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Trump's Return to Office: What It Could Mean for Indian Country

Kaili Berg

Donald Trump has been projected by *The Associated Press* to win enough Electoral College votes to win a second term and become the 47th president of the United States.

With Trump's return to the presidency, Indian Country faces uncertainty across key areas, including sovereignty, land rights, and federal policy. Many tribal leaders and advocates are concerned about possible impacts on tribal lands, resources, and self-governance.

Tribes may face renewed challenges in maintaining control over their lands and sacred sites. In his previous term, Trump's administration reduced protections on lands sacred to many tribes, such as Bears Ears National Monument, and emphasized resource development over preservation.

If these trends continue, tribes could see more federal efforts to open lands for oil, gas, and mining—activities that may disrupt sacred sites and natural resources.

Environmental protections could be at risk as well. Trump's prior policies rolled back many

regulations that helped safeguard tribal lands from industrial pollution. Without these protections, tribes may see changes in water and air quality, affecting health and traditional practices.

Climate change impacts, such as wildfires and water shortages, continue to hit tribal lands hard, so many tribal communities are deeply concerned about losing crucial environmental protections.

Trump's administration may also make changes to federal funding for essential tribal services, including healthcare, education, and housing. Programs like the Indian Health Service (IHS) provide critical support to Indigenous communities.

If funding decreases, tribes could struggle to meet healthcare needs, maintain schools, and support families.

On the other hand, some tribes might benefit from new opportunities in infrastructure and energy projects, which Trump has promoted. But many leaders feel that economic development should not come at the expense of sovereignty or environmental health.

As Indian Country prepares for



these potential changes, there may be a stronger push for unity and advocacy.

Tribal leaders are expected to work together to protect their lands, culture, and communities. Partnerships with other organizations and allies could play a big role in addressing challenges ahead.

Tribal communities will be watching closely to see how federal policies unfold. While there may be obstacles, the resilience and strength of Indian Country will remain essential in navigating this new political era.

Twelve Clans Strengthens Investment Portfolio and Presents Funding Package

Twelve Clans Shareholder Newsletter, November 5, 2024 – On October 30, 2024, Twelve Clans met with Owner's Representatives for their quarterly meeting to review recent developments, investment strategies, and financial progress. During this meeting, Twelve Clans provided virtual first and fourth quarter updates, showcasing significant advancements, especially in private equity and real estate investments.

Quarterly Deliverables

Beginning the meeting, Twelve Clans reviewed the third-quarter deliverables and outcomes from the in-person meeting held in May. Among these deliverables was a request to conduct a strategic planning session aimed at reaffirming or reassessing the company's core values and strategies for long-term growth. Twelve Clans was pleased to present the findings

and outcomes of this session, which took place in September.

As an economic development corporation, Twelve Clans holds the responsibility of fostering economic independence for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

One of the session's most significant outcomes was the creation of a value statement, serving as a compass for decision-making, even in complex or high-stakes situations. This statement guides our *Continued on Page 2*



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Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

Today, November 1, 2024 marks thirty years our Constitution has been living. On November 1, 1994, the late great, legendary, trailblazing Ada Deer wanagira signed into approval our Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. The date, November 1, 1994, starts any resolution our Legislature and General Council pass. It is a date that will forever stand as a reminder of how a small group of individuals through resolute vigilance changed the reality, the determination, and the perpetuation of our people.

Our Constitution established a way for us to empower ourselves through government, it provided a way that we could improve the lives of our elders, our children, and ourselves, and it formerly recognized us as the Ho-Chunk Nation.

A newsletter article written by Reporter Emma Snowball wanagira in December of 1994 included the following challenge from Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Deer wanagira:

“You can amend it, change it, but it is a living document by which you carry out your authority as a sovereign nation. It’s a lot of work to be a Ho-Chunk, so do your homework. Read, understand and implement the constitution.”

Recently, I have submitted two editorials to our newsletter regarding our Constitution and how it has been violated. I believe we as the people, as the General Council members, need to take on the challenge that was put forth by Assistant Secretary Deer wanagira. We need to stand up for our Constitution, we need to start reading its Articles and compare it to the actions taken by our elected officials.

Ultimately, we need to come together and start a meaningful conversation of constitutional reform. Our Constitution is living and young. And as I have written prior to this editorial

it is continually being violated. At present, we have an Executive Branch, a Legislative Branch, and a Judiciary Branch along with the current Attorney General and Legislative Counsel that believe themselves to be above our Constitution.

I have thought to myself as to the words I shared about Assistant Secretary Deer. Also included in the same news article are sentiments shared by our former Chairwoman and Judge JoAnn Jones. She stated, “The new constitution is a beautiful document but it is fragile. We now face the challenge to protect and implement its changes. Because it will carry us into the future as it is a road map which can and will provide direction.”

Ada Deer and JoAnn Jones are two of my heroes. I have admired them for their leadership, selflessness, courage, compassion, and dedication to public service. And if I ever have a shred of all those things, all together, it shall fill my heart.

I encourage you and everyone to read our Constitution. I’d also like to encourage you or anyone to take a seat at the table and we can start having meaningful conversations about what can be done to strengthen and help the Constitution.

To paraphrase and borrow from Aaron Sorkin; more than in any time in our recent history, the Ho-Chunk Nation’s destiny is not of our own choosing. We did not seek, nor did we provoke ongoing violations of our Constitution. We did not expect nor did we invite misconduct and mistrust of our elected officials. Yet the true measure of a people’s strength is how they rise to master that moment when it does arrive. This is a time for Ho-Chunk heroes. We will do what is hard. We will achieve what is great. This is the time for Ho-Chunk heroes and we reach for the stars.

Sincerely,
Andi Cloud, M.Ed.
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for maintaining cash flow flexibility, allowing us to pursue future investments without limiting our financial potential. By reimbursing this investment, ownership ensures the company isn’t solely dependent on this project’s timeline for liquidity and capitalize on additional opportunities.

Chairman Brown Thunder closed out the meeting highlighting the significant progress Twelve Clans has made and expressed confidence the long-term

impact the company can have on the Nation. The Owner’s Representative echoed this sentiment, reaffirming commitment to these goals.

We directly want to thank our shareholders for their continued trust, support, and confidence as we work toward a bright future for the Ho-Chunk Nation. We look forward to welcoming you at the annual meeting in December. For full shareholder meeting details, please visit 12-clans.com/shareholder2024.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be November 15th which will be published on November 22nd. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Theft of UTVs from the Ho-Chunk Nation DNR Shop

On September 21, 2024, two red Polaris UTVs, model year 2022, were stolen from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources (DNR) facility located on Highway 54 in Black River Falls. These vehicles were specifically equipped for wildland firefighting, prescribed burns and conservation efforts. They are marked with the Ho-Chunk Nation seal and have slip-on firefighting units on the box of the UTVs.

Following the theft, the tracks of the UTVs were heading south along the railroad tracks towards Millston, Wisconsin. During the course of their operation, an accident occurred, resulting in one of the UTVs catching fire and being declared a total loss. Although this UTV has since been recovered, the second vehicle remains missing.

We urge anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department at 715-284-2658 or the Ho-Chunk Nation

Department of Natural Resources at 715-284-2852, extension 11122. Your assistance is invaluable in helping us resolve this matter.



Halloween Elder Bingo and Shenanigans at the Waksikxete Wittenberg TAU

On Thursday, October 31, 2024, elders from the Wittenberg area dressed up in costume for bingo. Those who participated received ten dollars cash.

The community celebrated with twelve rounds of bingo, lots of laughs, too much candy, and, of course, food! We had a faBOOlous time!



Connie Radtke won \$25 for “best costume!”



Costume participants include (front) Melanie Jo Roth, Corwin Roth, Jeanine Catron (back) Sid White Wing, Joseph Antone, Connie Radtke, Frances Rave Jr., Tony Catron, Deanna Mead, Shirley Petersen, Harold Petersen, and Sandra Radtke. Participants not pictured: Mike LittleWolf, Steve Tousey, and Kelly LaMere.

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A Journey of Resilience, Representation, and Revitalization Through Food

Kaili Berg

In the world of culinary arts, Chef Elena Terry stands as a trailblazing Ho-Chunk woman, bringing Native American food traditions and resilience to the forefront of mainstream media.

As the Executive Chef and Founder of Wild Bearies, Terry has not only crafted a platform for Indigenous food sovereignty but has also captured audiences nationwide through her appearances on prominent television shows.

Her recent feature on Discover Wisconsin highlighted her journey, her mission, and her powerful dedication to community healing through food.

“I’m very proud to say I’m a Ho-Chunk woman, and I am here with all of my imperfections, learning along the way,” Terry said in an interview with Discover Wisconsin.

Her authenticity and vulnerability are foundational to her approach, allowing her to break down stigmas often associated with Indigenous trauma.

As a survivor of domestic violence

and a single mother, Terry’s path to healing began through reconnecting with her culture, food, and community.

“I was the first Wildberry. The first one that really needed healing, that really needed to come back to my community,” Terry said.

Wild Bearies has become a hub where food serves as medicine and a bridge for those overcoming addiction, trauma, and emotional hardships.

Terry uses traditional ingredients and meals to reconnect individuals with their roots, guiding them on a path toward personal and collective recovery.

“Food was the medicine that I needed to come back to my community,” Terry said.

As her culinary profile grew, so did her influence on television. Terry competed on Chopped, a culinary competition show, marking her first step into the televised culinary world.

“It was a moment for me to take a step back and say, ‘Wow, you’re a Ho-Chunk woman on TV,’” Terry said.

Since then, she has been invited back as a judge on Top Chef, an

experience she found both humbling and empowering.

In 2024, Terry showcased her live-fire cooking skills as a contestant on Season 5 of BBQ Brawl, further highlighting her versatility and expertise in various culinary disciplines.

Beyond her television achievements, Terry has represented Ho-Chunk foodways on national stages like the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

Collaborating with institutions like the Smithsonian allows her to share the “holistic food system” of her culture with broader audiences, educating them on Indigenous culinary arts as a rich, multifaceted tradition deeply tied to land, history, and community.

In her latest feature on Discover Wisconsin, Terry opened up about the ways in which food has played a transformative role in her life and the lives of those around her.

Her work has reached young Ho-Chunk tribal members as well, with programs like the “Baby Berries” and “Garden Berries,” which teach youth about food preparation, service, and cultivation.

For Terry, it’s about creating “space for young women” and inspiring the next generation to embrace their heritage proudly.

“When you share a meal that’s cooked with love and intention, it is a different kind of meal,” Terry said.



Chef Elena Terry

By returning to the traditional foods of the Ho-Chunk people — wild rice, venison, and corn — Terry and her team at Wild Bearies are not just feeding their community but nourishing a legacy, fostering pride, resilience, and healing with each dish.

Looking ahead, Terry hopes that her work with Wild Bearies will continue to “empower cycle breakers, empower healing,” and inspire others to embrace their culture.

As she aptly put it, “We are the great.” Through her work, both on and off the screen, Terry demonstrates how food, family, and cultural pride can be powerful tools for reclaiming space, identity, and hope for future generations

Invasive Carp Detected In The Lower Chippewa And Lower Black Rivers

MADISON, Wis. — The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced today that silver carp, an invasive species, have been detected in portions of the lower Chippewa River and lower Black River in western Wisconsin.

In May 2024, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) collected 134 water samples from the lower Chippewa River to test for invasive carp environmental DNA (eDNA). At that time, no eDNA was found for invasive carp.

In July, the DNR began receiving reports from anglers of jumping fish suspected to be invasive carp at the Dells Dam on the lower Chippewa River in Eau Claire. The Dells Dam in Eau Claire prevents further upstream passage of invasive carp in the Chippewa River System.

On Aug. 1, DNR staff went to the dam and observed jumping fish but were unable to verify the species of fish. On Aug. 27, the DNR downloaded data from an acoustic receiver tasked with listening for transmitters embedded in fish in the lower Chippewa River, 6 miles downstream of the Dells Dam. Data showed that a single silver carp, originally tagged and captured on the Mississippi River near Davenport, Iowa, was detected on July 21, Aug. 4 and Aug. 26, confirming that silver carp had migrated into the lower Chippewa River at that time.

On Sept. 26, DNR staff downloaded data from an acoustic receiver on the lower Black River near Melrose which showed that one silver carp passed that location on May 25 and June 5.

This fish was originally captured and tagged in Pool 5A of the Mississippi River.

It is believed that the carp may have migrated in June and early July due to the high water levels observed on the Mississippi River, which would have allowed fish to move upstream into adjacent tributaries.

Tributaries to the lower Chippewa River, such as the Red Cedar River up to the Lake Menomoin Dam and the Eau Claire River up to the Lake Altoona Dam, may be other potential locations where invasive carp might be observed since these waterbodies do not have barriers that would prevent upstream fish movement from the adjacent lower Chippewa River.

The dam in Black River Falls is a barrier to upstream fish migration, and no observations or other detections of invasive carp have been reported in the lower Black River at this time.

The USFWS is currently in the process of resampling the Chippewa River, and members of the public should notify local aquatic invasive species staff or fisheries biologists if any suspected invasive carp are observed or captured in the lower Chippewa and Black rivers or their tributaries.

If You Catch An Invasive Carp Prevention remains the best way to help protect Wisconsin’s waters. Under chapter NR 40, Wis. Admin. Code, bighead, silver, grass and black carp are prohibited species in Wisconsin, meaning they cannot be transported, possessed, transferred or introduced without a permit. However,

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ATTENTION PLEASE!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

IMPORTANT PAYMENT UPDATE FOR HO-CHUNK NATION MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES!

2024 ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

THE HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE HAS APPROVED DIRECT PAYMENTS TO SUPPORT TRIBAL MEMBERS AND TO RECOGNIZE OUR DEDICATED EMPLOYEES.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

1. TRIBAL MEMBER PAYMENTS:

- ADULTS WILL RECEIVE \$1,000.
- MINORS WILL RECEIVE \$400.

THESE PAYMENTS ARE PART OF OUR COMMITMENT TO ASSIST HO-CHUNK FAMILIES.

*ELIGIBILITY APPLIES TO ALL ENROLLED HO-CHUNK NATION MEMBERS AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2024.

2. EMPLOYEE PAYMENTS:

- FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WILL RECEIVE \$500.
- PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WILL RECEIVE \$200.

THIS IS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE NATION.

*INCLUDES HO-CHUNK HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (HHCDA), HO-CHUNK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (HTA), FIRST NATIONS. MUST BE EMPLOYED BY NOVEMBER 15, 2024.


PAYMENT DATES:

- TRIBAL MEMBERS: PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 22, 2024, OR EARLIER.
- EMPLOYEES: PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 22, 2024, OR EARLIER.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED BY MULTIPLE ENTITIES WILL ONLY RECEIVE ONE PAYMENT, WHICH WILL BE THE HIGHER OF THE TWO.
- PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE THE SAME WAY AS YOUR PAYROLL/GENERAL WELFARE IS RECEIVED.
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Office of the General Council

Office of the General Council Official Quarterly Report

To: General Council Members, and Legislative Branch

From: Nathaniel Longtail Jr. - General Council Advocate *NL*

Date: November 1, 2024

Re: Office of the General Council Official Quarterly Report

Greetings and Salutations members of the General Council and Legislative Branch,

The Office of the General Council is hereby officially submitting the Quarterly Report to satisfy the provisions set within the Office of the General Council Establishment & Organizational Act.

October 2024:

- On October 18, 2024 this office sent an email titled “2024 General Council Resolutions – 4 Branch CC’d for Transparency,” as a reminder that the General Council Resolutions are still in need of Legislative Action. The email attachments included General Council Resolutions and General Council Meeting minutes. The language contained within this email is below:
Good morning Vice President DeLong and Legislative Representatives,

I would like to begin with this statement, this email is not to be construed as oppositional or argumentative, I have some facts that I need to state so that everyone understands my viewpoint. Text messages and emails are often mistaken as oppositional, argumentative, or even taken as acts of aggression due to the lack of tone, body language, or facial expressions. This is not the case, please imagine that we are having a conversation and I am stating my viewpoints in calm manner. (I use highlights only for visual aid only, not to increase tone level.)

Now, back on September 25, 2024 the Office of the General Council relayed the 2024 General Council Meeting Minutes and Resolutions from the appointed General Council Secretary – Tribal Member Pam Wilbur.

Today at 8:03 am. I received an email from TOB Security Front Desk with a Legislative Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda. This agenda did not reflect any agenda items pertaining to the 2024 Annual General Council Meeting Resolutions.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution states the following:

Section 3. Powers Retained by the General Council.

(a) The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. This policy shall be resolutions proposed and approved at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. This policy shall be made into laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes by the Legislative Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation within forty-five (45) days after a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings.

These policies are not up for debate, these policies are not reliant on anyone’s opinion, or any other branches opinion, as **Actions of the General Council are Binding**. As the General Council Advocate I feel it is necessary for this office to send this reminder on behalf of all General Council Resolutions past and present. I also feel compelled to remind the Legislative Branch that the clock is ticking, 45 days is still 45 days. 45 days computes to 1080 hours, or 64,800 minutes (no sarcasm intended, as this is a generous amount of time to have these resolutions addressed).

The Legislature is not required to wait until ZERO hour to address the General Council Resolutions as the Constitution states “**within forty-five (45) days.**”

 - On October 29, 2024 a Special Legislative Meeting was held to discuss the 2024 General Council Resolutions. The Attorney General must have issued an Attorney General Opinion on October 28, 2024 however this office was never provided with a copy. The Office of the General Council did not solicit the Attorney General for an opinion. It is still unclear if the Legislative Branch requested an Attorney General opinion. If the Legislative Branch did not formally solicit the Attorney General opinion prior to October 28, 2024 then this office will recognize it as “unsolicited legal advice.” Discussions did continue related to each of the adopted resolutions, and another meeting was scheduled for November 1, 2024 to address each of the adopted 2024 General Council Resolutions.
 - During the latter part of October 2024 an updated packet for one (1) Minor Budget Modification was sent forward to be addressed at the 10.31.2024 Legislative Finance Commission Meeting.
 - Internal Budget Modification – Approved by Legislative Finance Commission Motion.
 - Budget Modification-Office of General Council 100.3000-071624-M1 \$59,286 - VP Danielle DeLong*
 - On November 1, 2024 the Legislature adopted resolutions of acknowledgement for all of the adopted 2024 General Council Resolutions.

September 2024:

 - During the month of September this office met with the vendors virtually and in person for floor plan planning. Discussions were made on how to make things as cost effective as possible. We were able to stay within the Budget Bill Allocation amount.
 - On September 21, we had a successful meeting with a turnout of 1,871 registered voters. Unfortunately a few members must have left because only 1,869 members are recorded voting. (**Note: Twelve Clans Inc. did not sponsor breakfast as they previously offered.**)
 - On September 25, we received the signed General Council Resolutions and Signed Meeting Minutes. These were then forwarded to the Department of Administration Records Division and the Legislative Branch for legislative actions.
 - During the latter part of October 2024 an updated packet for one (1) Minor Budget Modification was sent forward to be addressed at the 10.31.2024 Legislative Finance Commission Meeting.
 - Internal Budget Modification – Approved by Legislative Finance Commission Motion.
 - Motion by VP Danielle DeLong to approve the Office of the General Council minor budget modification with the \$9,635.01 decrease to Professional Services Fees and increase of \$9635.01 into their contract service fees. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.*

August 2024:

 - During the month of August the office was working the Legislative Branch to finalize the contracting process for the vendor services.
 - This office was also in continued contact with Twelve Clans Inc. They previously reached out to this office, and offered to sponsor breakfast at this year’s General Council Meeting.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions please reach out to this office directly.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

We are looking to feature **two** “Student of the Week” spotlights, **EVERY WEEK** to highlight student achievements, student-athletes, volunteer work, college acceptance, long-term and short-term goals, and/or contributions to the classroom, school or community OF ALL AGES & Educational Levels: Head Start, Elementary, Middle School, High School, Home School, & Post-Secondary Students.

This could include, but not limited to; academic performance or achievements, classroom recognition, student-athlete recognition, honor roll, Dean’s/President’s list, etc.


Student spotlights will be showcased for a week on Ho-Chunk Nation social media & in Education Department! Spotlights will also be posted in Hoka, Worak each month!

Submissions should include: Name, School, Grade Level, Photo & Accomplishment(s)

We are asking that you email your submissions to:
StudentSuccess@Ho-Chunk.com

Congratulations

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Aly Belmonte

Human Services Associate Camp Douglas, WI

Aly Belmonte, from Camp Douglas, WI is a dedicated second-year student pursuing an Associate’s degree in Human Services at Western Technical College.

Aly has excelled academically, earning a merit badge for making the President’s List over the summer.

Aly was named to Western Technical College’s President List of High Distinction for the summer 2024 term.

Aly is on track to graduate in spring 2025 and is committed to making a positive impact in her field.

Congratulations, Aly, on this well-deserved recognition!

Congratulations

Student of The Week

Skylene Greengrass

Skylene Greengrass

Sophomore at Black River Falls High School,
Parents: Willette Greengrass & Robert Mudd


Academic Excellence: Skylene consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and actively engages in her learning.

Supportive Classmate: Always willing to help others, she tutors peers and collaborates on group projects. Her kindness and patience make her a role model.

Positive Attitude: Skylene approaches every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience, spreading positivity to uplift her classmates.

Leadership Skills: As secretary of Waaksik Wacek, she takes on leadership roles and participates in cultural projects, showing responsibility and initiative.

Extra-Curricular: This year was Skylene’s first playing golf, and her coach praised her resilience and camaraderie. She also works at BLAST at Red Creek, where her supervisor highlights her dependability and ability to build relationships with students.



Ho-Chunk come home, with big investment

By Bill Barth

Call it a homecoming.
Before there were European settlers arrived in south central Wisconsin. Before the first cabins were raised. Before the first plow turned the soil. Before a state line artificially divided the land.

The Ho-Chunk people were here. And now they are here again to invest more than \$400 million in a Beloit entertainment complex just north of that state line. When completed – plans target 2027 – the site will include the large casino, a premier conference center and the tallest building in Rock County, an 18-story hotel.

Groundbreaking ceremonies on October 25 attracted a large crowd, including many Ho-Chunk dignitaries and officials who have worked for years to achieve this day. Onlookers were treated to tribal dance and drum ceremonies, to remarks in both the Ho-Chunk language and English, and many moving moments recounting historic ties to the region.

Like many attendees, I’m sure, I felt a flood of emotions. I have read stacks of books on America’s westward expansion, both east and west of the Mississippi River, and its impact on the people who already lived here. As a kid I was taught all about the fledgling nation’s sense of “Manifest

Destiny” and its inexorable march to become a continental nation.
Further reading, in adulthood, informs one of an inconvenient fact glossed over in the textbooks of our youth. This was not an empty continent. The people who were here were considered in the way of settlers’ westward flow. They were treated horribly. Documents still exist in which the government and military openly advocated for the extermination of native peoples. Whether removed by force, or through treaties never intended to be honored, the ancient native cultures were shoved aside.
Ho-Chunk President Jon Greendeer referenced history during groundbreaking ceremonies, proudly noting that his people had persevered, had not disappeared, and still retained their language and their connections to ancestral lands.

The Beloit area should welcome their return. They are not interlopers. They are the neighbors we never knew.
On a personal note, I find it particularly gratifying to have been on hand for the official beginning of the construction phase for the Ho-Chunk project. It’s not exaggerating to say this is one of the longest-running stories experienced over the course of my career as a journalist. It’s also true that the newspaper where I worked, the Beloit Daily News, never wavered in

its support for tribal development.
I have clear memories – dating back to the 1990s – of when the newsroom first caught wind of a rumor that a Wisconsin band had interest in locating a casino in the region, with hopes of capturing the Chicago crowd. The idea seemed fanciful but we chased the story anyway and, by golly, it was true.
Like everyone else, I suppose, folks at the paper had no idea just how complicated the process would be to site an off-reservation casino. Years, maybe? No, decades. Astonishing.
First came the Bad River band of Chippewa. Turns out the Bad River – good folks, by the way – lacked resources and political clout. Then came a partnership between the Bad River and the St. Croix Chippewa. A more realistic chance, but in the end no-go.

As a news organization we did our due diligence. I dispatched reporters across Wisconsin to visit other communities where casinos already existed. They talked to residents.

Business owners. Chamber of Commerce directors. Law enforcement leaders. Political office-holders. We couldn’t find anybody anywhere with a bad opinion of the relationship with the various tribes or the impact of the properties.
Politics played an oversized and often prejudicial role. In Wisconsin, we discovered the plan’s fate largely depended on who was governor. That was Tommy Thompson when casino talk first began. I interviewed him in his Capitol office, where he told me he would not block a Beloit casino but intended to drive a hard bargain to
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Deer Lifecycle and Ho-Chunk Culture

Ho-Chunk Indigenous Arts & Sciences is creating a curriculum about the deer lifecycle. Our program bridges Ho-Chunk culture and modern sciences that our students can connect more deeply to their learning and develop an interest in Environmental Sciences so they can continue the tradition of caring for Mother Earth.

We have drafted questions to learn more about Ho-Chunk perspectives and practices regarding the lifecycle of the deer, including but not limited to conception, birth, life, and death. The practical, traditional, cultural, past, and modern-day practices, stories, and views on hunting, tanning hides, using animal parts, and all else.

Please share only what you are comfortable sharing with others. Sensitive information will remain private to protect those who share it. You may share oral history, references, stories, experiences, etc.

The deadline for survey submission is November 18, 2024. We would greatly appreciate it if both of your offices could assist us in promoting this in our communities.

The Education Department Culture & Community Education Division is working on a Deer Curriculum.

The Ho-Chunk Indigenous Arts & Sciences program seeks input from the community toward developing a Deer Curriculum. This curriculum is part of the Goja Howaite Hi youth program that aims to foster a culturally relevant connection to environmental sciences. Through the program, Ho-Chunk students can earn 1/2 credit of high school science.

This survey will help us add any culturally relevant aspects to the curriculum. If you have any questions, please contact Mattea Twinn at mattea.twinn@ho-chunk.com or Angela Ward at angela.ward@ho-chunk.com.



Honoring Native American Heritage Month: A Time for Reflection, Acknowledgment, and Action

MINNEAPOLIS – As we commemorate Native American Heritage Month this November, we reflect on the resilience and contributions of Native American communities across the nation. This month serves as a powerful reminder of the deep history and rich cultures of Indigenous peoples, as well as the ongoing impact of historical injustices, including the legacy of Indian boarding schools.

In a recent pivotal moment, President Biden issued a formal apology for the United States’ role in the Indian boarding school system, which aimed to erase Indigenous identities and cultures. This acknowledgment marks a crucial step toward healing the wounds inflicted by these policies. We recognize that true healing requires both recognition and action.

This month, we call attention to S.1723/H.R. 7727 - the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act that is currently under consideration. The time is now to take action to ensure its passage, allowing us to preserve the voices of survivors and their descendants to support their healing journey. Join us in advocating for future generations by contacting your Congressional representatives

in Washington, D.C., to urge them to pass the Truth and Healing Bill this year, <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/advocacy/takeaction/>.

We also advocate for clemency for Leonard Peltier, a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe and a survivor of the Indian boarding school system, having attended Wahpeton Indian School from 1952 to 1955. Mr. Peltier, an Indigenous rights activist, has come to represent broader injustices experienced by Native American communities. Granting him clemency would be a meaningful step toward justice and a commitment to addressing historical wrongs.

As we celebrate the rich traditions, languages, and histories of Native American peoples this month, we must also confront the realities of our shared past. By honoring the voices of Indigenous communities and advocating for truth, justice, and healing, we can advance towards a future built on respect, understanding, and equity.

Let us use this month as a catalyst for change, uniting in our commitment to support Indigenous rights and ensure that the lessons of the past inform a more just and equitable future for all.

Marlene Adrian Hopinkah

April 1, 1952 – October 23, 2024



Marlene Adrian Hopinkah, “Wanik Naq Hajijeiga”- ‘Bird that lands on a limb’, age 72, of Black River Falls, WI, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2024 at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Marshfield, WI.

Marlene was born on April 1, 1952 to Benjamin Hopinkah and Lorraine Decorah. She grew up on her parents homestead by Hatfield, WI and later moved to Merrilan, WI. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Alma Center. After High School she attended the University of River Falls and continued her studies at Rochester Community College of Rochester, MN. She also worked at the Mayo Clinic of Rochester in Medical Records. When her parents passed away she came home to care for her siblings. Later, she worked for the Black River Falls Middle School as a Teacher’s Aid.

She enjoyed her family, cooking, watching her shows,

doing puzzles, going to Wal-Mart, cruising around, and trying her luck at Bingo and the Casino. She will be remembered and missed by everyone without her stand at the Pow-Wow with her famous frybread . Above all, Marlene’s favorite thing to be was the best Gaga to her grandchildren and mom to her kids.

She got sober soon after her first grandchild and dedicated her life to her family. Her family is forever grateful for all lessons she taught them- love, time, sacrifices, faith, and strength.

Marlene is survived by her children, Sara Dobbs and Nick Whitegull; grandchildren, Lucas Stacy, Kaimery Hopinkah, Isabella Stacy, and Jasmine Stacy; great-grandchildren, Giovani Rivas, Isaiah Root, and George Root; siblings, Charles (Janelle) Hopinkah and Loretta (Steve) Hopinkah; nieces and nephews, Nehomah Thundercloud, Eric Hopinkah, Scott Lowe, Scott Hopinkah, Lynette Hopinkah, Lindsey Whitegull, Nolan Whitegull, Ian Whitegull, Ryan Decorah, Joleen Decorah, Destin Hopinkah, Benjamin Hopinkah, Charles Hopinkah, Ty Rae Hopinkah, Dylan Sohm, Ethan Sohm, Priscilla Sohm, Candace Ringham, Alexis Thundercloud, Shana Walker, and Paul Krause.

She is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Amanda Joy Whitegull; siblings, Jeanette Hopinkah, Cheryl Hopinkah, Harriet “Kitty” Hopinkah, Lori Rieder, Judith Ann Thundercloud, and Ben Hopinkah; niece, Arielle Whitegull; nephew, Donovan Sohm; and grandson, Jackson Hopinkah.

Tempest Lois Beighley

March 18, 1991 - November 1, 2024

Tempest Lois Beighley, age 33, of Baraboo, Wisconsin walked on Friday, November 1, 2024.

A funeral service for Ma,a, ei.ga will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 12 Noon at the Native American Church with Garrick Cleveland Jr. presiding. She will be laid to rest following the service at the Indian Baptist Church Cemetery.

Tempest Lois Beighley “Ma,a, ei.ga” was born in Baraboo, WI on March 18, 1991, to her mother Junetta “Dumpy” (Decorah) Beighley and her father Gerald “Bucky” Beighley. Tempest was a free spirit who greeted everyone with a smile and had the ability to make everyone in her presence laugh, she had a contagious laugh and a bright smile. Tempest was artistic, creative, outgoing, wild and huge hearted. She enjoyed many different things including playing pool, drawing, listening to music, playing spades and dominos, going to Powwows, and going to the NAC and teasing her siblings. Most importantly

she loved spending time with her friends and family. She loved her children unconditionally and had an admirable love for God. A quote we will always remember from Ma,a, ei.ga was “The storm you fear brings me comfort because that’s my people up there! I fall I’ll rise by the end of the day.”

Tempest is survived by her children Janitta and Maanape Pamonicutt, her father Gerald, her other “dad’s” Waylen Green and Charles Hopinkah, her mother’s Christee, Leeja, Jennifer, Janella, Rosella and Menissa. Her uncles Stanley Herman and Frisk Herman. Her brothers Jonah Decorah (Vinjintz, Masyn, Zamaya, and Carter), Jamieson W. Patterson (Josiah, Jamieson Jr., and Hazel-Lynn), Samuel Robinson Beighley, Choice, Maynard, Michael, Amos, Anthony, Charles “Chuckie”, Benjamin, Destin, Jashaun, Jamos, Loyale, Tony, Julius, Waylen Jr., Ritechus, Alaress, Matthias, Cal, Cyrus; her sisters Jeanie, Emma, Kami, Mamie Beighley, Sadie Peterson, Anita, Joleen, Ty Rae, Makiesha “Bubbles”, Azalyah “Izzy”, Lataysia “Bird”, Summer, Solae. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother Junetta Beighley-Decorah, mother’s Michelle Thomas and Jeanette Decorah, maternal grandparents Wanda (White Eagle) and Carl Decorah, paternal grandparents Bonnie Frogg-Funmaker and Gerald Beighley Sr., grandpa Morgan White Eagle, grandmother’s Vera Thomas, Dale White Eagle, June White Thunder and Helen Lonetree and uncle Marcel Decorah, nephews Jaxon Hopinkah and Malackai Deocrah.



Bradley Smith Sr.

October 26, 1947 – October 24, 2024

Bradley W. Smith Sr. “Hone-wan-rk-k”, age 76, Town of Seneca, passed away Thursday, October 24, 2024 at his residence.

Commitment services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at the Cex Haci Community Building in Nekoosa. Christian Roth will officiate. Burial will be at Dexterville Cemetery with military honors rendered by the Joseph J. White American Legion Post. Visitation will be from 9:00 A.M. until the time of services on Sunday at Cex Haci.

Brad was born October 26, 1947 in Wisconsin Rapids to Lot and Ruth (Twinn) Smith. He graduated from Pittsville High School in 1966. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1970-1972. He married Elizabeth Longtail, she passed away in 1981. He later married Bonnie Prescott, their marriage ended in divorce.

Brad worked for area cranberry marshes when he was younger and later for the State Highway Department doing road maintenance for 12 years.

He was a proud member of the White Cross Native American Church and an avid Green Bay Packer fan. He enjoyed being in the outdoors hunting, fishing, and ATV riding. He also enjoyed playing card games, especially Cribbage. Brad looked forward to fall trips to Winnebago to attend Pow-Wows.

He had a great sense of humor and always liked to joke around.

Brad is survived by his brothers, Charles Smith Sr. and Gregory Smith; sister, Edith Prescott; step-children: Daniel Prescott, Dylan Prescott, and Maunee Daniels; and grandson Olin Danger Prescott. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons: We-Ro-Nuc-Ka, Cha-Ska, and Bradley Smith Jr.; daughter, Elizabeth Georgine; siblings: Anthony Smith, Joseph Yellowthunder and Isabel (Yellowthunder) Guerrero.

Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, Wisconsin Rapids, is honored to be assisting the family with arrangements.



Ryan Timothy Rockman

May 9, 1987 - October 27, 2024

A Father, Brother, Son, Grandfather

Ryan Rockman, age 37 of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin died Sunday, October 27, 2024 at his residence.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. at the Native American Church, N881 Highway 12 & 16, Wisconsin Dells with Bow Lucero officiating. Visitation will be held at the Native American Church on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m.

Ryan was born May 9, 1987 in Shawano, Wisconsin. His children and family were the most important part of Ryan’s life.

Ryan is survived by his mother, Julie Rockman; sons, Ryan, Ryu and Ryli; a granddaughter, Naomi; brothers, William, Julius, Dale Pekarek and Roger Pekarek; a sister, Justine Pekarek and nieces

and nephews.

Ryan had lots of interest and goals in life, when Ryan wasn’t taking care of his family/ home he was with his friends. Ryan loved cooking amazing dishes. He was a great father who always said he could be better. He loved movies, music, fishing, dining out, waterparks, and basketball. His favorite place was in the basketball court with his sons. Ryan would drop everything he’s doing to help anyone in need. Ryan had lots of love for everyone. Ryans every day walk in life was for his sons, family and friends. Ryan has touch many hearts and is going to be deeply missed.

Thank you friends and family for celebrating Ryan Rockman’s life with a traditional ceremony, for he has made it to eternal salvation!

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a permit is not required for a person to possess and transport a deceased prohibited species to a DNR office for the purpose of identification.


Anglers and others who capture any potential invasive carp are asked to euthanize the fish, put them on ice and contact a local aquatic invasive species staff, fisheries biologist or warden to confirm identification.

Although no technology currently

exists to eradicate invasive carp, the DNR is working collaboratively with other state and federal agencies on the research and development of invasive carp prevention and control technologies.

HEALTH KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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- Leslie Ast
- Liz Lund

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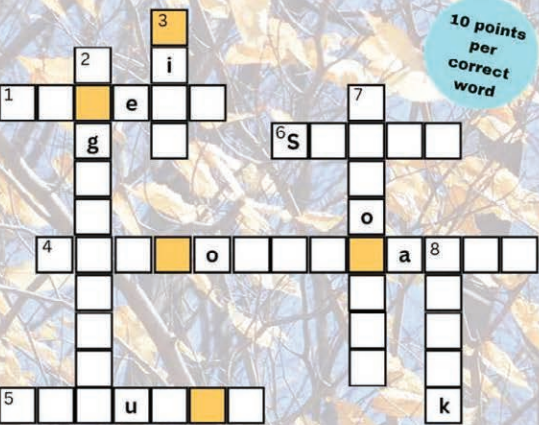
HEALTH KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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Get recognized for your completion of the Health Knowledge Crossword puzzle here! Details below.



November 2024



10 points per correct word

50 points for the hidden word

Use the letters in the yellow squares to unscramble the hidden word.

CROSSWORD COMPLETION SPOTLIGHT

Monthly points and end-of-year scores will be seen here!



Only the first 10 people to complete each month's puzzle will be tallied, so you have to be quick to get onto the scoreboard!

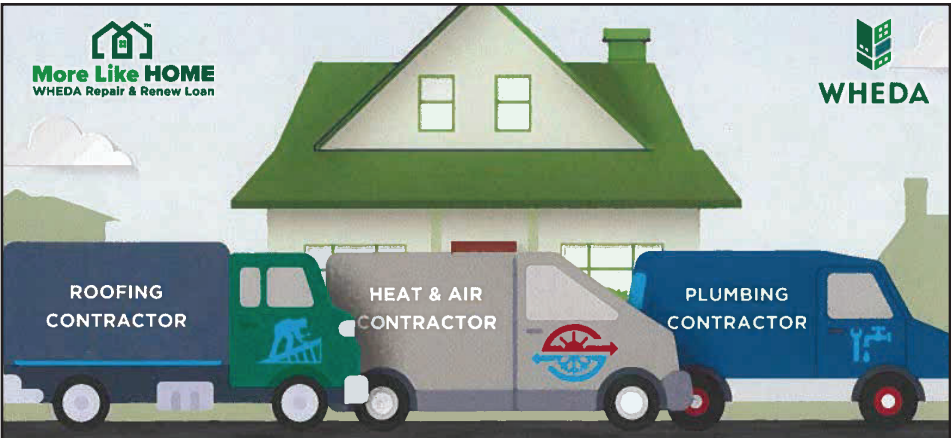
Email entries to HCN Nutritionist Alex Richeson. For your email, the subject should read "Crossword - TOB". Your email should contain your first and last name, the words in the puzzle, and the hidden word. Partial entrees still get points.

alex.richeson@ho-chunk.com

- Muenster, cheddar, and parmesan are examples of low lactose _____. This food is a great source of calcium.
- This food group comes in many colors and is a great source of fiber, antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals. It is called _____.
- This type of meat is a great source of Omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3's have been shown to help improve blood lipids and are anti-inflammatory. This meat is called _____.
- Eating too much of this macronutrient has been linked to weight gain, obesity, and diabetes. It is called _____.
- _____ is a hormone released by the pancreas that allows cells to pick up glucose from the blood. People with diabetes commonly become resistant to it.
- Healthy _____ are when you take a less healthy food in your diet and replace it with a healthier food.
- Food provides energy for the body. This energy is referred to as _____. How much energy there is in a food can be found on its nutrition label.
- For people with health goals, research shows that they are more likely to be successful if they _____ their progress.

Hidden Word: _____ is an indigestible nutrient that binds to cholesterol in the gut, allowing it to be excreted. This nutrient has been shown to help with blood lipids and blood pressure.







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bolster state revenue. The plan never landed on his desk.

Two-term governor Jim Doyle got so tired of being asked about the casino that he would preemptively say "nothing new" before getting the question during his regular visits to our newsroom. When Scott Walker – I once dubbed him "The Reverend Walker" in an editorial about the casino – served eight years as governor it was obvious he had moral objections and the plan was going nowhere while he held office.

Then came Tony Evers. One of the first questions we asked him as a candidate for governor was whether he would sign a casino deal if it landed on his desk. His simple answer: Yes. And he did.

Let's not even bother with the mess in Washington, where the Beloit plan struggled to get a fair hearing for years.

For many – including me – over the decades optimism faded. Even after the apparent green light, I told folks when I saw shovels in the ground I would believe it.

Shovels are in the ground. Believe it now.

Beloit is different today than in the 1990s. Beloit is prospering and is no longer desperate for a big investment. Today, the casino complex is just another growth opportunity and entertainment option.

And, sure, there are still folks with moral objections who wish this wasn't happening. They're entitled to their opinion and I respect it. My roots, though, are libertarian (small l on purpose), forged on the farm, with a firm belief that one person has no

right to determine what another person chooses to do.

I also recall my late father's thoughts. Raised a Roosevelt Democrat, growing more conservative as he aged, Dad had this view on tribal casinos. "Indians have been screwed in this country forever. If they can figure out a way to get some money out of White people, good for them."

Plain country language.

True.

Welcome back to Beloit, our Ho-Chunk brothers and sisters.

Forest Service partners with Wisconsin to keep forests working and conserve 2,539 acres of private forestland

Milwaukee (October 31, 2024) – The Forest Service is pleased to announce that 2,539 acres in Wisconsin will be conserved thanks to \$1,345,000 in Forest Legacy Program funding. These investments ensure the most critical forestlands will continue to provide benefits to people and communities, like recreation opportunities, vibrant local economies, and thriving ecosystems.

“Forests provide innumerable benefits to people and communities, and for nearly 35 years the Forest Legacy Program has allowed us to support States and landowners in their efforts to conserve important forestlands,” said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. “Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, we are protecting parcels we never thought we’d have the resources to secure and even more acres of vital forestlands so that future generations of Americans will be able to enjoy all the irreplaceable benefits they provide.”

Through the Forest Legacy program, states work with tribes, local communities, and landowners to identify important private forestlands and develop proposals to conserve these lands as forests. The Forest Service selects the top proposals for funding through a competitive, entirely voluntary process and provides grant funding to states. Some of this land will stay in private ownership and will be permanently protected and conserved as forests, while states will also purchase other parcels to be managed as public land.

Projects funded through this announcement:

Stateline Forest

Northern Forest FLA - Town of Oma, Iron County, Wisconsin

This conservation easement will protect 998 acres of forest and surrounding uplands that harbor high quality forest complexes of mixed northern hardwood. The wetlands contribute to surface and groundwater protection and provide important habitat for the American marten, Wisconsin’s only endangered mammal. It will also provide an important connection linking two county-owned forests located in Wisconsin and Michigan, expanding the area of protected lands.

Border Lakes

Vilas County, Town of Land O’ Lakes, Wisconsin

The Border Lakes conservation easement will protect 1,350 acres in the Border Lakes Region of northern Wisconsin. The region supports an unusually diverse and high-quality accumulation of aquatic natural communities. Within the Ontonagon-Presque Isle River Watershed, the surrounding uplands contain mixed northern hardwood and assemblages of old growth forests, rare bird and plant species, and contribute to surface and groundwater protection.

Upper Wisconsin River Forest

Vilas County, Town of Land O’ Lakes, Wisconsin

The 191-acre Upper Wisconsin River Forest conservation easement is situated in the Headwaters Area of Wisconsin with the Wisconsin River being the largest waterway that winds itself through vast areas of scenic forests and eventually empties into the Mississippi River. It contains some of the state’s most scenic and important forest complexes containing rare birds and



Long-eared owl. *USDA Forest Service Photo/Sharon Stiteler*

plant species and will add strategic protection to an existing 1,042-acre state funded conservation easement. The funding maintains working forests for future generations in Wisconsin. It boosts local economies and improves public access to natural spaces while safeguarding critical wildlife habitat and water quality.

For additional information, including the complete list of 2024 funded projects and how states can apply for fiscal year 2025 funding, visit the Forest Legacy website or contact your local Forest Service office.



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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11/7 – S’ak Hosto TAU (Nekoosa)

11/14 – Teejop Hocira (Madison)

11/19 - Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells

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Please bring ID and insurance card.*
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Friday November 15, 2024

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Shelby Lynn Wesho</u> <u>DOD 06/04/2021, By Chris Fox</u>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> Case No. <u>PR 24-04</u> </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>12/2/1986</u> and date of death <u>06/04/2021</u> was domiciled in <u>Jackson</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u>, with a mailing address of <u>W 9017 Bear Trap Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54605</u> 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: <u>_____</u> </div> 4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>Jo Deen B. Lowe</u> on (Date) <u>01/07/2025</u> at (Time) <u>10:00am</u>	
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection. </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> 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. </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> Clerk of Court </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <u>Mary Thunder</u> Name Printed or Typed </div> <div> <u>October 18, 2024</u> Date </div> </div> </div>	


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Now: Deer Chasing Each Other Moon

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

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Rabbit





About Rabbit:

- Rabbit meat is a lean protein source, low in fat (thus low in saturated fat), making it a healthy choice for those looking to manage their weight or improve their overall health.
- Rabbit meat is rich in protein, equivalent to the protein in beef.
- Rabbit meat contains various vitamins and minerals including iron, zinc, phosphorus, and B vitamins like B12 and niacin, which are important for energy production, immune function, and overall well-being.

Safety and Handling:

- For safety, USDA recommends cooking rabbit to an internal temperature of at least 160°F. The use of a food thermometer is recommended to make sure that your rabbit is safe to eat.
- Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours after cooking. Use within 3 to 4 days or freeze.
- Use frozen, cooked rabbit within 4 to 6 months for best quality.
- Reheat leftovers to 165°F.

For more info:

(1) <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety/safe-food-handling-and-preparation/meat-fish/rabbit-farm-table>

(2) <https://foodprint.org/real-food/rabbit/>

Slow Cooker Rabbit Tacos

Ingredients:

- 3 pounds whole rabbit (front legs, rear legs, and saddle)
- 15 ounce can tomatoes (undrained)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup dried black beans
- 2 1/2 cups water or broth
- 1 packet lower-sodium taco seasoning (store bought)
- Corn tortillas
- Desired taco fixings

Steps:

- Add rabbit, tomatoes, onion, dried beans, water/broth, and taco seasoning to slow cooker. Cook on low for 5 to 6 hours. (Aim to keep the lid on during the entire cooking time.)
- Remove the rabbit and debone. Add the meat back into the slow cooker.
- Serve in a corn tortilla. You can also heat the filled tortilla in a skillet for a crispy option.
- Top with your favorite taco fixings.

Recipe adapted from:
<https://www.therusticelk.com/rabbit-tacos/>

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**For more Information
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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
Division of Public Health

Native American Heritage Month

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1pm-2pm

Wednesday November 6th

Traditional Ho-Chunk Prenatal Practices
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Be on the lookout for more deer on the roads during the fall rut

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation reminds drivers to be alert for deer on and along roadways to avoid potentially dangerous crashes. Deer crash numbers typically increase in October and November in Wisconsin as more deer move around during peak mating season.

“This is a busy time of year on the roads for both deer and motorists,” Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. “It can be hard to spot deer along the road and their movements are unpredictable, so it’s important that drivers are vigilant and avoid distractions while driving.”

Deer are most active during the early morning and evening hours. Be sure to use your headlights as daylight transitions to dusk and deer become more difficult to see, especially as daylight saving time ends in November.

In 2023, there were more than 16,000 crashes involving deer in Wisconsin, killing 14 people and injuring 585 people. Staying alert is an important step to be safe this time of year.

The top 10 Wisconsin counties for crashes involving deer in 2023:

- Waukesha – 836
- Dane – 802
- Washington – 763
- Sheboygan – 712
- Outagamie – 614
- Manitowoc – 600
- St. Croix – 591
- Fond du Lac – 571
- Grant – 490
- Winnebago – 476

How to avoid hitting a deer

Deer are unpredictable and may freeze or change directions. Drive at a safe speed, eliminate distractions and make sure

everyone is buckled up. Crash injuries are less severe or can be avoided when everyone wears a seat belt.

Scan the road ahead carefully. If one deer crosses, watch for more. If you see a deer, honk your horn to urge them to move away from the road.

If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your vehicle, brake firmly and stay in your lane. Avoid sudden swerving, which can result in a loss of control and a more serious crash.

Motorcyclists are at a greater risk of injury in a crash involving a deer. Of the approximately 16,000 deer crashes last year, 196 were motorcycle crashes, resulting in 11 fatalities and 53 serious injuries. This means there is about a 33% chance that a motorcycle deer crash will result in a fatality or serious injury, compared to less than 0.1% in auto or light truck deer crashes. If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your motorcycle and there is enough space to swerve around it without leaving your lane, brake and adjust course as needed.

What to do after a deer crash

If you do end up hitting a deer, get your vehicle safely off the road, if possible.

- If someone is hurt or the deer is in the active portion of the road, call 911.
- If no one is hurt and your vehicle and the deer are off the road, contact local law enforcement.
- Stay buckled up inside your vehicle and wait for help. Getting out of your vehicle and walking along a road is always dangerous. Never attempt to move an injured deer.

DNR Asks Public To Report Black Bear Den Locations For Research Study

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public to report any black bear den locations across Wisconsin to help with an ongoing study on black bear reproduction.

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey will generate new estimates of black bear reproductive rates within each bear management zone, and these estimates will improve the accuracy of the population models used in each zone. Additionally, researchers are investigating a connection between consumption of human food sources and bear reproduction since diet can affect cub survival rates and litter sizes.

The study will be entering its fourth year of surveying occupied dens in the Wisconsin bear range. The research

team will take den reports statewide but is looking for more dens to survey in bear management zones C, D and E, which cover central and western Wisconsin.

“It is important for the study that we get collars out in each of the bear management zones,” said Dr. Jennifer Price Tack, DNR large carnivore and elk research scientist. “This will allow us to better inform bear population estimates for each zone, which in turn support management decision making.”

The public is encouraged to report as much information as possible about occupied black bear dens without approaching or disturbing them.

Public reporting is essential to this project. Bear dens aren’t frequently

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Cubs cannot yet regulate their temperature and have delicate immune systems, so researchers wear protective gear and keep them warm while staff members fit a GPS collar on the mother bear during den surveys. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

SUMMONS
(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services,

Petitioner,

v.

Jamieson Patterson,

Respondent.

Case No.: CS 24-10

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Jamieson Patterson

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this child support action. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Child Support* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of service to respond to the *Petition for Child Support*. Failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation, which may result in the entry of a *Default Judgment* against you. An *Answer* (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below, and must be served on all parties to the action. The Court shall convene an *Initial Child Support Hearing* as permitted by CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28.

The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The *Initial Child Support Hearing* shall be held at **10:00 a.m. CST** on the **3rd** day of **December, 2024**. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

NOTICE- VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. **SUBPOENAS:** THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT. THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

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

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, VICTORIA ORTIZ, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W2376 RAEDEL LN WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965

And more particularly described as: S1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, TOWN OF LYNDON, JUNEAU 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 22, 2024

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.

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION JUDICIARY		
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER		
In re: The Matter of Child Support Payments	Order No.: Admin. 24-19	
It is a principle that “Ho-Chunk Nation parents have a responsibility of caring for their children, bonding with them, making sure they are safe, and providing for all their basic needs.” HCN CHILD SUPPORT CODE (hereinafter CS CODE) 4 HCC § 7.2a. The Ho-Chunk Nation has long established a public policy to enforce child support payments. The Nation’s laws specifically permit the garnishment of a tribal member’s per capita payment for child support. <i>Id.</i> , at § 7.30e.		
You are hereby notified that the Court issues the following <i>Administrative Order 24-19</i> , which supersedes any of the Court’s previous Orders addressing the garnishment of child support from per capita payments. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Nation’s tribal members have not received a per capita distribution since May 2020. <i>See HCN Tribal Resolution 07-07-20B</i> . However, pursuant to <i>Legislative Resolution 07-02-24 II</i> , the Legislature has authorized General Welfare Payments for the foreseeable future.		
Over the past year this situation has created a conflict between many existing orders which used only Per Cap Payments for child support garnishment and the current practices of the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency. The Judiciary has witnessed the Child Support Agency file a variety of motions in an attempt to deal with this problem. The Court has been carefully considering how to help protect the financial interests of the minor children of the Nation and how to save the Child Support Agency, the Judiciary and the Department of Treasury a significant amount of time and effort. Given the lack of per capita income as a revenue stream that can be legally garnished for child support and absent a Resolution authorizing the garnishment of General Welfare Payments, the Court HEREBY DETERMINES THE FOLLOWING:		
WHEREAS , the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council delegated judicial authority to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary pursuant to the CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION, ART. VII, § 4; and,		
WHEREAS , the General Council delegated legislative authority to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature pursuant to CONST., ART. V, § 1(a); and,		
WHEREAS , the Legislature adopted the HO-CHUNK NATION JUDICIARY ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION ACT, pursuant to its constitutional authority as articulated in CONST., ART. V, § 2(a); and,		
WHEREAS , “[t]he Judiciary shall have exclusive authority and responsibility to employ personnel and to establish written rules and procedures governing the . . . operation of the courts” pursuant to JUDICIARY ACT, para. 1.5c; and,		
WHEREAS , the Legislature approved the job description of the Chief Judge pursuant to its constitutional authority as articulated in CONST., ART. V, § 2(f); and,		
WHEREAS , the Legislature confirmed that “[t]he Chief Judge is responsible for the overall Tribal Court System . . .” in the job description; and,		
WHEREAS , the Chief Judge has routinely entered administrative orders pertaining to the administration of the courts since the foundation of the Judiciary; and,		
WHEREAS , many tribal members obligated to pay child support relied upon the Per Capita Payments as the income stream to meet their obligations under Ho-Chunk Nation law; and,		
WHEREAS , the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency has moved the Court in a number of cases to <i>Close Foreign Case</i> or in the alternative to <i>Close Foreign Case in HCN Jurisdiction and Cease Enforcement by HCN CSA and Ho-Chunk Nation</i> , clearly acknowledging and stating in the <i>Motions</i> that “The Ho-Chunk Nation cannot modify a case over which it does not have exclusive jurisdiction;” and,		
WHEREAS , the longer this matter goes unaddressed the number of impacted child support cases, children and families is significantly increased over time. Currently the Court estimates the number to be well over a hundred; and,		
WHEREAS , in consideration of judicial economy and the administration of justice, the Court efficiently addresses the issue of income stream and the <i>Motions</i> filed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency by this Administrative Order while still assuring due process to the parties.		
NOW THEREFORE, TO AVOID VIOLATIONS OF HO-CHUNK, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS¹; AND FOLLOWING REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS THESE MATTERS INTERNALLY WITHIN THE JUDICIARY, WITH THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES AND WITH THE HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY; THE CHIEF JUDGE FINDS THAT IT HAS BECOME A NECESSITY TO ENTER THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER²:		
1. THEREFORE , based upon the correct interpretation of the law within the <i>Motions to Close Foreign Case</i> , the Court cannot modify a foreign judgment, absent evidence that the foreign jurisdiction has requested such modification, as this would be a violation of Full Faith and Credit		and other principles of Ho-Chunk, State and Federal law relating to the enforcement of child support orders. Neither the Court nor the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency has independent authority to modify a foreign jurisdiction’s case. Further, the Court deems that it would be inefficient to close all of these matters. THEREFORE , the <i>Motions to Close Foreign Case</i> filed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency are DENIED .
		2. FURTHERMORE , after a careful review of the law and an internal review of our child support case files, the Court discovered that a few orders, as drafted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency ³ , which appear to be in violation of Ho-Chunk, State and Federal law, specifically with regard to the Trial Court’s ability to modify or close a foreign jurisdiction’s case were mistakenly issued granting these motions ⁴ . THEREFORE , the cases where these <i>Orders</i> were previously distributed, in violation of Full Faith and Credit are HEREBY RESTORED to the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency ⁵ . It SHALL be the statutory duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency to take appropriate action consistent with this <i>Order</i> and Ho-Chunk, State and Federal law. Failure by the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency to comply with this <i>Order</i> or the law may result in finding of contempt. <i>See</i> HO-CHUNK NATION CONTEMPT ORDINANCE 2 HCC §§ 5.3 and 5.4(b).
		3. ADDITIONALLY , the Court must CEASE ENFORCEMENT of child support payments in those cases for which Per Capita was the only funding stream. The Court takes this action in recognition of the intentions of <i>Legislative Resolution 07-02-24 II</i> , in the interests of tribal sovereignty and judicial economy. Further, the Court acknowledges the legal limitation of
		³ It has been the practice of the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency to submit draft orders along with their filings for the past several years. The Judiciary relied on the Agency to not only comply with Ho-Chunk, State and Federal law, but also all required funding parameters in their drafted orders.
		⁴ The Court notes that recently the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency has filed some <i>Motions to Re-Open</i> the foreign cases where their motions to close had been granted. This process is inconsistent with the CS CODE and the principles of Full Faith and Credit. This Order however, is consistent with the law and the intent of the law, which is to enforce child support by the broadest means possible.
		⁵ The Court will provide a list of these cases to the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency by December 1, 2024.
		both the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and the Court to garnish the General Welfare Payments absent a Resolution authorizing such. THEREFORE , Court ORDERS the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency to issue the appropriate Income Withholding Orders or, in the alternative, provide a list of these cases to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Treasury and file them with the Court.
		To be clear this Order does not cease an individual’s responsibility to pay child support and the Court reminds everyone that failure to meet their child support obligations could result in significant arrears balances and possibly other sanctions . At this time only voluntary garnishment of General Welfare Payments are permitted. Parties who wish to sign up may contact the Department of Treasury.
		PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:
		The Court shall send the parties a copy of this <i>Order</i> via mail or e-mail based on the preferred method of service noted in the case record for each party. The Court shall additionally publish this <i>Order</i> in the Hocak Worak for two (2) consecutive issues as well as posting it on the Judiciary’s webpage. The Court uses these extraordinary measures of publication to ensure notice to all the affected parties.
		The following <i>Order shall</i> be effective November 15, 2024 , to allow the publication of this <i>Order</i> . However, in cases where the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency has already filed a <i>Motion to Cease Withholding</i> and no party objected within the allotted ten (10) day timeframe, this <i>Order shall</i> go into effect immediately.
		This <i>Order shall</i> remain in effect until such time as the child support orders are otherwise modified by the Court. Should evidence of a foreign court’s case closure be filed then the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court may also close its case file. Likewise, if evidence is filed showing that there is no remaining child support or arrears to be collected then the Court may close its file.
		Parties with standing ⁶ shall have the right to challenge the impact of this <i>Order</i> in accordance with the <i>Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure</i> , Rule 58, <u>Amendment to or Relief from Judgment or Order</u> , by filing a <i>Motion to Amend</i> or for <i>Relief from Judgment</i> within ten (10) calendar days from November 15, 2024 . Otherwise parties may file an appeal so long as it complies with the <i>Rules of Appellate Procedure</i> (hereinafter <i>HCN R. App. P.</i>), specifically <i>Rules of Appellate Procedure</i> , Rule 7, Right of Appeal.” <i>HCN R. Civ. P.</i> 61. The appellant “shall within sixty (60) calendar days after the day such judgment or order was rendered, file with the Supreme Court Clerk, a <i>Notice of Appeal</i> from such judgment or order, together with a filing fee as stated in the appendix or schedule of fees.” <i>HCN R. App. P.</i> 7(b)(1). “All subsequent actions of a final <i>Judgment</i> or Trial Court <i>Order</i> must follow the [<i>HCN R. App. P.</i>]” <i>HCN R. Civ. P.</i> 61.
		IT IS SO ORDERED this 9th day of October 2024, by the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court located in Black River Falls, WI within the sovereign lands of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
		 Honorable Jo Deen B. Lowe Chief Trial Court Judge
		⁶ Individuals who might have standing include parties with an open child support case, the legal custodian of a minor who is the subject of a child support case, a foreign jurisdiction with a vested interest in enforcement or the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency.


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Black River Falls, WI 54615
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found, so it is important that people report them to the DNR when they do. Reporting dens helps the DNR meet the sample size requirements for our study and increases the accuracy of the black bear population estimate.

Helpful information to report to the bear research team includes:

- GPS coordinates
- Photo of the den, ideally showing it in relation to its surroundings, from a safe distance (approximately 30 yards)
- Description of the site and surrounding area
- Any information on the bear(s) and bear activity near the site

Price Tack and her team will work with den reporters and landowners to visit the den before deciding to survey it, determining if it is safe,

accessible and in use. Den reporters, landowners and/or land managers are typically invited to help if there is a planned survey for the reported den. The team may not be able to visit every reported den location this season. Dens that are known to be currently occupied will be prioritized.

What Data Will Be Collected

DNR staff will collect biological data from these dens, including sex, age, weight and body measurements. Mother bears, or sows, will be outfitted with a GPS collar, one of the most important pieces for collecting data. Collars help staff learn more about bear foraging behavior and locate the sows in the following years. Revisiting the sows will help staff determine the reproductive success of each sow, such as her litter frequency, litter size and the survival rates of the cubs.

While surveying, bear health and safety are a

top priority. Designated staff monitor the sow's breathing and heart rate while the rest of the team quickly gathers the needed samples and measurements. Any cubs present at the den are carefully weighed and sexed. Cubs are tucked into staff's coats to keep them warm because the cubs cannot yet regulate their own temperature. Once researchers finish collecting samples and fitting the GPS collar, the sow and cubs are put back into their den. This process can be seen in a recent episode of PBS Wisconsin's "Wisconsin Life" series.

Looking Ahead

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey team will continue to survey dens for the next four to five years. Over that time, the team hopes to get 100 collars out across the bear management zones, with approximately 20 collars per zone.

Teejop & Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations



Teejop & Beyond at Madison Public Library welcomes a variety of Native artists, storytellers, and community leaders for a series of programs celebrating indigenous people in and beyond Teejop. We invite you to attend programs!

The KICC Anishinaabe Music Circle

Sat, Nov 9, 1-3pm | Lakeview Library

Learn about Anishinaabe musical instruments with Dawn and Rob Moneyhan. Included will be hand drums, flutes, and different types of shakers. Participants will have an opportunity to play along and learn how the instruments are made, the history behind them, how they are played, and any other audience questions. No registration required.



Growing Up Native in Wisconsin - Storytelling and Writing Workshop

Fri, Nov 15, 6-8pm | Lakeview Library

Join Ho-Chunk elder and writer, Sherman Funmaker, as he presents his original poetry and stories of a Native life in Wisconsin. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and share their writings. No registration required.

Ho-Chunk Food Tasting

Sat, Nov 16, 1-2pm

Meadowridge Library
Come sample a few dishes the Ho Chunk people deem as traditional foods, including wild rice casserole, wild rice soup, frybread, fruit, and more. Supplies are limited; first come, first served. No registration required.



madpl.org/teejopandbeyond



NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL
RUN OFF ELECTION
Saturday, November 16, 2024



LEGISLATOR
DISTRICT 2, SEAT 1

Conroy R. Greendeer, Jr.
Damian Thundercloud

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 2. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election which will be held due to the removal of Robert Funmaker, Jr, District 2, Seat 1 effective September 18, 2024 by Resolution 09-18-24A. 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.

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:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual’s name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period, Section 11. c. ii. (Deadline, Sunday, October 27, 2024).

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Monday, November 11, 2024, by 4:30 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.

Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
W8801 Mission Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
TELEPHONE: (715) 284-8900
TOLL FREE: (800) 890-0583
FAX: (715) 284-8600
E-MAIL: Election.board@ho-chunk.com

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

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 results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:

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

SPECIAL ELECTION
Saturday, November 16, 2024

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, October 21, 2024

POST ELIGIBLE VOTER’S LIST
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE
VOTER’S LIST MUST BE
RECEIVED BY
4:30 PM
Sunday, October 27, 2024

LAST DAY TO REQUEST
ABSENTEE BALLOTS
4:30 PM
Monday, November 11, 2024

POLLING PLACES OPEN AT
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Other Polling Sites will be closed during this Special Election