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Employees Post Signs Directing Trail Riders to Ho-Chunk Gaming and Hotel

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls was out on May 11 getting the trails ready for opening day! Our trail signs point you to even more fun!
The Jackson County Parks and Trails are located near Black River Falls and is home to some of the best

ATV/UTV riding and camping in the state. The trails opened May 15 and close October 26.
All information related to the trail system is posted on their Facebook page "Jackson County Parks & Trails" and on their website www.co.jackson.wi.us.



Skyline Golf Club Dedicates Plaque Recognizing Support from the Ho-Chunk Nation

A special moment at Skyline Golf Course on May 11 as Representatives Smoke and Rave joined Board President Derek Ahl and Course Manager Tyler Millis for the official plaque dedication. The plaque recognizes recent improvements to the driving range made possible in part through support from the Ho-Chunk Nation.
The Skyline Golf Club is an 18-hole public golf course located at 612 N 11th Street in Black River Falls, WI.



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Ho-Chunk Candidate Raises Concerns After Campaign Sign Removed by Police

Kaili Berg

A Ho-Chunk Nation candidate running for re-election says a tribal member was left confused and frustrated after one of her campaign signs was removed from their yard by a police officer in Black River Falls.

Phyllis Smoke, who is running to retain her seat as District 1 Seat 1 Legislator, shared the incident online that a tribal member found her campaign sign removed from their yard, with a handwritten note left behind citing a “state law” requiring signs be taken down within seven days after an election.

The note referenced Wisconsin’s Trans 201.16, which governs the display of political signs related to state elections.

“Of all the things happening in our communities, why would they put so much attention on a small yard sign?” Smoke wrote. She added that in all her years, she had never seen a sign removed in this manner and stressed that the election is still weeks away.

The Ho-Chunk Nation General Election is scheduled for June 3, 2025, with absentee ballot requests due by

May 24.

Smoke posted a photo of the handwritten note left behind by the officer, which reads:

“Per State Law Political signs need TO BE removed 7 days after election. Call PD if you have questions.”

In a statement provided by Police Chief Travis Brown, the department confirmed the incident and clarified that it was the result of confusion following a separate complaint.

According to Chief Brown, the department had received a report about lingering Donald Trump signs still being displayed beyond the allowed timeframe. Officers were then instructed to remove any signs that appeared to violate the state’s political signage laws.

One officer mistakenly believed the Ho-Chunk campaign sign was

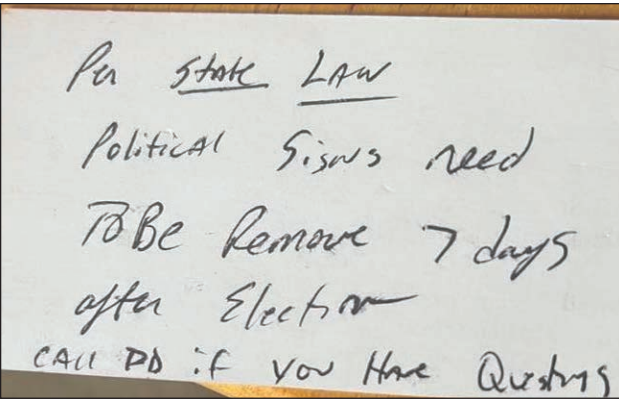
related to a local school board race and removed it under that directive.

The sign was not confiscated but left on the property next to the residence along with a note explaining the rule.


After learning the sign was related to an ongoing tribal election, Chief Brown personally visited the elder tribal member, apologized, and confirmed the sign could remain in place.

“I advised the elder tribal member it was a mistake,” Brown wrote. “I also advised this was not intentionally done to show any disrespect to the sign, what it represented, or any specific tribal member. I told the elder tribal member that if the sign was put back up it would not be bothered again.”

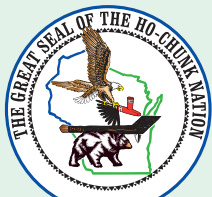
The sign has since been restored to the property.



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The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources is looking for 2 youth that have a desire to learn about forestry, wildlife and land conservation practices. In order to be eligible you must be an enrolled tribal member, age 16-19, be self-motivated, and have an interest to work in natural resources. Additional details are as follows:

What: 2025 DNR Tribal Summer Youth Program

When: June 23 – July 31

Where: Report daily to the TOB DNR Office & will be working outdoors on various HCN properties


Work day/hours: 6:00am – 4:30pm (Monday – Thursday)

Wage: \$13.69/hr

If you are interested, please write a one page (minimum requirement) essay which outlines previous work experience, outdoor related experiences and why you would like to have and would be a good fit for the position. Essays are due by no later than 4:30pm on May 29th. Essays will be accepted via email to Karen.green@ho-chunk.com, they also can be dropped off at the HCN DNR Office, or can be submitted via postal mail at (c/o Ho-Chunk Nation DNR) W9814 Airport Rd., Black River Falls, WI 54615.

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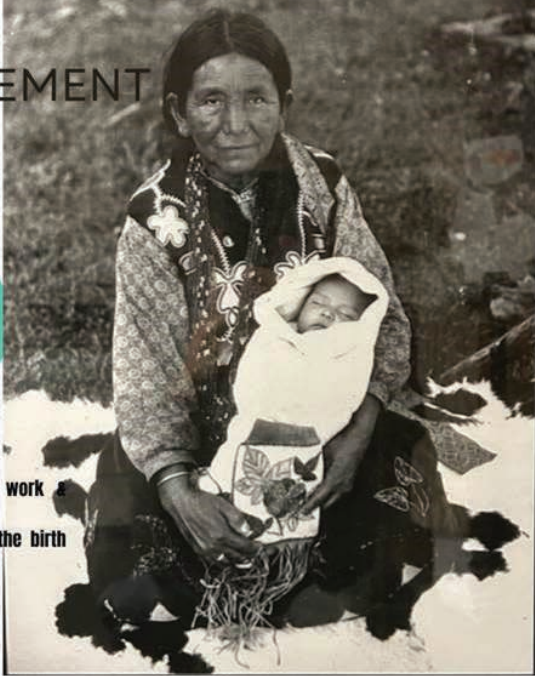
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- ABILITY TO TEAM WITH BIRTH PARENT SOCIAL WORKER & OTHERS



Black River Health Obstetrics Nurse Receives National Recognition

Congratulations to Dana Hanson, Registered Nurse, for Receiving the Prestigious DAISY Award

Black River Health (BRH) is proud to announce that Dana Hanson, Registered Nurse and dedicated member of the BRH Obstetrics (OB) team, has been honored with the esteemed DAISY Award. This recognition highlights Dana’s exceptional commitment to compassionate patient care and clinical excellence.

The DAISY Award, established by the Daisy Foundation, was created in honor of J. Patrick Barnes, whose family wanted to honor the exceptional nurses who cared for him during his battle with an autoimmune disease. Today, the award is presented nationwide to nurses who go above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of their patients, embodying the values of care, compassion, and professionalism.

“We are beyond thrilled to see Dana receive this

well-deserved recognition,” said Julia Smith, Vice President of Patient Care Services of Black River Health. “The DAISY Award is an important reminder of the incredible impact nurses have on patient care, and Dana’s commitment to excellence serves as an inspiration to all of us.”

Dana’s exemplary work continues to inspire her colleagues and the patients she serves, making her an invaluable asset to our team. Please join us in congratulating her on this well-deserved recognition.

If you would like to nominate a nurse for a DAISY Award, you can find the nomination form on the DAISY Foundation website at <https://www.daisyfoundation.org/daisy-award/thank-your-nurse-nomination>.



June
Elders Birthdays

1 Diana Hellerud
Barbara Helgeson
Jean Stacy-Snow
Ralph Bigsoldier

2 David Owen
Betty Conley
Jody Tipton

3 Jeffery Lebeck
Lucinda Lonetree
Denise Michalski

4 Virginia Raczka
Robert La Mere

5 Sharon Casillas
Montgomery Green
Sirena Bertelsen
Michael Decorah
Terri Franta
Marni Carus

6 Timothy Tebo
Kyle Funmaker
Joseph Lebeck
Lance Long
Owen Snyder III
Jones Decorah

7 Lisa Cabasos
Sharon Pettibone
Karen Dorow
Albert Yellowthunder III
Jacqueline Henneha

8 Kathy Blackhawk
Bruce Blackdeer

9 Dawn Decorah
Diane Littlegeorge
Kay Beverly
Francine Woman Dress
Patricia Youngthunder
Andrea Armendariz

10 Rita Wolf
Lorinda Bird
Liane Brown
Tony Redbird
Roxanne Anderson

11 Curtis Mallory, Jr.
Earl Lemieux
Terrence Snake
Tina Froeba

12 Jebette Sine
Vivian Flitsch
Kathleen Whitewater
Victoria Ortiz

13 Nettie Kingsley
Mary Enright
Amy Clark
Sandra Barta

14 Thomas King
Mann Falcon
Rosanne Alberts
Marian Miner
Cynthia Hovde

15 Willard Mach
Christopher Rivera
Faye White
Susan Tuescher
Jeffery Savage

16 Dawn Reichhoff
Dane Decorah
Valerie Guimaraes

17 Alfred Snowball, Jr.
Roxanne Johnson

18 Jonathan Machyniak
Peggy Friske
Tarren King

19 Brent Funmaker
Patrick Mallory

20 Mona Garthune
Kim Stolarczyk
Elliott Funmaker, Sr.
Glenn Lonetree
Daryll Bird

21 Michelle Funmaker

22 Deborah Arnold
Marie Lewis

23 George Lewis, Jr.

24 Lavetta Cloud
Edward Cloud
Terrence Johnson
Bettina Warner

25 Dallas White

26 Wilson White Eagle
Donald Monegar
Vera Hodges
Patricia White
Elizabeth Haller
Eugene Ortiz
Penny Octuck Cole

28 Eileen Funmaker
Roselie Zeolla
Ricardo Osbon

29 Nicodemus Leonard
Lawrence Kirkwood

30 Mary Mullen
Leila Cameron
Joanne Mann
Karen Hopinkah-Ramberg
Kathy Hannan
Anita Youngthunder
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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be June 6th which will be published on June 13th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Submit Your 2025 Graduate Materials Before June 20

Ardith Van Riper, Editor

The Hocak Worak will feature a special section showcasing our 2025 graduates. The graduates include college, high school, and head start. Families will need to email materials before June 20 to appear in this showcase.

Email Newsletter@ho-chunk.com to submit materials before the June 20 deadline.

The materials include:

1. Photo of graduate
2. Name of graduate
3. Hocak name (optional)
4. Parents/Guardians names
5. Place graduating from Degree (for college graduates) Future Endeavors or Extra-Curricular Activities

The showcase will appear in Issue 13 which publishes June 27.


2025 GRADUATE SHOWCASE


Congratulations class of 2025!


The Hocak Worak will feature college, high school, and head start graduates in a special section.

Submit a photo and information via email before June 20.

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HO-CHUNK GAMING

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This event is sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court.
(Door prizes, food, and beverages!)

June 20, 2025 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Robinson Park: 1941 Apricot Street (East Side) Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

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Michelle Oravez @ ext. 13411 email: michelle.oravez@ho-chunk.com or Robert Mann @ ext. 13402 email: robert.mann@ho-chunk.com

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Spring Foraging Walks

Update: Postponed

Black River Falls & Dells Area

with Nicholas WazeeGale

Saturday June 14th, 2025

10:00 am - 12:00pm in Dells Area - 9 Eagles W1530 Cliff House in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin 53944

2:00pm - 4:00pm BRF in the Mission At the State Trail 0.7 miles in on Pettibone Pass, at the bridge. Park safely on side of road.

Please bring a gathering bag! Also bug spray, your own water bottle and a jacket if appropriate!

Sign-up is requested for planning purposes.
BRF: Kathy Braaten at 715.284.9851 ext. 35335 or kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com
Dells: Alex Richeson at 608-355-1240 ext. 35511 or alex.richeson@ho-chunk.com

S.O.S.!

Strengthen Our Sovereignty! Part 6

Sow your Seeds with Care

It's time!!!! Whether you order from seed catalogs, go on-line, find some at Walmart, or find some from last year, it's time to put the seeds in! Conventional wisdom for Garden Zone 4B says we should wait until June 1 because the threat of frost (going below 32 degrees at night) has not yet passed, but May 15 is only two weeks ahead... and if your gamble of two weeks pays off, you'll get to harvest earlier.

SEED SELECTION

What do you want to grow? It's no fun if you don't plants a whole bunch of favorites.

You can even go by theme! You could grow a tea garden, herb or cottage garden, or even a pizza garden. It's especially fun if you have kids around, and you tap into their imaginations on how you might do a certain theme. If they pick a pizza garden, you might not be able to grow the sausage or pepperoni, but you could grow paste tomatoes and herbs for the sauce, maybe some onions, perhaps green peppers. Everything pizzas are great!

Maybe you like the thought of fairies in your garden. Tiny blooms and plants that make shelters are fun. You can make fairy houses out of old tea kettles, a mismatched boot, coffee can, or other odd junk treasure in your house. You can even make the little fairy yards look nice with flat rock sidewalks, although you might find a matchbox wheelbarrow along the way. If it's nice enough in a good part of town, you might even get a few little people who would like to stay for a while. Treat the little people like you would any guest by offering some food and drink when they get there, or you may find that you have some missing keys or a phone you just cannot seem to find.

My husband gets a kick out of growing potatoes. When they are ready, he'll pull the plants out and start digging for the buried treasure! It's so amazing after a season of growing, how many potatoes can be produced. (OK, maybe we don't get out much in your opinion. Whatever! It's our fun!)

Potatoes remind me that if you have some potatoes that are getting a little old and they've sprouted eyes, it is possible that you might be able to grow a potato plant from that eye. There are several foods (always better if they are organic) where you can start a plant by using the leftover cutting, like celery, scallion, ginger, lettuce, sweet potatoes, bean sprouts, peppers, root vegetables, cabbage, or (for the seriously adventurous) a pineapple! Check the internet for more kinds of plants that can be grown this way. If you don't have the cuttings or not enough of them, you can usually go to your local garden center to get seed potatoes or onions...

GOOD SOWING PAYS OFF

The first consideration is to be sure that you do not plant any seeds ahead of their scheduled planting times.

After you have properly prepared and leveled off your soil, you are ready to start sowing. Get a good strong cord, as long as the longest row in your garden. With a one foot stake ties at each end. Use this cord, pulled taut, as a guide in laying out rows that are straight. I'm more of a Darwinian gardener, so I tend to plant in not-so-straight rows and long live the fittest.

But as a beginning gardener, you ought to follow the instructions on the seed packets. I did that in my first years, and it worked pretty well. If there are no directions, go to the internet! (Seeing a pattern here? The internet has a LOT of information on gardening.) We are all supposed to follow the instructions on the seed packets faithfully. If the directions say plant the seed one inch deep, then make your furrow one inch deep. To make a furrow, use a small stick or the handle of a hoe or rake. For deeper furrows, use the corner of your hoe. If the grower says to plant the seeds two inches apart, then do that.

Larger seeds like peas or beans, can be placed in the furrow one at a time. If the seeds are very tiny, cut a small piece off the corner of the envelope and tap the seeds out gently, just a few at a time.

KEEP SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN ROWS


Keeping row closer together than what is recommended only cases crowding and the inevitable loss of the plants, soil, and time. When rows are too close together, it is impossible to cultivate them properly as the plants grow. Cultivating the soil is a weekly scratching of the soil surface. Under crowded circumstances it is possible for a row of larger plants to completely cover a neighboring row of smaller plants, either killing or preventing the latter from maturing.

Now, having said this, you may have heard of the three-sisters planting (corn, squash and beans) and may wish to try it. This is how our ancestors in their long-term wisdom coordinated this symbiotic relationship. Go ahead. I personally have had quite the time trying to coordinate the planting times to make a successful group grow. With three sisters planting, the stalk provides structure for the beans. The squash helps with moisture retention and the dead leaves provide good mulch, and the beans help add nitrogen and other nutrients to the soil. I figure our ancestors did a lot of thinking through millennia to come up with this mutually beneficial combination. By the way, I heard a lecture partly hosted by our own Department of Agriculture. The speaker talked about how prior to corn being so popular, the Ho-Chunk may have used sunflowers as the structure to support the beans. Just some food for thought.

FILL IN AND TAMP

After your seed is in, take up the guide cord and fill in the furrow to a point slightly above the level of the surrounding ground. Next, with your hoe temp the earth down gently but firmly. Remember that too much pressure at this time is worse than none at all. Those little seeds have to bust through that dirt! Keep careless feet from trampling upon your hidden seeds by placing a spare stake at both ends of the row, and LABEL THE STAKE SO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU PLANTED. Mystery plants are only fun so long as you don't mind the guess work. I couldn't really appreciate it, especially when I started, but I have gotten better at identifying seedlings.

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Student of The Month May 2025

Antonio Deluna- Wakjexico


Ho-Chunk Nation Head Start
Parents: Anthony & Maren Deluna


Antonio is a bright and cheerful 4-year-old with a big heart. He's known for his kindness, respect, and ever-present smile that lights up any room.

Activities & Hobbies:
Antonio loves singing and dancing. He enjoys practicing the Ho-Chunk Flag Song on his hand drum and is always eager to share his culture and joy with others.

Sports & Fitness:
Antonio stays active through dance and play. His energy and rhythm shine through in everything he does!

Other Achievements:
Antonio is a great friend at Head Start who listens well and follows directions. He is always polite, saying "please" and "p̓j̓nagigi"—and holds doors open for others, especially his mom. He brings positive vibes everywhere he goes!





Student of The Month May 2025


Parker Kowalke

12th Grade - Sauk Prairie High School
Parents: Brent Kowalke & Jamie Littlegeorge -Kowalke

Parker is a compassionate and driven student planning to study nursing at Madison College. Inspired by his own experience as a patient at American Family Children's Hospital, he hopes to work there one day, supporting children and families. He's currently completing a CNA course and volunteering in the Sauk Prairie ER to prepare for his future in healthcare.

Hobbies & Activities:
Parker volunteers with the Circles program through 6:8 and at the Sauk Prairie ER, where he's gaining real-world experience and giving back to his community.

Other Achievements:
Parker was honored with the 2024 6:8 Youth Leadership Award for his outstanding volunteerism in the Circles program—an award he has received twice during high school. His leadership, compassion, and drive to make a difference have earned him the respect of his peers and teachers alike.





Student of The Month May 2025

Hailee Scheurich

12th Grade
Parents: Ben & Jacqui Simplot

A dedicated leader, athlete, and role model, this student stands out for her involvement, academics, and passion for helping others.

Activities & Hobbies:
Active in FCCLA, Wąkšik Wacek, Art Club, Band, and Raise Your Voice (Vice President). She mentors younger students through Big Paw-Little Paw and helps organize Hoops for Hope. She also supports youth sports through camps and open gyms with the JC Twisters.

Sports & Fitness:
Varsity athlete in Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. Earned All-Academic Honors from both the Wisconsin Volleyball and Basketball Coaches Associations.

Other Achievements:
Graduating Cum Laude and recipient of the Hallmark Scholarship from Viterbo University, where she'll major in Nursing and minor in ASL, with future plans to become a Midwife.





Student of The Month May 2025


Stacee Sky - Wiigysrata-inga

Western Technical College - La Crosse Campus
Parent: Alfreda Skye

Stacee is a passionate and hardworking student at Western Technical College – La Crosse Campus, where she is pursuing an Associate's degree in Human Services.

Activities & Hobbies:
Stacee is an active member of the Human Services Club, building skills and connections to serve her community. enjoys sewing, reading true crime books, and—most importantly—spending quality time with her two fun and rambunctious kids, Arnold and Marlena.

Other Achievements:
Since beginning her studies in the Summer 2024, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA every semester. With plans to earn a Bachelor's in Social Work, Stacee is passionate about supporting domestic violence survivors and those experiencing homelessness.





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Forward-facing



Booster

Have car seat questions?

Not sure if you have your new car seat in correctly?

Concerned your car seat has expired or recalled?

Car Seat Check Event!

When: June 12th, 2025
Where: Black River Falls Health Fair,
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

**N7261 WARRIOR AVE, Black River Falls,
Open to all Tribal Members, Employees and Families!**

Get your car seat questions answered by our Certified Passenger Safety Technicians!

Questions or More Information
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Planning Spring Foraging? maq woojq honi

REMINDER:
BE CAARASGAPKE AWARE AS YOU
(Wood Tick)
GO OUT THIS SPRING!

HIRAKIKARARE:
(TAKE CARE)

- USE REPELLENT
- WEAR LONG PANTS AND SHIRTS
- AVOID OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES AT DUSK AND DAWN
- CHECK FOR TICKS AFTER BEING OUTDOORS



DNR Seeking Tips On Illegal Elk Shooting

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) needs the public’s help to gather information on the illegal killing of a bull elk in Jackson County.

DNR staff received and responded to a report of a dead elk on the morning of Tuesday, March 18. The elk was located off East Snow Creek Road and on private property north of the city of Black River Falls where department staff were conducting elk capture efforts to radio-collar and relocate a small group of elk.

Following a necropsy to investigate the cause of the mortality, it was determined the bull had died

from injuries sustained from a gunshot wound.

The bull, known as #244, was wearing a GPS radio collar which, along with nearby cellular trail cameras, has provided investigators detailed information related to the illegal shooting.

This bull was one of the last remaining elk originally brought from Kentucky in 2016 and has served as one of the primary breeding bulls for the Central Elk Herd.

“The illegal shooting of bull 244 is a tremendous loss for the central elk herd and citizens of Wisconsin. The illegal harvest of a bull of this magnitude reduces opportunity to the hunting

community and to recreationalists attempting to photograph or see elk within Jackson County,” said Christina Kizewski, central elk herd biologist. “Bull 244 was one of the largest and most photographed bulls in the state and has contributed to the successful growth of the newly established herd through his breeding efforts.”

The DNR asks the public to share any information – no matter how small it may seem – with the DNR’s confidential Violation Hotline online or by calling 1-800-847-9367.

No other information is available currently as the investigation continues.

PROTECTING OUR ELDERS






Awareness, Prevention & Intervention

In honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day we are inviting you to join us for a conversation on the different types of elder abuse and how to recognize the signs, along with services and prevention strategies that could help.

Monday, June 2nd
2:30pm - 4:00pm - for Community Partners
In Person or Virtual: Email aps-jc@jacksoncountyiwi.gov for the link.
Jackson Co. Department of Health & Human Services
421 County Road R, Black River Falls, WI

5:00pm - 6:30pm - for General Public
Black River Falls Public Library
222 Fillmore Street, Black River Falls, WI

Questions? Call Jackson Co. Aging & Disability Services at 715-284-4301.
Brought to you by: Jackson County Adult Protective Services, Bolton Refuge House, Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services – Domestic Abuse, Adult Protection and Prevention, and Tribal Memory Care Coordinator



#WEAAD is June 15th

Peter Edward Rockman

October 23, 1982 – May 13, 2025

Peter Edward Rockman, 42, of Wausau, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at his mother’s home in Wittenberg.

Pete was born on October 23, 1982, in Shawano. The son of Peter Shawanokasic and Leola Rockman.

Pete loved to travel. In his early years, Pete spent summers in Ohio working at Cedar Point Amusement Park and in the winter months, he worked at a ski resort in Montana. Pete later settled in Wausau and worked in the restaurant business for many years, making many lasting friendships. He worked as a manager at Politos, worked in the kitchen at The Great Dane and most recently at Toppers Pizza. Pete loved spending time with his family, especially his nephews, Khai and Quey. He enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers, playing video games and taking his mom to bingo.


Pete is survived by his mother, Leola Rockman of Wittenberg; his father, Peter Shawanokasic of Keshena; two brothers, Dana Rockman and Josh (Ashley) Andritsch; nephews, Khaius Grayson and Aquilus Gabriel; special friends, Erin Lindsay and Alan Raff; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Pete was preceded in death by

his grandparents, Viginia and Joe Shawanokasic and Larry and Carol Lynch; uncles, several cousins and other relatives.

Devotional services will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 7PM following the meal at 5 PM at The Siga Funmaker Community Center. Mr. Kelly LaMere will lead. A Visitation and viewing will be held from 10 AM until 12 Noon on Friday, May 16, 2025, with Devotional services and a meal to follow at The Siga Funmaker Community Center.

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



DNR Announces Milkweed As 2025 Plant Species Of The Year



Wisconsin is home to 13 species of native milkweed, and five of these are considered rare. Adding a common species, like swamp milkweed, to your home garden can help pollinators. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR.

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announces milkweed as the Rare Plant Monitoring Program’s 2025 Plant of the Year and encourages planting milkweed to help monarchs.

Milkweed is an important plant for monarch butterflies and a beautiful addition to any home garden. When combined with a few native plants that bloom throughout the spring and summer, your garden can support an even wider variety of pollinators.

Of the 13 native milkweed in Wisconsin, five are listed as endangered, threatened or special concern. Showy milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*) is the state’s only nonnative milkweed.

“Monarch butterflies face several major threats, including habitat loss, pesticides and climate change,” said Jay Watson, DNR insect ecologist. “Planting milkweed can help create habitat for monarchs, other butterflies and bumble bees.”

Monarchs breed in Wisconsin throughout the spring and summer, and they need milkweed to survive. It’s the only plant that monarchs lay their eggs on, and it’s the only food

that monarch caterpillars eat. Once a monarch reaches adulthood, they may still use milkweed for nectar, but a variety of native plants that bloom from spring to fall are also important.

In late fall, monarchs migrate south to Mexico, where they overwinter in tight clusters. Each year, scientists estimate monarch populations by how much space they occupy, measured in hectares, while overwintering. While 2024-2025 numbers found 1.79 hectares up from .99 hectares the prior season, both are part of a decades-long decline in their population.

The Rare Plant Monitoring Program is a group of trained volunteers who work with the DNR to locate, record and update the presence of rare plants throughout the state. The plant of the year becomes a focus for volunteers who can request rare milkweed surveys and contribute to a statewide status update on these species.

To find native milkweed plants near you, visit the lists of native plant sales and native plant nurseries around the state on our Native Plants webpage.

Learn more about the Rare Plant Monitoring Program in the 2024 report.

Indian Country Priorities in the Changing Federal Landscape: Economic Development as a Path to Self-Sufficiency

Originally published by Blue Stone Strategy Partners. Reprinted with permission. Written by Joe Nayquonabe, Chief Strategy Office at Blue Stone Strategy Partners and Director at Twelve Clans, Inc.

Honor the treaties. These three words are on posters in tribal offices, on the side of buildings throughout Indian Country in the form of street art, on the backs of Indian people thanks to Steven Paul Judd and others that have printed the words on T-shirts so that we can make simultaneous political and fashion statements, and most importantly these words, honor the treaties, are in the forefront of our thinking given the new Federal policies.

Let's be clear, we've seen this before. The dog whistle may have a more fevered pitch, but we've been through this before and each time we've persevered as people because the generations before us were able to lead us through the changing environment. From small pivots to bold shifts, our elders navigated the policy landscape and steered us to survival and eventually to a place where we can thrive.

This place, this platform we've built through Indian Gaming and self-determination that has amplified our ability to create a vibrant middle-class in Indian Country, is undeniably under attack. The time for pivots and bold shifts is upon us once again. We need to reduce our reliance on the federal government by recommitting and by doubling down on building and expanding our own tribal economies. I believe there are three pillars for tribal economic sovereignty: Iron-clad Governance, Diversified Business Portfolios, and Capacity Building.

The Economic Sovereignty Triangle Governance
To accelerate the growth of our economies we

will need to attract outside capital. Our businesses and institutions need to reflect the principles of strong corporate governance. Smart money follows smart governance. Period. Investors need certainty more than they need opportunity. I've consulted with hundreds of businesses, and none — zero — put capital into jurisdictions where the rules change with political winds. This isn't optional; it's table stakes. Aspects to consider include the following:

Transparency and Stability: Investors are going to want clear, consistent tax, regulatory, and contract enforcement policies. These reduce uncertainty and perceived risk.

Separation of Politics from Business: Investors do not want the strategy and focus of a company to change with the political winds. They want professional management that is not hampered by bureaucracy and instability.

Defined Business Structures: Tribes may use entities like tribally chartered corporations, state LLCs, or section 17 corporations for example. Clear laws and bodies around business structures can provide tax advantages while ensuring clear operational guidelines for businesses.

Access to Investment-ready Projects: Investors require projects with well-developed plans, proper appraisals, and demonstrated capacity to execute. Communities that address limited infrastructure, leadership capacity, and project scale can improve the prospects of successful ventures.

Alignment with Long-term Goals: Governance should align investment projects with community priorities such as economic self-sufficiency, sustainability, and job creation as opposed to short-term goals or campaign promises.

Disclosure Standards: Tribes can improve access to capital by adopting stringent disclosure policies

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Economic Development as a Path to Self-Sufficiency

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such as creating corporate websites for discoverable data and information or voluntarily sharing financial and operational information.

All these aspects are going to exist on a continuum within each tribal nation as either a small pivot or a bold shift. No matter where you fall, advancing these aspects will help create an environment where investors feel secure in deploying capital while respecting community sovereignty and goals.


Diversified Portfolio of Businesses
Do you remember Blockbuster? When I was growing up every Friday evening, we would wait around the living room in anticipation of my dad coming home from work. He would be coming from *Continued on Page 10*



Ho-Chunk Department of Health

Division of Environmental Health

Free Rabies Clinic!



Pet owners: We are having rabies vaccination clinics for your pets! It is very important that your animal be vaccinated to protect its health and the health of your family. Puppies and kittens need to be at least 3 months old to receive the vaccination.

May 7th	Blue Wing Community Center 320 Epinal Lane	9:00 A.M. -- 11:30 A.M.
May 7th	Nekoosa TAU 4910 Winneshiek Lane	1:30 P.M. -- 4:00 P.M.
May 14th	House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Lane	9:00 A.M. -- 12:00 P.M.
May 14th	Winnebago Heights TAU E8863 Winneshiek Road	2:00 P.M. -- 4:00 P.M.
May 21st	Wittenberg Community Center W17634 Radke Road	11:00 A.M. -- 2:00 P.M.
May 28th	BRF Sand Pillow Community Center N7160 Low Cloud Road	9:00 A.M. -- 12:00 P.M.
May 28th	BRF Indian Mission W8802 Mission Road	1:30 P.M. -- 4:30 P.M.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DOGS ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CRATES.

Distemper/Parvo vaccine available for dogs at \$5.00 per dog.

FVR/FPL vaccine available for cats \$5.00 per cats.

Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis.

Open to all Tribal Members.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at: 1-888-4422, ext 35062

MAA HITAWUS WIIRA

May: Earth Drying Moon


HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Hjįšge (Basswood)

Nqą'ap (Leaf)

About Basswood Leaves:

- The leaves and bark of these trees have been utilized for centuries. Mats, baskets and types of clothing could be woven from the leaves.
- They would also have been used for wrapping or covering foods, serving as a container lid.
- The leaves were sometimes brewed into a tea, which was believed to have soothing properties, especially for coughs, colds, and respiratory issues. Studies show that these leaves have protective properties when fighting certain skin infections.
- During spring, when the basswood leaves are young and shiny, they have a sweet, tasty flavor. While foraging, it's a great idea to add these leaves to a fresh spring salad.



BASSWOOD LEAF SALAD WITH MAPLE VINAIGRETTE DRESSING

Ingredients:

- 2 Tablespoons oil of choice
- 2 Tablespoons real maple syrup
- 2 Tablespoons vinegar of choice
- 1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- Chopped young basswood leaves
- Chopped spinach leaves

Steps:

- To Make the Vinaigrette: In a jar, shake the first four together. Or, in a bowl, whisk the ingredients together.
- To Make the Salad: Toss a small amount of dressing with basswood and spinach leaves. Toss well, add more as needed. The leaves should be lightly coated and glossy.
- Optional: Add fruit of your choice. Try fresh berries in season like blueberries, strawberries, blackberries or raspberries. Fall fruits also work great including chopped apples or pears, or try mandarin oranges, kiwifruit, or dried fruit anytime! Cubed, roasted winter squash is another great option. Add nuts or seeds for a crunchy topper!

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

For more Information Contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/ Nutritionist:

BRF, Tomah, Wittenberg areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 35335
BRF, La Crosse areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 35340
Dells, Nekoosa, Madison areas: (888) 552-7889, ext. 35554

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<http://health.ho-chunk.com/>

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BRF CANNING CLASS

Haascek Jam

(Strawberry)

Thursday June 19th
4-6pm at D1CC
N7261 Warrior Ave., Black River Falls



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Book!**

**Take home
a jar of fresh
strawberry
jam!**



Class provided by UW-Extension
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Contact Nutritionist Kathy Braaten to RSVP for your jar of strawberry jam
kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com OR 715.284.9851 Ext 35335



Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
Division of Public Health

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family conversations

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

Wednesdays 1pm-2pm

June 11th
Giving our kids a Head Start
Laurel Meek, Head Start Director

June 25th
Keeping Our Minds Strong: Understanding Alzheimer's and Reducing Risk Together
Heidi Neeley
Program Coordinator & Research Champion



JOIN NOW

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If you have a topic you'd like to learn about, a topic you'd like to present, and to learn more contact:

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**HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

SUMMER 2025 BLOCK PARTIES

**HEALTH RESOURCES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES,
DOOR PRIZES, AND FREE FOOD!**

1PM-5:30PM

June 4th
Siga Funmaker Community Center
W17634 Radke Rd, Wittenberg

Hoocąk Waazija Hacı - Language division
Waagax Hokiruxaraxara Hosto - Community library
Three Bridges Recovery Wisconsin Inc
The Women's Community
Health First
ADRC of Wolf River Region
Alzheimer's Association
and many more!

Kids corner
crafts
activities
face
painting

Free event for tribal members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
This is a drug and alcohol free event
More info: Melissa.Govek@ho-chunk.com 715.284.9851 x35052



Fire Destroys Tank Creek Bridge Along Great River State Trail; Bridge Closed Until Further Notice

Cause Of Fire Under Investigation

TREMPEALEAU, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that the Tank Creek Bridge on the Great River State Trail is currently closed until further notice due to damage from a fire on Thursday evening, May 15, 2025.

There were no injuries reported but unfortunately the bridge is a total loss. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The bridge was originally built in 1957 as a railroad bridge for the abandoned Chicago-Northwestern railroad line and is over 200 feet long and located approximately three miles east of Trempealeau.

Due to the location of the bridge, there is no current route in place. A timeline and budget for replacement has not yet been established.

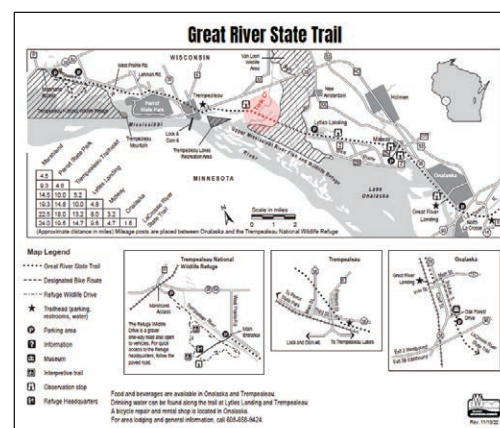
The DNR will be working to address the removal of any bridge debris as safely and quickly as possible. The public should not attempt to access this structure.

The Great River State Trail has 21 bridge structure with over 3,100 linear feet of bridges. Most of these bridges are 100-year-old railroad bridges. The trail is 24 miles long with a crushed limestone surface and extends through the upper Mississippi River valley connecting Trempealeau and Onalaska. The trail connects to the La Crosse River Trail to the south.

No other information is available and DNR staff are unable to accommodate interviews at this time. View the Great River State Trail webpage for updates on the trail closure.



The Tank Creek Bridge on the Great River State Trail is currently closed until further notice due to damage from a fire on Thursday evening, May 15. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR



Tribal IDs accepted during Real ID requirement

by Kalle Benallie
Reprint from ICT

Real ID requirements for domestic air travel have been enforced for nearly two weeks. Depending on the airport, passengers without a Real ID or an alternative form identification, like a passport, have been notified to get a Real ID.

The question: is tribal identification still accepted?

The Transportation Security Administration confirmed to ICT that “tribal photo identification issued by a federally-recognized Tribal Nation / Indian Tribe is accepted by TSA for identity verification purposes in the security checkpoint at airports nationwide.”

Kristi Noem, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, said on May 6 to a congressional panel that those with a passport or a tribal ID “may be diverted to a different line, have an extra step” after the Real ID deadline on May 7.

The TSA website states: “If your ID cannot be scanned by technology, you will be asked for a secondary ID that can be scanned. If you do not have a second ID, your Tribal ID will be inspected manually and cross-referenced with the Federal Register.”

The Federal Register uses the same list as the Bureau of Indian Affairs so tribal citizens will need to pay attention to the official name of the tribe on the BIA list. For example, the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nations will be listed as the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota.

Lauren van Schilfgaarde, Cochiti Pueblo, said that Noem's statement

was not an assurance because tribal identification had already been challenged and misunderstood by TSA officials before the Real ID Act. Van Schilfgaarde is an assistant professor of law at the University of California in Los Angeles with research on tribal sovereignty and federal Indian law.

"It is reasonable to speculate that tribal IDs are going to face additional scrutiny, putting additional burdens on Native people where the burden really should be the opposite," van Schilfgaarde said. "Many Native people can anecdotally say, as well as tribes say, that tribal IDs have had far from the uniform acceptance rate pre-Real ID Act and so this appears to be an intensifying critique of tribal IDs."

The Real ID Act was passed in 2005 as federal law in response to the Sept. 11 attacks. The law sets specific requirements for state-issued driver's licenses and prohibits federal agencies from accepting driver's licenses that do not comply with those requirements. Legal names have to be consistent across documents like social security cards and birth certificates.

There has been some opposition from states to Real ID because of the federal government's overreach in state laws and state ID license requirements.

Tribal identification is used to show tribal membership and enrollment and for services like the federal Indian Health Service. Van Schilfgaarde said it's not logistical if tribal identification can't be accepted.

“It is, as a first-order principle, an expression of tribal sovereignty. The ability for the tribe to dictate how tribal

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION

In accordance with 3HCC§66 Title: CIIRA RUŽEŽE (RAZE) ORDINANCE

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ho-Chunk Nation Residential Construction Inspector has conducted an inspection of the Property located at: 17917 Witt-Birn Townline Road. Wittenberg, WI 54499

It has been determined that the structure poses an imminent danger to life, property, or nearby buildings.

Pursuant to 3HCC§66 OF THE CIIRA RUŽEŽE (“RAZE”) ORDINANCE, the Ho-Chunk Nation (hereinafter “Nation”) has the legal authority to order immediate demolition without requiring an inspection warrant in order to protect health and safety of its Members and Communities.

The Property located at 17917 Witt-Birn Townline Road. Wittenberg, WI 54499 was found to have severe structural concerns, and the Nation has deemed this Property to be beyond repair.

The Nation ensures that the Residential Construction Inspector “shall enforce any and all Federal and Ho-Chunk Nation laws and lawful orders relating to the construction, alteration, repair, removal, location, occupancy, safety and use of buildings and permanent building equipment.” 8HCC15(7)(a).

After consultation with the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice, a PUBLIC NOTICE will be presented at the Property with approval of the Residential Construction Inspector and posted on the Property by the Residential Construction Inspector or Designee immediately.

Demolition is scheduled to begin on: June 24, 2025 and the property will be cleared per Ho-Chunk Nation policies and procedures. If demolition is completed as scheduled, the property will be secured and made safe at the earliest opportunity.

If the Owner of the Property disputes this decision, they MUST contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing IMMEDIATELY.

NOTE: DUE TO THE IMMEDIATE SAFETY CONCERNS OF THE PROPERTY, DELAYS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

Furthermore, any and all costs may be assessed against the Owner or Estate of Property as permitted by 3HCC§66(1)(f).

Any further objections by the Owner of the Property must be filed in person at the following Office:

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor
Attn: Frank Thunder, Residential Construction Inspector II
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: 715-284-9343, ext. 11251
Email address: Frank.Thunder@ho-chunk.com

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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
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Twin Cities AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, June 12, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

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Posted on: 5/19/25



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 Main Street La Crosse, WI
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING
28370 Epinal Avenue Tomah, WI
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 6:00PM

BARABOO/WI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS
975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025 6:00PM

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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025 | 5:30 PM
WITTENBERG | MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 | 6:00 PM
GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 | 6:00 PM
MADISON | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025 | 6:00 PM
WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 | 5:30 PM

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Reward Offered in Missing Person Case

LAC DU FLAMEAU, WI – The Lac du Flambeau Tribe and the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police Department continue to seek the public’s assistance in locating 37-year-old MELISSA BESON of Lac du Flambeau.

The Lac du Flambeau Tribe is offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the return of MELISSA BESON and/or the arrest and prosecution of anyone involved in her disappearance. MELISSA’s family desperately wants to know where she is, and the Tribe is fully committed to helping its law enforcement agency exhaust every investigative resource to

find her and bring her home.

MELISSA BESON is a Native American female, 5’7”, with a medium build, brown hair and brown eyes. She has numerous tattoos, including on her neck, arms and legs. MELISSA was reported missing on March 23, 2025. The last confirmed sighting of her was on Monday, March 17, 2025, during the late afternoon. At that time, MELISSA was observed walking on Indian Village Road, near Wayman Lane, in Lac du Flambeau. When last seen MELISSA was wearing red sweatpants, a black sleeveless shirt and gray sweatshirt.

The Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police

Department (LDFPD) remains steadfast in its investigation into MELISSA’s disappearance. Every lead, no matter how small is being thoroughly pursued to find her. Authorities have searched relentlessly in the area in which MELISSA was last seen, as well as other areas of interest. LDFPD Officers and assisting agencies have conducted grid searches on foot, have deployed high-tech drones and airplanes, and have searched using specially trained canines. To date, over 3,400 acres have been carefully searched.

The reward offered by the Tribe will be apportioned as deemed just by

the Tribe, in the event, for example, multiple credible tips are received which lead to the discovery of MELISSA BESON and/or the arrest and charging of anyone responsible for her disappearance. Employees of law enforcement and correctional agencies are not eligible to collect the reward.

Anyone with any information regarding the disappearance or location of MELISSA BESON is asked to call:

Lac du Flambeau Tribal P.D. at 715-588-7717 or
Vilas County Sheriff’s Office at 715-479-4441



**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MAY 6, 2025**

Call to Order: Vice President Danielle DeLong called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- Roll Call:**
- President Jon Greendeer-EX
 - Vice President Danielle DeLong-P
 - Rep. Jessika Greendeer-VC
 - Rep. Rodney Rave-P
 - Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
 - Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
 - Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
 - Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
 - Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
 - Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
 - Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
 - Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
 - Rep. Paul Fox-P
 - Rep. Brianna Tahdooahrippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:01 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda with ADDING under District Meetings D. D2 Hoxai/keja/Hoguceja/Ni’zhakisu’c – April 16, 2025 and under New Business K. Resolution-Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Programs-Native Youth Community Projects and L. Resolution-Authorization to Enter into Information Sharing Agreement for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-April 23, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the April 23, 2025 Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:
Housing Commission-April 24, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the April 24, 2025 Housing Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health, Social Services, Insurance and Education Commission-April 28, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to approve the April 28, 2025 Health, Social Services, Insurance and Education Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Royall for Tutor Services

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 A**, Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Royall for Tutor Services. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health Community Health Division to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Chronic Disease Prevention Program Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 B**, Authorization for the Department of Health Community Health Division to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Chronic Disease Prevention Program Grant. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Development Commission-April 29, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to approve the April 29, 2025 Development Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Commission-May 1, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the May 1, 2025 Special Finance Commission meeting minutes until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:
Red Cloud Park-Standing Agenda Item

Attorney General Gardner mentioned that we scheduled a meeting with the City Parks Director for June 26, 2025.

Foreign Trade Zones

Legislative Counsel stated that under New Business there is a resolution to create a workgroup to focus on this. We have reached out to outside counsel and they are providing specific direction and an outline of steps for consideration of this. This will be provided to the workgroup and the Legislature when it is available.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to STRIKE Foreign Trade Zones from the agenda. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Thundermaker Wellness Request (Executive Branch Follow-Up)

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to TABLE Thundermaker Wellness Request (Executive Branch Follow-Up), as we are still waiting for an MOU to come forward. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Funding to the Thundermaker Wellness Center from the Healing Center for Addiction Special Revenue Fund

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Authorization of Funding to the Thundermaker Wellness Center from the Healing Center for Addiction Special Revenue Fund. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Confirmation of Carole Decorah to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Personnel Board of Directors

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 C**,

Confirmation of Carole Decorah to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Personnel Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-22-25A, Approval of Classification and Compensation Plan

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 D**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-22-25A, Approval of Classification and Compensation Plan. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of a Foreign Trade Zone Workgroup

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 E**, Establishment of a Foreign Trade Zone Workgroup. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Opposition to Companion Bills from the Wisconsin Assembly Bill 58 and Wisconsin Senate Bill 40

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 F**, Opposition to Companion Bills from the Wisconsin Assembly Bill 58 and Wisconsin Senate Bill 40. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

USDA Tribal Advisory Committee, Native Farm Bill Coalition

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned that we have been trying to get the farm bill reauthorized; and the Nation is currently not a part of the Native Farm Bill Coalition. She is requesting input from the Legislature on joining the coalition. Rep. Jessika Greendeer stated that she fully supports this coalition, especially as we need to get the Nation’s Department of Agriculture up and running.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request that the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Agriculture and other interested parties on the Executive Branch side provide a letter of support of joining the Native Farm Bill Coalition. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. **MOTION**

IS AMENDED to include Legislative representation in the letter so representatives are privy to information. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2025 Tribal Elderly Transportation Program

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 G**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2025 Tribal Elderly Transportation Program. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Black River Falls

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 H**, Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Black River Falls. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting a Right-of-Way to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on the District 2 Walking Trail

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 I**, Granting a Right-of-Way to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on the District 2 Walking Trail. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-In Support of the Ho-Chunk Head Start Applying for the State of Wisconsin Annual Head Start State Supplemental Grant

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 J**, In Support of the Ho-Chunk Head Start Applying for the State of Wisconsin Annual Head Start State Supplemental Grant. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account to Hire Law Students for Summer Internship
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MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account to Hire Law Students for Summer Internship. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Department of Justice, the Legislative Finance Team, and Legislative Attorneys provide a recommendation for funding for the interns, ready for the Finance Commission meeting tomorrow. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Programs-Native Youth Community Projects

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to TABLE Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Programs-Native Youth Community Projects. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include a request for Legal to draft the resolution, ready for after executive session. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Enter into Information Sharing Agreement for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 K**, Authorization to Enter into Information Sharing Agreement for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, and for Legislative Legal to review the completed MOU 5 business days within receipt and prepare for Vice President signature. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D3 Tejop – April 16, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to HHCDa the **MOTION** by Miriam Whiteagle-Lee for HHCDa to look into funding or relief for property taxes. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislative Legal and Attorney General the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to send the 12 Clans the General Council action to Tribal Court. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Saresa Ryckman that the Legislature provides appropriate and adequate funding for legal assistance in compliance with the constitution article 4, section 3 in the event the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council needs to file a suit. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Saresa Ryckman that our D3 Legislators do not support the Thundermaker Recovery Center.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Mya Estebo to request \$2,381.44 for a freezer for the Madison Branch Office. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Cexhaci – April 17, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Finance Commission and TAU the **MOTION** by Barb Smith to disapprove the elder advisory trip to Oklahoma. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tee hoikšek – April 22, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Elizabeth Crow for all departments to update addresses when they are updated with enrollment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hogucejaj Nįzhakisųc – April 16, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Department of Business the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to have the Legislators to consider a management contract for Beloit Gaming and to send out an RFP. Second by Rep.

Stephanie Begay. 12-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Cindy Tack to not include the language of the recognition resolution in the LOA for recognition of service. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Weeta Montelongo to nominate Cindy Tack to Law Enforcement Commission as Delegate for Juneau County.

MOTION by Robert Funmaker to accept Cindy Tack's nomination.

MOTION by Tim Hanson to nominate Ken Funmaker to Law Enforcement Commission as Alternate for Juneau County.

MOTION by Tim Hanson to accept Ken Funmaker's nomination.

MOTION by Tim Hanson to nominate Mary Thundercloud-Eary as the alternate for Sauk County.

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to approve the Law Enforcement Commission nominations (as listed above), pending a background check and refer to Legislative Legal to draft resolutions for the appointments. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to have a RFP to be put out for the Neeshla powwow grounds renovations. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to find any in allocated and any unspent funds to go towards the powwow grounds. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Legislature and the Finance Commission, and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to support the Ho-Chunk Golf Association in the amount of \$32,000 for golf tournaments. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Stephanie Begay stated there were edits to the D2 Hoxaikeja/Hogucejaj Nįzhakisųc – April 16, 2025 meeting minutes for the Law Enforcement Commission nominations for the Ken Funmaker. Ken Funmaker was nominated for the Alternate for Juneau County.

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

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox

to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:02 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah is not online.

2:03 p.m. Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah is online.

Commission Reports (Re-visited):

Special Finance Commission-May 1, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the May 1, 2025 Special Finance Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business (Re-visited):

Resolution-Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Programs-Native Youth Community Projects

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 05-06-25 L**, Authorization for Department of Education to Apply for the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Programs-Native Youth Community Projects. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to have the Department of Administration take on management and administration of the recently acquired Penny Lane (Foremost Farms) property, in Baraboo, Wisconsin, and add it to the Nation's inventory of property holdings; and further have Legislative Legal and the Legislative Finance team complete any necessary documentation under the Nation's Asset Management Policy, in conjunction with the Department of Treasury; and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adjourn to May 20, 2025 in Beloit, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

VOTE

KYLE WHITE EAGLE

DISTRICT 2, LEGISLATOR

SEAT 2

I am running for District 2 Legislator to represent your voice, your concerns, and your hopes for the future. From building stronger communities to protecting our sovereignty, I am ready to serve and fight for our Nation. Your support makes the difference.

- **My experiences include:** Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, 5 years as Market Research Analyst at HCG-WD, +2 years Economic Diversification Director.

KEY PRIORITIES

Building Stronger Communities

A Nation is only as strong as its people. I am committed to supporting programs, infrastructure, and initiatives that uplift our families, strengthen our youth, and provide for our veterans & elders.

Economic Development & Future Planning

We must be forward thinking. By investing in smart economic strategies, we can create opportunities for our people, ensure financial stability, and build a prosperous future for generations to come.

Protecting Our Rights & Sovereignty

Our Ho-Chunk People are our strength. I will work to ensure that the Ho-Chunk Nation’s rights are protected, our traditions honored, and our voice heard at every level.





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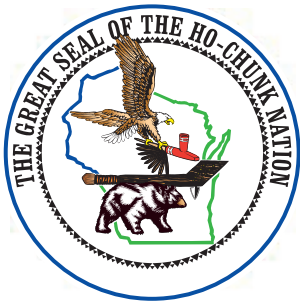


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NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL RUN OFF ELECTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

5. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

(1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e.

(3) Any candidate who receives fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total votes cast will be deemed as the winner.

Therefore the following were declared winners as of Tuesday, March 11, 2025:

LEGISLATURE:
July 2025- June 2029

District 2, Seat 3
Stephanie Begay

District 4, Seat 1
Eddie Mullen

District 4, Seat 2
David Greendeer

JUDICIARY:
Supreme Court Chief Justice:
July 2025 – June 2031
Todd R Matha
Supreme Court Associate Justice 1 – July 2025 – June 2029
Tricia Zunker (Hinuk pji)

b. General Elections.
(1). General Elections shall be held in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, which states: “Section 1. General Elections. General Election shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of odd numbered years. Offices of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary shall be filled at General Elections.”

Therefore the following will be placed on the ballot for HCN General Runoff Election on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

LEGISLATURE:
District 1, Seat 1
July 2025 – June 2029
Jessika Greendeer
Phyllis M. Smoke

District 2, Seat 2
July 2025 – June 2029
Travis Cloud
Kyle White Eagle

District 3, Seat 2
July 2025 – June 2029
Andi Jo Cloud
Shelby Visintin

District 4, S3
July 2025 – June 2029
Benjamin Gamble
Sandra Whitewing

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 Board Code Sec.11 (c)*.

REGISTRATION:
Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

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 will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii, (Deadline, Friday, June 13, 2025 at 4:00pm)

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

After 4:30 pm and the weekend please call (715)299-6104

ABSENTEE VOTING:
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **Saturday, May 24, 2025 by 4:00 pm.** See *Election Board Code, section 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 Tuesday, June 3, 2025.
Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the close of the polls on Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:
The Election Board will certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

Please check eligible voter’s lists for your Districts.

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

ELECTIONEERING:
There will be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Friday, May 2, 2025

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Saturday, May 24, 2025
By 4:00 pm

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

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320 Epinal Avenue
(715)284-8900

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724 Main Street
(608) 783-6025

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S2845 Whiteeagle Road
(608)355-1240

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916 Chak-hah-chee Lane
(715)886-8411

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(715)253-4407

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MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
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CHICAGO, IL
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4738 North Milwaukee Avenue
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GREEN BAY, WI
BRANCH OFFICE
2413 Hazelwood Ln
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GENERAL RUN-OFF ELECTION
Tuesday, June 3, 2025

SWEARING IN CEREMONY
Wednesday, July 2, 2025

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