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## Ho-Chunk Cinema Opens in Tomah to Serve as a Premier Destination for Movie Enthusiasts

Ardith Van Riper

The Ho-Chunk Nation opened Ho-Chunk Cinema, its first independently owned and operated movie theater, on Friday, November 21, in Tomah, WI. A small ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on November 20. The theater, located at 135 Wittig Road, features six screens with laser projection, surround sound speakers, and zero gravity recliner chairs.

The state-of-the-art cinema features the latest in film entertainment, and the remodeled facility is designed to become a premier destination for movie lovers.

The six-screen theater features laser projection, Dolby surround sound, and 364 zero gravity recliner seats with heated backs and swivel tray tables.

"Shout out to my team," said Andrea 'Pepper' Estebo, Theater Manager, "They have done amazing! They have done things that they have never done before. Some of them have staged some of the curtains, they have laid tile flooring, just a number of jobs that they have stepped up to."

The grand opening featured films Wicked: For Good, Now You See Me: Now You Don't, The Running

Man, Predator: Badlands, and Black Phone 2.

The Ho-Chunk Nation excitedly opens the doors again to welcome everyone back to the movies.

Initially, Ho-Chunk Cinema will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday each week.

Buy tickets and reserve seats online or select seats at one of the concession registers on-site.

The official website to purchase seats is [ho-chunkcinema.com](http://ho-chunkcinema.com).



## HCN Donates to Alaska Native Communities Impacted by Typhoon

Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) Vice President Lambert Cleveland and Representative Stephanie Begay met with Kendra Kloster, Director of Government Relations for the Alaska Federation of Natives, at the National Congress of American Indians 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in Seattle, WA to deliver a \$10,000 donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation in support of Alaska Native communities impacted by recent Typhoon Halong's damage.

The typhoon caused severe flooding, leading to the destruction of homes and infrastructure. The disaster left many residents displaced and in need of immediate recovery efforts.

This community-driven contribution was made possible through a partnership between the Office of the President and the Legislature.



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# HCN Welcomes 2025 Miss Indian World

Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) communities were honored to welcome the last Miss Indian World, Dania Wahwasuck, for meet and greet events on Wednesday, November 12 at the District 1 Community Center and Thursday, November 13 at the Ho-Chunk House of Wellness.

Dania graciously shared her travels, education, and background. She left our youth and families inspired and uplifted.

A heartfelt thank you to the HCN

Youth Services and the Education Department for providing delicious meals each night. The gatherings were intimate, meaningful, and a beautiful opportunity not only for us to learn about Miss Indian World, but also for her to learn about our Ho-Chunk Nation with a special interest in the Ho-Chunk Agriculture Department.

A special thank you to Celina Hall for helping make this connection possible!



**Utility Assistance &  
Weatherization by County**

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Jackson Co. DHHS (715) 284-4301

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**If your county is NOT listed please contact  
Brandon Wieskamp at the Dept. of Housing  
at (608) 374-1225 ext. 15906**

**Jiwere - Nut'achi**  
**Winter Encampment**  
**January 17th, 2026**  
**7 Clans First Council Casino**  
**12875 US-77 Newkirk, OK**

***Jihu Washiwi Re! Come Dance!***

**Master of Ceremonies - John Shotton & John Arkeketa**  
**Head Singer - Evan Cozad**  
**Head Man - DJ Scott**  
**Head Lady - Sadie Red Eagle**  
**Head Gourd Dancer - Tim Tsoodle**  
**Gourd Co-Host - Red Rock Creek**  
**Invited Guests - Kiowa Gourd Clan**  
**Arena Directors - William Bible & Rusty Lowrance**  
**Water Carriers - Manto Roubedeaux,**  
**Chipper Hudson, & Fritz Warrior**

**1PM Gourd Dance | 5PM Supper Break | 6:30PM Soldier Dance**

**Jrs/Teens, Adults, & Golden Age Contests**  
***\*Categories may be combined***

**Contact Chairman Donnie Childs for questions and vendor info**  
**(405) 258-8342 Donnie.Childs@omdevelopment.org**

# Veterans Day Powwow Highlights

**Kailli Berg**  
The Ho-Chunk veterans, families, and community members gathered on Saturday, November 15, for the Veterans Powwow, an annual tribute to the men and women of the Ho-Chunk Nation who have served in the United States military.

This year's event added significance as Chet Faith, 7th Wisconsin District Commander of the American Legion, delivered a speech honoring more than a century of Ho-Chunk military service and sacrifice.

Faith, who has long worked

alongside Native veterans across Wisconsin, centered his speech on the role Ho-Chunk warriors have played in U.S. history, from World War I to today's National Guard deployments.

Many Ho-Chunk men volunteered for military service long before the federal government acknowledged them as U.S. citizens.

"Your ancestors walked this land for countless generations," Faith said. "They prayed here, they hunted here, and they raised their families here. That same warrior spirit lives on in every Ho-Chunk veteran today."

Faith highlighted the twenty-five Ho-Chunk men who volunteered for World War I in the 128th Infantry, Company D, 32nd Red Arrow Division. Two of those men, Foster DeCorah and Robert DeCorah, were killed in action on August 5, 1918.


Faith also paid tribute to Ho-Chunk women, those who served in uniform and those who held families together while loved ones were at war. He described them as “the keepers of the fire,” whose prayers, endurance, and leadership form part of the warrior’s circle.

“To your mothers, sisters, wives,

and daughters,” Faith said, “we thank you.”

Several flags were not claimed by descendants during Saturday’s event: Henry DeCorah, Robert DeCorah, Nelson B DeLaRonde, Andrew Funmler, Sam Little Soldier, Nett Longtail, John Miner, William Miner, Mike Standing Water, Jesse Thompson, Sam Thunder Cloud, Archie White Eagle.

Families can contact the Ho-Chunk Tribal Veterans Office to claim their flag. They may be picked up in person or mailed, though shipping costs must be covered by recipients.



# Annual Shareholder Meeting

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

**When:** Saturday, December 6, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Where:** Serenity Room at Potawatomi Casino, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(715) 475-2119 | [12-clans.com](http://12-clans.com) | [support@12-clans.com](mailto:support@12-clans.com) | W9184 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615

**You're invited!**


We are pleased to invite all **18+ tribal members** to the upcoming Annual Shareholder Meeting.

At this year's meeting, we will share important financial and economic development updates from the past year, connect with shareholders, answer questions, and hold the **Board of Directors election**.

Enjoy breakfast, light refreshments, and a chance to win **Native-made prizes** for those attending in person.

We look forward to connecting with you and sharing our progress and future economic development plans.

Sincerely,



Joe Brown Thunder, CEO & Chairman

**New Shareholder Portal:**  
You can now access reports, attend virtually, and vote online in our new portal. Register with your tribal enrollment info at: [www.12-clans.com](http://www.12-clans.com)

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[www.12-clans.com/events](http://www.12-clans.com/events)

*You're Invited*

HO-CHUNK NATION

presents the first

NATIONAL LIVING TREASURE

AWARDS & GALA


The Ho-Chunk Nation is proud to honor and celebrate the recipients of the 2025 National Treasure Living Treasure Awards - individuals whose extraordinary contributions have preserved, enriched, and uplifted our cultural lifeways, language, and traditions.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025**  
5PM - DOORS OPEN  
6PM - DINNER

DINNER TICKETS  
ADULT: \$20  
TABLE: \$150 (SEATS 8)

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER  
N7261 WARRIOR AVENUE, BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

All proceeds will go towards the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center.



# HOUSE OF WELLNESS CHRISTMAS MARKET



**DATES: DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**HOURS: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday & 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday**

**15 Vendors in the Grand Hallway & Atrium** (more than 2 table set-up in horseshoe formation)

**ATM on-site. Vending on site. Security on site. Free parking.**

All vendors must provide own change. **Limit 2 tables and 2 chairs provided by the HOW per vendor inside the facility.** Additional tables and chairs must be provided by the vendor. Must set-up where designated by House of Wellness Security Staff. Vendors may set-up Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> after 3 p.m. and before 7 p.m. Doors open for additional vendor set-up at 6 a.m. on Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>. **NO HOT/COLD FOOD SALES ALLOWED (INCLUDING BAKED GOODS).**

Vendors must register **IN PERSON** before 6 p.m. on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with the House of Wellness Security Department located at the facility security desk. **First Come/First Served-no exceptions including table location. \$40 FEE PER VENDOR PAYABLE IN CASH WHEN RESERVATION IS MADE. FEE WILL BE REFUNDED AT THE END OF THE EVENT FOR VENDORS THAT SHOW. VENDORS THAT DO NOT SHOW OR LEAVE EARLIER THAN 3 P.M. LAST DAY OF EVENT WILL FORFEIT THE FEE TO THE HOUSE OF WELLNESS.**

House of Wellness is not responsible for vendor sales, or any loss, theft, damages to personal property or possessions. Participation is at your own risk. No electrical use allowed unless authorized by the Facilities General Manager. House of Wellness reserves the right to alter or change any special event, activities or promotions for any reason at any time. Address is: House of Wellness, 52845 White Eagle Road, Baraboo, WI 53913.

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# HOLIDAY SALE

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH**  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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*Featuring  
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Vendors RSVP early for tables - Ken Lewis for info: [sim37ken@yahoo.com](mailto:sim37ken@yahoo.com)

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be December 5th which will be published on December 12th. 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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Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.


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# Representatives Attend the Red Shawl Gala

Ho-Chunk Nation was proud to be represented on November 15, at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Shawl Gala at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee, WI by Representatives Lambert Cleveland Jr., Shelby Visintin, and Kyle White Eagle.

Proceeds support the Gerald

L. Ignace Indian Health Center (GLIHC) and its critical health and wellness services for Native families in Milwaukee.

This year's theme was, "Caring for Generations of Culture." The GLIHC celebrates the connection between wellness and culture.





# WINTER MARKET

06 DEC, 2025

5:00PM-8:00PM

LIVE MUSIC BY MARC LAMERE



SILENT AUCTION

INDIGENOUS ART MARKET

REFRESHMENTS

502 OAK ST. BARABOO, WI 53913





## Hocak Woga


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

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

Child and Family Services request that you return the present unwrapped and return the gift to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services-Division of Child and Family Services offices in Black River Falls by **December 1, 2025.**

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

CONTACT LUANN KRPATA #15190 OR JACKIE MOEN-KADLEC AT #15134



# December Elders Birthdays

1. Carol Ann Calkins	10. Marilyn Hilling	19. Gregory Lonetree
Alexander Gourd	Kathlyn Hodge	Josephine Shegonee
Jeanette Lieb	Valerie Kempen	Charles Smith
2. Beth Anacker	Russell Poulton	Bette White
James Ferguson	11. Eileen Blackdeer	21. Albert Carrimon
Jerry Lewis Park	Joycelyn Buchanan	Sybil Grey Owl
Eliot Littlejohn	Howard Ryan	Dorcee Kearnes
4. Gene Cloud, Sr.	Shana Walker	22. Ollie Heth
Melody	12. Anthony Green	Lawrence La Mere
Whiteagle Fintak	Byron Steele	23. Levi Blackdeer
5. Katherine Burgess	Charles Yellowthunder	Cornelius De Cora
Terrance Conery	Ruth Yellowthunder	Monica Hernandez
Angela Mc Cabe	13. Darlyn Banuelos	Carole Laustrup
Gloria Perez	Rosemarie Davison	Ronald Nichols
Patrick Red Eagle	James Day	Kenneth Twin
Sharon Thompson	Movita Rodriguez	Susan Twinbear
Shelley Thundercloud	14. Douglas De Cora	24. Christina La Mere
6. Andrew Delarosa	Donald Deere	25. Ronald Anwash
Rose Marie Funmaker	Carl Owen	Christopher Cloud
Jeffery Hendricks	15. Donald Barta	Terry Gourd
7. Debra Baublitt	Susan Greengrass	James Hellerud
Gordon Fitzpatrick III	Angelina Liazuk	Crystal Pettibone
Kenneth Lewis	Lisa Nichols	Mary Taylor
Rebecca Rodriquez	Amelia Ortiz	26. Christopher Keenan
Mark Taylor	16. Barbara Lewis	27. Virgil Duke, Jr.
8. Debra Bundy	Steven Link	Joy Lightstorming
Sandra Radtke	Aleta Yellow Thunder	Ronald Mallory
Margaret Showers	17. Joseph Keenan	Laurie Vita
9. Nina Garvin	Sonja Lawson	29. Audrey Beverly Conner
William Hall	Clayton Winneshiek	Sharyn Buchanan
Maribeth Jones	18. Jean Climer	Eric Thundercloud
Patricia Logan	Glen Decorah	Gwendolyn Whitegull
Linda Revels	Gloria Visintin	30. Frank Dikeman
Rosemary Thundercloud		Willa Redcloud
Johnny Tipton		31. John Contreras
		John Holst
		Kimberly Waukau



# New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow Returns to Milwaukee

Kaili Berg


The Milwaukee Intertribal Circle (MIC) is bringing back the New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow, set for Wednesday, December 31, Tthigwe Gymnasium on the Wgema Campus. For decades, the sobriety powwow has served as a safe, alcohol-free celebration for Milwaukee’s Native American families. When

the gathering disappeared, community members voiced how much they missed having a place to come together in a sober, supportive environment. MIC responded by reviving the powwow this year. “We heard and experienced the community’s desire to have this powwow again,” MIC leadership shared. “This is a

chance to gather, celebrate in unity, and uplift one another in sobriety as we welcome a new year.” The celebration is free and open to the public, beginning with a potluck feast from 5 to 7 p.m. before Grand Entry at 7 p.m. The evening will continue with singing, dancing, and intertribal sharing, with midnight snacks offered as

families welcome the new year together. The event will close at 1 a.m. This year’s lineup includes Host Drum Red Nation Boyz and Co-Host Drum Little Priest, with Brian Jackson and Ethan Heipel serving as Masters of Ceremony. Sonny Smart will direct the arena, with Michael Salinas assisting as the Junior Arena Director.

Melissa Doud-Jackson will serve as Head Veteran, accompanied by the Southeastern Oneida Color Guard. Featured dancers include Lana Schocko as Head Female Dancer, Duane Waubanscum as Head Male Dancer, Genesis Manns as Junior Head Female Dancer, and Elias Decora as Junior Head Male Dancer.



**HO-CHUNK NATION**  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Executive Order November 14, 2025-2

**Termination of the Emergency Declaration for the Temporary Food Assistance Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Ho-Chunk Nation has a Constitutional responsibility to advance the general welfare and safeguard its interests, including the inherent responsibility to protect the health, welfare, and well-being of its tribal members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Temporary Food Assistance Program was established under Executive Order November 7, 25-1 in response to the disruption in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and FoodShare Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) services caused by the federal government shutdown beginning in November 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Temporary Food Assistance Program set the duration [of the program] and its term until at least one stipulation were met, in which “The US Federal Government resumes regular SNAP benefits by function of resolving the government shutdown and reinstating operation(s) and timely distribution of benefits”; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has resumed full operations, and regular SNAP and FoodShare benefits have now been restored to all eligible tribal members and households; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions that created the emergency no longer exist, and tribal members are once again able to access their regular federal nutrition benefits without interruption; and

**WHEREAS**, it is therefore necessary and appropriate to formally conclude the previously declared emergency and close the Temporary Food Assistance Program established to address it;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Maqšusga (Jon Greendeer), President of the Ho-Chunk Nation,

do hereby ORDER the termination of the Emergency Declaration and the Temporary Food Assistance Program.

**Section 1. Termination of Emergency Declaration**

The emergency declared due to the suspension or disruption of SNAP/FoodShare benefits is hereby rescinded. The Nation is no longer under an active food security emergency related to the federal government shutdown.

**Section 2. Closure of the Temporary Food Assistance Program**

1. The Ho-Chunk Nation Temporary Food Assistance Program established under Executive Order November 7, 25-1 is hereby concluded.

2. No new applications shall be accepted as of the effective date of this Executive Order.

3. All program operations regarding the processing of payment(s) designed to supplement full or partial loss of SNAP/FoodShare benefits shall cease immediately.

**Section 3. Notification**

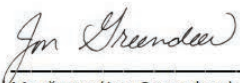
The Office of the President, in coordination with relevant departments, shall notify tribal members of the conclusion of the emergency and the end of the Temporary Food Assistance Program through official Nation communication channels.

**Section 4. Superseding Clause**

This Executive Order supersedes any prior directive or policy related to the Emergency Declaration for Temporary Food Assistance.


**Section 5. Effective Date**

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signature.



Maqšusga (Jon Greendeer)  
President, Ho-Chunk Nation

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Placement and Respite Homes Needed

Do you have room in your home for children? Are you currently not able to make a long-term commitment for placement of a child? Are you looking to make a difference in the life of a child? Here’s your opportunity!

The Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services is looking for respite care providers in all areas near Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, Nekoosa, La Crosse, Green Bay, Wittenberg and Black River Falls. Respite care is short-term care (one day to two weeks) provided to children who are in out-of-home placement. Respite providers are reimbursed \$50 per day per child and are also provided gift cards for food. For emergency respite, the respite rate may be increased. You do not have to be an enrolled tribal member to become a licensed Placement or Respite Home provider!

Respite providers are an integral part of a team of individuals who are looking out for the best interest of children. Relative Placements, Respite Providers and Placement Parents are required to have Federal Criminal Background Checks (fingerprints) (25 U.S.C. “Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act”).

If you are interested in becoming a Respite Provider, Relative Placement or a Placement Parent, please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Initial Response Program at: (715)-284-7749 for further details.

**IMPORTANT:**

Updates to the Financial Literacy Program

The Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department is excited to announce that we will be rolling out new online financial literacy courses. Starting January 1, 2026 we will be adding four additional courses to our award-winning Ho-Chunk Financial Literacy Program.

What this means for Ho-Chunk Youth

If you have not completed your program before the new roll out, you will be required to complete the additional four courses. Ho-Chunk youth are required to complete the program in order to receive their trust prior to age 25.

	Complete Program in 2025	Complete Program in 2026
# of courses	14	18
Final exam questions	70	90
Meets NEW State of Wisconsin Standards	NO	YES

(Please contact your school regarding Act 60 for personal financial literacy. Our program may be able to fulfill that .5 credit requirement)

NEW: Money Explained: From Coins to Crypto

NEW: Making a Major Purchase

NEW: Debt Management

NEW: How your Trust Fund Works

If you or your student has any questions regarding the roll out, please contact the Department of Education at 1.715.284.4915 or email [honoryourfuture@ho-chunk.com](mailto:honoryourfuture@ho-chunk.com)

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10TH ANNUAL ROBERTA FUNMAKER'S ALL STAR WOMENS SHOOTOUT TOURNAMENT

2 NON - NATIVE WOMEN PLAYERS

MARCH 6th, 7th, 8th

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24 MENS TEAMS & 16 WOMENS TEAMS


CONTACT: SCOTT SCILBECK@HO-CHUNK.COM 608.355.5155 EXT. 15512

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HO-CHUNK GAMING  
WISCONSIN DELLS


Attention Tribal Members



The **Department of Housing** has recently made **policy changes**. We encourage all members to stay informed and review these updates at the Ho-Chunk Nation Website, [ho-chunknation.com](http://ho-chunknation.com)

This will help you understand how they may impact current and future housing opportunities.

*Your voice matters – stay informed and involved in your community’s housing future!*

Department of Housing  
608-374-1225  
[Housing@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Housing@ho-chunk.com)

What is brain health?

Brain health refers to the overall functioning of your brain. Knowing the risk factors and healthy habits that impact brain function and understanding the benefits of planning for life-long brain health helps people live well as they age.

What is dementia?

Dementia is a decline in brain function, such as thinking, remembering, and reasoning, that can affect a person's daily life and activities.

Some causes of dementia may be reversible, so it is important to request a memory screen or talk to your doctor.

When is a memory screen recommended?

- If you want to track your memory over time
- If you, your family, friends, or others are concerned about your memory
- When you, a family member, or a friend start to have trouble with daily tasks like paying bills, making meals, or keeping appointments

Find your local Tribal dementia care specialist


TRIBAL DCS

Dementia Care Specialist


Pamela.Gearing@ho-chunk.com

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
of HEALTH SERVICES  
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TRIBAL DCS

Dementia Care Specialist



Concerns About Memory Loss?

What to do if you or someone you know is experiencing confusion or memory loss

TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tomah High School  
Tomah, WI 54660  
(608) 374-7961


Please print this notice in the next December Hocak Worak. Thank you!

NOTICE OF TITLE VI PUBLIC HEARING  
TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Tomah Area School District will hold two public hearings during one meeting time scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the Tomah Youth Center, 430 Julie St., Tomah, Wisconsin. The Title VI meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. with the JOM/IEC meeting to follow.

The first part of the meeting will allow parents/guardians of Native American children the opportunity to provide input concerning Public Law 81-874. The second part of the meeting will inform parents of the Needs Assessment process for the district's 2024-25 Title VI Application of the Indian Education Act. In addition, parents will participate in a discussion of the application's provisions and given the opportunity to provide suggestions regarding the application.

Bonnie Bird  
Title VI Indian Education Coordinator-Teacher  
Tomah Area School District



HO-CHUNK ARTISIAN'S CRAFT SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

9AM-2PM

HO-CHUNK CASINO BINGO HALL  
BLACK RIVER FALLS

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SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

# Tomah Area School District Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

On Tuesday, November 18, the Tomah Area School District honored Native American Heritage Month with a series of one-hour dance performances at the high school. Bonnie Bird, Stormy Perry, and Haas coordinated this special day. A sincere appreciation to the Bearheart

Drum for singing, all the dancers from Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, and Black River Falls, and Corey Hindsley for serving as the emcee. All of your dedication, talent, and teamwork made this celebration truly meaningful. Wonderful job to everyone involved!





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



**From:** Eileen Romasanta, PharmD, BCACP; Clinical Pharmacy Director

**Date:** 11/20/2025

**Re:** Pharmacy Update

Changes will be made to the “active patient” requirement to meet regulations of the 340B Drug Pricing Program. The 340B drug pricing program allows the pharmacy to purchase medications at reduced cost and can be used for eligible patients. In turn, we can dispense prescriptions at no cost/co-pay to patients who are an active pharmacy patient per our established guidelines.

Note: This change only pertains to Tribal patients as non-Tribal patients are not eligible for 340B medications.

The clinic will not be scheduling new patients who are only seeking a visit to use the pharmacy.

For established patients, annual visits, only to use the pharmacy are on pause until we have a better idea of what changes need to be made to meet regulations. The resolution defining how often a patient should be seen to be “active” was changed to 24 months. Patients who would be due for a pharmacy visit before the end of the year should be ok; however, your provider may want to see you more frequently for any health conditions or medication monitoring.

Further updates will be sent out as we get more information about upcoming changes and related impacts.

Thank you for your patience.

Please reach out to me with any questions,

Eileen Romasanta  
Clinical Pharmacy Director  
HCNpharmacy@ho-chunk.com

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center  
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Ph. 715-284-9851

House of Wellness  
S2845 White Eagle Rd  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
Ph. 608-355-5177

DECEMBER

2025

HO-CHUNK NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
	OPEN BRF	WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM Nutrition Booth- KATHY	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF
8	9	10	11	12
OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION 10 AM- 1:30 PM Nutrition Booth- ALEX	OPEN BRF	WI DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF
15	16	17	18	19
OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	TOMAH DISTRIBUTION 12N- 1:00	OPEN BRF	LA CROSSE PICKUPS OPEN BRF
22	23	24	25	26
OPEN BRF	NEKOOSA DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM Nutrition Booth – Alex	CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE	CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	OPEN BRF
29	30	31		
OPEN BRF Nutrition Booth - Kathy	CLOSED INVENTORY	CLOSED New Year's Eve		

\*\*CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS\*\*

TOMAH

CEEEXJ! (BISON)

...: CANNING CLASS ...:

Updated 11/25 KB

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>


4-6pm at

Tomah Youth/Community Center

430 Julie Avenue, Tomah

Win a Ball Canning Book!

We will also can a small amount of caa!




Take home a jar of canned ceexjj or caa!


Class provided by UW-Extension

Sponsored by HCN Health & Wellness Division

Contact Nutritionist Kathy Braaten to RSVP

kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com OR 715.284.9851 Ext 35335





TIPS TO REDUCE STRESS AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Don't Over Schedule Yourself

Remember that you don't have to do it all. Focus on activities that are fun for you. Limit or avoid activities that are less enjoyable. Your happiness is an important consideration in planning how you spend your time.

Manage Gift Giving

You're not obligated to spend beyond your means, and you will very likely regret it if you do. Even a small gift lets people know you cherish them.

Enjoy Family on Your Terms

Some people find extended family time to be stressful. Do whatever you need to do to take care of yourself. If necessary, take a break from the gathering. Go for a walk. Call someone you enjoy talking to. Take some alone time if you need it.

Take Time for Yourself





Division of Behavioral Health

# Submerged Canoes in Lake Mendota Offer New Insights into Ancestral Traditions and Waterways

*With 16 canoes now identified, Wisconsin Historical Society archaeologists are investigating theories spanning thousands of years of cultural history*

MADISON, Wis. — Four years after locating and recovering a 1,200-year-old dugout canoe from Lake Mendota, Wisconsin Historical Society archaeologists and First Nations in the region have continued to wade into the history of the rich archaeological site in the heart of Wisconsin’s capitol city. The Wisconsin Historical Society retrieved another ancient canoe from the site in 2022—the oldest dugout canoe originating from the Great Lakes region at the time of recovery at 3,000 years-old—and has since identified 14 ancient canoes still submerged in the lakebed, six of which were located in the spring of 2025. As the two recovered canoes are nearing completion of a multi-year preservation process to ensure their long-term stability, with one of them slated for exhibition in the future Wisconsin History Center, historians are investigating the history behind the underwater site to help preserve and share the story with future generations.

**Latest Findings**  
Wisconsin Historical Society maritime archaeologist Tamara Thomsen, in partnership with First Nations of Wisconsin and University of Wisconsin-Madison professor Sissel Schroeder, has been on a mission to chart the locations of more canoes in Lake Mendota since her unexpected finding of a 1,200 year-old dugout canoe in 2021. Working alongside various collaborators also including the USDA Forest Products Laboratory, efforts have allowed her to map the locations of 16 canoes to date,

including the two retrieved in recent years, and identify the wood types and probable ages represented in samples taken from each of the ancient watercraft. Thomsen is now considering theories behind the grouped positions of the canoes as well as the selection of particular species of trees used to craft them.

“Archaeology is kind of like putting together pieces of a puzzle, and the more pieces you can find, the better you can start to form a picture of what was going on and why during a period of history,” said Tamara Thomsen, Wisconsin Historical Society Maritime Archaeologist. “We can’t go back in time to get answers to our questions, but we can examine the available data alongside knowledge from First Nations and cultural history to form theories to answer our questions.”

Of the 16 canoes identified, half were constructed of either red or white oak according to wood type analysis conducted on the samples by the USDA Forest Products Laboratory. The prevalence of oak—and particularly red oak, which is not typically used for watercraft due to its tendency to absorb water—prompted Thomsen to examine the reasoning behind its use for canoe building.

“When you look at the shoreline map with canoe locations charted, it’s clear that there are two distinctive groupings represented,” said Thomsen. “Looking at the tree species taxonomy, we wondered not just why certain trees were used by the builders but also

why these canoes were situated in these two locations. Carbon dating from the samples told us that both spots were in use over thousands of years, and so we started to form theories as to why they were left where they were and why certain trees were used.”

Carbon dating, which provides a probable age range for each sample, indicates the oldest canoe is around 5,200-years-old while the most recent is around 700 years old. The oldest Lake Mendota canoe identified to date was likely crafted sometime around 3000 BCE, before the Great Pyramid of Giza was built in Egypt and around the time of the invention of writing in Sumer. Constructed of red oak, it is now the oldest dugout canoe recorded from the Great Lakes region and the third oldest in eastern North America.

**Emerging Theories**  
Oak wood, along with some of the other species represented in the samples, is known to form tyloses when the tree encounters stress during the growth cycle such as through wounding or pathogen infection. Tyloses also form as a natural part of a tree’s aging process. During the production of tylosis, balloon-like structures form inside of the wood’s vessels which blocks water movement—preventing the spread of fungi and bacteria and compartmentalizing injuries to protect the wood from decay. As a result, the tyloses make the wood better suited for boat building due to its increased water resistance, buoyancy and protection against rot.

“It’s entirely possible that the canoe builders were intentionally selecting trees that had been damaged from weather or purposefully wounding them during their growth cycle to induce tyloses. We think of bioengineering as a modern practice, but the samples we have suggest this may have been taking place long before the term was coined in the mid-20th century,” said Thomsen.

As for the centralization of canoes into two distinct groupings, a comparison against mapped trailways used by Indigenous communities suggests strategic placement for ease of travel over the landscape, not just for accessing natural resources from the lake but also to facilitate journeys between points of interest on land. The canoes were likely not owned by individuals, but rather shared among members of communities and stored at designated points, similar to how modern community bike sharing programs utilize docking stations for users to store bikes between riders.

“The canoes give us insight into a sophisticated travel network and interconnected communities who used their incredible skills and knowledge to live and thrive on lands where we still live and thrive today. They reflect a deep relationship with the environment and the ingenuity of our ancestors,” said Larry Plucinski, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. “Sharing what we learn from this project


honors the innovators whose knowledge lives on and inspires new generations to feel pride for their ancestors.”

The canoes could facilitate access to natural resources from the lake like fish—as suggested by the seven net sinkers found with Canoe #1 and three found with Canoe #13—but could also make travel more efficient between communities for trading and to access places of spiritual importance, such as Lake Wingra. The landscape around Madison lakes looked very different before European settlers arrived in the area and conducted terraforming to suit modern transportation, with large bluffs that made traveling over the land difficult in some areas. Canoe travel may have been more efficient for certain routes for the communities who lived in the area spanning thousands of years before Wisconsin became a state.

“Lake Wingra holds deep spiritual significance for the Ho-Chunk people, whose ancestral lands surround its shores,” said Dr. Amy Rosebrough, State Archaeologist for the Wisconsin Historical Society. “One of its springs, with its white clay bottom, is viewed as a portal to the spirit world. For generations, the Ho-Chunk have honored this place through ceremonies of remembrance, guidance and peace, helping spirits journey to the world beyond. This lake is not just a natural feature but a place of profound cultural and spiritual connection.”


“This project gives us a meaningful opportunity to gain  
*Continued on Page 11*

Partners in Parenting:



Specific to parents and grandparents of infant to school-aged children

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health  
Division of Public Health



HOLIDAY TOY SAFETY


Wednesday December 10, 2025

5:00 - 6:00 pm

House of Wellness Autrium


Light dinner will be provided


Activity -  
Make your  
own snowglobes



Please RSVP to:

Wendy Lonetree  
Public Health Worker  
wendy.lonetree@ho-chunk.com  
Office: (608)-355-1240 ext. 35600  
Work Cell: (715)-896-7199





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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

December 3rd

Reclaiming the Meaning of the Holidays:  
How to reduce Holiday Stress  
Rachael Dozer; LCSW, CSAC, CS-IT


December 10th


Snow excuses, staying active in the winter  
Kathleen Clemens, Exercise Physiologist


December 17th

Winter Safety & Travel  
Ho-Chunk Officers Mangold and Demarasse

JOIN NOW







If you have a topic you'd like to learn about,  
a topic you'd like to present, and to learn more contact:  
Jamie.Decorah@Ho-Chunk.com 715.896.1126  
Ronelle.McKernan@Ho-Chunk.com 715.896.2570

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# CLOUD VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

December 1st, 2025  
9a-3p



- TOUR the units and amenities
- Meet with a Leasing Agent
- Ask Questions
- Refreshments available

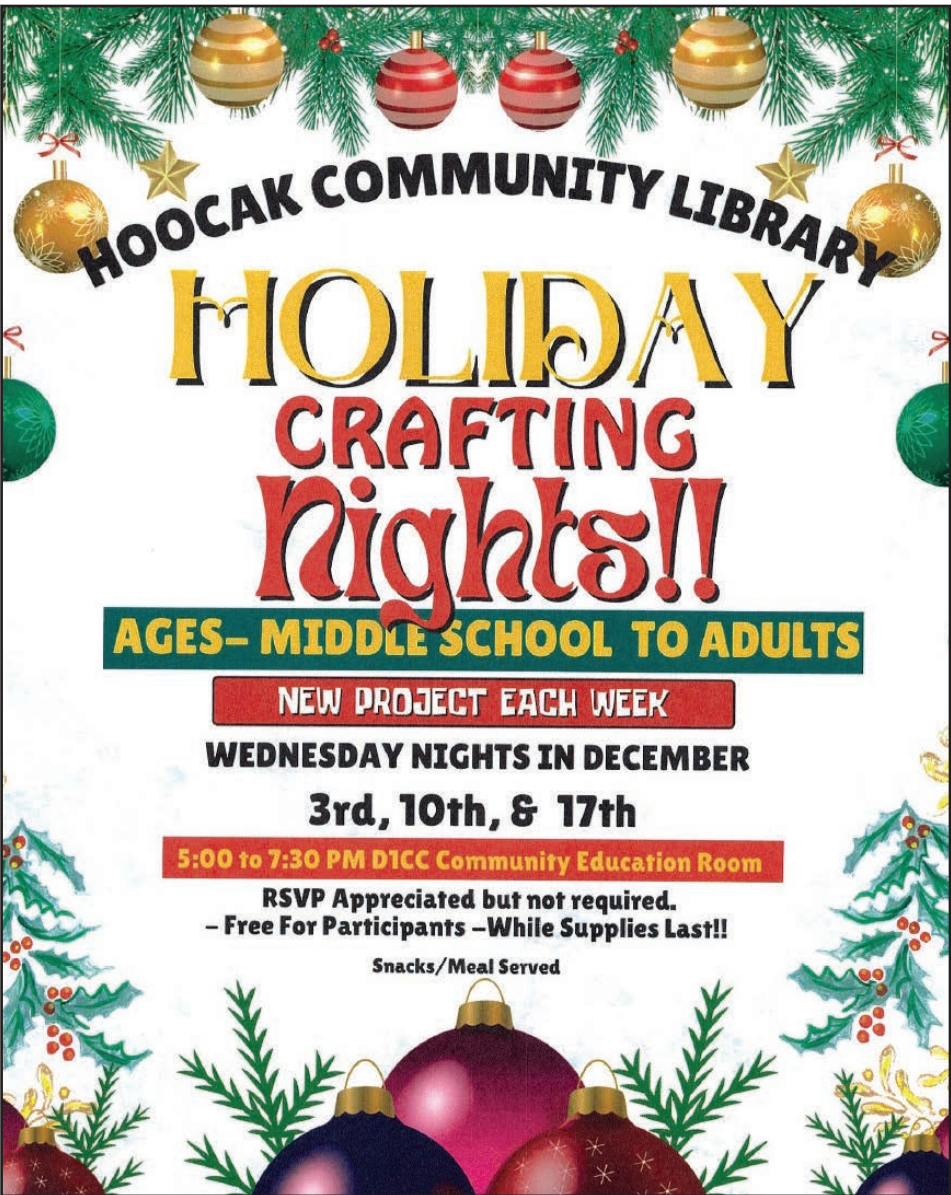
**Provide Feedback**

From 3p-5p, the Leasing Team will be presenting the Tenant Selection Plan and soliciting feedback to be considered in the updated Tenant Selection Plan.

**Make an Appointment**

Interested in living here? Email Tama Sallaway to set up a leasing appointment during the Open House. [Tama.Sallaway@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Tama.Sallaway@ho-chunk.com)





## HOOPAK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# HOLIDAY CRAFTING Nights!!

**AGES- MIDDLE SCHOOL TO ADULTS**

**NEW PROJECT EACH WEEK**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN DECEMBER**

**3rd, 10th, & 17th**

**5:00 to 7:30 PM D1CC Community Education Room**

**RSVP Appreciated but not required.**  
**- Free For Participants -While Supplies Last!!**

**Snacks/Meal Served**

**SUMMONS**  
(First Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**In the Interest of Minor Children: M.M., K-L.M., DOB 9/17/07, 11/10/2019**

**Case Nos.: CPL 25-07**

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): [Mckinley Mann](#)

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named children is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Plea Hearing* in accordance with HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.41. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the children must personally appear along with the children at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **11:00 a.m. CST** on the **18<sup>th</sup>** day of **November 2025** for the following purpose Child Custody And Placement Summons. Pursuant to HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

**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.

**SUMMONS**  
(Second Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**In the Interest of Minor Child: A.H.W., DOB 7/23/2020, L.H-W., 7/19/2022**

**Case Nos.: JV 25-06, JV 25-07**

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): [Daniel Hernandez White](#)

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named children is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Plea Hearing* in accordance with HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.41. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the children must personally appear along with the children at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **1:00 p.m. CDT** on the **30<sup>th</sup>** day of **October 2025** for the following purpose Probable Cause Hearing. Pursuant to HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

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**SUMMONS**  
(Second Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**In the Interest of Minor Child: A.R.W., DOB 10/18/2024**

**Case Nos.: PA 25-08**

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): [Elan WhiteEagle](#)

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Plea Hearing* in accordance with HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.41. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the child must personally appear along with the child at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **2:00 p.m. CST** on the **18** day of **December 2025** for the following purpose Paternity Hearing. Pursuant to HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

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**SUMMONS**  
(Second Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**In the Interest of Minor Child: M.M.M, DOB 07/07/2024**

**Case Nos.: CS 25-08**


TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): [Isabella Blackdeer](#)

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled juvenile protection case. This legal notice of the filed *Child/Family Protection Petition* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Plea Hearing* in accordance with HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.41. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the child must personally appear along with the child at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **11:00 a.m. CDT** on the **9<sup>h</sup>** day of **December 2025** for the following purpose Initial Child Support Hearing. Pursuant to HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

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HO-CHUNK NATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To: HCN Office of General Council

From: President Jon Greendeer


Date: November 13, 2025

Re: 2026 General Council Date

Under Article IV, Section 5 Annual Meeting. *"The People shall meet in General Council at least one time each year, which shall be called by the President, and at other times as provided in Section 6 of this Article. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Annual Meeting of the General Council."*

Therefore, I, President Jon Greendeer, under my constitutional delegated authority as President, do hereby officially call the 2026 Annual Meeting of the General Council on September 19, 2026.


Thank you,



Jon Greendeer  
Maąšusga  
Ho-Chunk Nation President

P.O.BOX 667•BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

(715) 284-9343•FAX (715) 284-9805•(800) 232-2180•(800) 294-9343



Wisconsin's Family Caregiver Support Programs

Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP)

Alzheimer's Family & Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP)

This program was created to enhance the lives of informal and family caregivers while helping people with dementia remain living in the community for as long as possible.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Funds are available in each tribe for qualified individuals to provide temporary caregiver respite care and purchase goods and services needed to help care for someone with irreversible dementia.

WHAT CAN THE PROGRAM PROVIDE?

Typical goods and services include:

- Respite care or home care services (personal care assistance, meal prep, medication assistance and monitoring, homemaker services, yard work and snow removal, etc.)
- Emergency response systems
- Transportation expenses
- Incontinence supplies
- Home safety modifications
- Home-delivered meals
- Specialized clothing
- Activities and hobby supplies
- Legal expenses related to guardianship
- Caregiver counseling services
- Caregiver education classes
- Individualized services as approved

Caregiver support groups and caregiver education opportunities are also provided in many communities. Contact your local Aging Office or Alzheimer's organization for events in your area.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?


Families are eligible if three criteria are met:

1. There is a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia
2. The person with dementia resides in a community or home setting
3. The person with dementia and spouse have a gross annual income of \$48,000 or less (costs related to dementia-related care may be deducted when calculating gross income)

HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact your Tribal Aging Office or Tribal Memory Care Coordinator, Pamela Gearing at: 715-284-2622 ext:15138 email: Pamela.Gearing@ho-chunk.com


To find your local office visit [www.wisconsin caregiver.org](http://www.wisconsin caregiver.org).




BENEFITS OF ACCEPTING HELP

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease can be stressful. Learning about the disease and accepting help from others can make the task easier.

No person can do everything alone. Caregiver respite care and support services relieve stress, protect the caregiver's health and enhances the joy of caregiving.





HO-CHUNK NATION

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Department of Housing is seeking (1) D-1Housing Board of Director

Duties:

Be involved in the Department's strategic community housing plan

Serve as a consultant during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives required pursuant to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act.

Serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director of Housing.

Qualifications:

Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Shall have the requisite skill, knowledge specific to housing

Provide professional and expert advice and recommendations

Board experience and having a flexible scheduling are beneficial to being appointed

Membership:

Shall not be an employee of the Department of Housing

Shall not be a member of more than two (2) department Boards of Directors

Shall not be appointed nor serve as a member of a subordinate advisory board within the Department of Housing


Shall not be appointed nor serve as a Commissioner of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency

Term:


Shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The term shall be alternated so that two (2) Directors are appointed or re-appointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter

If you have any questions or need additional information, you can reach me at (608) 374-1225 Ext: 15915 or via email [Denise.Wright@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Denise.Wright@ho-chunk.com)

Thank you,



Executive Director  
Department of Housing



Legal Notice

RFP

RFP # 2025SF501

Audit Services

c/o Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department

Procurement Division

Attn: Steve Sallaway

W9814 Airport Road

Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho-Chunk Nation is inviting sealed bids for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Documents and submit bids.

Sealed bids must be submitted by 2:00 PM CST on December 05, 2025. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at <https://ho-chunknation.com/procurement-opportunities/> Search on the bid number and bid title.

Please call Steve Sallaway at 800-779-2873, Ext. 11227 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this 14 day of November, 2025.

Steve Sallaway  
Procurement Agent  
Ho-Chunk Nation

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Howard Walker, Jr. DOD: 01/11/2022

By: Francis DeCora

Case No. PR 25-06

☐ Amended

Notice of Hearing on

Petition for Probate

PR 14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

\$8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A Petition for Probate was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/11/2022 and date of death January 11th 2022 was domiciled in N6231 15th Ave New Lisbon, Wisconsin with a mailing address of 16231 15th Ave New Lisbon 53950

3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:

4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Michelle Greunden-Bowe, on (Date) Dec. 14th 2025 at (Time) 10:00 AM

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Mary Sallaway  
Clerk of Court

Mary Sallaway  
Name Printed or Typed

10/21/25  
Date

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE



**BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING**  
**Tribal Office Building**  
W9814 Airport Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
**Wednesday, December 10, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.**  
**IN PERSON/VIRTUAL**

**Twin Cities AREA MEETING**  
**St. Paul Branch Office**  
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104  
**Thursday, December 18, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.**  
**IN PERSON/VIRTUAL**

[paul.fox@ho-chunk.com](mailto:paul.fox@ho-chunk.com) (715)896-6251  
[phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com](mailto:phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com) (715)299-1016  
[tracythundercloud@ho-chunk.com](mailto:tracythundercloud@ho-chunk.com) (715)299-0576

For WebEx/e-packet, information please contact:  
[michelleramberg@ho-chunk.com](mailto:michelleramberg@ho-chunk.com)  
(715)284-9343 Ext. 11250

Posted on: 11/14/25



**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, DECEMBER 15, 2025 6:00PM**

**TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING**  
**324 Epinal Avenue Tomah, WI**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 6:00PM**

**BARABOO/WI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS**  
**975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 6:00PM**

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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



**MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025 | 5:30 PM**

**WITTENBERG | MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

**GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

**MADISON | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

**WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025 | 5:30 PM**

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District 4 Area Meeting Notice



**IN PERSON / VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING**  
**Chicago Branch Office**  
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630  
Monday, December 15 2025  
6:00pm CST

**VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING**  
**Available via WebEx**  
Wednesday, November 17 2025  
6:00pm PST

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a deeper perspective on our heritage and our ancestors. The canoes remind us how long our people have lived in this region and how deeply connected we remain to these waters and lands,” said Bill Quackenbush, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Ho-Chunk Nation. “It is important that we document and share these stories so our youth feel that connection to our past. Protecting and preserving this knowledge ensures that the next generation understands where we come from and why these stories matter. That is why we share them and continue this work.”

**Grant Funding**  
While working theories shed light on the why and how of the Lake Mendota canoes, the Wisconsin Historical Society continues to work in partnership with First Nations in Wisconsin to document the story for future generations while taking steps to ensure the two recovered canoes are preserved and protected from degradation. In September, the Society was awarded a \$113,912 grant from the Save America’s Treasures grant program of the National Park Service, Department of Interior, for canoe preservation.

Both recovered canoes have undergone initial steps of a preservation treatment that uses Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) to stabilize the wood. The treatment began in February 2024 and is expected to conclude next year, but the canoes need to be transported from Wisconsin’s State Archive Preservation Facility in Madison to Texas A&M University to undergo a freeze-drying process that finalizes their preservation and leaves the canoes in a stable, solid structure. The grant will support safe transport of the canoes to the freeze-drying facility so the preservation process can be completed.

“The recovery and preservation of the Mendota canoes is a remarkable achievement made possible through the dedication, expertise and strong partnerships between First Nations, archaeologists and preservation specialists,” said Christian Overland, Ruth and Hartley Barker Director & CEO of the Wisconsin Historical Society. “Thanks to this collaboration, we are excited about the learning opportunities and that one of these incredible canoes will be exhibited in the future Wisconsin History Center, where it will help share the stories of our state’s earliest peoples.”

MEETING NOTICE



**WHO:** Housing Board of Directors  
**WHEN:** December 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Department of Housing  
27374 State Hwy 21 E, Bldg. 5  
Tomah, Wisconsin

Note: Housing Department Meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act.  
The Public is welcome

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, **Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007** in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation’s newsletter and on the Nation’s website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant’s name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. In cases of adopted Applicants, certain identifying information will be neither published nor released pursuant to Wisconsin and other States’ Laws. **This determination may be appealed to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary by any adult enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes the Notice of Eligibility for Membership.**

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APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Bird, Luca Kendrick	06/26/2024	5/16	Edwin Greengrass Coo Noo Kah 1901 - 00796	Tyson Jeremiah Bird	McKinzie Nevaeh Mae Rose
2. Bowling, Lillian Charlotte	03/01/2009	1/4	Joe Yellowthunder Ma He Ne Na Gin Kah 1901 - 01143	Joseph Wylie Bowling	
3. Brown, Taya Rose	08/18/2019	55/128	Grant Green Littlejohn Ha Na Kah 1901 - 01206		Simone lone Brown
4. Burns, Remington Oliver	03/21/2006	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL 1881	Non-Indian	Tonie Anne Lonetree
5. Castillo, Veda Lu	02/19/2023	1/4	George Greengrass Mau Kejh Cop Ray He Kah 1901 - 00277		Carlie Rae Carrimon
6. Christian, Isabella Rae	01/19/2005	1/4	Joe Yellowthunder Ma He Ne Na Gin Kah 1901 - 01143		Hazel Rene Guerrero
7. Cloud, Tylin Jett	02/14/2004	51/64	George Cloud Son Nik O He Way Kah 1901 - 00149	Tyrone Eric Cloud	Lena Rae Cleveland
8. Decorah, Annie Alice	07/19/2024	1/4	Ben Decorra Ha Na Kah 1901 - 00258	Will Robert Decorah	Non-Indian
9. Decorah, Naomi Carolyn	04/25/2024	85/128	Brown Decorra Na He Hoo Noo Kah 1901 - 00398	Jesse Royce Decorah Sr	Rachel Pearl Thundercloud
10. Falcon, Wayne Saul	09/17/2018	11/16	Phillip Johnson Shunk Chunk Nic Kaw N1910 - 00763	Non-Member	Thalia Leola Falcon
11. Friday, Layilah Alani Skyee	10/20/2019	3/8	Bill Goodbear Na He Kah 1901 - 00084	Tyron Wesley Friday	Non-Indian
12. Funmaker, Kennedi Mae	04/29/2017	3/8	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 - 00328	Kyle James Funmaker	Nikki Susanne Thundercloud
13. Funmaker, King Bear Phillip	10/16/2014	3/4	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kaw 1881 - 00328	Dustin Lee Funmaker	Tanya Lynn Hindsley
14. Funmaker, Landon James	09/11/2015	3/8	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 - 00328	Kyle James Funmaker	Nikki Susanne Thundercloud
15. Hill, Hiugei June	05/13/2019	11/16	Edward John Littlewolf Shunk Chunk Nik Kah 1901 - 01093	Harold James Hill Jr	Duana Felice Link
16. Littlebear, Ila Sky	12/01/2023	217/512	Emerson Decorah Ma Shu Ho Ke Ratch Kah 1910 - 00256	Cedric Kinsey Littlebear	Non-Indian
17. Littlebear, Tyrann Kingsley	03/26/2022	217/512	Emerson Decorah Ma Shu Ho Ke Ratch Kah 1910 - 00256	Cedric Kinsey Littlebear	Non-Indian
18. Littlegeorge, Kendall Joni	10/30/2024	11/32	Peter Pettibone Monk Shootch Kah 1881 – 00582		Desiree Jo Ann Pettibone
19. Lonetree-Anderson, Deslyn Dale	08/08/2015	1/4	Alex Lonetree Na He Na Kee Kah 1881 - 00016	Non-Indian	Asia Marie Lonetree
20. Lowe, Khloe Nivea	10/20/2011	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL 1901		Avery Manxirokanaga Lowe
21. Medicine-Horn, Malaya Ann	03/09/2015	5/8	Ed W Decorra Na He Kah 1901 - 00254	Skyler Raine Medicine-Horn	Angela Marie Hopinka

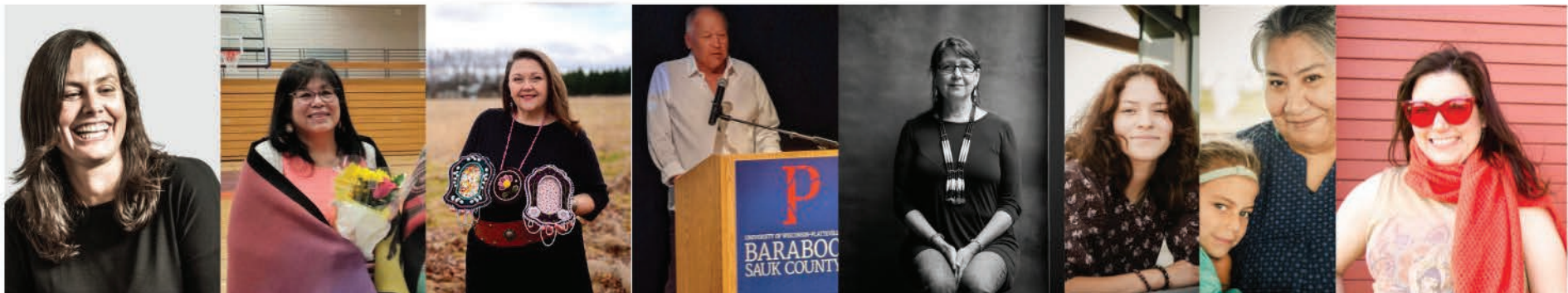
22. Montanye, Nayelli A'yanna	11/19/2021	5/16	Charlie Greengrass Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah 1881 – 00286	Non-Indian	Sierra Dawn Mc Kee
23. Nahwahquaw, Zamara Lynn	07/29/2023	3/8	Will Greendeer Chaw Nauk He Cho Kah 1901 - 00080	Non-Member	Kayla Catherine Cleveland
24. Ortega, Leonardo Angel	12/02/2019	1/4	John Tebo N1910 – 00412	Non-Indian	Cheyenne Faith Mike
25. Ortiz, Jacen Mateo-Jordan	10/19/2020	3/8	Barclay Payer Ha Ga Kah N1910 – 00002	Dominikk Enrique Ortiz	
26. Pischke, Henry Allen	08/03/2022	47/128	Charlie Greengrass Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah 1881 – 00286	Nathaniel Henry McKee	Non-Indian
27. Rave, Clay Houston	03/22/2018	3/8	William Hall Hunk Kah 1881 – 00463	Troy Houston Rave	Non-Indian
28. Rave, Phoebe May Rose	05/21/2016	3/8	William Hall Hunk Kah 1881 – 00463	Troy Houston Rave	Non-Indian
29. Rave, Oliver Arthur Zeke	01/15/2020	3/8	William Hall Hunk Kah 1881 – 00463	Troy Houston Rave	Non-Indian
30. Rave, Rosie Noel	05/05/2023	3/8	William Hall Hunk Kah 1881 – 00463	Troy Houston Rave	Non-Indian
31. Sarmiento, Charles William	09/27/2017	5/16	Charlie Greengrass Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah 1881 – 00286	Non-Indian	Sierra Dawn Mc Kee
32. Sarmiento, Sincere Lyric Michael	01/17/2019	5/16	Charlie Greengrass Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah 1881 – 00286	Non-Indian	Sierra Dawn Mc Kee
33. Saul, Eva RoseMarie	01/14/2016	11/16	Phillip Johnson Shunk Chunk Nic Kaw N1910 – 00763	Non-Member	Thalia Leola Falcon
34. Smith, Loki Charles	02/06/2020	3/8	Paul Spear-Smith Ha Na Kah 1901 – 00581	Charles George Smith	Stephanie Marie Smith
35. Snow, Jae'Lani Jean	08/18/2024	11/32	Christopher Long Snow N1910 – 00743	Non-Member	Non-Member
36. Stands, Nathan Craig	08/21/2002	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL 1901		Stefanie Ann Lewis
37. Stands, Oliver Michael	05/26/2005	1/4	CONFIDENTIAL 1901		Stefanie Ann Lewis
38. Torres, Franklin Fernando	05/21/2024	5/16	Frank Winneshiek Wau Kon Chaw Jcho Noo Kah 1881 - 00395	Non-Indian	Michelle Morning Prayer Garcia
39. Torres, Victor Mariano	08/28/2022	5/16	Frank Winneshiek Wau Kon Chaw Jchoo Noo Kah 1881 – 00395	Non-Indian	Michelle Morning Prayer Garcia
40. Webster, Major James	01/04/2017	1/4	Thomas Falcon He Wee Chaw Zhau Kay Kah 1881 – 00410	Non-Member	Brenda Lee Miller
41. Webster, Olivia Jade	06/04/2009	1/4	Thomas Falcon Hee Wee Chaw Zhau Kay Kah 1881 - 00410	Non-Member	Brenda Lee Miller
42. Webster Jr, Taylor James	12/30/2011	1/4	Thomas Falcon He Wee Chaw Zhau Kay Kah 1881 - 00410	Non-Member	Brenda Lee Miller

I, **Eliza Decorah /s/**, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this **25th day of November, 2025.**



# TEEJOP & BEYOND: Celebrating Native Nations

## OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025



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!

### Layers of Nature: Learn to Make Collage Animals

Dec 6, 1-3pm  
Goodman South Madison Library

Join Charlotte Easterling and learn to make detailed collages of animals using layers of cut paper. We'll start with cut outs of various animals and explore shapes and colors to give them depth and texture. Make your designs realistic, whimsical, abstract, or a little of everything! This workshop will have you using scissors/Xacto knives, glue, and paper. It's open to all ages, but younger kids may need a little help with some of the cutting.

### Beaded Earrings

Dec 13, 1-4pm | Hawthorne Library

Indigenous Beadwork is an art form that carries deep cultural and historical significance. Indigenous people express their traditions and stories through vibrant colors and intricate bead patterns. In this intergenerational workshop, participants will have the option to create a pair of Beaded Ladder Stitch Hoop Earrings or Beaded Fringe Earrings.



### Making Communal Black Ash Baskets

Dec 6, 1-2:30pm | Alicia Ashman Library

Join basket maker Kimberly Crowley and her apprentice as they teach workshop attendees to make two communal Black Ash baskets that will be displayed later at the library. Additionally, attendees can make a personal paper basket as a parting, take-home gift.



**Registration required  
for all programs. Learn  
more and sign up at:**  
[madpl.org/teejopandbeyond](https://madpl.org/teejopandbeyond)



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Rooted in the belief that healing must honor tradition, identity, and experience, Thundermaker Wellness offers behavioral health services specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals. Their approach blends contemporary clinical practices with ancestral wisdom, where Indigenous values—storytelling, language, food sovereignty, and ceremony—are not just included, but foundational.

Thundermaker isn't just a name, its a powerful vision of two Ho-Chunk changemakers: Hunter Thundercloud and Arrow Funmaker. The creation of Thundermaker emerged from a serendipitous meeting and discovery that they shared a deeply aligned vision of changing the landscape of treatment for our people. Taking action on their vision, Thundermaker Wellness was created, honoring their names, strength, and hope for the future of care.

"We know that our culture is healing," says Hunter Thundercloud, Founder and longtime advocate for culturally informed behavioral health systems. "We're not just treating symptoms—we're building leaders through cultural identity." Thundermaker supports individuals with substance use and mental health challenges through a holistic lens. Every relative who walks through their doors is met with dignity, respect, and support for their cultural integration. Healing is defined by the individual, and Thundermaker provides the tools and guidance to help each person reach their full potential in recovery.

"We know what it's like to carry the weight of intergenerational trauma," shares Arrow Funmaker, Co-Founder and Chief Cultural Integration Officer. "But we also know the power of becoming living examples of intergenerational healing and knowledge."

Thundermaker Wellness remains steadfast in its mission, serving tribal nations as a resource for culturally grounded care. As behavioral health systems grow, and cases of substance use and mental health issues continue to rise, Thundermaker offers a solution as big as the problem.



The road to healing begins now and you deserve to define what healing means to you. If you or someone you love is struggling with substance use or mental health issues, Thundermaker is here to help.

For more information or to connect with Thundermaker Wellness, tribal members and providers are encouraged to reach out directly to the contact information below.  
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