Ford Taurus
Mileage 99,043 miles
VIN: 1FAHP2E87FG199742
19/22 mpg City/Hwy
3.5L 6 cyl Engine
Drivetrain: FWD
Ingot Silver Metallic - Exterior



2016 Ford Fusion SE
Mileage 32,629 miles
VIN: 3FA6P0G78GR261949
22/33 mpg City/Hwy
2.5L 4 cyl Engine
Drivetrain: FWD
Black - Exterior



2015 Dodge Grand Caravan Wheelchair Rear Ramp
Mileage 73,826 miles
VIN: 2C4RDGBG7FR668228
17/25 mpg City/Hwy
3.6L 6 cyl Engine FlexFuel
Drivetrain: FWD
White - Exterior



2015 Dodge Grand Caravan Wheelchair Rear Ramp
Mileage 44,808 miles
VIN: 2C4RDGBG0FR683315
17/25 mpg City/Hwy
3.6L 6 cyl Engine FlexFuel
Drivetrain: FWD
White - Exterior



2013 Ford Explorer Police Pursuit Vehicle
Mileage 141,806 miles
VIN: 1FM5K8AR5DGB16105
3.7L 6 cyl Engine
Drivetrain: FWD
Black - Exterior



2017 Ford Explorer Police Pursuit Vehicle
Mileage 94,043 miles
VIN: 1FM5K8AR7HGA94565
3.7L 6 cyl Engine
Drivetrain: FWD
Black - Exterior

SEALED BID RULES AND REGULATIONS
Surplus Vehicle Auction
Bid Deadline: November 30, 2026

The Division of Transportation (Seller) is pleased to offer the following used vehicles referenced above for available sale. Enrolled Tribal members of the Ho-Chunk Nation interested in purchasing one of the vehicles are invited to submit a sealed bid offer under the following terms and conditions.

1.Information Scope & Verification: The information provided represents the extent of the information available from Seller. Bidder understands the Offering Memorandum contains selected information pertaining to the vehicles and does not purport to contain all of the data a prospective purchaser may desire. Bidder agrees to conduct their own independent investigation of the vehicles to verify the accuracy and completeness of any and all information obtained from the Offering Memorandum. Bidder hereby acknowledges that neither Seller, nor any person acting on their behalf, have made any representations or warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of this information, their contents or suitability of the information contained therein for any purposes. At any time, this information is subject among other things, correction of errors and omissions, addition or deletion of terms, change of price or terms, withdrawal of Property from market without notice and prior sale.

2.**Auction Intent:** Seller`s intent is to obtain the highest value for the Property.

3.Submission Limit: ONLY ONE (1) VEHICLE BID PER TRIBAL MEMBER will be accepted, whether submitted online, by mail, or in person.

4.Receipt Logging: All bids will be dated upon receipt by the Black River Falls Transportation Office Manager (or digitally logged with a timestamp if submitted online).

5.Maintenance Questions: All vehicle maintenance questions will be directed to the Tomah Transportation Shop mechanics.

6.Submission Form Options: Bids for the vehicles shall be submitted on the official Sealed Bid Submittal Form (handwritten or typed hard-copy) or via the official Online Auction Submission Form.

7.Seller Discretion: Seller reserves the right to select the best bid, counter any bids, or remove the item from the market in its sole and absolute discretion.

8.Bid Selection & Payment: The successful bid may or may not be the highest bid submitted and may be dependent on financial stability of bidder. Payment will be expected in the amount equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of bid in the form of a cashier`s check prior to removing the vehicle from Ho-Chunk Nation Property.

9.How to Submit a Bid (Physical and Online Options):

a.Online Option: Complete and submit your entry using the QR code, Online bids must be fully submitted before the final deadline.

b.Physical Option: All paper bids shall be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked with Vehicle #. Bids may be hand-delivered to Tomah Transportation Shop, TOB Transportation Office, or mailed to Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Transportation.

c.Deadline: BIDS for all vehicles (both online and physical submissions) must be received no later than 4:30 PM on November 30, 2026. Send mail-in offers to:

Division of Transportation
Surplus Vehicle Auction Bid
PO Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615

10.Vehicle Removal: The successful Bidder must be able to remove the vehicle from the current site no later than December 4, 2026. All expenses for moving the vehicle will be that of the Bidder.

11.As-Is Sale: The vehicles are being sold as-is with all faults. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to inspect the Property prior to submitting their bid to satisfy itself as to their physical and environmental condition, value and extent of needed repairs, if any. Bidder shall waive any claim for allowance, adjust or rescission based upon failure of the vehicle to correspond to any expectation or standard.

12.Viewing Appointments: Vehicles can be viewed by appointment only. Contact Transportation at 1-608-374-1216 or 715-284-9343 ext. 15926.

13.Test-Drives: There will be no test–driving. Cars will be as is with maintenance records available for viewing.

14.Minimum Bids: There will be no required minimum bid.

15.Tie-Breaker Rule: In the event of identical high bids, the submission that was submitted first will be chosen.

16.Right to Cancel: The Ho-Chunk Nation has the right to cancel auctions at any-time if determined it is not in the best interest on the Nation.

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PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615
NO FAXED OFFERS ACCEPTED

NO MINIMUM BIDS!
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HO-CHUNK NATION DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
SEALED BID FORM

HCNDOT SBF 11/2026

BIDS SUBMITTED AFTER 4:30PM ON 11/30/2026 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
Please complete the following form for the vehicle being bid on.

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Section A – Vehicle Selection and Offer

ONLY ONE VEHICLE MAY BE BID ON PER TRIBAL MEMBER
Identify below your vehicle selection and bid offer. No minimum bid required.
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☐ **2015 FORD TAURUS** **Offer Price:** ☐
☐ **2016 FORD FUSION**
☐ **2013 FORD EXPLORER POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLE**
☐ **2017 FORD EXPLORER POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLE**
☐ **2015 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN WHEELCHAIR VAN# 1**
☐ **2015 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN WHEELCHAIR VAN# 2**

Section B – Bidder Information

Full Legal Name: _____ Tribal ID: 439A00

Daytime Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Section C – Aknowledge and Authorize

By signing below, I certify that I am an enrolled Tribal Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and that all information provided on this submittal form is true and accurate. I explicitly acknowledge that this vehicle is sold strictly as-is with all faults. I waive any future claims against the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Transportation regarding the condition, value, or required repairs of this property. If my bid is selected, I agree to provide full payment via cashier's check and accept full financial and physical responsibility for removing the vehicle by December 4, 2026. Finally, I recognize that the Ho-Chunk Nation retains the right to cancel auctions at any time if it is determined to be in the best interest of the Nation.

Signature: _____ Tribal ID: 439A00 Date: _____

Transportation Use Only

Received By: _____ Date: _____